

## Deep Ocean Mission

### IN NEWS:

The Union Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) is going to launch Deep Ocean Mission by January 2018 to encourage research activities in ocean science.

#### Key Notes:

The proposed inter-ministerial and interdisciplinary project aims to explore and harness mineral resources beneath the ocean floor.

India has 7,500 km of coastline and 2.4 million square km of exclusive economic zone (EEZ). The oceans along Indian peninsula contain enormous opportunities in energy, food, medicine and a host of other natural resources. The proposed inter-ministerial and interdisciplinary project also seeks to create jobs and business opportunities in social science.

It will involve the MoES and departments of other ministries like science and technology and the biotechnology etc.

The Ministry would soon launch a special training programme on oceanography free of cost for university students.

India was ranked 15th in the number of research papers on ocean science.

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?Hastkala sahyog Shivar?

### IN NEWS

The Ministry of Textiles has organized Pan India camps in handlooms and handicrafts groups under the initiative Hastkala Sahyog Shivar.

#### Key Points:

The camps will be organized during 7<sup>th</sup> October to 17<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

This initiative is dedicated to Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Garib Kalyan Varsh, the birth centenary year of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay.

Under these camps following services will be provided to the weavers and artisans.

- (a) Issuance of credit facilities through MUDRA scheme
- (b) Issuance of Yarn Pass Book
- (c) Distribution of modern tool kits and equipments
- (d) Assistance for technological upgradation under Hathkargha Samvardhan Sahayata
- (e) Enrollment under IGNOU/NIOS courses
- (f) Buyer-seller meets and exposure
- (g) Access to Common Service Centre facilities

It has been planned to organize the camps in more than 200 handloom Block Level Clusters Weavers Service Centres.

There will also be the collaboration of 200 handicraft clusters with State Governments.

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- It is an institute set up by maharashtra goverment to support children's education.
- The pune based institute is known as *State Institute of Educational Technology (SIET)*, popularly known as *Balchitravani*.
- It is used to telecast children's education programmes on *Doordarshan*.
- This institute was recently closed by the goverment citing lack of funds to support its functions.

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## SATH program



- SATH is a program providing " Sustainable Action for Transforming Human Capital " with three state governments which was launched by the NITI Aayog to promote cooperative federalism.
- It aims to identify and build 3 future ' Role Model ' states for health system.
- NITI Aayog will work in close collaboration with their state machinery.
- This program will be implemented by NITI Aayog along with McKinsey company and IPE Global consortium.

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### Employment to Differently Abled



Section 34 of the The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 mandates every appropriate Government to appoint in every Government establishment, not less than four per cent of the total number of vacancies in the cadre strength in each group of posts meant to be filled with persons with benchmark disabilities of which, one per cent each shall be reserved for persons with benchmark disabilities under clauses (a), (b) and (c) and one per cent for persons with benchmark disabilities under clauses (d) and (e), namely:-

- blindness and low vision;
- deaf and hard of hearing;
- locomotor disability including cerebral palsy, leprosy cured, dwarfism, acid attack victims and muscular dystrophy;
- autism, intellectual disability, specific learning disability and mental illness;
- multiple disabilities from amongst persons under clauses (a) to (d) including deaf- blindness in the posts identified for each disabilities.

- Section 34 of the Act also provides that the reservation in promotion shall be in accordance with such instructions as are issued by the appropriate Government from time to time.
- Promotions to the higher grades are made as per provisions of the relevant Recruitment Rules. In some of the Recruitment Rules, provisions exist for promotion either on the basis of seniority in service or through Limited Departmental Competitive Examinations.
- The candidates, who do not qualify the Limited Departmental Competitive Examination are promoted on the basis of their inter-se-seniority in the feeder grade.
- However, in cases where the departmental promotion test is the only mode of promotion, proposal to give promotion on the basis of the seniority or merit in service alone is not under consideration.

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