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100 Days Achievement of Ministry of Civil Aviation

Context

- Ministry of Civil aviation has undertaken many initiatives in the past 100 days in the direction of enabling affordable flying and healthy aviation sector growth.

Key initiative

- **'Aviation Jobs'** is a unique web-based portal launched by Ministry of Civil Aviation, which seeks to bring together job seekers and prospective employers in the Indian civil aviation sector.

- **eDGCA** project conceptualized to completely automate the processes and functions of DGCA and its constituent directorates as well as to provide a strong base for IT infrastructure and service delivery framework.

- **DigiSky**– an online portal to regulate the entire gamut of activities relating to governance and operation of Remotely Piloted Aircraft System (RPAS)/Unmanned Aircraft Vehicles (UAVs)/drones has been made operational.

- **Esahaj**-100% of security clearances pertaining to the Ministry have been made online on Esahaj online portal launched by the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

- **DigiYatra** Trial for rollout of DigiYatra initiative has been started at Bangalore and Hyderabad airports. The initiative envisages seamless and hassle free passenger travel using biometric technologies.

NCST recommends inclusion of Ladakh under 6th Schedule

Context

National Commission for Scheduled Tribes under the Chairmanship of Dr. Nand Kumar Sai to deliberate the issue of inclusion of UT of Ladakh under Fifth/Sixth Schedule of the Constitution of India.

Reasons for inclusion

- The Commission feels that this will immensely help in meeting the cherished aspirations of the

tribal people in Ladakh region.

- The Commission took note of the fact that the newly created Union Territory of Ladakh is predominantly a tribal region in the country.

- The region is inhabited by following Scheduled Tribes, namely:
  - Balti
  - Beda
  - Bot, Boto
  - Brokpa, Drokpa, Dard, Shin
  - Changpa
  - Garra
  - Mon
  - Purigpa.

- The Commission noted that prior to creation of Union Territory of Ladakh, people in Ladakh region had certain agrarian rights including right on land which restricted people from other parts of the country to purchase or acquire land in Ladakh.

- Similarly, the Ladakh region has several distinct cultural heritages by communities such as Drokpa, Balti and Changpa, among others, which needs to be preserved and promoted.

Significance of the move

The Commission after careful consideration, recommends that the Union Territory of Ladakh be brought under the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution. The Commission feels that this will help in:

- Democratic devolution of powers;
- Preserve and promote distinct culture of the region.
- Protect agrarian rights including rights on land
- Enhance transfer of funds for speedy development of Ladakh region.

Union HRD Minister launches several initiatives

Context

Union Human Resource Development Minister launched the Smart India Hackathon 2020, Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements (ARIIA) 2020, and Institution's Innovation Council 2.0.

Launch of IIC

- MHRD's Innovation Cell has envisioned establishing a strong network of Institution's Innovation Council (IICs) in Higher Educational Institutes to promote innovation and

start-up in academia through multitudinous modes leading to an innovation promotion eco-system in these campuses.

- The primary mandate is to encourage, inspire and nurture young students by supporting them to work with new ideas and transform these ideas into innovations of tomorrow while they are in their informative years.
- Through IIC, Institutes are encouraged to design semester wise activity plan, organise and report at IIC portal to obtain scores and star ratings as an incentive.

ARIIA 2020

Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements (ARIIA) is an initiative of Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Government of India

The initiative aims to systematically rank all major educational institutions and universities on indicators related to promotion of "Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development" amongst their students and faculties.

Objectives

- Setting direction for HEIs towards streamlining and establishing a strong startup ecosystem in campus and region.
- Measuring Innovation & Startup ecosystem based on Input, Process, Output and Outcome based parameters.
- Focusing on both quantity and quality aspects of Startup Eco-System available at Institute.
- Also measure the impact created by these innovations and Startups in society and market.
- Aiming at uplifting India's Position in the Global Innovation Index from 57th to top 30 in a time period of 5 Years.

Smart India Hackathon Report

- Smart India Hackathon 2020 is a nationwide initiative to provide students a platform to solve some of the pressing problems we face in our daily lives, and thus inculcate a culture of product innovation and a mindset of problem solving.
- In SIH 2020, the students would have the opportunity to work on challenges faced within various Ministries, Departments, Industries, PSUs and NGOs to create world class solutions for some of the top organizations including industries in the world, thus helping the Private sector hire the best minds from across the nation.
- Students across India compete creatively to solve problems of Ministries, Departments and Industries to give solutions Harness.
- Technology Students across India compete to creatively solve problems and offer technical solutions
- Harness expertise of students from AICTE/UGC approved institutions, IITs, NITs and IISc.

Conference on "Criminal Activities and Radicalization in Jails

Context

Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, to inaugurate the National Conference on "Criminal Activities and Radicalization in Jails: Vulnerability of Inmates and Jail Staff and their Protection"

Focus

• To understand various criminal activities at individual and gang level and considers safety measures for vulnerable inmates and jail staff.

• To understand various facets of radicalization in prison and suggest measures for counter radicalization.

• To analyse and formulate the security and protection standards for prison staff and

• To provide an interdisciplinary platform for correctional personnel to exchange and share their experience on prison reforms.

• This event would also promote research and development activities on the functioning of the correctional administration across the country and nudge to develop a scientific approach among the various correctional administrations in a professional manner.

Curriculum for Life Skills (Jeevan Kaushal) designed

Context

• Union Minister of State for Human Resource Development launched the Curriculum for Life Skills (JeevanKaushal) designed by University Grants Commission (UGC).

About the initiative

• UGC constituted Expert Committee prepared a Curriculum for Life Skills (JeevanKaushal) for Under Graduate Programme.

• The curriculum is designed to impart and strengthen the knowledge,skills and dispositions believed to be the best requisites of the current Industry and thereby empower the talent inherent in each learner.

• Life Skills like communication skill, interpersonal skill, time management, problem solving ability, decision making capacity, leadership ability and integrity play a crucial role in boosting the employability of the students.

• Life skills (JeevanKaushal) curriculum cover the set of human talents acquired by an individual via classroom learning or life experience that can help them to deal with problems encountered in day to day life.

• This includes the core skills each individual must possess internally as well as externally for the

betterment of self and the society as a whole. Adoption of life skills is the key to success and quality in life.