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**Unnat Bharat Abhiyan 2.0**

Human Resource Development Ministry today launches Unnat Bharat Abhiyan 2.0 in New Delhi.

Addressing the launching ceremony at AICTE headquarters through video message, Minister of Human Resource Development Shri Prakash Javadekar said that the students are the real agents of change who can develop, empower and brighten the future of the country.

**About the abhiyan:**

Unnat Bharat Abhiyan is a flagship programme of the Ministry of Human Resources Development, with the intention to enrich Rural India.

The knowledge base and resources of the Premier Institutions of the country are to be leveraged to bring in transformational change in rural developmental process.

It also aims to create a vibrant relationship between the society and the higher educational institutes, with the latter providing the knowledge and technology support to improve the livelihoods in rural areas and to upgrade the capabilities of both the public and private organisations in the society.

IIT Delhi has been designated to function as the National Coordinating Institute for this programme and the Ministry intends to extend the coverage to all the reputed Higher Educational Institutes, in a phased manner. Each selected institute would adopt a cluster of villages / panchayats and gradually expand the outreach over a period of time.

**Benefits of the Abhiyaan:**

Institutes through their faculty and students, will carry out studies of living conditions in the adopted villages, assess the local problems and needs, workout the possibilities of leveraging the technological interventions and the need to improve the processes in implementation of various government schemes, prepare workable action plans for the selected villages.

Such knowledge inputs would make their way into the development programmes in rural areas.



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The Institutes would be expected to closely coordinate with the district administration, elected public representatives of panchayat / villages and other stakeholders and will become very much a part of the process of development planning and implementation.

### **Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation**

#### **Why in News?**

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, today chaired his twenty-fifth interaction through PRAGATI - the ICT-based, multi-modal platform for Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation.

The 25 PRAGATI meetings have seen a cumulative review of 227 projects with a total investment of over Rs. 10 lakh crore. Resolution of Public Grievances has also been reviewed across a range of sectors.

#### **About PRAGATI:**

PRAGATI is a unique integrating and interactive platform. The platform is aimed at addressing common man's grievances, and simultaneously monitoring and reviewing important programmes and projects of the Government of India as well as projects flagged by State Governments.

The PRAGATI platform uniquely bundles three latest technologies: Digital data management, video-conferencing and geo-spatial technology.

It is a three-tier system (PMO, Union Government Secretaries, and Chief Secretaries of the States);

- Prime Minister will hold a monthly programme where he will interact with the Government of India Secretaries, and Chief Secretaries through Video-conferencing enabled by data hand geo-informatics visuals.

It also offers a unique combination in the direction of cooperative federalism since it brings on one stage the Secretaries of Government of India and the Chief Secretaries of the States.



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Issues to be flagged before the PM are picked up from the available database regarding Public Grievances, on-going Programmes and pending Projects.

The system will ride on, strengthen and re-engineer the data bases of the CPGRAMS for grievances, Project Monitoring Group (PMG) and the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.

PRAGATI provides an interface and platform for all these three aspects.

It will also take into consideration various correspondences to PM's office by the common people or from high dignitaries of States and/or developers of public projects.

It is also a robust system for bringing e-transparency and e-accountability with real-time presence and exchange among the key stakeholders.

The system has been designed in-house by the PMO team with the help of National Informatics Center (NIC)

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#### **"Innovate in India (i3) Empowering biotech entrepreneurs & accelerating inclusive innovation":**

Towards strengthening the emerging biotechnology enterprise in India, Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Ministry of Science & Technology has initiated the Mission programme entitled: Industry-Academia Collaborative Mission for Accelerating Discovery Research to Early Development for Biopharmaceuticals – "Innovate in India (i3) Empowering biotech entrepreneurs & accelerating inclusive innovation".

#### **About National Bio pharma Mission:**

The National Biopharma Mission is being implemented by Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC) - a Public Sector Undertaking of Department of Biotechnology (DBT).

This Mission of the Department was approved by the Cabinet in May 2017 and formally launched by Hon'ble Minister for Science & Technology on 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2017.



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The Mission has been approved at a total cost of US\$250 million for five years with 50% funding through World Bank Loan, with an aim to make India a hub for design and development of novel, affordable and effective biopharmaceutical products such as vaccines, biologics and medical devices for combating public health concerns.

### **HARIMAU SHAKTI**

As part of ongoing Indo-Malaysian defence cooperation, a joint training exercise HARIMAU SHAKTI will be conducted in the dense forests of Sengai Perdik, Hulu Langat, Malaysia from 30 April 18 to 13 May 18.

The exercise is aimed at bolstering cooperation & coordination between armed forces of both the nations and to share the expertise of both the contingents in conduct of counter insurgency operations in jungle terrain.

This is the first instance wherein a joint training exercise of this magnitude involving Indian and Malaysian soldiers is being organized on Malaysian soil.

The exercise will involve a cross training phase followed by a field training phase of seven days in the jungles of Hulu Langat wherein both armies will jointly train, plan and execute a series of training activities.

The focus will remain on tactical operations in jungle warfare. Overall, the exercise will not only provide an excellent opportunity to both the armies to hone their operational skills but will also contribute to enhance the strategic partnership between India and Malaysia.

### **Gaia satellite**

### **Why in News?**

Europe's Gaia satellite has produced a 3-D map of more than a billion stars in the Milky Way galaxy — complete with their distance from Earth, colour, and motion through space.

The eagerly-anticipated catalogue, published on Wednesday, was compiled from data Gaia gathered on some 1.7 billion stars from its unique vantage point in space, about 1.5 million kilometres from the earth.



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#### **About Gaia Mission:**

Launched in 2013 by European Space Agency, Gaia started operating the following year, gathering data on 1,00,000 stars per minute — some 500 million measurements per day.

Its first map was published in September 2016, based on a year's worth of observations of about 1.15 billion stars.

Gaia also revealed the orbits of some 14,000 "solar system objects" — mapped as an intricate web of space rocks shooting around the sun.

It represents the most accurate survey ever of asteroids in the solar system