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India Launches Global Energy Initiative “Mission Innovation CleanTech Exchange”



The Governments of 23 nations, including India, have collectively launched a bold new plan called **Mission Innovation 2.0**, to catalyze action and spearhead a **decade of innovation** for global investment in clean energy research, development and demonstrations. Mission Innovation 2.0 is the second

Phase of the global Mission Innovation initiative, launched alongside the Paris Agreement at the 2015 COP21 conference. The new initiative was launched at the **Innovating to Net Zero Summit, hosted by Chile on June 02, 2021.** **Purpose:** To make clean energy affordable, attractive and accessible throughout this decade; To accelerate action towards the Paris Agreement; and Net zero pathways.

Plan: Under this new MI 2.0, a series of new Missions will be undertaken, which will be supported by a new global Innovation Platform to strengthen confidence and awareness in emerging innovations and maximize the impact of national investments.

India’s Effort: As a part of this Platform, India has launched the **Mission Innovation CleanTech Exchange**, to create a network of incubators across member countries. The network will provide access to the expertise and market insights needed to support new technologies to access new markets globally.

National Commission for Protection of Child Rights Launches Online Tracking Portal “Bal Swaraj (Covid-Care)”



The **National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR)** has launched an online tracking portal “**Bal Swaraj (COVID-Care link)**” for online tracking and digital real time monitoring mechanism of children who are in need of care and protection. This portal will also be used for tracking children who have lost both

its parents or either of the parent during COVID-19. A link under the name of “**COVID-Care**” has been provided on the portal for uploading of data of such children by the concerned officer/department on the portal.

Bal Swaraj (COVID-Care link) will ensure the well-being and best interest of children, by providing the necessary entitlements, benefits and monetary gains for which the child is entitled to. As per the **Section 2(14) of the Juvenile**

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Justice Act, 2015, children who have lost family support or are without any ostensible means of subsistence are children in need of care and protection under NCPCR is a statutory body under the aegis of **Ministry of Women and Child Development**.

Ladakh LG RK Mathur Launches YounTab Scheme to Distributes 12,300 Tablets Among Students of Government School



The **Lt Governor of Ladakh, RK Mathur** launched a scheme called 'YounTab' on June 04, 2021, under which **12,300 tablets** would be distributed among the students in the Union Territory. As part of the first phase of the YounTab Scheme, Mr Mathur distributed the tablets to the students of Classes 9 to 12 standards. Under this scheme, total of 12,300 students from **Class 6th to 12th of government schools** will benefit. The tablets will be pre-loaded with online and offline content, including textbooks, video lectures and online class applications.

The main goal of YounTab scheme is to encourage digital learning, bridge the digital divide between connected and unconnected regions and mitigate the disruption caused by Covid pandemic.

CBSE partners with Microsoft to introduce Coding and Data Science as new subjects in 2021-22 academic session



The **Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)** has collaborated with **Microsoft** to introduce **Coding as a new subject for students of Class 6-8** and **Data Science as new subject for Class 8-12** in the **2021-2022 academic session**. Both these new skilling subjects are being launched in line with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. The Coding and Data Science curriculum will focus on building critical thinking, computational skills, problem-solving skills, creativity and hands-on exposure to new technologies among students.

United Nations Decade on Ecosystem Restoration: 2021-2030

On the occasion of World Environment Day 2021 on 5 June 2021, the **United Nations Decade on Ecosystem Restoration** has been officially launched, which will run from **2021 to 2030**. United Nations Decade on Ecosystem Restoration will be co-led by the **UN Environment Programme (UNEP)** and the **Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN (FAO)**.

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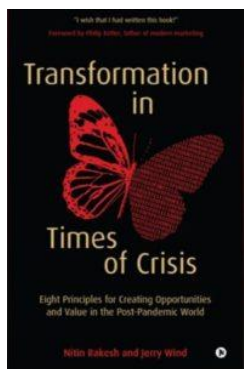


It was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly in a 2019 resolution.

Purpose: Protection and revival of millions of hectares of ecosystems all around the world for the benefit of people and nature. This in turn will contribute to the achievement of all the Sustainable Development Goals.

A **Multi-Partner Trust Fund** has also been launched for the Decade on Ecosystem Restoration. Germany is the first country to provide funding of **Euro 14 million** towards this fund. In order to support the launch of UN Decade, a **report** has also been released which defines the need of having such a global restoration effort.

Nitin Rakesh and Jerry Wind Wins International Business Book of the Year Award 2021



The book titled '**Transformation in Times of Crisis**', authored by **Nitin Rakesh and Jerry Wind**, has won the prestigious **International Business Book of the Year Award for 2021**. The book is published by Notion Press and available globally on Amazon in both Hardcover and eBook format. The Business Book Awards is one of the biggest and most prestigious award for business book writers all over the world. The Awards celebrate the work of authors who have shared their industry or market knowledge, experience and expertise in published book form. It

highlights leadership, change, and sustainability in business through the promotion of business books and their authors.

World Food Safety Day : 07 June



The **World Food Safety Day** is celebrated every year on **June 7** to remind people of the need to have safer and healthy food for disease-free life. **Theme 2021:** 'Safe food today for a healthy tomorrow' The day was declared by the United Nations General Assembly in December 2018. The first World Food Safety Day (WFSO) was held on 7 June 2019.

Purpose: WFSO aims to draw attention and inspire action to help prevent, detect and manage foodborne risks, contributing to food security, human health, economic prosperity, agriculture, market access, tourism and sustainable development.