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'Ayushman Bharat digital mission' launched

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the **'Ayushman Bharat digital mission'** through video conferencing, the launch was coinsided with celebrations of **third year anniversary** of **Ayushman Barat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM JAY)**.
- It has been implemented in a **pilot phase is six Union teritories.**

Key Features about the scheme:

1. It includes a **health ID** for every citizen which will also work as their **health account**, to which personal health records can be linked and viewed with the help of a mobile application.
2. A **Healthcare Professionals Registry (HPR)** and **Healthcare Facilities Registries (HFR)** that will act as a repository of all healthcare providers across both modern and traditional systems of medicine.
3. **Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission Sandbox**, created as a part of the Mission, will act as a framework for technology and product testing that will help organizations, including **private players**, willing to be a part of **National Digital Health Ecosystem** become a Health Information Provider or Health Information User or efficiently link with building blocks of AB PM JAY

All-India Quarterly Establishment-based Employment Survey (AQEES) released its report

- The **labour and Employment Minister Bhupendra Yadav** released its **All-India Quarterly Establishment-based Employment Survey (AQEES)**, Which covers **10,593 Firms** having more than **10 employees.**
- The Survey was conducted over **nine sectors**, That accounts for **85%** of the total employments in such establishments.
- The report mentioned an **increase** in employment which stood at **3.08 crore** compared with the **Sixth economic census(2013-2014) that reported 2.37 crore**, which reflects a growth rate of **29%.**
- Among the nine key sectors, **Manufacturing sector** accounted for **41%** , followed by **Education with 22%**, and **Health with 8%** of the total employments.

- The most impressive growth of **152% has been recorded in the IT/BPO sector**, while growth rates in **Health is 77%**
- , in **Education it is 39%,** in **Manufacturing it is 22 percent**, in T**ransport it is 68 percent and in Construction it is 42 percent**.
- **Employment in Trade came down by 25 percent** and in Accommodation & Restaurant the decline was by 13 percent. Financial services saw a growth rate in employment of **48%.**
- The over-all participation of **female workers** stood at **29 %,** slightly **lower than 31%** reported during 6th Economic comission.

Akash Prime missile successfully

- The **Defence Research and Development Organisation DRDO** successfully tested the **Akash Prime missile** from the **Integrated test range at Chandipur, Odisha.**
- It is the **updated** version of **Akash missile**, equipped with an indigenous active **Radio Frequency (RF)** to improve accuracy.
- Additionally, improvements have been done to ensure reliable performance under low temperature environment at higher altitudes.

About Akash Missile: It a medium range Surface to Air (SAM) misssile having a range of 30km, and capable of carrying a pay load of 60kg. It uses a ramjet rocket engine capable to attain a speed of 2.5Mach.

Centre gives a nod to defence industrialcoridors in Tamil Nadu

- **Tamil Nadu Industries Minister Thangam Thennarasu** proposed a plan of building **6 defence industrial corridors** in Tamil Nadu with the **Union defence minister Rajnath Singh**.
- The Union gave its sanction for **5 Defence industrial corridor.**

1. **Testing Infrastructure for unmanned aircraft systems, Ulundhurpet**
2. **A mechanical and material testing facility, Tiruchy**
3. **Electromagnetic interference and electromagnetic compatibility tests,Chennai**
4. **Communication systems and RF antenna, Chennai**
5. **Testing Infrastructure for ammunitions,Tiruchi.**

- The **propsed funding** for the corridor may be shared between Centre and State in a ratio of **75:25,** under the **Defence Testing infrastructure scheme.**

GI tag to Naga Sweet Cucumber

- **Nagalands Sweet Cucumber** was given Geographical identification GI tag as an agricultural product under The geographical Identification of goods(Regidtration and Protection) act, 1999.
- Naga Cucumbers **are juicy, soft, sweet and is grown completely organic**.
- This is primarily grown as a cash crop along with paddy and however, now the ‘off-

season’ cucumbers from different districts of the Nagaland especially from **Mokokchung district** have gained much popularity within the state and now it has become a trend amongst the farmers in the district.

- Some tribes like **Konyak** are found to grow cucumber all throughout the year by **seed to seed method** depending upon the soil type.