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MEITY launched 3 new schemes worth Rs 50,000 cr to boost electronic manufacturing in India

Minister of Electronics and Information Technology (MEITY) Ravi Shankar Prasad launched a trilogy (group of three) of schemes namely “**Electronics Manufacturing Scheme 2.0**” with an outlay of **Rs 50,000 crore** (approximately \$7 billion) to boost electronic manufacturing in India.



i. These schemes will contribute in achieving a **USD 1 Trillion digital economy** and a **USD 5 Trillion GDP by 2025**. The three schemes are:

Production Linked Incentive Scheme (PLI) for Large Scale

Electronics Manufacturing,

Scheme for Promotion of Manufacturing of Electronic Components and Semiconductors (SPECS)

Modified Electronics Manufacturing Clusters (EMC 2.0) Scheme

The above schemes were already approved by the Union Cabinet in March, 2020 but were launched formally on June 2, 2020. With the three new schemes, the government aims to manufacture electronics worth **Rs 8 trillion**.

Target – The government aims to increase the domestic value addition for mobile phones by 35-40 per cent by 2025. **About India's Electronic Industry:** The electronics industry of India is one of the fastest growing sectors, expected to reach \$400 billion by 2025. It has grown from Rs. 1,90,366 crore in 2014 to Rs. 4,58,000 in 2018. The country's share in global manufacturing also rose from 1.3% in 2012 to 3% in 2018. Between 2018 and 2019, exports grew by 38% year-on-year.

Expert Committees on Rationalization of Film Media Units and Review of Autonomous Bodies headed by Bimal Julka submitted report to MIB



- i. Both committees were headed by Bimal Julka for rationalisation and professionalisation of film institutes.
- ii. The committees had recommended specific roadmaps for the development of National Film Development Corporation (NFDC),

Films division, Film and Television Institute of India (FTII), Satyajit Ray Film and Television Institute (SRFTI), Children's Film Society of India (CSFI), Directorate of Film Festivals (DFF), and National Film Archives of India etc.

MoD places orders with OFB to supply 156 upgraded tanks worth of Rs 1,094 crore for Army



The Acquisition Wing of **Ministry of Defence (MoD)** has ordered Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) in Telangana's Medak, to supply **156 BMP 2/2k Infantry Combat Vehicles (ICVs)** worth **Rs 1,094 crore** for the Indian

army. There are plans to induct these advanced feature vehicles into the army by 2023.

i. These vehicles will be powered by 285 horsepower engines & can run at a speed of 65 km per hour even in cross country area.

ii. Apart from this, these vehicles can go through the water at a speed of 7 kmph. The design of the vehicle is such that it can run without any problems on the cross barriers slopes at 35 degrees cross obstacles of 0.7 meters and have lethal firepower capability.

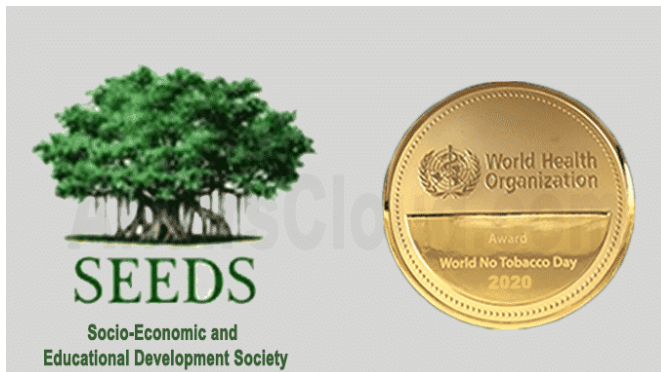
Indian writer Kritika Pandey wins regional award for Asia in 2020 Commonwealth short story prize



- i. On 2nd June 2020, **Kritika Pandey**, a 29-year-old Indian Writer from Ranchi, was announced as the winner of regional award for **Asia in 2020 Commonwealth short story prize** for her story “**The Great Indian Tee and Snakes**”.
- ii. The overall winner for the 2020 Commonwealth short story will be announced on

June 30.

SEEDS, an Indian NGO wins ‘World No Tobacco Day Award 2020’: WHO



- i. The World Health Organization (WHO) has accorded the World No Tobacco Day Award 2020 to Socio-Economic and Educational Development Society (SEEDS), an Indian non-governmental organization (NGO).

ii. It is one among the 3 South East Asian Region awardees, for its efforts to ban pan masala, gutkha, e-cigarettes and hookah in Bihar and Jharkhand.

iii. **Deepak Mishra**, executive director of the SEEDS has been nominated by the ministry as a member of the task force on the **de-addiction campaign**.

Uday Kotak Take over from Vikram Kirloskar as the new CII President

On 3rd June 2020, The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) announced its new office bearers for 2020-2021. **Uday Kotak**, Managing Director and CEO of Kotak Mahindra Bank succeeds **Vikram Kirloskar**, Chairman and Managing Director of Kirloskar System and vice chairman of Toyota Kirloskar Motor as the **new President of CII**.

Virendra Nath Datt took additional charge as CMD of National Fertilizers Limited



Shri Virendra Nath Datt has taken over the additional charge as chairman and managing director (CMD) of National Fertilizers Limited (NFL). He has been director (marketing) of the company since October 2018. Datt replaces Shri Manoj Mishra as CMD, who represents the post

form 2015-2020.

SANSA & NASA collaborates to support human spaceflight missions to the Moon, Mars and beyond



- i. The South African National Space Agency (SANSA) has partnered with National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) to host a deep-space ground station to support **human spaceflight** missions to the Moon, Mars and beyond.
- ii. South Africa became

the **4th country** (4th site) after the United States of America, Spain and Australia to host a deep space ground station.

iii. This site will be integrated into an existing network of three sites, will complement the other sites & provide improved coverage and redundancy for critical mission support.

There was an earlier agreement between the 2 organisations for the establishment of the station at Matjiesfontein town in the Western Cape Province.

The partnership between the 2 happens nearly half a century after NASA built a tracking station at Hartbeestfontein, South Africa in 1961 to track NASA probes which were sent beyond the earth's orbit.

About NASA:

Headquarters— Washington, United States.

Administrator— James Frederick “Jim” Bridenstine

About SANSA:

Headquarters– Gauteng, South Africa

Chief Executive Officer– Valanathan Munsami

ASI team discovers 1100-year-old Shiva lingam in Vietnam during temple excavation



Nam Province, **Vietnam**.

On May 27, 2020, A 4-member team of **Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)** has discovered a 1100-year-old monolithic sandstone **Shiva lingam**, a representation of the Hindu deity Shiva, at the Cham Temple Complex located in My Son Sanctuary of Quang

It is noteworthy that 'My Son' is a UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) World Heritage Center, built by King Indravarman II, the ruler of the Khmer Empire. Built in the 10th century, this temple is home to various Hindu temples or is a wonderful example of the advanced technological civilization of the Cham people.

World Bicycle Day 2020 – June 3



i. June 3rd of every year is celebrated as **World Bicycle Day** to promote the simple, affordable, reliable, clean and eco-friendly sustainable transportation.

ii. The General Assembly of the United Nations declared **June 3rd** as the World

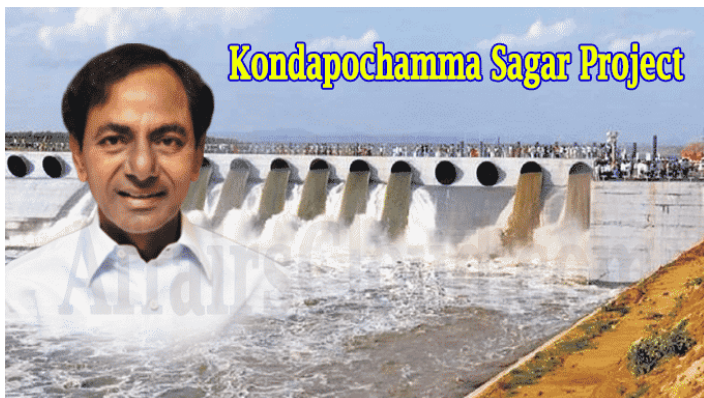
Bicycle day in **April 2018**, to recognise the versatility and uniqueness and longevity of the bicycle.

Background:

- i. Professor Leszek Sibilski of the United States(US) and his Sociology class led the grassroots campaign sponsored by Turkmenistan and 56 other countries, to promote the UN Resolution – to designate June 3rd as World Bicycle Day.
- ii. This day comes under the adaptation of the UN General Assembly Resolution A/70/L.1 (Transforming our World: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development) as the agenda for enabling Sustainable Development.

Kondapochamma Sagar project inaugurated by Telangana CM

Under the flagship of the multipurpose Irrigation project; **Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project(KLIP)**, the last and vital **Markbook pump house** was inaugurated on May 29 2020 by the Chief Minister of Telangana **K Chandrasekhar Rao**.



The last and vital **Markbook pump house** of the **Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project(KLIP)**, was inaugurated on May 29 2020 by the Chief Minister of Telangana **K Chandrasekhar Rao**. It has a capacity to lift **2 TMCs** of water per day.