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World Radio Day

The Prime Minister of India **greeted radio listeners and others associated with the broadcasting medium on 'World Radio Day'**.

It is celebrated on **13th February, every year**. The theme for this year is **"Radio and Peace"**.

On 3rd November, 2011, the 36th session of [UNESCO](#) **declared World Radio Day** to be celebrated on 13th February, as **UN Radio was established by the United Nations on 13th February, 1946**. The day was later adopted by the UN General Assembly in 2012 as an **International Day**.

The day is observed every year **to raise awareness** among the public and the media **about the importance of radio and to encourage access to information through radio**.

India has around 479 radio stations making All India Radio one of the biggest broadcasters in the world. It covers around 99.19% of the Indian population.

Read More: [Community Radio](#).

Khanan Prahari Mobile App

The Government of India has launched one mobile app namely **"KhananPrahari"** and one web app **Coal Mine Surveillance and Management System (CMSMS)** for reporting unauthorized coal mining activities.

The mobile app is developed by **Ministry of Coal** that enables citizens to report incidents of illegal coal mining **using geo-tagged photos and textual information** from the location of the incident.

Statutory measures taken in this regard include: Coal Mines (Nationalisation) Act, 1973, Mineral Concession Rules, 1960, Colliery Control Rules, 2004, Mines & Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957.

Further, **concrete walls** have been erected **on the mouth of the abandoned mines to prevent access** and illegal activities in these areas. Also, **existing security/CISF personnel are being trained** and **Committees/task forces have been formed at different levels** in some subsidiaries of CIL (Coal India Ltd.) **to monitor** different aspects of illegal mining.

Read More: [Coal sector in India](#).

APEDA completes 37 years of its journey

The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), which was **established in 1986 through an Act of Parliament** works under the **Ministry of Commerce and Industry**. It is mandated with **export promotion of agricultural commodities**. Additionally, APEDA has been entrusted with the responsibility to **monitor import of sugar**.

In line with ideas of '**vocal for local**' and '**Atmanirbhar Bharat**', APEDA has been focusing on **promotion of exports of locally sourced [GI \(Geographical Indications\)](#)** tagged as well as **indigenous, ethnic agricultural products**.

India has become the **world's eighth-largest exporter of agricultural products**, with exports worth **USD 24.77 billion in the 2021-22**, based on WTO trade data.

Some of the recent initiatives of APEDA include Farmer Connect Portal, Varanasi Agri – Export Hub (VAEH); Millets Portal for promotion of millets, etc.

Read More: [APEDA](#).

Nirman Se Shakti Initiative

Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) presented an initiative named as '**Nirman Se Shakti**' to modernize infrastructure.

The 'Nirman Se Shakti' initiative includes **upgradation/modernization of ESI Scheme (ESIS) hospitals and dispensaries** in a **phased manner, formulation of standard design for 100/200/500 bedded hospitals** with better modern facilities, **online real-time dashboard for project monitoring/supervision**, adoption of **new building technologies to ensure quality of construction, elimination of delays, cost overrun, digitalization of land/property documents** etc.

The Employees' State Insurance Scheme (ESI) is an **integrated measure of social insurance for worker population and immediate dependent or family** embodied in the **Employees' State Insurance Act, 1948**.

Read More: [ESIC](#).

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