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National Career Service Project

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- The Ministry of Labor and Employment is implementing the National Career Service (NCS) project as a mission mode project.
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- It is to provide a variety of employment related services like career counseling, vocational guidance, information on skill development courses, apprenticeship, internships etc
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- It has a rich repository of career content of over 3000 occupations.
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- The NCS project has also been enhanced to interlink all employment exchanges with the NCS Portal so that services can be delivered online.
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- The scheme provides for part funding to states for IT up gradation and minor refurbishing of employment exchanges and for organizing job fairs.
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Centre for WTO Studies

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- The Centre for WTO Studies was set up in the year 1999 to be a permanent repository of WTO negotiations-related knowledge and documentation.
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- It was also envisaged that the Centre would evolve into a research unit with interest in trade in general and WTO in particular to finally develop into an independent think tank in the area.
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- The Centre was situated in the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade in November 2002.
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- The Centre has also created a specialised e-repository of important WTO documents, especially related to India, in its Trade Resource Centre.
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- The research activities carried out by the Centre include the requests from the Government in which the Centre has been providing technical inputs, especially in the following areas:
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a. Agriculture

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b. NAMA

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c. Services

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d. TRIPS

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e. Subsidies and Anti-Dumping

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- The Centre has networked with research and multilateral institutions like UNESCAP, Bangkok; UNDP, RCC, Bangkok; Commonwealth Secretariat, London etc.
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First Advanced Forensic Lab

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- Hon’ble Minister for Women and Child Development laid foundation of Sakhi Suraksha Advanced DNA Forensic Laboratory in the campus of Central Forensic Science Lab, Chandigarh.
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- In Sakhi Suraksha Advanced DNA Forensic Laboratory, four units are to be established to address cases related to women:
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1. Sexual Assault and Homicide Unit
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2. Paternity Unit
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3. Human Identification Unit
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4. Mitochondrial Unit
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- Mitochondrial Unit will conduct mitochondrial DNA analysis in cases where regular Nuclear DNA analysis is not possible such as in case of highly degraded samples.
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- The Mitochondrial Unit can also be used to better explore family relationships.
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- Forensic science plays a vital role in the criminal justice delivery system by providing investigators with scientifically based information through the analysis of physical evidence.
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Deccan Queen

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- The introduction of ‘’Deccan Queen’’ between the two premier cities of Maharashtra on 1st June 1930 was a major landmark in the history of the Great Indian Peninsula Railway.
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- The Great Indian Peninsula Railway is the forerunner of the Indian Railways.
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- This was the first deluxe train introduced on the railway to serve two important cities of the region and was aptly named after Pune, which is also known as ‘’Queen of Deccan’’ (‘’Dakkhan ki Rani’’).
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- The management systems of Deccan Queen (2123 Dn / 2124 Up) have been assessed by International Services Ltd. and found to comply with the requirements of ISO 9001-2000.
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SevaBhoj Yojna

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- The Ministry of Culture, Government of India has introduced a new scheme namely ‘SevaBhojYojna’.
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- The scheme envisages to reimburse the Central Government share of Central Goods and Services Tax (CGST) and Integrated Goods and Service Tax (IGST) on purchase of raw items such as ghee, edible oil, atta/maida/rava/flour , rice pulses, sugar, burra/jiggery etc which go into preparation of food/Prasad/langar/bhandara offered free of cost by religious institutions.
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- The objective of the scheme is to lessen the financial burden of such Charitable Religious Institutions who provide Food/Prasad/Langar (Community Kitchen)/Bhandara free of cost without any discrimination to Public/Devotees.
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- All the eligible institutions will be registered with Darpan portal.
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