

# Headlines at a Glance - 22nd June 2021

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## **Service rules amended in J&K, recruits to give 5-year cellphone numbers**

Intending to ensure that “unscrupulous” elements do not get into government jobs, the J&K administration has amended the Civil Services (Verification of Character and Antecedents) rules, making it mandatory for those entering the services to provide educational details from the age of 15 years, mobile numbers used in last five years, information about in-laws and details of loans taken. The General Administration Department (GAD) of the UT has made the amendment and an order was issued late Monday evening. It stated that the decision was taken after a panel, set up under the chief secretary last year, recommended proper character and antecedent verification by the Criminal Investigation Department (CID).

SOURCE: The Hindu

## **India, Fiji sign MoU for cooperation in Agriculture and Allied Sectors**

India and Fiji on June 22, 2021, signed a Memorandum of Understanding for cooperation in the field of agriculture and the allied sectors. The agreement between the two countries was signed by the Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar and the Minister of Agriculture, Waterways, and Environment, Fiji, Dr. Mahendra Reddy during a virtual meeting. The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, India, and the Ministry of Agriculture, Fiji will be the Executing Agencies from the

respective sides. As per Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar, the signing of the MoU between India and Fiji will prove to be a milestone in further strengthening the multi-faceted cooperation between the two nations. He further added that Prime Minister Modi has always focused on the development of agriculture and villages from the very beginning.

SOURCE: Jagran Josh

## **UNESCO says Australia's Great Barrier Reef should be listed as 'in danger'**

A United Nations committee's proposal to downgrade the Great Barrier Reef's World Heritage status has irked Australia, which said the recommendation was politically motivated. The UN World Heritage Committee on Monday said in a draft report that "there is no possible doubt" that the network of colourful corals off Australia's northeast coast was "facing ascertained danger". Scientists say that the coral reef ecosystem has suffered three major bleaching events since 2015 due to severe marine heatwaves. The report recommended that the world's biggest coral reef ecosystem should be added to Unesco's list of World Heritage in Danger when the committee considers that question in July. Australia, one of the world's largest carbon emitters per capita, has remained reluctant to commit to stronger climate action and its conservative government has cited jobs as a major reason to back the country's fossil fuel industries.

SOURCE: Hindustan Times

## **Assam signs MoU with Survey of India for rural property survey**

The Assam government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Survey of India for implementing the Svamitva scheme in the state, which aims to provide an integrated property validation solution for rural areas. The MoU was signed between Assam, Director of Land Records and Surveys, Shantanu P Gotmare and Director Assam and Nagaland, Survey of India on Monday. The Union Ministry of Panchayati Raj, and Assam Government's Department of Revenue and Disaster Management will implement the scheme with the support of the Panchayat and Rural Development. Survey of India, as the technology partner, will take steps for survey of inhabited rural land by drone as well as establishment of ground based control stations to enable a detailed spatial database of properties in rural areas.

SOURCE: Business Standard