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Union Agriculture Minister Shri Tomar inaugurated the creation of "Agriculture Investment Portal".

Why in Newspapers?

The Co-Chairperson of **Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation**, Ms. Melinda French Gates had a meeting with the Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, **Shri Narendra Singh Tomar**, in New Delhi today.

Quick Issue?

- Mr. Tomar inaugurated the creation of an integrated "**Agriculture Investment Portal**" by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.
- Shri Tomar said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the government has full focus on promoting women farmers in the country.

Historical Background?

- In the meeting, Mr. Tomar said that there are many challenges in the agriculture sector, to solve which the Government of India is continuously working efficiently under the leadership of Prime Minister Mr. Modi.
- He said that the number of small farmers is more in the country; the government believes that if their strength increases, then the agriculture sector will progress further and production will also increase, the government is working in this direction.
- Mr. Tomar said that in India, the traditional farming method used to run in the agriculture sector, now in the present perspective there is a need for investment in the agriculture sector, in view of this the government has made many reforms, has **incorporated technology in agriculture and eligible farmers Digital Agriculture Mission** has also been started in the country with a view to provide complete assistance through transparency.
- Mr. Tomar said that with the aim of further increasing investment in agriculture, the Government of India has allocated **Rs 1.5 lakh crore** for agriculture and allied sectors under the **Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan**. Work has started on these by making

Other Key Facts?

United Nations Environment Programme

- The United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) established on **June 05, 1972** is a major global environmental authority.
- **Functions:** Its primary functions are to set the global environmental agenda, promote sustainable development within the **United Nations system**, and act as an **authoritative advocate for global environmental protection**.
- **Key Reports:** Emissions Gap Report, Global Environment Outlook, Frontiers, Invest in a Healthy Planet Report.
- **Major Campaigns:** 'Beat Pollution', 'UN75', World Environment Day, Wild for Life.
- **Headquarters:** Nairobi (Kenya).



provisions for special packages of more than **Rs. 1 lakh crore**. Agriculture Infrastructure Fund of Rs. If these are implemented, the Indian agriculture sector will be rejuvenated.

- Mr. Tomar said that a large number of women are also working in the agriculture sector in India, to increase their number and for their continuous progress; the Union Ministry of Rural Development is also running a scheme for the empowerment of women farmers, in which the Ministry of Agriculture is helpful. While the Ministry of Agriculture spends a certain part of its budget for the upliftment of women farmers.
- Shri Tomar said that "**Krishi Nivesh Portal**" will prove to be a milestone in terms of investment in the agriculture sector, which will be a centralized forest for **agri-investors to get benefits from various government schemes** implemented by various departments related to agriculture and allied sectors.
- He said that this portal would prove to be a mirror for the investors; they would get a lot of help from it. Appreciating the work being done by the Gates Foundation in various fields in India, Mr. Tomar hoped that working in the agriculture sector in India by the Foundation would prove to be a good experience.
- Ms. Melinda said she would be happy to work with the Ministry of Agriculture. She wants that there should be maximum involvement of women farmers. He said that the Foundation is working in many countries and has had a good experience in India.
- Sushri Melinda expressed happiness over India getting the presidency of G-20 and expressed her desire to always work together. Agriculture Secretary Mr. Manoj Ahuja, Director General of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) Dr. Himanshu Pathak also gave their views in the meeting. Joint Secretary Shri Praveen Samuel gave a presentation.
- Other officials of the Ministry of Agriculture and representatives of the Indian office of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and Gates Foundation were also present on the occasion.

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Expected Questions for Preliminary Exam

Que. A digital platform named _____ was launched in July 2021 to facilitate farmers to get 'right information at the right time' in their desired language.

- (a) Farmer's companion
(c) Kisan Khabar

- (b) Farmer's child
(d) Kisan Sarathi

Answer-(d) Kisan Sarathi

Unveiling of the President's Standard and Colours and the new Crest of the Indian Navy

Why in Newspapers?

The President has approved a new design of the President's Standard and Colors and the Indian Navy Crest for the Indian Navy, which was unveiled at **Visakhapatnam** on Navy Day on 04 December 2022.

Quick Issue?

- In line with the on-going national effort to leave behind the colonial past, the **Naval Ensign was modified to a new design inspired by our history**, where the red horizontal and vertical lines on the White Ensign were replaced with a blue octagon, with twin golden borders, with the national emblem above a clear anchor and the inscription '**National Emblem 'Satyamev Jayate'**' on the stock of the anchor. In addition, the national flag on the upper left canton was retained.

Other Key Facts?

Indian Navy

- The Indian Navy is the maritime arm of the Indian Army, which with its glorious history of 400 years is not only the protector of Indian maritime borders but also of Indian civilization and culture.
- The President of India is the commander in chief of this army.
- Indian Navy In 1612 AD, "**Indian Marine**" was organized as a fighting force of the East India Company.
- In 1685 AD, it was named "**Bombay Marine**", which lasted till 1830 AD.
- On 8 September 1934, the Indian Legislative Council passed the **Indian Navy Discipline Act and the Royal Indian Navy emerged**.

Historical Background?

- The predecessor design of the President's Standard and Colour for the Indian Navy was established on **06 Sep 2017**. The design consisted of a horizontal and vertical red band each in the centre and the national emblem was inserted at their intersection. **The national flag was in the upper left canton and a golden elephant was in the lower right canton on the fly side**. The design was inspired by the then Naval Ensign.
- The Indian Navy adopted a new Naval Ensign on 02 Sep 2022, and this change is incorporated in the new design of the President's Standard and Colours, provided to the Indian Navy. love
- The seat's standard and colours consist of three main components - the national flag in the upper left canton, the State Emblem with '**Satyameva Jayate**' outlined in gold on the upper right canton on the fly side, and a navy blue - gold under the golden State Emblem. Octagon. The octagon has two golden octagonal borders, with the golden national emblem (Ashoka's lion - underlined with 'Satyameva Jayate' in blue Devanagari script) above an anchor; and superimposed on a shield.



- Below the shield within the octagon is a ribbon with a gold border on a navy blue background bearing the motto of the Indian Navy 'Sham no Varunah' in gold Devanagari script.
- The golden state emblem symbolizes 'strength, courage, confidence and pride', while the navy blue - golden octagonal shape takes inspiration from the Shivaji Maharaj Rajmudra or the seal of **Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj**, and represents the eight directions (four cardinal and four inter cardinal). It represents and symbolizes the maritime reach of the Indian Navy. The new design of the President's Standard and Colours, highlights India's glorious maritime heritage and also symbolizes a mighty, courageous, confident and proud Indian Navy.
- The Indian Navy crest has been changed to replace the fowl anchor with a clear anchor. The Clear Anchor signifies the Indian Navy's determination to meet any challenge in the maritime domain and represents the clarity in vision, mission and aspirations of its sailors. The Clear Anchor also reflects the commitment of the Indian Navy towards securing India's coast and maritime interests.
- The change meant the removal of the symbolic nautical rope in the crest designs. The revised Indian Navy Crest has been implemented from 04 Dec 22 on the occasion of Navy Day 2022.
- The new Naval Crest features a traditional naval clear anchor below the head of Ashoka Singh, with the inscription 'Sham no Varunah', an invocation from the Vedas which means 'May the gods of the ocean be auspicious to us'. The phrase was adopted as the motto of the Indian Navy at the suggestion of Sri Chakravarti Rajagopalachari, the first Indian Governor General of independent India.
- The national motto '**Satyamev Jayate**' meaning '**Truth Always Triumphs**' is inscribed on the stock of Clear Anchor.
- In line with the change in the Indian Navy Crest, a minor modification in the crest of the Indian Naval Command Headquarters (which has the Indian Navy crest in the inset) has also been approved by the Hon'ble President of India.
- For distinguished and meritorious service to the nation, the static and mobile formations of the Indian Navy are awarded the President's Standard and Colour, respectively. The Indian Navy was the first of the three services to be awarded the President's Color by the then President **Dr. Rajendra Prasad** on 27 May 1951.
- In the Indian Navy, the President's Color is presented to the Western, Southern and Eastern Naval Commands, both the Western and Eastern Fleets, the Submarine Arm, the Naval Air Force, INS Shivaji, INS Valsura and the Indian Naval Academy.
- The 22nd Missile Vessel Squadron was the first naval fighter squadron to be awarded the President's Standard.



Expected Questions for Preliminary Exam

Que. What was the first name of the Indian Navy?

(a) Royal India Marine

(b) Royal Indian Marine

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(d) Reyal Indian Marine

Answer: (a) Royal India Marine

