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## DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS 30-09-2021

### NATIONAL

#### Cabinet renames Mid-day meal scheme

- The centre has renamed the **mid day meal scheme** as **PM-POSHAN(Poshan Shakti Nirman)**, which provides free one hot cooked meal for school students for classes 1 to 8.
- It is also planned to include another **24 lakh** children studying in the **pre primary government schools** from the next financial year.
- The budget allocated for the mid day meal scheme is **Rs 54061.73** crores from the Central Government and **Rs 31,733.17** crore from State Governments & UT administrations for the financial year 2021 to 26.
- Now the centre is planning to add another **Rs 226 crore** as its share to provide food for the pre primary students from the next financial year (2022-23), as recommended by the **New Education Policy**.
- The total scheme budget will amount to **Rs 1,30,794 crore** which will cover **11.80 crore** students studying in **11.20 lakh schools**.

#### Two railway line doubling projects approved by Cabinet

- The **cabinet committee on Economic Affairs** approved the doubling of **Nimach-Ratlam** railway line in **Madhya Pradesh** and **Rajkot-Kanals** railway line in **Gujarat**.
- The Rajkot-Kanals railway line is part of the **Mumbai-Ahmedabad-Viramgam-Okha section**.
- Total length of Nimach-Ratlam railway line is **132.92 km** with an estimated project cost of **Rs 1,095.88 crore**.
- Total length of Rajkot-Kanals railway line is **111.2 km** with an estimated project cost of **Rs 1,080.58 crore**.

#### Defence Acquisition Council proposes to include helicopters and ammunitions

- The **Defence Acquisition Council (DAC)** approved the capital acquisition proposals of services which include **helicopters, guided munitions and rocket amunitions**.
- The estimated cost for the acquisitions is projected to be approximately **Rs 13,165 crore**.
- The DAC approved the procurement of **25** advanced light helicopters (**ALH**)- **Mark-III**

helicopters from **Hindusthan Aeronautics Limited(HAL)** under buy indian-IDDM at an estimated cost of **Rs 3,850 crore**.

- It also approved **terminally guided munitions and Rocket ammunition** under buy Indian-IDDM at an estimated cost of **Rs 4,962 crore**.

## “Ru-Pay On the Go” contactless payment is set to launch

- **The National payments corporation of India NPCI** tie up with the **YES bank**, a private sector lender to launch “**Ru-Pay On the Go**” to make wearable payments contactless.
- The Customer can pay **upto Rs 5000** by simple **Tap, pay , Go** mechanism without the need of PIN in any contactless enabled Pos.

## ‘Terms of Reference’ signed between India and Australia

- **Indian Navy and Australian Navy** signed ‘**Terms of Reference**’ to conduct ‘**Joint Guidance for the India-Australia Navy to Navy Relationship**’ document.
- This ToR was signed between the **Navy Chiefs** of both countries, and this talks will help to guide the bilateral cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region for promoting peace, security, five
- It is the **India’s first ever such document** signed by the Indian Navy with any country.

# INTERNATIONAL

## Adani Group to sign deal for Colombo Port deal

- The **Adani Group** is set to sign deal with **Sri Lanka Port Authority(SLPA)** and **John keells Holdings** to jointly develop the **West Container Terminal (WTC)**.
- It is to sign under the **build operate and transfer agreement**.
- Over 70% of the transshipment business at the Colombo Port is linked to Indian market.

## ‘Hwasong-8’ super sonic missile tested

- **North Korea** successfully tested one among its five most important weapons named **Hwasong-8**
- Hwasong-8 is **Super sonic missile** capable of attaining speed upto **Mach 5** and can fly at **lower altitudes** compared to ballistic missiles.



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