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### Central govt. announces ₹1,435-cr. PAN 2.0 project

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NEW DELHI

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"The PAN 2.0 project resonates with the vision of the government enshrined in Digital India by enabling the use of PAN as 'common identifier' for all digital systems of specified government agencies," an official release said.

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## Cabinet approves next phase of Atal Mission

**The Hindu Bureau**  
NEW DELHI

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## MACE in Ladakh opens its one-of-a-kind eye to cosmic gamma rays

MACE's main goal is to study gamma rays with more than 20 billion eV of energy; the telescope can examine gamma rays emitted from beyond the Milky Way; other potential targets include pulsars and blazars; it will also be used to explore a class of hypothetical dark-matter particles

Shreejaya Karantha

The Major Atmospheric Cherenkov Experiment (MACE) telescope is a state-of-the-art ground-based gamma-ray telescope inaugurated in Hanle, Ladakh, on October 4. Located at around 4.3 km above sea level, it is the highest imaging Cherenkov telescope in the world. It boasts of a 21-metre-wide dish, the largest of its kind in Asia and second largest in



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- Built by Indian institutions, including Bhabha Atomic Research Centre and Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, it is designed to detect gamma rays indirectly through Cherenkov radiation.

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**'ONE NATION, ONE SUBSCRIPTION'**

# Centre approves new scheme for research journals on one platform

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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 25

THE UNION Cabinet on Monday approved the 'One Nation One Subscription' (ONOS) scheme, under which all centrally-run and state-run higher education institutions (HEI) will have access to reputed journals published by international publishers on a single platform. The platform is set to become operational on January 1, 2025.

Access will be provided through a national subscription,

coordinated by the Information and Library Network (INFLIBNET), an autonomous inter-university centre under the UGC.

Currently, there are ten separate library consortia under different ministries that provide access to journals for higher education institutions within their administrative remit. In addition, individual institutions subscribe to journals separately.

The scheme involves an outlay of ₹6,000 crore for three years, until 2027, and will provide subscriptions to around 13,000 journals published by 30

international publishers. Apart from higher education institutions run by the Centre and states, research and development institutions under the Centre will also be included, covering around 6,300 institutions.

INFLIBNET will make central payments to the 30 publishers, while institutions can continue to use their own budgets to subscribe to those not in the scheme.

Among the publishers in the scheme are Elsevier ScienceDirect, Springer Nature, Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press, etc.

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## Cabinet nod to ₹2,481-cr Natural Farming Mission

**New Delhi:** The Centre on Monday announced National Mission on Natural Farming (NMNF) as a standalone Centre-sponsored scheme under the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare to promote natural farming among one-crore farmers across the country with a budget outlay of ₹2,481 crore.

The decision, taken in the Cabinet meeting headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, aims to create an ecosystem for sustainable farming.

"There is a need to improve the quality of soil and maintain the health of the people with chemical-free food...The

National Mission on Natural Farming is a path-breaking decision," Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnav said in a media briefing after the meeting, calling the move "path-breaking".

The mission, with a budget outlay of ₹2,481 crore, will cover 1 crore farmers across the country, he added.

The minister said natural farming will be promoted on a mission mode after successful experiments in 2019-20 and 2022-23. Currently, around 10 lakh hectares are under natural farming throughout the country, he added. **ENS**


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- With a budget of ₹2,481 crore, the mission seeks to create a sustainable farming ecosystem and improve soil quality while providing chemical-free food. The initiative follows successful pilot projects in 2019-20 and 2022-23 and will cover 1 crore farmers. Currently, approximately 10 lakh hectares are under natural farming in India. The mission will be implemented on a mission mode to expand its reach.

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National Milk Day (NMD) 2024 Celebrations to Honor Dr. Verghese Kurien's Legacy in New Delhi Tomorrow

Union Minister Shri Rajiv Ranjan Singh to Confer National Gopal Ratna Awards on the Occasion

NMD 2024: Event to Feature Launch of Two Key Publications: Basic Animal Husbandry Statistics (BAHS)-2024 & Manual on Identification of Elite Cows

Posted On: 25 NOV 2024 12:20PM by PIB Delhi

- The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD) under the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying is celebrating "**National Milk Day**" on **November 26, 2024**, at **Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi**. This event honours the **103rd birth anniversary of Dr. Verghese Kurien**, fondly remembered as the "**Father of the White Revolution in India**," and highlights the pivotal contributions of the dairy sector to India's economy and nutritional security.
- Observed annually on November 26, National Milk Day commemorates the birth anniversary of Dr. Verghese Kurien, celebrated as the "Father of the White Revolution" in India. Born on November 26, 1921, in Kozhikode, Kerala, Dr. Kurien was instrumental in transforming India from a milkdeficient nation to the world's largest producer of milk. This day underscores the transformative impact of India's dairy sector, a key contributor to nutritional security, rural empowerment, and economic growth

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### YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT RATES IN INDIA Lower Than Global Levels

Labour Force Indicators Providing Evidence of Improved Employment Scenario in India

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- India Employment Report, 2024 of Institute for Human Development (IHD) - International Labour Organisation (ILO) mentioned that in ILO's Global Report Trends for Youth, 2022, the worldwide youth unemployment rate was 15.6 per cent in 2021. Further, as per World Employment and Social Outlook Trends, 2024 by ILO, globally, in 2023, the youth unemployment rate was 13.3 per cent.
- The official data source of Employment/ Unemployment indicator in India at present is the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) conducted by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) since 2017-18. The survey period is July to June of the next year. As per the latest available Annual PLFS reports, the estimated Unemployment Rate (UR) on usual status for youth of age 15-29 years in the country in the year 2023-24 was 10.2% which is lower than global levels. Further, the Worker Population Ratio (WPR) for youth indicating employment has increased from 31.4% in 2017-18 to 41.7% in 2023-24.



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## Air-Economy(GSIII)

### Govt Approves Construction Of 76 Roads In Andhra Pradesh Under PM-JANMAN



- The Centre has approved the construction of 76 roads in Andhra Pradesh under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Man Yojana (PM-JANMAN).
- These roads will cover a total length of 297.18 kilometres at an estimated cost of 275.07 crore rupees. The central government will bear 163.39 crore rupees, while the state government will contribute 111.68 crore rupees. The initiative aims to enhance connectivity and promote development in the state. Union Minister for Rural Development and Agriculture, Shivraj Singh Chouhan emphasized the government's commitment to uplifting vulnerable and tribal communities. He highlighted that several initiatives, including housing for tribal families, are being implemented nationwide under PM-JANMAN to ensure inclusive growth.