

## **7TH Women Science Congress Inaugurated at Imphal**

- It was inaugurated by Governor of West Bengal Shri Keshari Nath Tripathi at Imphal.
- It is a 7th edition of WSC and the first Women Science Congress was held in 2012.
- 7th Women Science Congress is held with the ongoing 105th session of Indian Science Congress.
- The theme of this year's edition of ISC is "Reaching the Unreached through Science and Technology."
- North East is hosting the Indian Science Congress for the second time.
- Earlier, Shillong had hosted the Indian Science Congress.

## **First India-Japan Workshop on Disaster Risk Reduction Aims to develop a specific bilateral Action Plan on areas of cooperation in DRR**

- Ministry of Home Affairs, National Disaster Management Authority, India and Government of Japan is jointly organising this workshop.

- The workshop will be an opportunity to explore as to how Japan invests in making its infrastructure resilient to present and future disaster risks.
- It will also help understand recent advancements in Japan in the area of earthquake detection and early warning systems and adapt them to India's context.

## Background

- India and Japan are two most disaster-prone countries in the world.
- Japan is situated along the Pacific Ring of Fire and is highly susceptible to earthquakes.
- Given its long history of devastating earthquakes, Japan has a very high level of community awareness.
- Its technological know-how, especially in the area of earthquake risk reduction, is among the most advanced in the world.
- In India nearly 59% of India's landmass is prone to moderate to severe earthquakes.
- In the event of an earthquake it will not only save lives but also make for great economic sense that this investment is made earthquake resilient.

## PM-Krishi Unnati Mela

- Krishi unnati mela is being organised at Indian Agricultural Research Institute, IARI Pusa campus, New Delhi.
- Krishi Unnati Mela is aimed at creating awareness about the latest technological developments in the agriculture and allied sectors among farmers.

- Theme of the fair is doubling farmer's income by 2022.
- Prime Minister inaugurated the Jaivik Kheti portal and laid foundation stone for 25 Krishi Vigyan Kendras.

### **Festival of Innovation and Entrepreneurship (FINE)**

- The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, will inaugurate FINE and present Gandhian Young Technological Innovation awards instituted by Society for Research and Initiatives for Sustainable Technologies and Institutions [SRISTI].
- FINE is an initiative being organised by Rashtrapati Bhavan in association with the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India and the National Innovation Foundation-India.
- FINE will provide a platform for innovators for building linkages with potential stakeholders to develop their ideas into implementable projects for the larger social good.
- It will provide a window to showcase creative and innovative solutions for social development through innovation emerging from grassroots, student ideas and other technologies.
- FINE also includes an “**In-Residence**” Program as part of which a batch of ten innovation scholars will stay within the President's Estate.
- They will be provided mentoring as well as opportunities for idea sharing with key stakeholders.

### **Informal World Trade Organisation Ministerial Meeting**



- This informal World Trade Organisation (WTO) ministerial meeting is being held in New Delhi.
- The informal meeting of ministers will provide an opportunity to engage in free and frank discussions with the hope that it will lead to political guidance on some major issues.
- This is being held against the backdrop of failure at the Eleventh Ministerial Conference (MC 11) that took place in [Buenos Aires, Argentina](#).
- It is hoped that the New Delhi meeting will provide an opportunity for ministers to explore in greater detail the options on different issues for re-invigorating the WTO.

## **War Memorial Boys and Girls Hostel (WMBGH) at Dehradun**

- War Memorial Boys and Girls Hostel is situated at village DandaLakhond, Dehradun.
- Hostel will benefit wards of large number of Martyrs, Veer Naris, serving soldiers and ex-servicemen.
- The Garhwal Rifles War Memorial Boys and Girls Hostel at Lansdowne exist since 1980.

