

## 6 January, 2022 Current Affairs

### 1. Sindhutai Sapkal popular as 'Mother of Orphans' passes away



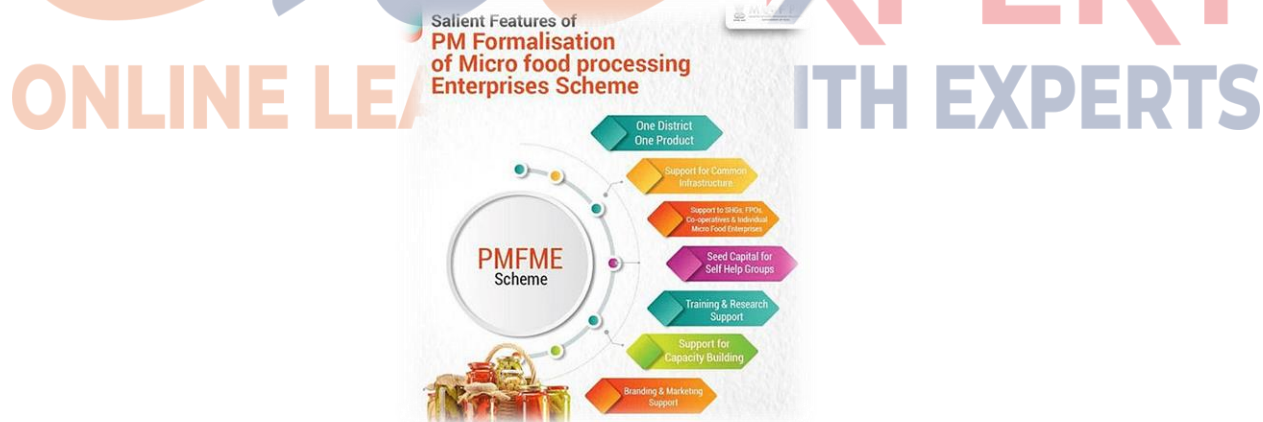
- Social worker Sindhutai Sapkal, who was called as 'Mother of Orphans' passed away at the age of 73 years. She was also referred to just as 'Sindhutai' or 'Mai'.
- She was awarded the Padma Shri in 2021 in the Social Work category. Apart from this, she had received more than 750 awards and honours in her lifetime.
- She adopted close to 2,000 orphans and is grandmother to even more. She was from Maharashtra.
- A biopic on her life titled "Mee Sindhutai Sapkal" was released in the year 2010.

## 2. PM Modi condoles death of music composer Neil Nongkynrih



- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has paid tributes to Shillong Chamber Choir founder and noted music composer Neil Nongkynrih and his creativity will always be remembered.
- Nongkynrih died in Mumbai after a brief illness on 5 January 2022.
- The 52-year-old music conductor and composer had led the Shillong Chamber Choir to national fame after a reality TV show about a decade ago.

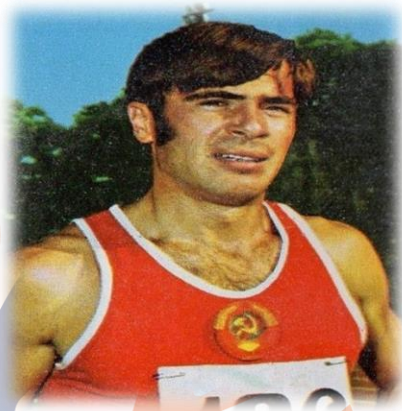
## 3. Govt launches six brands developed as part of 'One District-One Product' approach under PMFME scheme



- Food Processing Industries Minister Pashupati Kumar Paras launched six brands developed as part of the 'One District-One Product' approach under the Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro food processing Enterprises Scheme in New Delhi.

- The products are Amrit Phal, Cori Gold, Kashmiri Mantra, Madhu Mantra, Somdana, and Whole Wheat Cookies of Dilli Bakes.
- According to NAFED, all the products come in unique and attractive packaging to ensure a longer shelf life of the product and keeping it fresh.

#### **4. 3-time Olympic Gold winning Triple Jump Champion Viktor Saneyev passes away**



- The Olympic triple jump 3-time gold medalist and former world record holder, Viktor Danilovich Saneyev passed away in Australia.
- He was a triple long player who represented the Union of Soviet Socialist Republic (USSR) in the Olympic games.
- Later he worked as a coach in Australia.
- He secured gold medals in European Games organized in 1969 Athens and 1974 Rome.

#### **5. Gujarat CM launches Student Start-ups and Innovation Policy 2.0**

- Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel has launched Student Start-ups and Innovation Policy (SSIP) 2.0 which is aimed at financially supporting school students in innovation.

- He announced the policy, while inaugurating the two-day International Conference on Academic Institutions at Gujarat Science City in Ahmedabad 5 January 2022.

## 6. Australia, Japan to sign treaty to beef up defence & security cooperation



- Australia and Japan are set to sign a treaty to beef up defence and security cooperation at a virtual summit.
- The move to strengthen ties comes amid China's rising military power and economic clout in the Indo-Pacific region.
- According to Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison, he and his Japan counterpart Fumio Kishida would sign a Reciprocal Access Agreement (RAA), which would for the first time set out a framework for the two countries' defence forces to cooperate with each other.

## 7. Kerala's High Court: India's First paperless court



- Supreme Court judge Justice DY Chandrachud inaugurated the smart courtrooms on 1 January 2022. In the 1st phase six courtrooms, including the Chief Justice's room, will be converted into smart courts.
- Also, case files will be made available to the lawyers on the computer screen.
- S. Manikumar is the Chief Justice of High Court of Kerala.

## 8. Indian-Origin Captain Harpreet Chandi reaches South Pole

- Captain Harpreet Chandi, Indian-origin British Sikh Army officer and physiotherapist, also known as Polar Preet.
- She has created history by becoming the first woman of colour to complete a solo unsupported trek to the South Pole.
- Capt Chandi announced her history-making feat at the end of Day 40 after travelling 700 miles (1,127 kilometres) while pulling a pulk or sledge with all of her kit and battling temperatures of minus 50 degrees Celsius and wind speeds of around 60mph.

## 9. G Asok Kumar named as DG of National Mission for Clean Ganga



- Additional Secretary under the Ministry of Jal Shakti, G Asok Kumar was appointed as the new Director-General of the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) under the Ministry of Jal Shakti.
- He succeeded Director-General, Rajiv Ranjan Mishra.
- Ministry of Jal Shakti is a ministry under Government of India which was formed in May 2019 under the second Modi ministry.
- This was formed by merging of two ministries; Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation and Ministry of Drinking Water and