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Yutu 2

- China has named their lunar rover as 'Yutu 2'.
- The rover is part of China Chang'e-4 lunar probe.
- It was successfully deployed to carry out a string of experiments on the unexplored far side of the moon.
- It would also analyse soil and rock samples for minerals, apart from activating.
- China's lunar probe is part of its 'Made in China-2025' project, which focuses on advanced technology, including space applications.
- Click here to know more about Chang'e 4 lunar space probe.

Menstrual Hygiene for Adolescent girls Scheme

- It is a scheme under **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare**
- It aims to address the need of menstrual hygiene among adolescent girls residing primarily in rural areas.
- Funds are provided to States/UTs through National Health Mission.
- The funds are for decentralized procurement of sanitary napkins packs for provision primarily to rural adolescent girls.
- The napkins packs are provided at subsidized rates as per proposals received from the States and UTs.
- ASHAs across the country are trained and play a significant role in promotion of use and distribution of the sanitary napkins.
- It also a part of **Rashtriya Kishor Swasthya Karyakram** that aims to achieve adolescent participation, leadership, Gender Equity and inclusion.

Commodity Exchanges

- Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) directed commodity exchanges to disclose the turnover of various categories of participants like farmers, farmer producer organisations (FPOs), domestic financial institutional investors etc.,
- The commodity market is a physical or virtual marketplace for buying, selling and trading raw or primary products.
- Commodities are split into two types: hard and soft commodities.
- Hard commodities are typically natural resources that must be mined or

extracted (such as gold, rubber and oil),

- Soft commodities are agricultural products or livestock (such as corn, wheat, coffee, sugar, soybeans and pork)
- A commodities exchange is a legal entity that determines and enforces rules and procedures for the trading standardized commodity contracts and related investment products.
- Commodities exchange also refers to the physical centre where trading takes place.

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