1. NITI Aayog released report on Joint Water Management Index 2.0-

- To augment the efforts of Ministry of Hydropower, NITI Aayog has prepared a second visit to the Joint Water Management Index (CWMI 2.0). Minister of Water Power Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and Deputy Chairman of NITI Aayog, Dr. Rajiv Kumar released the report.

- On this occasion, Member of NITI Aayog, Mr. Ramesh Chand, CEO of NITI Aayog, Mr. Amitabh Kant, Secretary in Ministry of Water Power, Mr. Parameshwaran Iyer and Mr. U.P. Lion; Dr. Amarjeet Sinha, Secretary in the Ministry of Rural Development; Mr. Yaduvendra Mathur, Special Secretary, NITI Aayog; NITI Aayog was also attended by Water and Land Resources Advisor Mr. Avinash Mishra and senior officials of Jal Shakti, Rural Development and NITI Aayog.

- The need for scientific management of water is increasingly felt to sustain India's development and eco-system. The government is very proactive on water management and has formed the Ministry of Water Power to join the works related to water management. The newly formed Ministry of Hydropower, under the guidance of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has tried to meet the water challenges by launching the Jal Shakti Abhiyan for water conservation and water security.

- NITI Aayog first introduced the Joint Water Management Index in 2018 as an instrument to create a sense of cooperative and competitive federalism among states. It was the first attempt to produce an all-India set of matrices, which measures water management and various dimensions of the water cycle. The report was accepted in a big way and states were given guidelines on where they needed to be taken care of to secure their water future.

- Effective management of CWMI water resources is a means of assessing and improving the performance of the States / UTs. This work has been done through first-of-its-kind water data collection in partnership with Ministry of Water Power, Ministry of Rural Development and all States / Union Territories. The index will provide useful information for the states and the relevant Central Ministries / Departments for the states to formulate and implement appropriate strategies for better management of water resources.

- CWMI 2.0 has ranked various states for the reference year 2017-18 against the base year 2016-17. In the report released today, Gujarat ranked first in the reference year (2017-18), followed by Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Goa, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu. Himachal Pradesh stood first in 2017-18 among the North Eastern and Himalayan states. It is followed by Uttarakhand, Tripura and Assam. The Union Territories have given their figures for the first time. Puducherry has been at the top
position. In terms of incremental change in the index, Haryana has been ranked first among the general states and Uttarakhand has been ranked first in the North Eastern and Himalayan states. On an average, 80 percent of the states assessed the index over the past three years and improved their water management score, with an average improvement of +5.2 points. The report shows the overall ranking for the reference year 2017-18 for various states and the change in ranking for the base year 2016-17 in Chart-1 and Chart-2.

2. **World Youth Conference- Initiative on Kindness-**

   • Inaugurated the first World Youth Conference on Kindness in New Delhi today. It was organized by UNESCO Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Peace and Development Education and Ministry of Human Resource Development at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi today. The theme of the program was 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam: Gandhi in the Contemporary World: 150th Birth Anniversary Celebration of Mahatma Gandhi'. Human Resource Development Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' was also present on the occasion. The conference was attended by about 1000 youth from over 27 countries in Asia, Africa, Latin America and Europe.

   • The purpose of this conference was to inspire the youth through qualities like compassion, harmony, compassion, so that they can develop self and establish peace in their communities.

3. **Indusfood -2020 US $ 1.5 billion turnover target-**

   • The Trade Promotion Council of India (TPCI) will launch two shows or exhibitions named 'Indusfood-Tech' and 'Indusfood-Chem' in the 2020 edition to be held in Delhi-NCR in the coming January. As a result, IndusFood will become a fully integrated food processing lifecycle event. IndusFood-2020 is expected to be attended by over 1500 top distributors, retailers, food processing units and importers.

   • On the proposed launch of Indusfood new events like 'Indusfood-Tech' and 'Indusfood-Chem', Keshav Chandra, Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Commerce said that the launch of these two new events is a big opportunity for India as it offers affordable food and India's capability in beverage (F&B) processing techniques will be demonstrated. Along with this, the suppliers of food ingredients will have the opportunity to showcase their products to buyers from SAARC, Africa and Eurasian countries. Not only this, these exhibitions will also provide an opportunity to foreign technical providers to present the latest food technology to the world and integrate it with the increasing demand of India's huge food and beverage processing industry.
- TPCI President Mohit Singla said that by integrating modern food processing technologies with applications based on machine artificial intelligence with big data computing, blockchain, Internet of Things and comprehensive virtual process management in the food processing sector scenario of India Extensive changes can be brought. He said the response from leading technology centers such as Denmark, Belgium, Singapore, Switzerland and Thailand for Indusfood -2020 is encouraging and is expected to generate a turnover of US $ 1.5 billion. The previous edition, held in 2019, had a turnover of US $ 1.2 billion.

4. The Chairman of the Committee of Chiefs and the Chief of Air Staff will visit Thailand-

- Air Chief Marshal Birender Singh Dhanova, Chairman of the Committee of Army Chiefs and Chief of the Air Force, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, VM, ADC will undertake a three-day visit to Thailand from 26 to 28 August, 2019. He will attend the India Pacific Defense Heads of Conference (CHOD) in Bangkok. The theme of the conference is 'Free and Open Indo-Pacific Cooperation'. A plan will be prepared and openly discussed about the common challenges facing the countries participating in the conference. Defense chiefs of more than 33 countries will participate in the conference.

- Bilateral defense cooperation between India and Thailand has gained momentum as a result of India’s 'Look / Act East Policy' with a complete improvement in relations at political, economic and cultural levels. The Joint Working Group on Security Cooperation, launched in May 2003, focused primarily on military cooperation as one of the seven core areas to strengthen cooperation. This was further enhanced in a joint statement during the official visit of the Prime Minister of Thailand to India in January 2012. India and Thailand celebrated the 70th anniversary of establishing diplomatic relations in 2017. Such travel and cooperation will facilitate India’s smooth partnership with Thailand for collaborative regional security initiatives.

- The participation of the Indian President of COSC will accelerate the defense cooperation with Thailand and will pave the way for more cooperation in the future.
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