

## 12 Aug 2021: PIB Summary & Analysis

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#### 1. ‘Atmanirbhar Narishakti se Samvad’

##### Context:

PM interacted with women Self Help Groups in ‘Atmanirbhar Narishakti se Samvad’.

##### Details:

- In the ‘Samvad’, the PM interacted with women Self Help Group (SHG) members/community resource persons promoted under the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission ([DAY-NRLM](#)).
- He also released capitalization support funds to the tune of Rs. 1625 Crore to over 4 lakh SHGs.
- In addition, he released Rs. 25 crore as seed money for 7500 SHG members under the [PMFME \(PM Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises\) Scheme](#).
- During the occasion, the PM also released Rs. 4.13 crore as funds to 75 FPOs (Farmer Producer Organizations) being promoted under the DAY-NRLM.
- According to the PM, the women SHG movement has intensified in the last 6 – 7 years.

To read more about [self-help groups](#) and their relevance in India, click on the linked article.

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#### 2. Exercise INDRA-21

##### Context:

Validation and closing ceremony of Exercise INDRA-21.

Read more about [Exercise INDRA](#) in the linked article.

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### 3. Al-Mohed Al-Hindi Exercise

**Context:**

Al-Mohed Al-Hindi Exercise set to begin between the navies of India and Saudi Arabia.

**Details:**

- This is the first bilateral naval exercise between the navies of India and Saudi Arabia.
  - The sea phase has already begun.
  - For deeper understanding of each other's operational practices, lectures by subject matter experts from both navies were also held.
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### 4. World Elephant Day

**Context:**

August 12 is observed as 'World Elephant Day'.

**About World Elephant Day:**

- World Elephant Day was founded on August 12, 2012, as the result of a collaboration between Thailand-based Elephant Reintroduction Foundation and Canadian filmmaker Patricia Sims.
- The purpose of this day is to raise awareness about the issues threatening elephants.
- Shrinking habitats and illegal poaching for the trade of elephant ivory are just two of the most serious issues that the elephant population faces today.
- World Elephant Day is a way to raise awareness and rally support for these issues – and it does so through partnering up with elephant conservation organisations.
- The World Elephant Society also urges individuals and organisations to mark this day with their own events across the globe.

**About Asian Elephants:**

- Asian elephants are listed as "Endangered" on the IUCN Red List of threatened species.
- This has been done as most of the range states except India, have lost their viable elephant populations due to loss of habitats & poaching, etc.
- The current population estimates indicate that there are about 50,000 – 60,000 [Asian elephants](#) in the world of which more than 60 % of the population is in India.

**Also read:** [Project RE-HAB \[Reducing Elephant Human Attacks suing Bees\]](#)

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### 5. Prime Minister's Shram Awards

**Context:**

Prime Minister's Shram Awards announced.

**About the Prime Minister's Shram Awards:**

- The Prime Minister's Shram Awards were instituted in 1975 by the Government of India.
  - This national award is conferred on workers for outstanding contributions that improve productivity, innovation, and indigenization, resulting in saving foreign exchange.
  - The award is also given for long-term exceptional dedicated work.
  - They are given in four categories:
    - Shram Ratna: Rs. Two lakhs and recognition of their contribution to their field (a Sanad).
    - Shram Bhushan: Ra. 1 lakh and a Sanad.
    - Shram Vir/Shram Veerangana: Rs.60,000 and a Sanad
    - Shram Devi/Shram Shree: Rs. 40,000 and a Sanad
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**6. Milestone in installed renewable energy capacity****Context:**

India achieves 100 GW Milestone of Installed Renewable Energy Capacity.

**Details:**

- The total installed renewable energy capacity in India, excluding large hydro, has crossed the milestone of 100 GW.
  - India stands at 4th position in the world in terms of installed RE capacity, 5th in solar and 4th in wind in terms of installed capacity.
  - If large hydro is included the installed RE capacity increases to 146 GW.
  - The achievement of installed RE capacity of 100 GW is an important milestone in India's journey towards its target of 450 GW by 2030.
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**7. International Youth Day****Context:**

National Youth Awards 2017-18 and 2018-19 presented on the occasion of the International Youth Day.

**About International Youth Day:**

- In 1999, the United Nations (UN) decided to commemorate International Youth Day every year on August 12 which was based on a recommendation made by the World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth in Lisbon to the UN General Assembly.
- This day is celebrated through various events, awareness campaigns and concerts to bring to notice the socio-economic and socio-political issues that the youth in every nation face.
- The theme for 2021 is “Transforming Food Systems: Youth Innovation for Human and Planetary Health”.
- This year’s theme highlights the crucial need for “inclusive support mechanisms that ensure youth continue to amplify efforts collectively and individually to restore the planet and protect life while integrating biodiversity in the transformation of food systems.”

