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### India ranks 53<sup>rd</sup> in budget transparency; New Zealand tops: IBP's Open Budget Survey 2019



According to the 7<sup>th</sup> edition of 'Open Budget Survey 2019' conducted by **International Budget Partnership (IBP)**, **India** has been ranked at **53<sup>rd</sup>** position among 117 nations in terms of budget transparency and accountability with the score of 49 out of 100. While New Zealand has been topped the list with a score of 87.

### Nitin Gadkari launches "MSME Bank of Schemes, Ideas, Innovation and Research" portal

Union Minister of Road Transport & Highways and MSME Shri Nitin Gadkari has launched a portal on "MSME Bank of Schemes, Ideas, Innovation and Research".

The Portal gives access to all Schemes of Union, State and UT Governments related to MSME. The portal also provides for uploading Ideas, Innovations & Researches in the MSME sector.

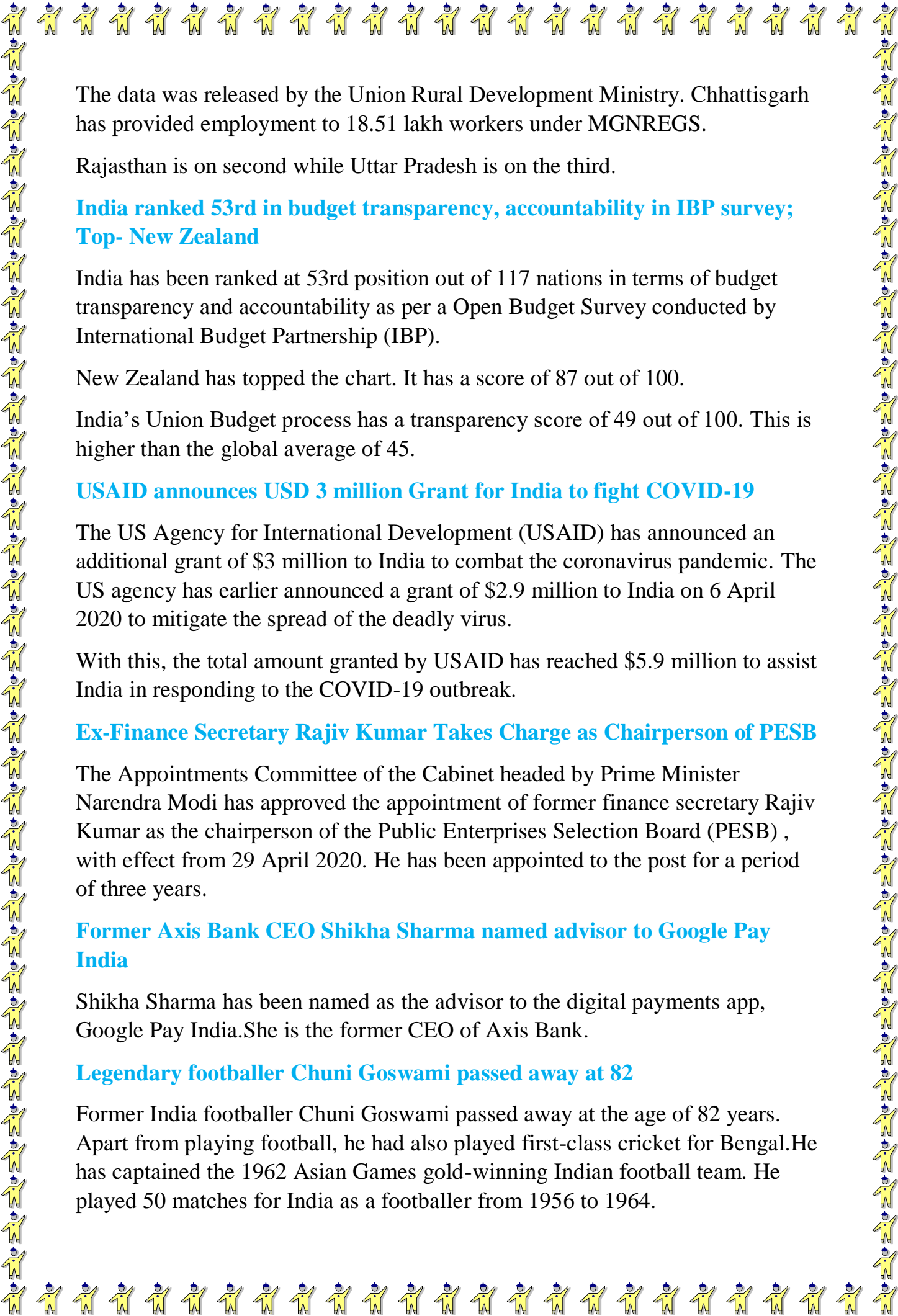
### Madhya Pradesh Government Launches 'Jeevan Amrit Yojana' scheme to boost immunity system of citizens

The Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan has launched a unique scheme named 'Jeevan Amrit Yojana', to help in boosting immunity system of citizens of the state in order to fight the deadly coronavirus.

Under this scheme, the State Government will distribute packet of special Trikut Churna-kadha free of cost to the citizens, which is very effective in increasing immunity and has to be taken three to four times daily. 50 gms packet each of the kadha has been prepared which consists of peepal, ginger and black pepper.

### Chhattisgarh top state in providing employment to workers under MGNREGS

Chhattisgarh has topped the list of states in providing employment to unskilled labourers under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS).



The data was released by the Union Rural Development Ministry. Chhattisgarh has provided employment to 18.51 lakh workers under MGNREGS.

Rajasthan is on second while Uttar Pradesh is on the third.

### **India ranked 53rd in budget transparency, accountability in IBP survey; Top- New Zealand**

India has been ranked at 53rd position out of 117 nations in terms of budget transparency and accountability as per a Open Budget Survey conducted by International Budget Partnership (IBP).

New Zealand has topped the chart. It has a score of 87 out of 100.

India's Union Budget process has a transparency score of 49 out of 100. This is higher than the global average of 45.

### **USAID announces USD 3 million Grant for India to fight COVID-19**

The US Agency for International Development (USAID) has announced an additional grant of \$3 million to India to combat the coronavirus pandemic. The US agency has earlier announced a grant of \$2.9 million to India on 6 April 2020 to mitigate the spread of the deadly virus.

With this, the total amount granted by USAID has reached \$5.9 million to assist India in responding to the COVID-19 outbreak.

### **Ex-Finance Secretary Rajiv Kumar Takes Charge as Chairperson of PESB**

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the appointment of former finance secretary Rajiv Kumar as the chairperson of the Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) , with effect from 29 April 2020. He has been appointed to the post for a period of three years.

### **Former Axis Bank CEO Shikha Sharma named advisor to Google Pay India**

Shikha Sharma has been named as the advisor to the digital payments app, Google Pay India. She is the former CEO of Axis Bank.

### **Legendary footballer Chuni Goswami passed away at 82**

Former India footballer Chuni Goswami passed away at the age of 82 years. Apart from playing football, he had also played first-class cricket for Bengal. He has captained the 1962 Asian Games gold-winning Indian football team. He played 50 matches for India as a footballer from 1956 to 1964.