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UAE-India airfares seen doubling in peak season

Our UAE Correspondent

AIRFARES to the Indian subcontinent are expected to double in July and August as demand for outbound travel will peak when many families travel to their home countries during the summer vacations.

Travel industry executives said there is a strong demand for travel during the summer vacations because this is the first summer break without Covid-19 restrictions after two years as travellers are not required to carry negative PCR tests, take approval from the General Director of Residency and Foreigners Affairs (GDRFA) or the Federal Authority for Identity, Citizenship, Customs and Port Security prior to returning to the UAE.

The decline in new corona virus cases and relaxation in travel restrictions have substantially improved travellers' confidence.

Many budget-conscious expatriate families in the UAE have not travelled to their home countries in the past two years, fearing Covid-driven travel restrictions could be imposed again. In June, airfares to India are around Dh 1,500 (₹ 31,780) to Dh 1,600 (₹

Airline industry worldwide face ground handling staff shortage

33,900), depending on the destination.

Travel industry executives say that fares to popular Indian cities could reach up to Dh 3,000 (₹ 63,500) during the peak days soon after the summer school holidays begin in the UAE.

"Airfares to popular destinations to India, Pakistan and other Indian subcontinent countries



will see a sharp increase in the coming weeks as expatriate families will increasingly fly to their home countries," said Avinash Adnani, Managing Director of Pluto Travels, as reported by *Khaleej Times*.

Airfares to India are in the

range of Dh 2,000 to Dh 2,200 for July and likely to touch or surpass Dh 3,000 during peak days in July and August. There is a heavy demand during Eid Al Adha in July.

Meanwhile, the airline industry has warned of a ground

handling staff shortage as travel ramps up in the post-pandemic period. Industry body, the International Air Transport Association (IATA), has called for comprehensive reforms to manage the long-term need for a stable talent base for the ground

handling sector.

"Thousands of ground handling staff left the aviation industry during the pandemic. Now as aviation ramps up, the severe shortage of skilled ground handlers is shedding light on the need for reform to stabilise the talent pool," a spokesman said.

"In the immediate term, the most pressing issue is the bottleneck for security clearances as the airline industry prepares for the peak northern summer season.

Longer-term, IATA has urged the ground handling sector to adopt a stronger talent acquisition strategy. It also wants to see a more streamlined onboarding processes, and for the industry to develop a more compelling retention proposition.

IATA's Senior Vice President for Operations, Safety and Security, Nick Careen, said: "The peak northern summer travel season is fast approaching, and passengers are already experi-

encing the effects of bottlenecks in getting security clearances for staff at the airport.

"Additional resources are needed to accelerate the processing times for employment security clearances which can be as much as six months in some markets. The shortages we are experiencing today are a symptom of the longer-term challenges to achieve a stable talent base in ground handling," said Mr Careen.

At IATA's recent ground handling conference, it proposed a comprehensive approach to recruitment, onboarding, and retention.

The industry body has made a number of recommendations. One is the adoption of a "25by25" campaign to help address the gender imbalance across the industry.

It also suggests apprenticeships in partnership with trade schools to revitalise candidate pipelines.

2,000 expatriates benefit from Bahrain's Golden Visa scheme

Our Bahrain Correspondent

AROUND 2,000 expatriates in Bahrain have benefitted from the Golden Residency Visa Programme since it was launched in February this year, according to Bahrain's Finance and National Economy Minister, Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa.

The long-term visa is part of Bahrain's Economic Recovery Plan, to attract global talent and boost investment.

Details were revealed during the Economic Recovery Forum organised by the Shura Council in collaboration with the Bahrain Institute of Banking and Finance (BIBF) at its headquarters in Bahrain Bay and supported by the National Bank of Bahrain (NBB).

"More than 1,800 individuals have benefitted from the Golden Residency Visa Programme which was launched on February 7 this year," said Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa during the forum.

"The initiative aims to elevate and enhance the investment environment across various sectors which supports the national econ-



omy and is in line with the government's aspirations and Bahrain's Economic Vision 2030.

"It also aims to attract talented individuals in various economic, investment and service fields while giving them the opportunity to permanently reside in Bahrain along with their families."

The 10-year Golden Resi-

dency Visa is open to four categories – residents, retirees, property owners and talented individuals in various fields who can contribute to Bahrain's ongoing success.

The initiative was launched by the Nationality, Passports and Residence Affairs (NPRA) to allow residents and other cate-

gories to permanently reside in the kingdom.

To qualify for the special permit, existing residents must have continuously resided in Bahrain for at least five years and earned an average basic salary of BD2,000 monthly or more throughout the five-year period.

For retirees, they need to submit a salary proof of BD4,000 or more while highly-talented individuals need to submit a certificate proving their skill set that will be vetted by a special committee.

In the case of expatriate property owners, the title deeds of their property should be of a total value that is not less than BD2,000,000.

A valid health insurance is mandatory for all categories applying for the Golden Residency Visa Programme and those granted the special visa must stay in Bahrain for 90 days a year to ensure the permit remains valid.

Those interested can visit bahrain.bh to apply for the permit and the fee is BD300 per person and a non-refundable BD4 application fee. (1 Bahrain Dinar is ₹ 206).

Kayzan Group to set up gold refinery in Sharjah

Our UAE Correspondent

INDIA-based Kayzan Group, engaged in bullion trade, wholesale and retail of gold jewellery and multi-branded consumer goods in the UAE, is setting up a gold refinery in the UAE with an installed capacity of one tonne per day at a cost of \$20 million.

The refinery, which will use scrap gold as feedstock, will be located at Sharjah International Airport Free Zone (SAIF) with an annual refining capacity of 365 tonnes, said Latheef Cholapilakkal, Director, Operations, Kayzan Group.

"We are taking the backward integration route as scrap gold is sourced from the market and our customers. Traditionally we



have been sourcing scrap gold from the market over the past 15 years, which we give to the refineries to refine for our use, as gold bars and jewellery," he said.

The group, with Rizan as its jewellery brand, has seven retail outlets in the UAE, two outlets and a gold jewellery manufacturing unit in Muscat in Oman.

Mr Latheef said, several Rizan outlets are being opened

in Kerala.

"It is a natural decision to start a refinery as a backward integration project. Our targeted customers for refined gold are the retailers because they are the primary source of scrap collection. We also collect scrap gold from our walk-in customers at our outlets who exchange old gold jewellery for new ones," he said.

Kayzan is also planning to extend its retail network and bullion stores to other GCC countries, Singapore and Malaysia.

It already has bullion and jewellery wholesale business in the US and Canada.

The Group also imports jewellery from Italy and Turkey. The holding company is Kayzan Group and Rizan is a subsidiary registered in India.

Cabinet approves MoU with UAE on co-op in industries and advanced technologies



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THE Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, has approved the proposal for signing a bilateral Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the United Arab Emirates (UAE) on co-operation in the field of industries and advanced technologies.

Growing India-UAE economic and commercial relations contribute to the stability and strength of a rapid diversifying and deepening bilateral relationship between the two countries. India-UAE bilateral trade, valued at \$180 billion (₹ 1,373 crore) per annum in the 1970s has increased to \$60 billion (₹ 4.57 lakh crore) making the UAE India's third largest trading partner

for the year 2019-20 after China and the US.

Moreover, the UAE is the second largest export destination of India (after US) with an export value of \$29 billion (₹ 2.21 lakh crore) for the year 2019-2020. The UAE is eighth largest investor in India with an estimated investment of \$18 billion (₹ 1.37 lakh crore). Indian investments in the UAE are estimated at around

\$85 billion (₹ 6.48 lakh crore).

India and the UAE have signed a bilateral Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) in February 2022. The agreement has potential to increase trade between the countries from \$60 billion (₹ 4.57 lakh crore) to \$100 billion (₹ 7.63 lakh crore) in the next five years.

The MoU envisages co-operation on a mutually beneficial basis in the following areas: 1) Strengthening the supply chain resilience of industries. 2) Renewable energy & energy efficiency. 3) Health and life sciences. 4) Space systems. 5) Artificial intelligence. 6) Industry 4.0 enabling technologies. 7) Standardisation, metrology, conformity assessment, accreditation, and Halal certification.

The MoU aims at strengthening and developing industries in both nations through investments, technology transfer and the deployment of key technologies in industries. This is likely to generate employment across the economy.

The implementation of MoU may lead to increase in research and innovation in all areas of mutual co-operation. This may lead to growth, increased domestic production, enhanced exports and reduction in imports.



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New waveform enables 5G towers to cover wide areas in rural and remote areas

India to take fibre and mobile communications to over six lakh villages

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DIGITAL inclusion is at the heart of financial inclusion and inclusive economic development. The Central government has taken several initiatives to provide reliable ICT (information and communications technology) infrastructure in this endeavour. Over six lakh villages are being connected on optical fibre cable, with nearly one lakh already connected. Villages left out of 4G connectivity are being covered through Universal Service Obligation Fund, said Devesinh Chauhan, Union Minister of State for Communications.

Speaking at the World Summit of Information Society 2022 meeting, in Switzerland, Mr Singh said "given the difficulty in laying optical fibre networks in hilly and mountainous terrains, our focus is on the use of technologies that can accelerate development and bridge this divide, like using E-band wireless carriers, and LEO (low earth orbit) and MEO (medium earth orbit) satellite connectivity among others. We have issued the first service license for LEO and MEO connectivity, and hope to harness the technology to enable digital inclusion in remote areas".

Elaborating the role of new technologies in bridging the digital divide, the minister said that affordable broadband accessibility is the essence of digital inclusion. Developing 5G test bed, indigenous 4G and 5G stack, development of Indian 5G stan-

dards and setting up of 6G innovation forum are the initiatives that the Central government has taken to reduce costs, facilitate faster 5G spread in rural areas and eliminate dependency on specific vendors.

India is a vast country with large rural and remote areas.



The Telecommunications Standards Development Society, India – India's standards development organisation, along with Indian Institutes of Technology have developed the technology large coverage standard (earlier called 5Gi) using a new waveform that enables 5G towers to cover wider areas in rural and remote areas.

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said Haolin Zhou, Secretary-General, ITU.

The ITU has opened its area office in India. The participation comes with India contesting the re-election to the ITU Council, for the term 2023-26. India has been a member of ITU since 1869 and has been continuously participating actively in the works and activities of the Union, said Mr Zhou.

The communications sector has grown leaps and bounds with multiple policies and schemes like Digital India, BharatNet, and National Broadband Mission. India is ensuring a digitally-empowered society and knowledge economy. The nation has made significant strides in domains of digital health, education, financial translation, e-governance etc.

The 5G test bed for start-ups was launched recently. Earlier, the Indian companies had to go abroad for testing mobile network use cases as there were no testing facilities in the country. But now, because of the indigenous technologies, they are able to develop the new technology faster and at a lower cost.

The Universal Service Obligation Fund is the pool of funds generated by five per cent Universal Service Levy that is charged upon all the telecom fund operators on their Adjusted Gross Revenue. This fund is deposited in the Consolidated Fund of India and is dispatched on the approval of the Indian Parliament.



The CEO, NITI Aayog, Amitabh Kant, addressing the workshop on 'Recent initiatives for simplifying Aadhaar usage', in New Delhi

NTPC renews policy for conservation of biodiversity

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INDIA'S largest integrated energy producer, the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC), has issued a renewed Biodiversity Policy, 2022 to establish a comprehensive vision and guiding principle for conservation, restoration, and enhancement of biodiversity.

The policy is an integral part of NTPC's Environmental Policy. Its objectives are aligned with environmental and sustainability policies. Moreover, the policy is also designed to support all the professionals of the NTPC Group to help them contribute towards the achievement of the targets set in this field.

NTPC has always been mindful about avoiding operations in areas with the highest biodiversity value and judiciously selecting project sites. The company will further strengthen its current efforts to achieve a 'no net loss' of biodiversity at all of

its currently operating sites and ensure there is a net positive balance wherever applicable.

The power major aims to mainstream the concept of biodiversity across NTPC's value chain and adopt a precautionary approach for sustainable management of biodiversity in all the decision-making processes to ensure the Earth's variety of life in and around the business units of NTPC. The policy also aims to adopt systematic consideration of local threats to biodiversity beyond the company's business activities.

NTPC was the first public sector unit to issue a Biodiversity Policy in the year 2018. In the same year, NTPC became a member of the India Business & Biodiversity Initiative.

As part of its capacity building, NTPC is raising awareness among local communities, employees, and its associates across the supply chain about biodiversity through project-spe-

cific and national-level training in collaboration with experts.

NTPC is also collaborating with local communities, organisations, regulatory agencies and research institutes of national and international repute in the field of biodiversity.

Further, NTPC will be adhering to legal compliances with respect to biodiversity by complying with rules and regulations related to the environment, forest, wildlife, coastal zone, and green cover during planning and execution of its projects.

In a major initiative undertaken by NTPC, it has signed a five-year agreement with Andhra Pradesh Forest Department for conservation of Olive Ridley Turtles in the coastline of Andhra Pradesh. With the financial contribution of ₹ 4.6 crore and increased participation of the community, the number of hatchlings released in seawater has increased to about 2.25 times since NTPC's intervention.



The Union Minister for Power, New and Renewable Energy, Raj Kumar Singh, addressing a press conference on Green Open Access Rules, 2022 to further accelerate India's renewable energy programmes, in New Delhi

Coal imports down to 209 million tonnes in 2021-22

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INDIA has a balanced energy basket, and the coal sector is an important contributor in fulfilling the nation's energy needs. The sector is not only committed to meet coal demand in the country, but also sensitive towards building a sustainable ecosystem. Coal is a critical input for the power, fertiliser, iron & steel and cement sectors.

Coal imports, which had reached a peak of 248 million tonnes (MTs) in 2019-20, declined continuously to 215 MTs in 2020-21 and further to 209 MTs in 2021-22.

Despite a steep rise in actual demand of coal from 956 MTs in 2019-20 to 1,027 MTs in 2021-22, coal imports have not increased. Coal imports grew at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 22.86 per cent during the period 2009-14. At this CAGR, coal imports would have reached 705 MTs in 2020-21, and further to 866 MTs in 2021-22. The import of coal can be checked only by sustaining increased domestic supply over

the years.

All-India coal production has increased from 716 MTs in 2020-21 to 777 MTs in 2021-22, resulting in an increase of 61 MTs. Therefore, despite a steep rise in actual demand for coal from 906 MTs in 2020-21 to 1,027 MTs in 2021-22, coal imports could be contained due to increased domestic dispatch from 691 MTs in 2020-21 to 818 MTs in 2021-22.

Domestic dispatch has not only increased to the power sector, but also to the non-power sector by 101 MTs in 2020-21 to 104 MTs in 2021-22. The decline in coal import during 2021-22 is largely due to a decrease in import by the power sector, which came down from 45 MTs in 2020-21 to 27 MTs in 2021-22, a decline of almost 40 per cent.

The decline is more steep as compared to coal imports by power sector in 2021-22 to the pre-Covid 19 year of 2019-20 when such imports were 69 MTs. This is despite the fact that total thermal power generation in the country increased to 1,115 billion

units (BU) in 2021-22 from 1,032 BU in 2020-21, an increase of 83 BU in absolute terms and almost eight per cent in percentage terms.

Coking coal import was 57 MTs with a growth of 11.65 per cent during 2021-22 which is largely used in the steel sector. However, as compared to the pre-Covid 19 year of 2019-20, the growth in coking coal import is around 10 per cent. Coal imported by the non-regulated sector (cement, sponge iron and paper etc) increased to 125 MTs in 2021-22 from 119 MTs in 2020-21, an increase of 5.23 per cent.

Compared to the pre-Covid 19 year of 2019-20, when imports by the non-regulated sector was 127 MTs, imports by this sector actually declined in 2021-22. Thus, increase in import of coal by non-power sector during 2021-22 is largely on account of growth in import of coking coal and import of coal by non-regulated sector which largely import high-grade thermal coal. Supply of both these categories of coal are limited in the country.

India's textiles export all-time high at \$44 bn in fiscal '21-22

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INDIA scaled its highest-ever exports tally at \$44.4 billion in textiles and apparel, including handicrafts in FY 2021-22, indicating a substantial increase of 41 per cent and 26 per cent over corresponding figures in FY 2020-21 and FY 2019-20, respectively.

The US was the top export destination accounting for 27 per cent share, followed by the European Union (18 per cent), Bangladesh (12 per cent) and the UAE (6 per cent).

In terms of product categories, the export of cotton textiles was \$17.2 billion with 39 per cent share, registering a growth of 54 per cent and 67 per cent during 2021-22 over FY 2020-21 and FY 2019-20, respectively.

Exports of readymade garments was \$16 billion with 36 per cent share, showing a growth of 31 per cent and 3 per cent during 2021-22 over FY 2020-21 and FY 2019-20, respectively.

Man-made textiles export was \$6.3 billion with 14 per cent share, which shows a growth of 51 per cent and 18 per cent during 2021-22 over FY 2020-21 and FY 2019-20, respectively.

Export of handicrafts was \$2.1 billion with 5 per cent share, reporting a growth of 22 per cent and 16 per cent during FY 2021-22 over FY 2020-21 and FY 2019-20, respectively.



CIPET vocational training centre set up in Bhavnagar

It will create huge employment opportunities in future for the youth. It is the best model of self-sustainable institution and industry-academia collaboration



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INDIA'S chemical and petrochemical industry is developing at the rate of 10 per cent and this can only sustain if the country invests in its workforce apart from industrial infrastructure. The Central Institute of Petrochemicals Engineering and Technology (CIPET) solves this practical problem and needs of the industry by providing a model of self-sustainable institution and industry-academia collaboration.

Apart from training, CIPET has been able to provide job opportunities to students. Out of one lakh pass outs every year, 90 per cent of the students get placed in the industry, said Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister for Chemicals and Fertilisers.

Inaugurating CIPET's 45th Vocational Training Centre at Bhavnagar, in Gujarat, the minister said the centre aims to pro-

vide quality training and create a competent workforce for the chemicals and petrochemicals industry. CIPET has the capability to create a skilled workforce, and the institute in Bhavnagar has strong potential to become an important cog in the wheel for the development of the city.

"Owing to the vibrant petrochemical industry in Gujarat, such centres will create the much-needed skilled manpower for the industry and will create employment for our youth. CIPET will fulfill this need of skilled manpower in the chemical and petrochemical industry. The institute operates from various locations spread across the country to cater to the needs of the polymer and allied industries," said Mr Mandaviya.

The objective of the institute, a premier academic institution for higher and technical education under the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers, is to provide qualified professionals at various

skill levels through academic long- and short-term, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Development Programmes in petrochemicals, including plastics. CIPET offers technology support and consultancy services in the areas of design, tooling and mould manufacturing, CAD/CAM/CAE, production engineering, plastics processing, testing and quality assurance, inspection services and calibration to the petrochemical industries, including plastic industries.

CIPET also undertakes research and application development in the petrochemicals sector, including plastics, synthetic rubber, technical textiles, solvents, fertilisers, pharmaceuticals, additives, explosives, adhesives and coatings. They also work on increasing the professional competency of faculty by providing an opportunity for faculty to upgrade their qualification and technical expertise through advanced training programmes.

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Scoring music is portraying emotions

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SCORING music is like portraying emotions. A great composer can make you feel the emotions even before watching the whole

maker should not introduce music in the midst or in the post-production phase, rather it should be on board from the very beginning," said the internationally-acclaimed Music Composer and Sound Designer,

'Scoring for short-films and documentaries', organised by Netflix on the sidelines of the just-concluded 17th Mumbai International Film Festival (MIFF), Mr Sundar said, "music has been with us before films, TV and theatre. Mu-

A great composer can make you feel the emotions before watching the content

mentary, the music is scored in such a way that, when the narrator or the voice-over starts, the music also flows simultaneously. This sets the emotion".

Deliberating about the importance of sonic branding, the composer said, "it means identifying a brand or title just by listening to the music. Choosing the right composer/artists, clear vision for the show's sonic palette from showrunner, date-driven creative breakdowns, crewing up with the right music crew are basic principles to achieve a solid sonic palette."

Music plays a crucial role in ensuring the impact of a documentary and short film. In this respect, Netflix has been immensely focussed on bringing the best practices and international standards of scoring to India.

Mr Sundar has collaborated with Remote Control Productions (Hans Zimmer), Cutting Edge Group, Audyssey, Output Inc, Native Instruments and Apple Inc among numerous others. He recently joined the global streaming giant Netflix where he has taken over as the lead for India's music creative and production vertical, supporting their ventures into producing India-based series, films and non-fiction content.



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content. "Music is an inherent part of film. It's there from the beginning to the end. So a film-

Ramprasada Sundar. Addressing the film buffs at the workshop on the theme,

music by itself is a language and it should be used as a fundamental dialogue in filmmaking. In docu-

Nat'l Council for Teacher Edu launches portal

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THE National Council for Teacher Education under the Ministry of Education has launched an online portal to streamline the entire process of recognition of teacher education programmes of higher education institutions/teacher education institutions – right from the time of inviting application

for courses till the stage of issue of recognition orders, including the inspection of institutions. The applications for the recently-launched four-year Integrated Teacher Education Programme applications will be processed on this portal.

This portal will bring a paradigm shift in the functioning of the National Council for Teacher Education. It aims to provide an

automated robust framework, thereby enhancing accountability, transparency and ease of doing business.

Online applications for the Integrated Teacher Education Programme will be processed by the National Council for Teacher Education through 'Admin Login' of the website: <https://ncte.gov.in/Website/admin_Panel.aspx>. All communi-

cations from higher education institutions/teacher education institutions regarding deficiencies/security and communications networks will correspondingly have to be sent on the Integrated Teacher Education Programme portal. For online inspections, stakeholders have to access the VTM portal on the National Council for Teacher Education website.



The Vice-President, Venkaiah Naidu, at the exhibition of organic products after releasing a book *Prakruti Sainyam* published by Rythu Nestham Publications, in Hyderabad

KVIC's big thrust to wood craft in Assam, Arunachal Pradesh to boost local jobs

Lays great emphasis on strengthening traditional crafts in the North-East

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AS many as 150 trained khadi artisans, including 100 women artisans in Assam and Arunachal Pradesh are associated with various self-employment activities of Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), said Vinai Kumar Saxena, Chairman, KVIC.

Distributing turn wood craft machines to 50 artisans in Tawang in Arunachal Pradesh and 50 agarbatti-making machines to the artisans in Assam under the flagship Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme, Mr Saxena said this is for the first time that KVIC has begun the turn wood training programme for local youths in Arunachal Pradesh. The programme aims at creating sustainable employment for local

tribal youths in Tawang and reviving the traditional wood craft in the state.

These wood craft artisans, all belonging to BPL (below poverty line) families, were provided a comprehensive 20-days training by KVIC and upon completion of their training, the machinery was provided to these artisans. The agarbatti-making machines were distributed to women artisans to set up their own manufacturing units. This also aims at strengthening the local agarbatti industry, which is a major employment creator in Assam, he said.

KVIC has also roped in a business partner, which is a successful local agarbatti manufacturer of Assam that will provide raw material and take back all the agarbatti produced by these women entrepreneurs by paying labour charges. The

KVIC has laid great emphasis on creating sustainable employment and strengthening traditional crafts in the North-East, thus making local youths self-reliant. KVIC's support to turn wood craft, agarbatti making, and agro and food-based industries like pickle making will empower the local youths and women and create employment at their doorsteps, said Mr Saxena.

Recently, the KVIC has opened two Eri Silk Training and Production Centres in Arunachal Pradesh and has also revived the Monpa handmade paper industry in Tawang. Also, more than 430 units of bamboo products including agarbatti and round bamboo stick manufacturing have been set up in Assam and Arunachal Pradesh in the last couple of years, added the Chairman.

Indian knowledge system has solutions to many of world's challenges: Min

The newly-released textbook will enable the students to bridge the divide between traditional and modern education system

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THERE is a need to learn about the traditional Indian knowledge systems. Some of the examples of these systems are from ayurveda, construction of ships in ancient times, aircraft knowledge, architect of Indus Valley cities, and political science which existed in ancient India, said Subhas Sarkar, Union Minister of State for Education, at a book launch event on the occasion of Buddha Purnima recently.

Launching a textbook *Introduction to Indian Knowledge Systems: Concepts and Applications* during the event, the Union Minister for Education and Skill Development, Dharmendra Pradhan said "the authors have given an academic framework to the Indian knowledge system in this book. Our ancient heritage is full of treasures which need to be preserved, documented and propagated. There are various examples of science-based practices and knowledge from ancient India which we can still find relevant in the modern world".

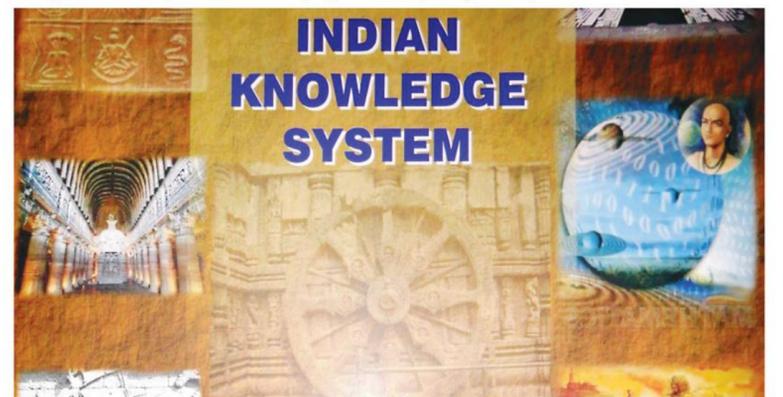
"Our knowledge, culture, philosophy and spirituality has a global footprint, and the ancient Indian civilisation has positively impacted the world. The education system is being decolonised under the Modi government. While we adopt the good things from our ancient past, we must also be mindful of the problems in our society and build a future which creates synergy between knowledge from the past and contemporary issues. Solutions

to many of the world's problems lie in the Indian knowledge system," he said.

The book seeks to fill in the gap for offering a required course on the knowledge system, recently mandated by All India

bridge the divide between traditional and modern education system by providing students with an opportunity to reconnect with the past, build holistic scientific temper and utilise it for carrying multidisciplinary re-

maya Vishwa Vidyapeeth, Ernakulam. It is written by Prof B Mahadevan, IIM, Bangalore and co-authored by Associate Prof Vinayak Rajat Bhat, Chanakya University, Bengaluru, and Nagesh Pavana R N, with the



Council for Technical Education (AICTE). Moreover, the New Education Policy, 2020 has also provided a clear trajectory for imparting the knowledge system in the higher education curriculum, necessitating a book of this kind in several higher education institutions in the country in the days to come.

Although the book has been primarily developed for use by the engineering institutions, the structure and the contents lend itself easily to address the requirement of such books in other university systems (liberal arts, medicine, science and management). The newly-released textbook will enable the students to

search and innovation, said Mr Pradhan.

The book seeks to introduce the epistemology and ontology of the Indian knowledge systems in all domains of life, to the engineering and science students in a way they can relate to, appreciate and explore further. For the upliftment of any individual, his/her roots must be strong and to conserve these roots, one should know about the traditional Indian knowledge system, said Mr Sarkar.

The textbook curriculum is developed by Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Bangalore in association with VYASA Yoga Institute, Bengaluru, and Chin-

School of Vedic Knowledge Systems at Chinmaya Vishwa Vidyapeeth, Ernakulam.

Established in October 2020, the Indian knowledge systems is an innovative cell under the Ministry of Education at AICTE, New Delhi. It seeks to promote interdisciplinary research on all aspects of knowledge systems, preserve and disseminate the system for further research and societal applications, actively engage for spreading the rich heritage of the country and traditional knowledge in the field of arts and literature, agriculture, basic sciences, engineering & technology, architecture, management, economics etc.

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India enhances co-operation with Jordan in fertiliser sector

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INDIA is a pro-poor and pro-farmer and is committed to providing assured supply of fertilisers to the farmers. There is no shortage of fertilisers in the country, said Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister for Chemicals and Fertilisers.

Visiting Jordan for the first time with a high-level delegation for enhanced co-operation in fertiliser sector amid global fertilisers crisis, Mr Mandaviya said "we have taken proactive steps to ensure adequate supply to the farmers ahead of the kharif season, both with ramping up domestic production and partnerships with other countries".

Jordan has ensured supply of phosphatic and potassic fertilisers to India, and in this regard the Indian public, co-operative and private sector companies signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Jordan Phosphate Mining Company for supplies of 30 lakh metric tonne (LMT) rock phosphate; 2.50 LMT DAP (di-ammonium phosphate); and 1 LMT phosphoric acid for the current year.

During the meetings, India also signed a long-term MoU for five years with Jordan for annual supplies of 2.75 LMT which will uniformly increase every year up to 3.25 LMT. "These supplies will be crucial for assured fertiliser supply for the ensuing cropping seasons



in India," said the minister.

Jordan is India's preferred partner for the fertiliser sector. Given that the two countries have a long history of trade relationships and people-to-people contact, there is a need to strengthen this association especially during these challenging times for the fertiliser sector.

With a thrust to secure additional quantities for the Indian market, Jordan will take the lead in announcing India-specific terms for supply of fertilisers and will consider additional production capacities in Jordan with India as a target prime market. Both sides have also agreed to work together in areas of fertilisers, agriculture and health.

The delegation also visited Arab Potash HQ, where a presentation was made by the HQ officials on current status and future plans up to the year 2058 regarding extraction of MOP (Muriate of Potash, also known as potassium chloride) from the Dead Sea. "Jordan is allocating almost 25 per cent of their production of MOP to India, but there is a need to increase the supplies of MOP at reasonable rates," added Mr Mandaviya.

India is Jordan's largest buyer of phosphatic and potassic fertilisers. Both sides agreed to work on this aspect and will constitute a Joint Committee to look into secured short- and long-term fertiliser supplies, fresh investments, new joint ventures etc.

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THESE are volatile times for the equity markets. Investors who have had a dream run through 2021 and early 2022 are now left wondering which direction the market is going to take. The reason for this doubt is the volatility that one sees on the stock indices these days. The trend is visible not just in India but across the world.

After crossing the historic 60,000 mark, the benchmark index Sensex made a retreat to nearly 50,000 and has since been hovering around 55,000. But any market observer would know that the current position of the market is very precarious and that things could turn any direction.

The volatility has only increased after the start of the Russia-Ukraine war. So since the war is still on, one does not know which way things can turn. Equity markets are keenly watching the war front.

In such a scenario, what should investors do? Of course, staying invested is the right thing to do. But the question is, are all investors capable of handling such huge volatility which is expected to continue? Here we would say that investors must now focus on mutual funds which is the safest thing to do at this time.

If you know the advantages of being a mutual fund investor, you will know why we are saying this. So let us make a case for mutual funds which have the better chance of protecting and growing your money.

As many of us know, a mutual fund is a financial instrument which pools the money of different people and invests them in different financial securities like stocks, bonds etc. Each investor in a mutual fund scheme owns units of the fund, which represents a portion of the holdings

of the scheme. The securities are selected keeping in mind the investment objective of the scheme. Mutual funds are managed by asset management companies (AMCs). AMCs appoint fund managers to manage different mutual fund schemes and ensure that the scheme in-

risk, sector risk and market risk. Company risk and sector risk are unsystematic risk, while market risk is known as systematic risk. Mutual funds help investors diversify unsystematic risks by investing in a diversified portfolio of stocks across different sectors. While individual stocks have

actions, the higher your costs will be. Mutual funds have the benefit of being charged very low. They may, for example, be able to get lower brokerage rates, which benefits investors in mutual funds. A debt fund may be able to negotiate higher interest rates from debt issuers since

Ride Out Volatility With MFs' Help



vestment objectives are met. For fund management and other services provided by AMCs, a fee is charged to the investors.

There are some benefits that come with mutual funds. Risk diversification is one such benefit. One of the biggest benefits of mutual funds is risk diversification. Every stock is subject to three types of risk – company

both unsystematic and systematic risks, mutual funds are only subject to systematic risk or market risk.

Mutual funds are also cost-efficient. Investing through mutual funds is quite cost-efficient. When you buy equity directly, you have to pay costs like brokerage and Securities Transaction Tax (STT). The larger the number of trans-

they deal in large quantities.

Another advantage of mutual funds is that you can start investing in mutual funds with relatively small amounts. Investors will require a large capital outlay to build a diversified portfolio of stocks. On the other hand, since mutual funds work on the basis of pooling of money, mutual fund investors can have the beneficial



Mutual funds (MFs) are the best bets in these days of market volatility

ownership of a diversified portfolio of stocks with a much smaller capital outlay.

One must also remember that investing in stocks and bonds requires considerable expertise and experience. You need to have knowledge of financial markets, industry sectors, individual companies and research expertise. A major advantage of mutual funds is that they are managed by professional fund managers who have the desired qualification, expertise and experience in picking the right stocks or other instruments to get the best risk adjusted returns.

What is more, mutual funds offer investors a variety of products to suit their risk profiles and investment objectives. Apart from equity funds, there are hybrid funds, debt funds, liquid funds and tax savings schemes etc to suit different investment requirements. The benefits of investing

in mutual funds is that you can invest in the appropriate product suitable for your specific needs and risk appetite.

Further, mutual funds encourage investors to invest over a long period of time, which is essential to wealth creation. Furthermore, the advantages of mutual fund systematic investment plans or SIPs is that they encourage investors to remain disciplined to meet their various financial goals. Many investors fail to build a substantial investment corpus because they are not able to invest in a disciplined way. Mutual fund SIPs help investors maintain a disciplined approach to investment.

There are also tax advantages. If you invest in an Equity Linked Savings Scheme (ELSS) fund, you can reduce your taxable income by as much as ₹ 1.5 lakh under Section 80C of the Income Tax Act-1961. In equity funds, short term capital

gains (held for less than 12 months) are taxed at 15 per cent and long term capital gains (held for more than 12 months) are tax exempt up to ₹ 1 lakh in a financial year and taxed at 10 per cent thereafter (excess of ₹ 1 lakh of capital gains). In non-equity funds, short term capital gains (held for less than 36 months) are taxed at as per your income tax rate and long term capital gains (held for more than 36 months) are taxed at 20 per cent after allowing indexation benefits. Interest income from most traditional fixed income investments is taxed as per the income tax rate of the investors. For investors in the higher tax brackets, tax advantages of mutual funds are significant compared to traditional fixed income investments.

With such advantages on your side, mutual funds appear to be the best bet to ride out the volatile times.

PM Matsya Sampada Yojana dashboard



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DIGITAL India is a flagship programme of the Government of India with the vision to transform the country into a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy. The programme covers multiple government ministries and departments with the aim of building a culture of good governance that functions on evidence-based decision making. It is in line with Prime Minister, Narendra Modi's vision to use technology as a means to empower and as a tool that bridges the distance between hope and opportunity.

In view of the same, the Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Parshotam Rupala, launched the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana Management Information System (PMMSY MIS) dashboard. PMMSY scheme was launched in May 2020 with the highest-ever investment of ₹ 20,050 crore for focussed and holistic development of the fisheries sector while ensuring socio-economic well-being of fishermen, fish farmers and other stakeholders. Till date a total project investment of ₹ 7,242.90 crore (FY 2020-22) has been done under PMMSY.

Keeping in view the vast scope of PMMSY scheme with multitude locations and components and move towards digitalisation, it is imperative to put a MIS in place for aggregating information on one platform. The PMMSY MIS dashboard aims at effective monitoring of PMMSY scheme activities and their progress in all participating states/Union territories (UTs); strategically utilising the information for informed decision making.

PMMSY MIS application aggregates the data from all participating states/UTs, analyses the data and projects the data in the form of a dashboard for sectoral insights. Key performance parameters are used for projecting overall performance at national and state/UT levels, thus highlighting specific achievements and gaps.

With the realisation of this strategic technological initiative, the minister appreciated the efforts of the department officials and the technical team from PMMSY-PMC (Project Management Consultant).

The data is fed into the MIS system at district level by each participating states/UTs. The platform is a true indicator of the PMMSY scheme progress. The information is further used for coordination, gap analysis and requirement to take corrective actions. With many other technological development activities in pipeline for MIS dashboard improvement, the Department of Fisheries and PMC team has been simultaneously making efforts for onboarding of all the states/UTs through hands-on training on the platform and creating awareness.

Sanjeev Kumar Balyan, Union Minister of State, Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying; L Murugan, Union Minister of State, Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying and Information and Broadcasting; J N Swain, Secretary, Department of Fisheries; Atul Chaturvedi, Secretary, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying; J Balaji, Joint Secretary (Marine Fisheries); Sagar Mehra, Joint Secretary (Inland Fisheries) and other senior officials were also present on the occasion.

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THE Vice-President, M Venkaiah Naidu, emphasised that a progressive, modern India must have a police force which meets the democratic aspirations of the people and called for a renewed thrust to implement reforms in the police force. He was addressing a gathering after releasing the book titled 'The Struggle for Police Reforms in India' written by former IPS officer, Prakash Singh.

Mr Naidu stressed on the need to upgrade the skills of policemen to effectively tackle 21st Century crimes such as cybercrimes and economic offences which require special investigative expertise due to their sophisticated and often transboundary nature.

The Vice-President specifically highlighted issues that need to be addressed on a war footing, including filling up huge number of vacancies in police departments and strengthening the police infrastructure in tune with the requirements of modern-age policing. He called for strengthening the police force at the grassroots, who are the first responders in most cases. The Vice-President also wanted the housing facilities of police personnel to be improved. Stressing that the behaviour of policemen towards the common man should be courteous and friendly, the Vice-President called upon the senior police officers to lead by example in this regard.

"A visit to a police station should be a hassle-free experience for a person who goes there seeking help. The first thing to reform for this is the attitude of the police – they must be open-minded, sensitive and receptive to each individual citizen's concerns," he said.

Although there have been various attempts at introducing police reforms over the years, progress has not been made to the desired extent. He called for a political will in the states to

properly implement the reforms, according to the Supreme Court guidelines. Mr Naidu also reiterated the need for police reforms to uphold law and order in the country and to sustain India's economic growth. "Peace is the prerequisite for progress," he said.

Recalling the history of policing in India, the Vice-President

was perceived to be increasingly politicised with significant erosion in values and practices. Instead of being seen as a people-friendly force, it was seen as being elitist and power friendly, he said.

Referring to the instances of misuse of police force during the infamous Emergency, Mr Naidu said, it was used with im-

tutional level."

Taking note of disappointment over the non-implementation of Supreme Court's directions on Police Reforms of 2006, Mr Naidu said, policing is a state subject and it is the states that have to lead this drive towards police reforms. "I hope all the states and the Centre would come together in the true spirit

Venkaiah calls for renewed thrust to adopt police reforms



said, "after the revolt of 1857, the British created a police force with the prime aim of upholding their imperial interests, and during the freedom struggle, used the police to mainly suppress and oppress our freedom fighters and revolutionaries. After Independence, sweeping reforms were needed in policing. Unfortunately, we have lagged behind in this crucial area."

Over the years following Independence, the police force

to suppress human rights and imprison thousands of people, including all the political opponents of the ruling dispensation. Subsequently, a National Police Commission was set up in 1977, which submitted reports with detailed multi-dimensional proposals for police reforms, he recalled. However, the Vice-President noted that "not much headway has been made in bringing reforms in our police force at the individual and insti-

tutional level."

The Vice-President expressed happiness over a number of initiatives taken by the Indian government towards better policing, including a project to decriminalise minor offences and violations and the move for amending the Identification of the Prisoners Act, 1920, a legislation that was passed more than a 100 years ago.



Repeat Covid outbreaks disrupt China's growth normalisation



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AFTER a strong start in early 2022, multiple outbreaks of the Omicron variant of Covid-19 and resulting mobility restrictions have disrupted China's growth normalisation, observes Between Shocks and Stimulus, the latest China Economic Update released by the World Bank.

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cent in 2022 before rebounding to 5.2 per cent in 2023, largely reflecting the economic damage caused by the persistence of Covid-19.

Investment growth, driven by infrastructure investment, is projected to accelerate this year helped by a large fiscal stimulus, partly offsetting weakness in real consumption growth, which has suffered from subdued consumer confidence in addition to the resurgence of Covid-19 and as-

sociated mobility restrictions. Given the projected sharp slowdown in global growth, net exports are expected to play a negligible role in supporting economic activity.

Risks to China's growth outlook are unevenly balanced and downside risks prevail. Economic disruptions due to strict Covid-related mobility restrictions across major cities and provinces pose a key downside risk and could further postpone

the already delayed recovery of consumption and services, discourage private investment, disrupt trade flows, and reduce growth. Risks could also emanate from persistent stress in the real estate sector, which could trigger wider macroeconomic and financial repercussions. On the upside, if Covid-19 is controlled effectively with fewer restrictions, growth for the full year could be higher than currently projected, thanks to the recently announced additional stimulus measures.

"In the short term, China faces the dual challenge of balancing Covid-19 mitigation with supporting economic growth," says Martin Raiser, World Bank Country Director for China, Mongolia and Korea. "While the government has stepped up macroeconomic policy easing, the dilemma facing decision-makers is how to make the policy stimulus effective, as long as mobility restrictions persist."

Over the medium term, there is a danger that China will remain tied to the old playbook of stimulus-led investment to boost economic growth, says the report.

"High levels of indebtedness of corporates and local governments limit the effectiveness of policy easing and store up further risks down the line," says Ibrahim Chowdhury, World Bank Senior Economist for China.

The report stresses that structural reforms to encourage a shift towards consumption, address social inequality, and rekindle innovation and productivity growth – including in technologies vital for China's dual carbon goals – would help achieve a more balanced, inclusive, and sustainable growth trajectory for China.

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Wine industry gets boost at London fair

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In a bid to give a boost to the export of Indian wine, the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), which works under the aegis of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, facilitated participation of ten exporters in London Wine Fair, 2022. The London Wine Fair is regarded as one of the world's most important wine trade events.

Indian exporters who partic-

ipated in London Wine Fair are – Resvera Wines, Sula Vineyards, Good Drop Wine Cellars, Hill Zill Wines, KLC Wines, Soma Vine Village, Grover Zampa Vineyard, Plateaux Vintners, ASAV Vineyards and Fratelli Vineyards.

Given that India is the third-largest market for alcoholic beverages in the world, there are 12 joint venture companies having a licensed capacity of 33,919 kilolitres per annum for the production of grain-based alcoholic beverages.

India has exported 2.47 lakh

metric tonne of alcoholic products to the world for \$322.12 million during 2020-21. Major export destinations of Indian alcoholic products in 2020-21 were – UAE, Ghana, Singapore, Congo and Cameroon.

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Covid vaccine for animals launched

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THE Union Minister for Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Narendra Singh Tomar, launched animal vaccine and other diagnostic kits developed by Indian Council of Agricultural Research-National Research Centre on Equines (ICAR-NRC) at Hisar in Haryana.

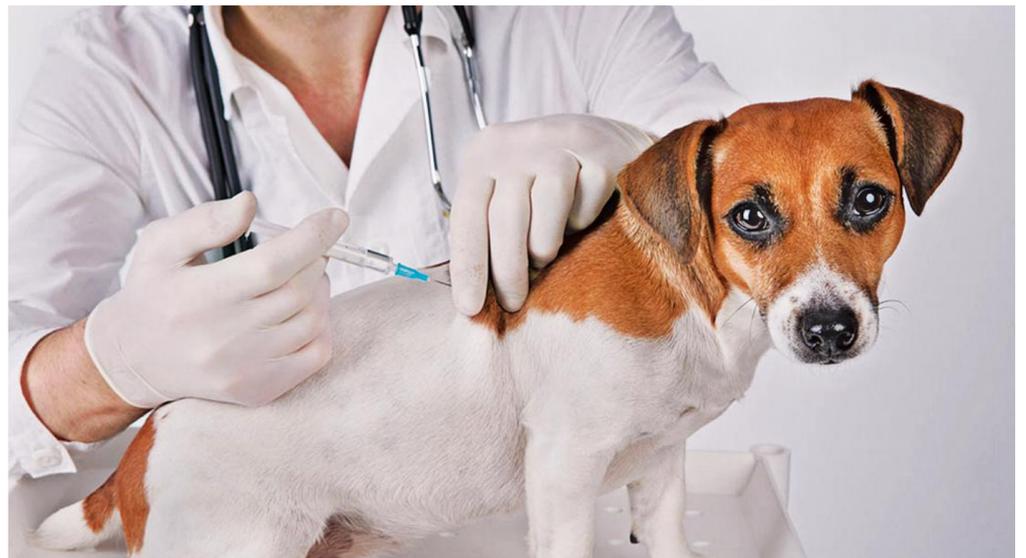
The Ancovax Vaccine on Equines is an inactivated SARS-CoV-2 Delta (Covid-19) vaccine for animals. The immunity induced by Ancovax neutralises both Delta and Omicron variants of SARS-CoV-2. The vaccine contains inactivated SARS-CoV-2 (Delta) antigen with alhydrogel as an adjuvant. It is safe for dogs, lions, leopards, mice and rabbits.

"The Council's scientists' unparalleled contributions have made the country succeed not only in essential crops production; but, in various fields of agricultural and allied sciences as well at the global level," said Mr Tomar, after launching the vaccine through video conferencing.

"It is due to the untiring contributions of scientists that the country stands self-reliant in developing its own vaccines more rather than importing. This is really a big achievement. Under the leadership of Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, continuous work is being done by the government to improve the financial condition of the rural population, poor people and farmers and to raise their standard of living and our scientists have also contributed a lot in this.

"The research work of our scientists is commended everywhere, which makes us all proud. During the Covid crisis which disrupted even the developed and technologically advanced nations, we are proud that under the leadership of Mr Modi, our countrymen demonstrated an unparalleled vision of discipline.

Narendra Singh Tomar launches animal vaccine and kits developed by Indian Council of Agricultural Research-National Research Centre on Equines. The Council's scientists' unparalleled contributions have made the country succeed not only in essential crops production, but in various fields of agricultural and allied sciences as well at the global level



During this crisis, the PM also did a great job of steering the country's economy, while our scientists did wonders by successfully developing vaccines in a short time. The determination of discipline and leadership of our country during the Covid crisis is admired all over the world today," said Mr Tomar.

Appreciating the Equine Research Center, Mr Tomar said, the institute has developed six vaccines and 19 diagnostic technologies for the prevention of infectious diseases in equines and other animals, out of which four have been launched.

The diagnostic kits launched

include CAN-CoV-2 ELISA Kit. It is a sensitive and specific nucleocapsid protein based indirect ELISA Kit for antibody detection against SARS-CoV-2 in canines. There are no laboratory animals required for the preparation of antigens. The kit is made in India and a patent has been filed for the same. No other comparable kits for detection of antibodies in canines are available in the market.

The Surra ELISA Kit is a suitable diagnostic assay for Trypanosoma evansi infection in multiple animal species. The Surra is one of the most important haemoprotozoan diseases of the

different livestock species caused by Trypanosoma evansi. The disease is prevalent in all the agroclimatic parts of India. In India, losses to livestock productivity are estimated to be ₹ 44,740 billion annually due to Surra.

The Equine DNA Parentage testing kit is a powerful genomic technology for parentage analysis. The parentage among the horses can be definitely established using multiplex PCR technology to compare allele sizes. At ICAR-NRC on Equines, an optimised 21 DNA market panel is being used for parentage testing.

Trilochan Mohapatra, Secretary (DARE) & Director General

(ICAR) asserted the Council's commitment to disseminate the various technologies developed by its scientists at the farmers' doorsteps. This will help to realise Mr Modi's vision of lab-to-land initiative.

Atul Chaturvedi, Secretary, Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Ministry of Fisheries, stressed that the new technologies and vaccines developed by the institute will help in early diagnosing and containing the spread of the various diseases in livestock. The kits will enable to identify DNAs of the particular Equines with their parents, he said.