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Yuva Aapda Mitra Yojana Scheme

Under the Yuva Aapda Mitra Scheme, more than **2 lakh 37 thousand volunteers** of National Cadet Corps, Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan, National Service Scheme and Bharat Scouts and Guides will be trained.

Key Points -

- ❖ Union Home Secretary **Govind Mohan** launched the scheme during the **20th Foundation Day** celebrations of the National Disaster Management Authority in New Delhi.
- ❖ **Objective** : The scheme aims to train community volunteers for disaster preparedness and response. And emphasizes the need to empower the community to deal with disaster.
- ❖ **Target** : A target has been set to train at least 50 percent women under the Yuva Aapda Mitra Yojana.

Background :

- ❖ In July, 2024, the High Level Committee also approved the proposal for Yuva Aapda Mitra Yojana (YAMS) at a cost of **Rs 470.50 crore** from the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF).
- ❖ The scheme was launched with the target to be **implemented in 315 most disaster-prone districts** of the country by training 1300 Aapda Mitra Volunteers as Master Trainers and to train 2.37 lakh volunteers drawn exclusively from NCC, NSS, NYKS and BS&G (Bharat Scouts and Guides) in disaster preparedness and response.

- ❖ This move is in line with the vision of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to prepare the community as the first responder during any disaster.
- ❖ The Central Government had released **Rs 6348 crore to 14 States under State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF)** and Rs 672 crore to 6 States under State Disaster Mitigation Fund (SDMF) during the current financial year.

Rozgar Mela

More than 51 thousand appointment letters were distributed by the Prime Minister during the Rozgar Mela on October 29, 2024.

Key Points -

- ❖ **Edition** : This was the 13th edition of the job fair.
- ❖ **Organiser** : National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) under the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), Government of India is organising the fair.
- ❖ **Objective** : The aim of these events is to connect unemployed youth with suitable job opportunities in the private sector.
- ❖ **First Edition** : The first edition of the National Rozgar Mela was held on October 22, 2022.
- ❖ **Target Group** : The job fairs primarily target youth in the age group of **18 to 35 years**, with various educational qualifications, including those who have completed **8th, 10th and 12th classes**, as well as ITI, diploma and graduate degrees.

Note : Apart from the job fairs organised by NSDC, associated agencies like **Sector Skill Councils, Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendras and PMKVY** training partners also organise job fairs at various levels across the country for youth in the age group of 18 to 35 years.

India-Spain Joint Statement

Several Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) were signed between the two countries during the bilateral meeting between Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Spanish President Pedro Sanchez.

Key Points -

- ❖ **Venue :** In Vadodara city of Gujarat.
- ❖ During the bilateral talks India and Spain signed agreements on cooperation in key sectors such as infrastructure, railways as well as culture and tourism.
 - **Railway :** A Memorandum of Understanding on Rail Transport was signed for cooperation in planning, design, development, commissioning and operation of infrastructure, stations, railway facilities and equipment of long-distance passenger and freight networks, urban and regional railway systems.
 - **Culture and Tourism :** The year **2026** will be celebrated as the '**India-Spain Year of Culture, Tourism and AI**'.
 - ✓ A cultural exchange programme for the years 2024-28 was also signed.

- **Customs :** An agreement on cooperation and mutual assistance in customs-related matters was signed.
- **Embassy :** Spain will open its consulate in Karnataka's capital **Bengaluru**, while India's Consulate General has started in **Barcelona**, Spain in August.

- ❖ Recently, the two countries inaugurated the **Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL)-Airbus facility** for manufacturing C-295 military aircraft in India.

Award/Titles

Akkineni Nageswara Rao (ANR) National Award 2024

- ❖ Recently Amitabh Bachchan has honoured Telugu cinema superstar **Chiranjeevi** with the Akkineni Nageswara Rao (ANR) National Award 2024.
- ❖ This award has been established by the **Akkineni International Foundation**.
- ❖ This award honours artists every year for their lifetime contribution to cinema.
- ❖ This award was established in the year **2005**.

Person In News- Appointment

Vipin Kumar

Vipin Kumar, a **1996 batch** IAS officer of Bihar cadre, has been appointed as the Chairman of the Airports Authority of India (AAI).



He was earlier Additional Secretary in the Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education.

Sports

ACC Men's T20 Emerging Teams Asia Cup

- ❖ Afghanistan A team has won the **ACC Men's T20 Emerging Teams Asia Cup** title, winning the title for the first time.
- ❖ The Afghanistan A team achieved this feat by defeating Sri Lanka A by seven wickets in the final played at Al Amerat Cricket Ground in Oman.
- ❖ The tournament featured 'A' teams from India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Afghanistan, while UAE, Oman and Hong Kong China competed with their regular teams.

Important News- Other States

Uttarakhand

- ❖ Recently, the **country's first 'Writers' Village'** was inaugurated.
- ❖ Located in **Thano village**, about 24 km from Dehradun, the 'Writers' Village' is the brainchild of former Chief Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank, who himself is a famous writer.

New Delhi

- ❖ The Union Home and Cooperation Minister organised a **'Run for Unity' race** in New Delhi.
- ❖ The 'Run for Unity' was organised as part of **National Unity Day** celebrated on **31st October**, the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.
- ❖ In the **year 2015**, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi launched the 'Run for Unity' programme in the memory of Sardar Patel to inspire the entire nation for the unity and integrity of the country.

Important News- Worldwide

Saudi Arabia

- ❖ Saudi Arabia has launched a **\$50 billion** project known as **'Muqab'** to reshape its urban landscape.
- ❖ It is being constructed in the Saudi capital Riyadh, a massive skyscraper that is set to become the **tallest building in the world**.
- ❖ The cubic structure will rise to an impressive height of 1,300 feet (about 396 metres) and will be 1,200 feet (about 366 metres) wide.
- ❖ It is part of Prince Salman's **Saudi Vision 2030**.

Brazil

- ❖ Brazil has decided not to join China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) initiative.
- ❖ Thus, **Brazil has become the second country in the BRICS group** after India to not support the mega project.
- ❖ Brazil will find alternative ways to partner with Chinese investors.

China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI)

- ❖ China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) is a strategy initiated by the People's Republic of China that seeks to **link Asia with Africa and Europe through a land and maritime network** with the aim of improving regional integration, increasing trade, and stimulating economic growth.

Miscellaneous

- ❖ Union Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution launched Food Corporation of India (FCI) Grievance Redressal System (FCI-GRS) **Mobile App** for Rice Millers in New Delhi.

The new app aims to enhance transparency and accountability in addressing the concerns of rice millers.

- ❖ Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Shri Piyush Goyal is visiting Saudi Arabia from 29-30 October 2024. The objective of this visit is to further deepen the India-Saudi Arabia strategic partnership and explore new avenues of trade, investment and economic cooperation.

- He will also participate in the 8th edition of the Future Investment Initiative (FII), an important platform that brings together global leaders, investors and innovators.

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