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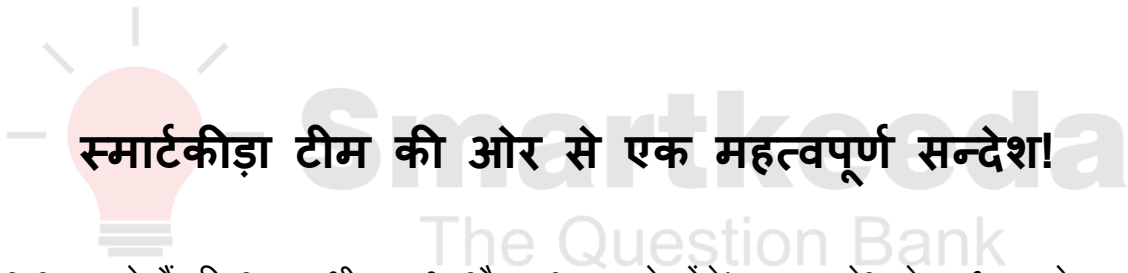
Hi Folks! We hope you all are doing well. We would like to state here that this PDF is meant for preparing for the upcoming MockDrill 100 of April 2020 Month at Testzone. In this Current Affairs PDF we have added all the important Current Affairs information in form of 'Key-points' which are crucial if you want to score a high rank in Current Affairs Mocks at Testzone. Therefore, we urge you to go through each piece of information carefully and try to remember the facts and figures because the questions to be asked in the Current Affairs MockDrill will be based on the information given in the PDF only.

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### स्मार्टकीड़ा टीम की ओर से एक महत्वपूर्ण सन्देश!

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आभार,

टीम स्मार्टकीड़ा

### 301. IMPORTANT DAYS AND DATES

On 13 April, 1919, British soldiers, under the command of Colonel Reginald Dyer, opened fire at a crowd of unarmed protesters and pilgrims who had gathered in Jallianwala Bagh in Amritsar on Baisakhi. This year marks 101 years of the Jallianwala Bagh massacre. Several leaders paid their tributes to those who lost their lives. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- 13th April – 101st edition of Jallianwala Bagh Massacre
- Took place: 1919

### 302. ACQUISITIONS & MERGERS

Aero engines major Rolls-Royce has entered into collaboration with Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras to promote and explore opportunities for joint research programs. The company will also roll-out a 'Technical Higher Study Framework' to facilitate higher education for its engineers, in partnership with IIT Madras. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- Rolls-Royce + IIT Madras – to promote and explore opportunities for joint research programs
- HQs of Rolls-Royce – London, UK

### 303. IMPORTANT DAYS AND DATES

On April 13, Prime Minister Narendra Modi wished the people on the occasion of Baisakhi and Maha Bishuba Pana Sankranti, the Odia New Year. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- 13th April – Maha Bishuba Pana Sankranti – “Odia New Year”

### 304. BANKING & ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

CPI inflation is tentatively projected to ease from 4.8% in Q1:2020-21 to 4.4% in Q2, 2.7% in Q3 and 2.4% in Q4, with the caveat that in the prevailing high uncertainty, aggregate demand may weaken further than currently-anticipated and ease core inflation further, while supply bottlenecks could exacerbate pressures more than expected,” according to RBI. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- MPR – Monetary Policy Report
- CPI – Consumer Price Index
- CPI based inflation decline: 2020-21 Q1 – 4.8% | Q2 – 4.4% | Q3 – 2.7% | Q4 – 2.4%
- RBI: HQs – Mumbai | Governor - Shaktikanta Das (25th)



### 305. SCHEMES & INITIATIVES

Responding to the call of the Hon. Prime Minister of India in the wake of the COVID 19 pandemic, Union Ministries of Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions and DoNER have been taking a series of measures after the declaration of the Lockdown. Kendriya Bhandar, which functions under the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) has taken the unique initiative of providing "Essentials Kits" to needy families. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- KendriyaBhandar - "Essential Kits" - to needy families in New Delhi
- It works under – Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT)

### 306. ACQUISITIONS & MERGERS

Flipkart, India's homegrown e-commerce marketplace, in partnership with India's two leading insurers - ICICI Lombard and Go Digit General Insurance, announced the launch of health insurance policies on its platform that distinctly cover COVID-19. The policies are 'Covid-19 Protection Cover' & 'Digit Illness Group Insurance'. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- Two health insurance policies – 'Covid-19 Protection Cover' & 'Digit illness Group'
- Launched by Flipkart – with ICICI Lombard (Mumbai) & Go Digit General Insurance (Bangalore)
- HQs of Flipkart – Bangalore, Karnataka | Chairperson – Binny Bansal
- Tagline – "Your Family Bank Across India"

### 307. INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Abdul Majed ,the convicted killer of Bangladesh's first President Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was hanged recently in Dhaka. Abdul Majed was among the 12 former army personnel who were awarded death sentence in 1998 for the assassination of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in 1975. It was later confirmed by the High Court in 2009. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- Abdul Majed – the killer of – Sheikh Mujibur Rahman (the 1st President of Bangladesh)

### 308. AMOUNT & AGREEMENTS

Government of India (GoI) has announced significant investments to the tune of Rs.15000 crore for 'India COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health System Preparedness Package'. The funds sanctioned will be utilized for immediate COVID-19 Emergency Response (amount of Rs.7774 crore) and rest for medium-term support (1-4 years) to be provided under mission mode approach. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- 'India COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health System Preparedness Package'
- Amount approved – Rs. 15,000 Cr

### 309. NATIONAL AND STATES AFFAIRS

Ahmedabad station of Western Railway has got the unique distinction of becoming the first station on Indian Railways to install a Walk Through Mass Sanitizing Tunnel. The tunnel was inaugurated by Ahmedabad DRM Deepak Jha. The distance of the tunnel is 20 feet long which can be covered within 10 seconds. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- Ahmedabad Railway Station - 1st to install - a Walk-Through Mass Sanitizing Tunnel | 20 feet long

### 310. IMPORTANT DAYS AND DATES

National Safe Motherhood Day (NSMD) is celebrated annually on April 11 to raise awareness about adequate access to care during pregnancy, childbirth and postnatal services. National Safe Motherhood Day is an initiative of the White Ribbon Alliance. The government of India declared in 2003 the national safe motherhood day on April 11. It became the first country to do so. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- April 11 – National Safe Motherhood Day (NSMD)
- April 11 – is also a birth anniversary of Kasturba Gandhi
- It is an initiative of White Ribbon Alliance.
- India - the first country to do so.

### 311. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

For the first time ever, astronomers of NASA have measured wind speed on a brown dwarf, or "failed star," an object heavier than a planet but not massive enough to host the fusion reactions that power stars. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- Scientists of NASA – measured wind speed on a "brown dwarf" or "failed star"
- NASA HQs - Washington D.C., United States
- Administrator – Jim Bridenstine

### 312. BANKING & ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Private sector lender Karnataka Bank said it has received RBI nod for reappointment of Mahabaleshwara M S as MD and CEO for next three years. The regulator has also approved for reappointment of P Jayarama Bhat as part time (non executive) chairman. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- Mahabaleshwara M S – re-appointed as MD & CEO of Karnataka bank – for 3 years
- P Jayarama Bhat – reappointment – Part time (non executive) chairman
- HQs – Mangalore, Karnataka

### 313. INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu thanked his Indian counterpart Narendra Modi for rushing a five-tonne cargo of medicines, including anti-malarial drug hydroxychloroquine, seen as a possible cure for COVID-19. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- 5-tonne cargo of medicines to – Israel
- Israel: Capital – Jerusalem | Currency – Israeli Shekel
- President – Reuven Rivlin | PM – Benjamin Netanyahu

### 314. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS)-Rishikesh, in collaboration with Navratna Defence PSU Bharat Electronics (BEL), has developed a state-of-the-art health monitoring system to remotely assess the health of COVID-19 suspects/patients quarantined in homes and hospitals. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- AIIMS-Rishikesh + Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) – jointly developed India's 1st remote health monitoring system
- Set up in "Rishikesh City"

### 315. INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Instant messaging platform WhatsApp said it will allow users to send frequently forwarded messages to only one chat at a time as part of efforts to curb spreading of misinformation amid the pandemic. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- Whatsapp – limited the sharing of forwards to only one chat
- HQs of WhatsApp - California, United States
- CEO of WhatsApp - Jan Koum

### 316. OBITUARIES

Former Gujarat cricketer, Walter D'Souza, 93, passed away in his sleep at his residence here on Friday. He was one of India's oldest living first-class cricketers, who featured in 16 fixtures for Gujarat. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- Walter D'Souza (Gujarat) – passed away – Cricketer



### 317. APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

The Supreme Court extended by three months the tenure of chairperson of Telecom Disputes Settlement and Appellate Tribunal (TDSAT), which is scheduled to end on April 20, and expressed concern over the delay in appointment of administrative and technical members in the tribunal. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- Tenure of Chairperson of TDSAT extended by – 3 months
- Chairperson name – Justice Shiva Kirti Singh
- HQs of TDSAT – New Delhi
- CJI - Sharad Arvind Bobde (47th)

### 318. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

An innovative module developed at IIT Bombay converts conventional stethoscopes into digital ones. Ayu Devices, a startup of IIT Bombay, has developed a digital stethoscope called AyuSynk is being deployed for remote auscultation (listening to chest sounds). [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- “AyuSynk” – a digital stethoscope – that can hear heart beats from a distance
- Developed by “Ayu Devices” – a startup of “IIT Bombay”

### 319. NATIONAL AND STATES AFFAIRS

Chennai, as part of efforts to combat coronavirus, the Central and Tamil Nadu governments launched the Aarogya Setu Interactive Voice Response System service which is aimed at guiding people, speed up preventing virus spread, detection, tracking and treatment measures. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- Tamil Nadu – “Aarogya Setu Interactive Voice Response System service”
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai
- Union Communications Minister: Ravi Shankar Prasad
- CM – Thiru Edappadi K. Palaniswami | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit

### 320. NATIONAL AND STATES AFFAIRS

The National Commission for Women (NCW) launched a helpline number — 0721-7735372 to enable those facing domestic violence to send a WhatsApp message to access help. In the first week after the lockdown, the NCW recorded more than a two-fold increase in domestic violence and sexual assaults as well as a three-fold rise in police apathy towards crimes against women. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- National Commission for Women (NCW) - launched a WhatsApp helpline number
- HQs of NCW – New Delhi | Chairperson – Rekha Sharma





### 321. IMPORTANT DAYS AND DATES

The principal architect of the Indian Constitution Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar, also known as Babasaheb Ambedkar, BR Ambedkar was born on 14 April 1891 in present-day Madhya Pradesh's Mhow. Every year, Ambedkar's birth anniversary is celebrated to honour his countless contributions in the making of the present-day independent India. Ambedkar Jayanti is also known as Bhim Jayanti and is celebrated as a public holiday across India since 2015. It was his 129th birth anniversary this year. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- April 14 – 129th birth anniversary of Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar
- Born on 14 April 1891 – in Mhow, Madhya Pradesh
- Celebrated as a holiday since “2015”

### 322. NATIONAL AND STATES AFFAIRS

In a significant decision to strengthen industry-academia partnership and to bring qualitative improvements in Technical Education, Jammu & Kashmir Administration today accorded sanction for establishment of two Centres for Invention, Innovation, Incubation and Training (CIIT) in the Union Territory. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- Two centers for Invention, Innovation, Incubation and Training (CIIT)
- Establishment by J & K – in collaboration with “TATA Technologies”
- J & K Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – G C Murmu
- Ladakh Capital – Leh | Lt. Governor – R K Mathur

### 323. AMOUNT & AGREEMENTS

The Asian Development Bank has assured India \$2.2 billion in its fight against the Covid-19 pandemic. ADB president Masatsugu Asakawa, who assured FM Nirmala Sitharaman of the multilateral lender's support, commended India's decisive response to the pandemic, including a national health emergency programme. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- \$2.2 billion – by ADB – to India
- HQs of ADB – Metro Manila, Philippines | President – Masatsugu Asakawa



### 324. NATIONAL AND STATES AFFAIRS

First time in 144 years, the Jammu and Kashmir administration has decided to halt the annual shifting of capital, called 'Darbar Move', from Jammu to Srinagar due to the ongoing COVID-19 crisis. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- "Darbar Move" – Jammu & Kashmir – to halt the annual shifting of capital
- J &K Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – G C Murmu
- Ladakh Capital – Leh | Lt. Governor – R K Mathur

### 325. IMPORTANT DAYS AND DATES

On April 31, 2020, The Indian Army observed the 36th Siachen Day on Monday, remembering the gallant martyrs of Siachen. Siachen Day commemorates the courage and fortitude displayed by troops of the Indian Army in securing the highest and coldest battlefield in the world. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- 13th April – "Siachen day" observed by Indian Army
- HQs of Indian Army – New Delhi | Chief – Manoj Mukund Naravane

### 326. NATIONAL AND STATES AFFAIRS

The Tropical Butterfly Conservatory Tiruchirappalli (TBCT) has been developed in Tamil Nadu's Tiruchirappalli to create awareness among the public about the importance of the butterfly and its ecology. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- Tropical Butterfly Conservatory – Tamil Nadu
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai
- CM - Thiru Edappadi K. Palaniswami | Governor - Banwarilal Purohit

### 327. NATIONAL AND STATES AFFAIRS

Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) has set up a Core Strategy Group (CSG) has been set up and five verticals have been identified under which coronavirus-related activities are being carried out. These include digital and molecular surveillance, rapid and economical diagnostics, new drugs/repurposing of drugs and associated production processes, hospital assistive devices and PPEs; and supply chain and logistics support systems. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- "Core Strategy Group" – set up by CSIR (Council of Scientific and Industrial Research)
- CSIR comes under – Minister of Science And Technology

### 328. INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

A historic production cut agreement between OPEC and its allies, known as OPEC+, hit a roadblock after Mexico refused to agree to its share of the cuts after a marathon meeting between the oil-producing nations. The other members of OPEC+, led by Saudi Arabia and Russia, earlier in the day agreed to cuts that would take 10 million barrels per day offline as the corona virus pandemic saps demand for crude. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- “10 million barrel” per day production cut – by OPEC and its allies
- HQs of OPEC – Vienna, Austria
- Secretary General – Mohammad Sanusi Barkindo

### 329. NATIONAL AND STATES AFFAIRS

Manipur’s Imphal East district administration has introduced a new initiative to provide immediate aid in the form of free food to the poor and needy with titled – “Food Bank” under the theme, “Help End Hunger Today.” [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- “Food Bank” initiative – by Manipur
- Theme – “Help End Hunger Today”
- Manipur: Capital – Imphal
- CM – N. Biren Singh | Governor – Najma Heptulla

### 330. BANKING & ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

As per Annual Trade Statistics and Outlook Report released by World Trade Organisation, World trade is expected to fall by between 13% and 32% in 2020 as the COVID 19 pandemic disrupts normal economic activity and life around the world. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- Annual Trade Statistics and Outlook Report – released by World Trade Organisation(WTO)
- World trade is expected to fall by between “13% and 32%” in 2020 as the COVID 19 pandemic
- HQs of WTO – Geneva, Switzerland | Director-General – Roberto Azevêdo

### 331. RANKS, REPORTS & SURVEYS

The Census India-2021 will be conducted in two phases. The first phase will begin from the 1st of next month and will continue until the 30th of September of this year. The second phase is Population Enumeration which will be conducted from 9th February to 28th February next year throughout the country simultaneously. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- The Census India-2021 – 2 phases
- 1st Phase – 1 April to 30 September 2020
- 2nd Phase – 9 February to 28 February 2021

### 332. SCHEMES & INITIATIVES

Co-operative titan IFFCO is leading efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19 by organizing “Break the Corona Chain Social Awareness Campaign” on ‘Ground zero’ in different states across the country. Under this campaign, aspects like Social distancing; sanitization; Maintaining a healthy diet and Prevention through- covering of face by masks / ‘Gamchha’ are being emphasized. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- “Break the Corona Chain” Social Awareness Campaign – by IFFCO
- HQs of IFFCO – New Delhi | Chairman – Balvinder Singh Nakai

### 333. OBITUARIES

Renowned Hindustani classical singer and Padma Shri awardee Shanti Hiranand Chawla passed away at a Gurgaon hospital. She was 87. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- Shanti Hiranand – passed away – Classical Singer & Padma Shri Awardee

### 334. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog and National Informatics Centre (NIC) today jointly launched CollabCAD, a collaborative network, computer enabled software system, providing a total engineering solution from 2D drafting & detailing to 3D product design. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- “CollabCAD” a collaborative network launched by
- Atal Innovation Mission + National Informatics Centre + NITI Aayog
- NITI Aayog HQs – New Delhi
- CEO – Amitabh Kant | Chairperson – Narendra Modi | Vice Chairperson – Rajiv Kumar
- HQs of NIC – New Delhi | Director General – Neeta Verma
- Founded: 1976

### 335. NATIONAL AND STATES AFFAIRS

The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) has suggested a “phased and calibrated” approach to the lifting of the lockdown with priority on re-starting manufacturing, e-commerce and construction sectors partially. CII also demanded an economic package and adequate notice prior to lifting the lockdown. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- The CII suggested – a “phased and calibrated” approach to the lifting of the lockdown
- CII HQs – New Delhi | President – Vikram Kirloskar | Director General – Chandrajit Banerjee

### 336. CURRENT GK

The Meru Yatra festival is celebrated as the end of the month-long Danda nata dance festival. Thousands of devotees gather at the Shakti Pitha shrine in the Taratarini Temple because it is one of the auspicious days during the Chaitra Yatra. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- Meru Yatra festival – celebrated in Odisha
- Odisha: Capital - Bhubaneswar | CM - Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

### 337. ACQUISITIONS & MERGERS

Apple Inc and Alphabet Inc's Google will work together to create contact tracing technology that aims to slow the spread of the coronavirus by allowing users to opt into a system that catalogs other phones they have been near. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- Google + Apple - to create coronavirus contact tracing technology using Bluetooth signals
- Google HQs – California, United States
- CEO – Sundar Pichai
- Apple HQs - California, United States | CEO - Tim Cook

### 338. BANKING & ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Early estimates of jobs data indicate that the coronavirus effect may have left a devastating impact on the economy, sending urban unemployment rate soaring to 30.9%. Overall unemployment rose to 23.4%. The figures, based on the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy’s weekly tracker survey. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- Unemployment Rate – 23.4% - as per Centre for Monitoring of Indian Economy



### 339. OBITUARIES

Zimbabwean Jackie du Preez, who played two Tests for South Africa in 1967, passed away on Thursday, 9 April in Harare, succumbing to a long-standing heart condition. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- Jackie du Preez (Zimbabwe + South Africa) – passed away – Cricket

### 340. SCHEMES & INITIATIVES

Delhi government has come up with a term for its strategy to contain the spread of novel coronavirus - Operation Shield. As per the government strategy, SHIELD stands for sealing, home quarantine, isolation and tracing, essential supply, local sanitation and door-to-door checks. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- “Operation SHIELD” – by New Delhi
- Delhi CM – Arvind Kejriwal

### 341. ACQUISITIONS & MERGERS

To ensure tribal gatherers carry on their work safely, TRIFED has collaborated with UNICEF and WHO for developing a digital communication strategy for promoting a digital campaign for Self Help Groups (SHGs) involved in this work, highlighting the importance of Social Distancing. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- “Digital Communication Strategy for Self Help Groups (SHGs)”
- By TRIFED – in collaboration with “WHO & UNICEF”
- HQs of TRIFED – New Delhi | Managing Director – Pravir Krishna
- TRIFED works under – Ministry of Tribal Affairs (Arjun Munda)
- HQs of WHO – Geneva, Switzerland | Director-General – Tedros Adhanom
- HQs of UNICEF – New York, United States | Executive Director – Henrietta H. Fore

### 342. ORDINANCE, BILLS AND ACTS

The Centre will soon bring an ordinance to give state governments the flexibility to increase the work hours of employees across establishments to 12 hours per day from eight hours, a move aimed at addressing the issue of labour shortage and facilitate companies to maintain social distancing once factories resume operations after lockdown imposed due to Covid-19. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- An ordinance to increase the working hours of employees – from 8 hours – to “12 hours”



### 343. NATIONAL AND STATES AFFAIRS

The 5th addendum exempts from lockdown restrictions the operations of the Fishing (Marine)/Aquaculture Industry, including feeding and maintenance, harvesting, processing, packaging, cold chain, sale and marketing, etc. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- Fishing & Aquaculture – exemption from lockdown restrictions
- Shri Giriraj Singh – Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying

### 344. BANKING & ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Jana Small Finance Bank, a scheduled commercial bank, has launched DIGIGEN, a digital banking platform where customers can digitally open a savings account and fixed deposit instantly. DIGIGEN on boarding is a hassle-free, three-step process to open an account. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- "DigiGen" a digital banking platform – Jana Small Finance Bank
- HQs – Bengaluru, Karnataka | MD & CEO – Ajay Kanwal

### 345. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Scientists at the Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology (SCTIMST), Trivandrum have come up with a disinfection gateway - a portable system that generates hydrogen-peroxide mist and UV-based decontamination facility to fight the Covid-19 pandemic. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- Scientists of Chitra Tirunal Institute - developed disinfection gateway & face mask disposal bin
- HQs of Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology – Kerala
- CTIMST Director– Asha Kishore

### 346. AWARDS, REWARDS, RECOGNITION AND PRIZES

Four Indian-Americans have been awarded with a prestigious US fellowship for their accomplishments and “exceptional promise”. Approximately 175 such fellowships are awarded each year. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- 4 Indian-Americans – awarded with a prestigious US fellowship
- Pradeep Sharma - Mechanical engineer
- Kavita Ramanan - Professor of Applied Mathematics
- Dilip Da Cunha - Architect, planner and teacher
- Mukul Sharma - Professor of Earth Sciences

### 347. IMPORTANT DAYS AND DATES

This year National Pet Day falls on Saturday. The day is celebrated on April 11 every year in the USA. The day is dedicated to the pets, people on this day take time off their busy schedules and pays extra attention, care and love to their pets. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- April 11 – National Pet Day

### 348. INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

The Supreme Court of Bangladesh asked the government to take necessary steps so that the "Joy Bangla" slogan is used at functions of all academic institutions. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- 'Joy Bangla' slogan – Bangladesh
- Bangladesh: Capital – Dhaka | Currency – Taka
- PM – Sheikh Hasina | President – Abdul Hamid

### 349. INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Google has launched a new braille keyboard named "TalkBack" to simplify smartphone typing for those who are suffering from visual impairment. TalkBack braille keyboard is a new virtual braille keyboard integrated directly into Android. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- Google – launched a new Braille keyboard for Android – named "TalkBack"
- Google HQs – California, United States
- CEO – Sundar Pichai

### 350. NATIONAL AND STATES AFFAIRS

The Department of Telecommunication and C-DOT in coordination with Telecom Service Providers have developed and tested an application which automatically triggers an email or SMS if any identified corona positive person moves away from their quarantine location. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology has encouraged state government agencies to use the Covid Quarantine Alert system. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- C-DOT Company + Dept. of Telecommunication – launched "COVID-19 Quarantine alert system"
- Founder: Sam Pitroda
- HQ s of C-DOT – New Delhi | Executive Director – Vipin Tyagi
- Ravi Shankar Prasad – Ministry of Communications, Electronics and Information Technology, Law and Justice
- Constituency – Patna Sahib, Bihar





### 351. NATIONAL AND STATES AFFAIRS

Kerala is set to become the first state in the country to commence convalescent plasma therapy, which uses antibodies from the blood of cured patients, to treat critically ill COVID-19 cases on a trial basis. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- Kerala – 1st state in the country to commence convalescent “Plasma therapy”

### 352. NATIONAL AND STATES AFFAIRS

Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT), under the commerce ministry, has imposed restrictions on imports of refined palm oil, as per which an importer have to seek a license or permission or no-objection certificate for the imports. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- DGFT tightened restrictions on – Palm Oil
- DGFT comes under – Ministry of Commerce & Industry
- Piyush Goyal - Ministry of Railways, Ministry of Commerce & Industry
- Constituency – Maharashtra

### 353. APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

Bollywood actress Sara Ali Khan has been roped in as the new brand ambassador of audio equipment maker JBL. The actress has featured in JBL's new commercial that comes as an extension of the company's campaign - "Live it Real, Live it Raw" which went live with the first commercial featuring Ranveer Singh. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- Sara Ali Khan – Brand Ambassador of audio equipment maker “JBL” | with Ranveer Singh

### 354. RANKS, REPORTS & SURVEYS

Hydroxychloroquine is an old and inexpensive drug used to treat malaria. India is the largest producer and exporter of the drug globally. India manufactures 70% of the world's supply of hydroxychloroquine. Companies like Zydus Cadila and IPCA are the major manufacturers in the country, according to the Indian Pharmaceutical Alliance (IPA). [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- India manufactures – 70% of the world's supply of – hydroxychloroquine



### 355. NATIONAL AND STATES AFFAIRS

The Government has approved the proposal for grant of ex-gratia monetary compensation to 1,08,714 workers and officers of the Food Corporation of India (FCI) including 80,000 labour who are working 24x7 to supply food grains across the country amidst the outbreak of Coronavirus pandemic. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- Ex-gratia Monetary Compensation – to workers, officers and labours of FCI
- FCI HQs – New Delhi | Chairperson – Deepak Kumar Panwar | CEO – Yogendra Tripathi
- Ram Vilas Paswan – Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution

### 356. PERSONS IN NEWS

Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas and Steel, participated in the G20 Extraordinary Energy Ministers' virtual Meeting on 10th April 2020. The meeting was called by Saudi Arabia, in its capacity as the G20 Presidency, and chaired by Saudi Arabia Energy Minister Prince Abdulaziz. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- G20 Extraordinary Energy Ministers' meeting 2020 – attended by “Dharmendra Pradhan”
- G20 Presidency – Saudi Arab
- Dharmendra Pradhan – Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Minister of Steel
- Constituency – RS MP from Madhya Pradesh

### 357. IMPORTANT DAYS AND DATES

“The international day of human space flight” is observed across the world annually on April 12 as 12 April 1961 was the date of the first human space flight, carried out by Yuri Gagarin, a Soviet citizen. This historic event opened the way for space exploration for the benefit of all humanity. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- 12th April – “The international day of human space flight”
- 12th April, 1961 – The day when the 1st human space flight was carried out by Yuri Gagarin

### 358. NATIONAL AND STATES AFFAIRS

Union Minister for HRD Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' has launched a web-portal YUKTI (Young India Combating COVID with Knowledge, Technology and Innovation) today in New Delhi. It is a unique portal with a dashboard to monitor and record the efforts and initiatives of MHRD. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- A web-portal “YUKTI” – by HRD Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' (Haridwar, Uttarakhand)
- YUKTI – India Combating COVID with Knowledge, Technology and Innovation

### 359. OBITUARIES

Veteran Congress leader and former Union minister M V Rajasekharan passed away at a hospital in Bengaluru after prolonged illness. He was 91. An agriculturist and rural development consultant, the Congress leader was born on September 12, 1928, at Maralawadi in Ramanagara district. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- M V Rajasekharan (Karnataka) – passed away – Politician (Congress)

### 360. OBITUARIES

Nobuhiko Obayashi, an idiosyncratic Japanese filmmaker died on April 10 in Tokyo. He was 82. The cause was lung cancer, which was first diagnosed in 2016. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- Nobuhiko Obayashi (Japan) – passed away – a Film Maker

### 361. NATIONAL AND STATES AFFAIRS

Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched the “Top Parent”, a mobile app launched by the Department of School Education in Mantralaya to help students continue to study in an interesting manner at home. Chouhan sent the first whatsapp message to the students through “Digi Lap – Aapki Padhai Aapke Ghar”. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- “Top Parent” a mobile app launched by – Madhya Pradesh
- First WhatsApp message to the students – “Digi Lap – Aapki Padhai Aapke Ghar”
- Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal
- CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor - Lalji Tandon

### 362. PERSONS IN NEWS

IMF MD Kristalina Georgieva named former RBI governor Raghuram Rajan and 11 others to her external advisory group to provide perspectives from around the globe on key developments and policy issues, including responses to the exceptional challenges the world now faces due to the coronavirus pandemic. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- Raghuram Rajan – included into IMF’s 12-member External Advisory Group
- RBI: HQs – Mumbai | Governor - Shaktikanta Das(25th)
- HQs of IMF (International Monetary Fund) – Washington, D.C., United States
- President - Kristalina Georgieva

### 363. NATIONAL AND STATES AFFAIRS

The government has rolled out a mobile application platform to help tracing, tracking and containment of COVID-19 spread. The app, NAADI platform developed by the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing, Ministry of Electronics and IT, consists of two mobile apps --112++ India for citizens and nCoV Satark for health agencies. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- Puducherry – “NAADI App” a mobile application platform
- CM – Velu Narayanasamy | Governor – Dr. Kiran Bedi

### 364. OBITUARIES

Sir Stirling Moss, the F1 & great motor-racing driver, has died at the age of 90 following a long illness. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- Sir Stirling Moss (UK) – passed away – F1 Motor-Sports

### 365. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Indian smartphone company Lava International Ltd. announced the launch of a new payment solution for feature phone users. Called Lava Pay, the solution is available for only Lava feature phone users. The highlight of the payment app is that it doesn't require internet connectivity for transactions. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- LAVA – launched a payment app that doesn't require active internet
- HQs of LAVA – Noida, Uttar Pradesh | CEO – Hari Om Rai

### 366. OBITUARIES

Comedian Tim Brooke-Taylor has died at the age of 79 with coronavirus. He was a funny, sociable, generous man who was a delight to work with. Audiences found him not only hilarious but also adorable. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- Tim Brooke-Taylor (Britain) – passed away – Comedian

### 367. BANKING & ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

The Japanese brokerage company Nomura said the economy will grow at 3.2% in the January-March period and contract by 6.1% (June quarter) and 0.5% September quarter, before rising by 1.4% in the last quarter of the calendar year. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- Nomura's GDP prediction – 6.1% (in April-June)
- Nomura – Tokyo, Japan | CEO – Kentaro Okuda

### 368. SCHEMES & INITIATIVES

Union Minister for HRD Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' had launched a week long 'Bharat Padhe Online' campaign for Crowd sourcing of Ideas for Improving Online Education ecosystem of India in New Delhi. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- 'Bharat Padhe Online' campaign – launched by Ramesh Pokhriyal (Ministry of HRD)
- Constituency – Haridwar, Uttarakhand

### 369. BANKING & ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

The Reserve Bank warned banks that they will have to pay 200 bps additional penal interest if they fail to invest the mandated 50 per cent of the funds raised through targeted long-term repo operations (TLTRO) route in corporate bonds within a month. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- "200 bps" penalty – by RBI – to banks if they failed to invest TLTRO funds within "30 days"
- RBI: HQs – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th)

### 370. SCHEMES & INITIATIVES

Ahead of extending restrictions on the mobility of goods and persons, the government plans to set up a chain of 20 lakh retail shops called 'Suraksha Stores' across India which will provide daily essentials to citizens while maintaining stringent safety norms. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- 20 lakh retail shops called – Suraksha Stores – set up by Government of India

### 371. APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

Birupaksha Mishra takes charge assumes charge as Executive Director of Union Bank of India. Prior to this, Birupaksha Mishra was appointed as the Executive Director at Corporation Bank. Mr. Mishra holds a Postgraduate degree and he is a Certified Associate of Indian Institute of Bankers (CAIIB). [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- Birupaksha Mishra – Executive Director of – Union Bank of India

### 372. NATIONAL AND STATES AFFAIRS

The pan-India Agriculture trading portal e-NAM will be completing four years of implementation. The Small Farmers Agribusiness Consortium (SFAC) is the leading agency to implement it. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- Agriculture online trading portal “e-NAM” – completed 4 years of implementation (launched in 2016)
- NAM: National Agriculture Market
- It is implemented by – The Small Farmers Agribusiness Consortium (SFAC)

### 373. OBITUARIES

Rifat Chadirji, known as the father of modern Iraqi architecture, died in the United Kingdom after contracting the novel coronavirus. The 93-year-old architect and photographer is credited with designing some of Iraq's most well-known structures, including the iconic "Freedom Monument" in the now protest hub of Baghdad's Tahrir Square its name. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- Rifat Chadirji (Iraq) – passed away – an Architect (Father of modern architecture)
- Iraq: Capital – Baghdad
- PM – Adil Abdul-Mahdi | President – Barham Salih

### 374. NATIONAL AND STATES AFFAIRS

The Agriculture Ministry has set up a call centre to ease the difficulties in agri logistics, particularly the inter-State movement of perishable vegetables and fruits as well as agri inputs such as seeds, pesticides and fertilizers. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- Agriculture Ministry – launches a call centre for ‘Agri logistics’ for the movement of vegetables and fruits
- Narendra Singh Tomar – Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Minister of Rural Development, Minister of Panchayati Raj
- Call Centre No: 14488
- Constituency – Morena, Madhya Pradesh
- Minister of State – Parshottam Rupala & Kailash Chowdry

### 375. AWARDS, REWARDS, RECOGNITION AND PRIZES

Distinguished Non-Resident Indian (NRI) businessman, Mr. Rajesh Chaplot was honoured with the Highest Civilian Award (Golden Jubilee Medal-Civilians) of Uganda. The award was presented by none other than His Excellency Hon'ble President of Uganda, Mr Yoweri Museveni in a ceremony in Kampala recently. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- Mr. Rajesh Chaplot (a businessman) – honoured with the Highest Civilian Award of “Uganda”
- Uganda – Kampala – Ugandan shilling
- President – Yoweri Museveni | PM – Ruhakana Rugunda

### 376. NATIONAL AND STATES AFFAIRS

National Innovation Foundation India (NIF) has brought out an indigenous herbal medication (dewormer) in form of commercial product for livestock owners as an alternate to chemical method of treatment of worm. The indigenous herbal dewormer titles ‘wormivet’ available for livestock owners. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- “Wormivet” an indigenous herbal medication dewormer – by NIF (National Innovation Foundation India)
- HQs of NIF – Gandhinagar, Gujarat | Chairperson – PS Goel

### 377. APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

Mobile Premier League (MPL), India’s largest mobile gaming platform has appointed Bollywood actress Tamannaah Bhatia as brand ambassador. Tamannaah will be joining Indian Cricket Captain Virat Kohli, who has recently renewed his association with MPL. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- MPL Brand ambassador – Tamannaah Bhatia + Virat Kohli
- HQs of MPL – Bangalore, Karnataka

### 378. IMPORTANT DAYS AND DATES

For the first time, the global community is preparing to celebrate 14 April as the first World Chagas Disease Day. One of the aims is to raise the visibility and public awareness of people with Chagas Disease and the resources needed for the prevention, control or elimination of the disease. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- 14th April – 1st edition of "World Chagas Disease Day"
- Chagas Disease is also known as – American Trypanosomiasis

### 379. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Google has launched 'Nearby Spot' under Google Pay using which users in Bengaluru can see local stores selling essentials like groceries that are open, amid the lockdown. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- 'Nearby Spot' – launched by Google Pay | in Bengaluru
- Google HQs - California, United States | CEO - Sundar Pichai

### 380. IMPORTANT DAYS AND DATES

Easter is a festival and holiday that commemorates Jesus' resurrection from the dead and is celebrated by Christians all around the world. According to the New Testament it is believed to have occurred on the third day (after his burial) following his crucifixion by the Romans at Calvary. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- April 12 – "Easter Festival 2020" – commemorates Jesus' resurrection from the dead

### 381. BANKING & ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

The RBI's New series of Sovereign Gold Bond will be issued in six tranches from 20 April 20 to 4 September; minimum investment limit is 1 gram and maximum limit is 4 KG. The investors will be compensated at a fixed rate of 2.50 percent per annum payable semi-annually on the nominal value. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- The RBI's New series of Sovereign Gold Bond
- Minimum & maximum investment limit – 1 gm & 4 kg respectively
- Interest rate – 2.50%
- RBI: HQs – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th)

### 382. ACQUISITIONS & MERGERS

The United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and the Consumer Unity and Trust Society (CUTS), have signed an agreement to empower consumers to contribute to the global development agenda as well as support their respective governments in times of global crisis. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- CUTS (Jaipur, Rajasthan) – MoU with – UNIDO (Vienna, Austria)
- CUTS: Consumer Unity Trust Society
- Secretary General of CUTS – Pradeep S. Mehta
- UNIDO's Director General – Li Yong (China)



### 383. NATIONAL AND STATES AFFAIRS

Public service broadcaster Prasar Bharti has launched a new channel specifically dedicated to old classics called DD Retro to relive the nostalgia of your favourite memorable serials of Doordarshan. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- “DD Retro” a new channel – launched by Prasar Bharti
- It is dedicated to old classics

### 384. SPORTS AND GAMES

India will host the 2020 edition of the Asian Boxing Championships, the Boxing Federation of India (BFI) announced. The national federation president Ajay Singh shared the news with the stakeholders during their review meeting. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- Asian Boxing Championships-2020 – host country “India”
- BFI President – Ajay Singh

### 385. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Seagull BioSolutions, a startup working on new biological technologies, is being funded by the Department of Science and Technology (DST), to undertake the development of Active Virosome (AV)-Vaccine and Immunodiagnostic kits for COVID-19 emergency. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- “Seagull BioSolutions” startup – funded by Department of Science & Technology
- DST HQs: New Delhi
- To undertake the development of Active Virosome (AV) –Vaccine

### 386. BANKING & ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

China’s central bank has bought 1.01 per cent stake in HDFC. According to the shareholding disclosures for the March quarter, People’s Bank of China held 1.75 crore shares of India’s biggest housing mortgage lender. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- HDFC – 1.01% stake – bought by People’s Bank of China
- HQs of PBOC – Beijing, China | Governor – Yi Gang
- HDFC HQs – Mumbai
- Chairman – Deepak Parekh | CEO – Aditya Puri
- China: Capital – Beijing | Currency – Renminbi
- President – Xi Jinping

### 387. ACQUISITIONS & MERGERS

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved acquisition of 9.93 per cent stake in Apollo Tyres by Emerald Sage Investment. Emerald is a Mauritius-based investment holding company, while Apollo Tyres is engaged in manufacturing and sale of automotive. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- Acquisition of 9.93 per cent stake in “Apollo Tyres” – by “Emerald Sage Investment”
- HQs of Apollo Tyres – Gurugram, Harayana
- CCI HQs - New Delhi | Chairman - Ashok Kumar Gupta

### 388. NATIONAL AND STATES AFFAIRS

Chief Minister of Goa Pramod Sawant declared that Goa would be the first state to treat COVID-19 positive patients with allopathy and Ayurveda to boost their immunity. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- Goa – the first state to treat COVID-19 positive patients with allopathy and Ayurveda
- Capital – Panaji | CM – Pramod Sawant | Governor – Satya Pal Malik

### 389. OBITUARIES

‘Lion of the bar’, ‘a lawyer par excellence’, ‘great raconteur’ and ‘a legend who always stood tall’ — this is how colleagues, peers and well-wishers remembered senior advocate Ashok Desai, 87, who died recently. The cause of his death couldn’t be known. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- Ashok H Desai – passed away – Former Attorney General and Senior Advocate of SC

### 390. BANKING & ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Max Life Insurance and YES Bank announced a five-year extension of their a digitally-enabled ecosystem that will provide a seamless experience for customers in their financial planning and protection journey. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- Yes Bank + Max Life Insurance – extended partnership for next “5 years”
- HQs of Yes Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Prashant Kumar
- Tagline – “Experience our Expertise”
- HQs of Max Life Ins. – New Delhi | MD & CEO – Prashant Tripathy
- Tagline – "Karo Jyada ka Iraada"

### 391. BANKING & ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Bank credit growth decelerated to an over five-decade low of 6.14 percent in the fiscal ended March 31, 2020, amid a faltering economy, lower demand and risk aversion among banks, RBI data showed. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

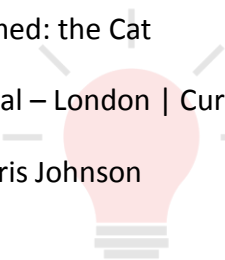
- Bank credit growth declined to – 6.14%
- RBI: HQs – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th)

### 392. OBITUARIES

Former Chelsea and England goalkeeper Peter Bonetti has died at the age of 78 following a long-term illness, the Premier League club announced on Sunday (Apr 12). Nicknamed 'The Cat' because of his agility, Bonetti was a mainstay of the west London side for close on 20 years throughout the 1960s and 1970s. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- Peter Bonetti (UK) – passed away – Former Chelsea Football Goalkeeper
- Nick named: the Cat
- UK Capital – London | Currency – Pound Sterling
- PM – Boris Johnson



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### 393. PERSONS IN NEWS

Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) which is a central government department under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry has set up a 25-member development council for pulp, paper and allied industries, to spur growth of the sector. J K Paper Ltd President A S Mehta will be the chairman of the council. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- “25-member development council for pulp, paper and allied industries”
- Head of council – A S Mehta (the president of J K Paper Ltd)
- Constituted by – Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)
- DPIIT comes under – Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Piyush Goyal)
- DPIIT HQ – New Delhi | DPIIT Secretary – Guruprasad Mohapatra

### 394. RANKS, REPORTS & SURVEYS

India is likely to record its worst growth performance since the 1991 liberalisation this fiscal year as the coronavirus outbreak severely disrupts the economy, as per the reports of the World Bank. India's economy is expected to grow 1.5 per cent to 2.8 per cent in the 2020-21 fiscal which started on April 1, the World Bank said in its South Asia Economic Focus report. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- The reports of “South Asia Economic Focus report” – published by “World Bank”
- India's economy, expected to grow 1.5% to 2.8% in 2020-21
- World Bank HQs – Washington D.C., United States
- President – David Malpass | MD & CFO – Anshla Kant

### 395. NATIONAL AND STATES AFFAIRS

Indonesia's Anak Krakatau volcano blasted a thick, gray cloud of ash some 1,640 feet skyward over the weekend in the longest-lasting eruption since 2018. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- Anak Krakatau volcano – Indonesia
- Indonesia: Capital – Jakarta | President – Joko Widodo

### 396. NATIONAL AND STATES AFFAIRS

Labour ministry has set up 20 control rooms under the chief labour commissioner (CLC) across India to address wage related grievances of workers employed in central sphere besides mitigating the problems of migrant workers through coordination with various state governments during the lockdown period. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- 20 control rooms – set up by Labour Ministry to address wage related grievances
- Chief Labour Commissioner of India – Rajan Verma

### 397. INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

The USA has decided to sell 'Harpoon Block' II air launched missiles and 'lightweight torpedoes' worth USD155 million to India. The sale of 10 AGM-84L Harpoon Block II air launched missiles is estimated to cost USD92 million, while 16 MK 54 All Up Round Lightweight Torpedoes and three MK 54 Exercise Torpedoes are estimated to cost USD63 million. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- “Harpoon Block II air launched missiles” & “lightweight torpedoes” - \$155 million
- Sold by USA – to India
- USA: Capital – Washington, D.C. | President – Donald Trump



### 398. PERSONS IN NEWS

In view of Covid-19 pandemic and subsequent lockdown, the University Grants Commission constituted an Expert Committee to deliberate and make recommendations on the issues related to the Examinations and the Academic Calendar to avoid academic loss and take appropriate measures for the future of students. The Expert Committee was headed by Prof. R. C. Kuhad, Former Member, UGC and Vice Chancellor, Central University of Haryana, Mahendergarh, Haryana along with other members. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- Prof. R. C. Kuhad – an Expert Committee on the issues related to the Examinations and the Academic Calendar of students
- The committee constituted by – UGC (University Grant Commission)
- HQs of UGC – New Delhi
- Chairman – Dharendra Pal Singh (D P Singh)

### 399. NATIONAL AND STATES AFFAIRS

Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has successfully developed a double layered Khadi mask and has procured orders for supplying it in large quantities. To add to its success, KVIC has recently bagged an order to supply 7.5 lakh pieces of Khadi Masks to Jammu & Kashmir Government alone. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- Khadi and Village Industries Commission(KVIC) – developed a double layered Khadi mask
- HQs of KVIC – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Vinai Kumar Saxena

### 400. INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Cyclone Harold has leveled buildings and caused dangerous flooding across Fiji's largest island of Viti Levu, after pummeling Vanuatu as a category-five storm. [Click here for more details](#)

#### Key Points:

- Cyclone Harold – Fiji & Vanuatu Islands
- Vanuatu – Port Vila – Vatu | President – Tallis Obed Moses



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