

## Current Affairs: 11/12.09.2021

### Govt adds dairy products under TMA scheme for Specified Agriculture Products'



Department of Commerce (under Ministry of Commerce & Industry) had introduced '**Transport and Marketing Assistance (TMA) for Specified Agriculture Products Scheme**' in 2019. The **objective** of TMA was to provide assistance for the international component of freight, to reduce the freight costs for the Indian exporters of agriculture products. Now the Department has **notified 'Revised Transport and Marketing Assistance (TMA) for Specified Agriculture Products Scheme'** for exports effected on or after 01.04.2021 up to 31.03.2022. There are **two major changes** in the revised scheme:

- **Dairy products will now be eligible** for assistance under the revised scheme.
- **Rates of assistance have been increased, by 50% for exports by sea and by 100% for exports by air.**

### PM Narendra Modi inaugurates Sardardham Bhavan in Ahmedabad



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the **Sardardham Bhavan in Ahmedabad**, Gujarat, via video conferencing on September 11, 2021. He also performed the "Bhoomi Pujan" of the Sardardham Phase-II Kanya Chhatralaya (girls' hostel) project.

Both these establishments are dedicated to the "Iron Man of India," Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. The project is developed by the Vishwa Patidar Samaj.

- **Sardardham Bhavan:** The state-of-the-art Sardardham Bhavan provides separate hostel facilities to girls and boys from rural areas who aspire for better career prospects. Phase I of the Sardardham Bhavan project is built over an area of 11,672 square feet at an estimated cost of **Rs 200 crore**, near the Vaishnodevi circle in the Ahmedabad-Gandhinagar border area. It will house 1,600 students, including 800 boys and 800 girls.
- **Phase II of Sardardham project:** It is expected to house around 2,000 girl students. The project will be built at the cost of another Rs 200 crore.

### India-Australia holds inaugural 2+2 ministerial dialogue in New Delhi



**India and Australia** are undertaking their **first-ever 2+2 ministerial dialogue** at the Hyderabad House in **New Delhi** on September 11, 2021. The high-level foreign and defence ministerial level dialogue will further ramp up the overall defence and strategic cooperation between the two countries, including in the Indo-Pacific cooperation amid China's increasing military assertiveness in the region. Indian delegation at inaugural 'two-plus-two' talks is being led by **External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar** and **Defence Minister Rajnath Singh** with their Australian counterparts **Marise Payne** and **Peter Dutton**, respectively. India have 2-2

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Ministerial level meetings framework with very few countries, including the USA and Japan.



## Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani Resigns



**Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani** has resigned from his post, ahead of the state assembly elections, to be held in 2022. The senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader submitted his resignation letter to **Governor Acharya Devvrat**, on September 11, 2021 at the Raj Bhawan. The 61-year-old Rupani was sworn in as Gujarat Chief Minister on **August 07, 2016**, and represents

Rajkot West in the Gujarat Legislative Assembly.

## Vijay Goel appointed as Vice Chairman of Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti



Former Union Minister **Shri Vijay Goel** has been appointed as the **Vice-Chairman of Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti (GSDS)**. It is the site of the Martyrdom of Mahatma Gandhi, the Father of the Nation. Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti (GSDS) was formed in September 1984 as an autonomous body. It is functioning under constructive advice and financial support from the **Ministry of Culture**. It is **located in New Delhi**. The **Prime Minister of India is the Chairperson of Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti (GSDS)**. The **objective** of the Samiti are to propagate the life, mission and thought of Mahatma Gandhi through various socio-educational and cultural programmes.

## G C Murmu elected Chairman of ASOSAI for 2024-2027



The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India **G C Murmu** has been elected as **Chairman** of the Assembly of the **Asian Organisation of Supreme Audit Institutions (ASOSAI)**. Mr. Murmu was elected to the post on September 07, 2021, by the 56th governing board of ASOSAI during the 15th Assembly of ASOSAI. He has been appointed for a period of three years from **2024-27**. India will host the 16th Assembly of ASOSAI in 2024. As the chairman, GC Murmu will be the chief executive of ASOSAI and represent ASOSAI in its dealings with national and international organisations.

## World First Aid Day: 11 September 2021 (second Saturday of September)



**World First Aid Day** is observed on the **second Saturday of September** every year. In 2021 the World First Aid Day is being observed on **September 11, 2021**. The **objective** of the day is to spread awareness on first aid and how it can prevent injuries and save lives in critical situations. Theme of World First Aid Day 2021: **'First aid and road safety'**

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## United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation : 12 September



The **United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation** is observed every year on **September 12** since 2011, to celebrate the economic, social and political developments made in recent years by regions and countries in the south. Theme for 2021 is **“South-South cooperation: solidarity in support of a more inclusive, resilient and sustainable future.”**