

02 Oct 2020: PIB Summary & Analysis

1. Ayush Grid

Context:

Ayush Grid to integrate operationally with the NDHM.

Details:

- The integration of the Ayush Grid with the NDHM will be beneficial to the public for availing varied options for their health needs.
- The integration will also accelerate the mainstreaming of Ayush disciplines of healthcare.

Ayush Grid:

- The Ayush Grid project was initiated by the AYUSH Ministry in 2018 for creating a comprehensive IT backbone for the entire sector.
- **Benefits of Ayush Grid:**
 - Digitalization of the entire Ayush sector will lead to its transformation in the fields of health care delivery at all levels, including research, education, various health programmes and drug regulations.
 - This will be beneficial for all stakeholders of Ayush including citizens of the country and in turn, will help to achieve various national and global goals in healthcare.
- Some of the successful projects of the Grid include the AYUSH Health Management Information System (AHMIS), the Sanjeevani Mobile App, and the Yoga Locator Mobile App.
- Next in the pipeline is Ayush Next, a project to support Ayush education.

To know more about the Ayush Grid, check [PIB dated March 6, 2020](#).

Also check [CNA dated Aug 16, 2020](#) to know more about the NDHM.

2. Exercise Bongosagar

Context:

Exercise Bongosagar to start on 3rd October.

About Bongosagar:

- The second edition of the Indian Navy (IN) – Bangladesh Navy (BN) Bilateral Exercise ‘Bongosagar’ is scheduled to commence in the Northern Bay of Bengal.
- Exercise Bongosagar, whose first edition was held in 2019, is aimed at developing inter-operability and joint operational skills through the conduct of a wide spectrum of maritime exercises and operations.
- In the 2020 edition of the exercise, ships from both navies will participate in surface warfare drills, seamanship evolutions and helicopter operations.

- This exercise will be followed by the 3rd edition of IN - BN Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT) in Northern Bay of Bengal from 4 to 5 October 2020, wherein IN and BN units will undertake joint patrolling along the International Maritime Boundary Line (IMBL).
 - The conduct of CORPATs has strengthened understanding between both the navies and instituted measures to stop the conduct of unlawful activities.
- This edition of Exercise Bongosagar assumes greater significance since it is being conducted during Mujib Barsho, the 100th birth anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.
- Bongosagar and IN – BN Corpat are in line with the government’s vision of SAGAR (Security And Growth for All in the Region).

3. Data Governance Quality Index (DGQI)

Context:

Department of Fertilizers ranked 2nd amongst the 16 Economic Ministries/Departments and ranked 3rd amongst the 65 Ministries/Departments in the Survey Report on Data Governance Quality Index.

About DGQI:

- The DGQI exercise was undertaken by the Development Monitoring & Evaluation Office (DMEO), NITI Aayog.
- The exercise is a ‘Self-assessment based review of data preparedness levels’ to produce a DGQI scorecard.
- The survey was initiated with an objective to assess the data preparedness of Ministries or Departments on a standardized framework.
- The survey was also meant to drive healthy competition among them and promote cooperative peer learning from best practices.
- For the survey, an online questionnaire was prepared under six major themes of DGQI:
 - Data Generation
 - Data Quality
 - Use of Technology
 - Data Analysis, Use and Dissemination
 - Data Security
 - HR Capacity and Case Studies
- The ministries and departments were classified into six categories namely, administrative, economic, strategic, infrastructure, social and scientific.

Development Monitoring and Evaluation Office (DMEO):

- DMEO was constituted in 2015 by merging the erstwhile Program Evaluation Office (PEO) and the Independent Evaluation Office (IEO).
- It is an attached office under NITI Aayog, aimed at fulfilling the organization’s monitoring and evaluation (M&E) mandate and building the M&E ecosystem in India.
- DMEO has been mandated to actively monitor and evaluate the implementation of the Government of India programmes and initiatives so as to strengthen their implementation and scope of delivery on an ongoing basis.
- Additionally, DMEO undertakes evaluation of selected programmes/schemes, suo-moto or on the request of the Prime Minister’s Office (PMO) or programme implementing Ministries/Departments of the Government of India.

4. Swachh Bharat Diwas

Context:

Swachh Bharat Diwas is celebrated on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti (October 2nd).

Details:

- 2020 marks the sixth year of the launch of the [Swachh Bharat Mission](#).
- On the occasion, the Ministry of Jal Shakti conferred upon the Swachh Bharat 2020 Awards to the best performing States/UTs, districts, blocks, GPs and others in various categories and campaigns.
- Gujarat was felicitated with the first prize in the state category, Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu as the best district, Khachrod, Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh as the best block.

5. Tribal Entrepreneurship Development Programme

Context:

Union Minister for Tribal Affairs e-launches the Tribal Entrepreneurship Development Programme.

Details:

- The programme was launched by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs in partnership with ASSOCHAM (Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India).
- Under this 3-year partnership, ASSOCHAM has set up the 'Centre of Excellence (CoE) for Tribal Entrepreneurship Development'.
- In a bid to promote and support entrepreneurship across Indian tribal communities, efforts are underway in connecting agriculture and forest produce with markets using technology, creation of self-help groups, empowering women, and creating self-sustainable enterprises.
- However, several challenges and bottlenecks are impeding the growth of this process. These include a lack of awareness about tribal heritage and ignorance about the range and diversity of tribal produce across the country.
- The ASSOCHAM Centre of Excellence will strive to address these issues, explore avenues of promotion to create a robust tribal brand identity and in the process - build and enhance the entrepreneurial capabilities of the tribal artisans.
- A differentiated value proposition should help position and develop tribal produce as a unique lifestyle choice and in turn, create better livelihood opportunities for tribal artisans.

