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AgriSURE Fund

In a significant development for the agricultural sector, Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare and Rural Development, Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan, launched the AgriSURE Scheme in New Delhi.



Key Point

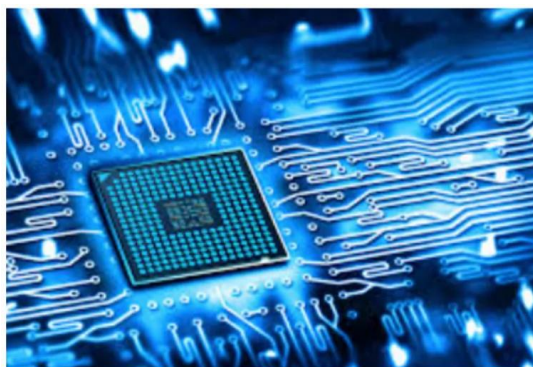
- ❖ AgriSURE – Agri Fund for Start-ups & Rural Enterprises is an innovative fund which is a pioneering step toward revolutionizing the agricultural landscape in India.
- ❖ With a focus on technology-driven, high-risk, high-impact ventures, AgriSURE is designed to fuel growth and foster innovation in the agricultural and rural start-up ecosystem.
- ❖ The event preceded the conferring of the AgriSURE Greenathon Awards, to the most innovative start-ups

developing tech-centric solutions to address challenges faced by farmers across various stages of the agri-value chain, from selection of input to marketing and value addition.

- ❖ With the introduction of the AgriSURE fund, the government aims to further drive investments in the agriculture sector that will empower farmers and boost the rural economy through accelerating accessible and affordable innovative solutions.

Semiconductor Chip Manufacturing

The Union Cabinet has recently cleared a semiconductor assembly and testing plant being set up by Kaynes Semicon at a cost of Rs 3,300 crore.



Key Points

- ❖ Chip Hub: India has ambitions to become a major chip hub on the lines of the United States, Taiwan and South Korea.

❖ Previous Projects:

- Country has approved a fabrication plant worth \$11 billion being set up by Tata Electronics in partnership with Taiwan's Powerchip.
- Three different chip assembly plants being set up by the Tatas, US-based Micron Technology, and Murugappa Group's CG Power in partnership with Japan's Renesas.
- Subsidy: Approved under India's ambitious Rs 76,000 crore chip manufacturing incentive scheme.

About Semiconductors:

- ❖ Semiconductor: it is a material that exhibits properties of both insulators and conductors.
- ❖ Composition: Typically made of silicon.
- ❖ Doping Process: The conductivity and other properties of semiconductors can be modified by introducing impurities.
- ❖ Common Uses: Integral to a wide range of products including Computers, Smartphones, Appliances, Gaming hardwares, Medical equipments etc.

National Award for e-Governance 2024 (Gold) for Poshan Tracker initiative

The Ministry of Women and Child Development has received the National Award for e-Governance 2024 (Gold) for the Poshan Tracker initiative yesterday (3.9.2024) in Mumbai.



Key Point

- ❖ This award has been given to Poshan tracker initiative for Government process re-engineering & Digital Transformation. Poshan Tracker ensures a healthier future for children with real time Monitoring & evaluation of Children's nutritional growth.
- ❖ In a significant stride towards ensuring the health and well-being of children of 0-6 years of age, Mission Poshan 2.0 has made remarkable progress in tracking the growth of millions of young lives, through its

Monthly Growth Monitoring initiative

- Poshan Tracker, which is also a theme for this year Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2024

- ❖ The Poshan Tracker program has successfully identified and addressed growth issues, paving the way for targeted interventions and improved nutritional outcomes.

About POSHAN Abhiyaan:

- ❖ Overview: It is a flagship programme to improve nutritional outcomes for children under 6 years of age, pregnant women and lactating mothers.
- ❖ Nodal Ministry: Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD).
- ❖ Mission Poshan 2.0 (Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0): It has been launched as an integrated nutrition support program to strengthen nutritional content, delivery, outreach and outcomes.
 - It focuses on developing practices that nurture health, wellness and immunity to disease and malnutrition

Ramon Magsaysay Awards 2024

The Ramon Magsaysay Awards Foundation has announced the five exceptional recipients of this year's esteemed awards, often referred to as Asia's version of the Nobel Prize.



Key point

- ❖ The 2024 honorees are:
 - Miyazaki Hayao (Japan) - Acclaimed filmmaker and founder of Studio Ghibli
 - Farwiza Farhan (Indonesia) - Advocate for environmental sustainability and social justice
 - Karma Phuntsho (Bhutan) - Former monk, scholar, and guardian of cultural heritage
 - Dr. Nguyen Thi Ngoc Phuong (Vietnam) - Doctor and champion for victims of Agent Orange

- Rural Doctors Movement (Thailand) – Group of healthcare professionals transforming rural health

Miyazaki Hayao is honored for his profound use of animation to depict and uplift the human experience.

VISHANU YUDH ABHYAS

Under the aegis of National One Health Mission (NOHM), a comprehensive national mock drill, "Vishanu Yuddh Abhyas" (Virus War Exercise), was conducted in Ajmer district of Rajasthan state, from August 27 to August 31, 2024 to assess pandemic preparedness.



Key Point

- ❖ This exercise aimed to evaluate the readiness and response of the National Joint Outbreak Response Team (NJORT) composed of experts from human health, animal husbandry and wildlife sectors.
- ❖ A mock zoonotic disease outbreak scenario was created to simulate a real-world outbreak.
- ❖ The drill was structured around two key components: a) Investigation and identification of the virus responsible for the mock outbreak; and b) Actions initiated to control the spread of illness across human and animal populations.
- ❖ The Vishanu Yuddh Abhyas was a successful exercise that provided valuable insights to inform future strategies to enhance India's preparedness and response to zoonotic disease outbreaks, fostering a coordinated and efficient approach across all relevant sectors.

Brindavan Gram' scheme

Madhya Pradesh government approved the 'Brindavan Gram' scheme, under which 'gaushalas' and other initiatives benefiting villagers will be developed.



Key highlights

- ❖ This scheme is a flagship initiative of Chief Minister Mohan Yadav, with a formal announcement made on Janmashtami, August 26.
- ❖ The selected gram panchayats will be designated as 'Brindavan Gram'.
- ❖ Madhya Pradesh comprises 313 blocks, with one gram panchayat being chosen from each block.
- ❖ Gaushalas (cow shelters) will be established, focusing on promoting milk production.
- ❖ "The 'Brindavan Gram' scheme is designed to promote milk production in villages and enhance farmers' incomes."
- ❖ The Madhya Pradesh government also approved the proposal for 'Gita Bhavan'. As part of the plan, the state will build a 'Gita Bhavan' in each urban area across the state.

Short News

- ❖ Anuya Prasad clinched the women's air pistol gold in a thrilling fashion with a 10.3 last shot to beat Sofia Olenych of Ukraine by 0.1 point in the second World Deaf Shooting Championship in Hannover, Germany.

- ❖ President Droupadi Murmu inaugurated and dedicated the Vishwashanti Buddha Vihara in Udgir Latur district.
- ❖ India will hold the second edition of the International Conference on Green Hydrogen from 11th to 13th September in New Delhi.
- ❖ An initiative called 'Lab Mitra' started in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's parliamentary constituency Varanasi last year was awarded the National e-Governance Gold Award at the National e-Governance Conference 2024 held in Mumbai.
- ❖ Himanshi Tokas from India won a silver medal in the women's 63 kg event at the Judo Championships in Mungyeong, South Korea. Asian Cadet and Junior.
- ❖ At the Paris Paralympics, India's shot put thrower Sachin Khilari clinched the silver medal in the men's shot put (F46 final) with a walloping throw of 16.32 m and brought the country's 21st medal in the megapara event.

Important Daily Current Affairs Question

1. Which state government has launched the 'Brindavan Gram' scheme?

- (a) Madhya Pradesh
- (b) Maharashtra
- (c) Karnatak
- (d) Uttar Pradesh

Answer -A

2. Which of the following ministries received the National Award for e-Governance 2024 (Gold) for the Poshan Tracker initiative?

- (a) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- (b) Ministry of Education
- (c) Ministry of Women and Child Development
- (d) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

Answer-C

