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AP Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy launches India's 1st online waste management platform



i. Andhra Pradesh (AP) Chief Minister **YS Jagan Mohan Reddy** launched India's 1st "online waste management platform" of Andhra Pradesh Environment Management Corporation (APEMC) on

the occasion of World Environment Day to ensure 100% safe disposal of industrial toxic wastes. The State Department of Environmental Management, APEMC, will take over responsibility of the online platform.

ii. APEMC has been set up as a government company to handle the industrial waste & will work in coordination with Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board (APPCB) with a strong regulatory framework

MoU between ISRO and ARIES for cooperation in Space Situational Awareness, Astrophysics



For the cooperation in the Field of Space Situational Awareness (SSA) and Astrophysics, The Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO), Bengaluru signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the

Aryabhata Research Institute of Observational Science (ARIES), Nainital.

R.Umamaheswaran, Scientific Secretary of ISRO from ISRO headquarters and Prof. Dipankar Banerjee, Director of ARIES from ARIES headquarters signed the MoU on the virtual platform.

Important aspects of SSA & Management:

- Space Object orbital tracking
- Space Object orbital analysis
- Space Weather studies

Objective

To protect the Indian Space assets from the space debris’s conjunction threats. R&D of Astrophysics, solar sciences and space environment are the base for future space exploration projects and the key to progress in the Indian Space sector.

UNADAP appoints 13 year old Madurai girl Nethra as ‘Goodwill Ambassador to the Poor’

The United Nations Association for Development And Peace(UNADAP) appointed 13 year old Madurai girl Nethra as its ‘Goodwill



Ambassador to the Poor’ as she persuaded her father C. Mohan, a salon owner who spent his savings Rs 5 lakhs for his daughter’s education. Also, helping with

essentials to nearly 1,500 families despite his salon being closed for 2months as part of COVID-19 lockdown with no other income during the period.

Key Points

i.Nethra will speak at the United Nations(UN) conferences in New York and in

Geneva addressing Civil Society forums and conferences. She was awarded a Dixon **Scholarship** amounting to Rs 1 Lakh.

ii. Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his Mann ki Baat programme appreciated Nethra and her family.

About UNADAP:

It is an organisation run by former Diplomats, International civil servants, political ministers, and anti-corruption activists, championing world leaders to Integrity, Justice Peace for community capacity building

Executive Director– Dominic Dixon

Chair of Board of Governors– Xavier Fernandes

NABARD provides Rs 270 crore Special Liquidity Facility to Assam Gramin Vikash Bank



National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development(NABARD) provided Rs 270 crore Special Liquidity Facility(SLF) to Assam Gramin Vikash Bank in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic to support the agricultural activities of the farmers.

Key Points

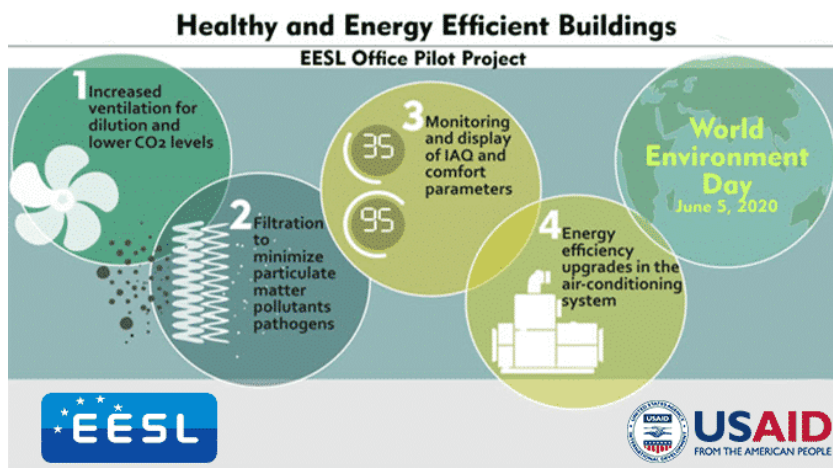
The Reserve Bank of India(RBI) has announced a Rs 50,000 crore refinance facility for 3 All-India Financial Institutions(AIFI) namely: NABARD, the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI), and the National Housing Bank (NHB).

From the total of Rs 50,000 crore NABARD received Rs 25,000 crore to refinance Regional Rural Banks(RRBs), co-operative(co-op) banks and

Microfinance Institutions(MFIs) to ensure credit flow to farmers for agricultural operations during COVID-19 pandemic

“Healthy and Energy Efficient Buildings” Initiative by the EESL and USAID

i. The Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) and the U.S. Agency for International Development’s (USAID) to launch the “Healthy and Energy



Efficient Buildings” under the Market Integration and Transformation Program for Energy Efficiency (MAITREE) program. ii. On the occasion of the World Environment Day (June 5) to pave

way for a greener and healthier workplace.

About EESL

Works under the administration of the Ministry of Power, Govt. Of India; towards a goal of implementing the world’s largest energy efficiency portfolio in the country. Easy access to energy-efficient futuristic solutions.

CSIR and Atal Innovation Mission sign a Letter of Intent to foster Innovation in India



This partnership will support world class start-ups through CSIR Incubators under AIM initiatives and jointly work on new models of innovation, including setting up of CSIR Innovation Parks.

-It also stimulates innovation and

research in the **Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME)** industry by CSIR in collaboration with ARISE, an initiative of AIM.

Focus of CSIR-AIM LoI:

-Supporting world class start-ups through CSIR Incubators under AIM initiatives and jointly work on new models of innovation, including setting up of CSIR Innovation Parks.

-Stimulating innovation and research in the **Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME)** industry by CSIR in collaboration with ARISE, an initiative of AIM to stimulate innovation and research in the MSME industry.

-Creating problem solving mind-set across schools in India through close cooperation between Atal Tinkering Labs (ATL) and Jigyasa. JIGYASA is an initiative of CSIR a Student-Scientist connect program where in >3 lakhs students across the country have been exposed to science and technology while ATLs have been working to foster curiosity, creativity and imagination in school students.

Task Force formulated to examine matters pertaining to age of motherhood, and related issues; headed by Ms. Jaya Jaitly



i. The Task Force will be provided secretarial assistance by the NITI (National Institution for Transforming India) Aayog and will submit its report by **31st July, 2020**.

ii. This task force is on the lines of the Union Budget

2020-2021 by Nirmala Sitharaman where she proposed a task force looking after the matters mentioned above. (Ref.: Para 67 of the Budget Speech for FY 2020-21).



Key Responsibilities of Task Force:

-To examine the correlation of age of marriage and motherhood with (a) health, medical well-being and nutritional status of mother and neonate/infant/child, during pregnancy, birth and thereafter, (b) key parameters like Infant Mortality Rate (IMR), Maternal Mortality Rate (MMR), Total Fertility Rate (TFR), Sex Ratio at Birth (SRB), Child Sex Ratio (CSR) etc. and (c) any other relevant points pertaining to health and nutrition in this context.

-To suggest measures for promoting higher education among women.

-To suggest suitable legislative instruments and/or amendments in existing laws to support the recommendations of the Task Force.