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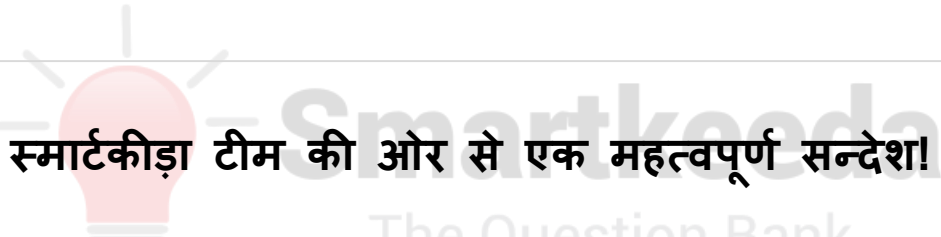
Hi Folks! We hope you all are doing well. We would like to state here that this PDF is meant for preparing for the upcoming MockDrill Test of April 2021 Month at Testzone. In this Current Affairs PDF we have added all the important Current Affairs information in form of 'Key-points' which are crucial 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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मित्रों! हम आशा करते हैं की आप सभी स्वस्थ और कुशल होंगे। इस सन्देश के माध्यम से हम आपसे यह कहना चाहते हैं की ये PDF अप्रैल 2021 माह में Testzone पर होने वाले MockDrill Test में आपकी तैयारी को बेहतर करने के लिए उपलब्ध करायी जा रही है। इस PDF में हमने कुछ अति आवश्यक 'Key-Points' के माध्यम से आपको सम-सामयिकी (Current Affairs) सूचनाओं से अवगत कराया है और अगर आप MockDrill में अपनी योग्यता सिद्ध करना चाहते हैं तो आपके लिए हर सूचना को पढना, समझना और उसे याद रखना भी अति आवश्यक है क्योंकि MockDrill में शामिल किए गए प्रश्न PDF में दी गयी सूचना या जानकारी पर ही आधारित होंगे।

हम आशा करते हैं की आप इस PDF का भरपूर लाभ उठाते हुए आने वाले MockDrill Test में बेहतर अंक प्राप्त करेंगे।

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National & States Affairs

1. The Maharashtra government has introduced a raft of strict measures like weekend and night curfews. All these new restrictions will be called “Break the Chain” instead of “Mission Begin Again”, a campaign that was launched by the state government for phase-wise reopening of lockdown last year. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Maharashtra – introduced new restrictions called “Break the Chain”
- “Mission Begin Again” campaign – was launched by Maharashtra in 2020
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

2. Union Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan has virtually inaugurated Alignment and Awareness Event for publicity of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research - Promoting Innovations in Individuals, Startups and MSMEs (DSIR-PRISM) scheme at IIT Delhi. Shri Sanjay Dhotre was the Guest of Honour on this occasion. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dr Harsh Vardhan – inaugurated Alignment & Awareness Event for publicity of “DSIR-PRISM” scheme – at IIT Delhi
- Guest of Honour on this occasion – Sanjay Dhotre
- DSIR-PRISM – Department of Scientific & Industrial Research - Promoting Innovations in Individuals, Startups & MSMEs

3. Union Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal has inaugurated “Anandam: The Center for Happiness” at the Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Jammu. The prime activities envisaged under the concept of “Anandam: The Center for Happiness” will be divided into 5 broad categories - Counselling, Holistic wellness, Elective courses on Happiness Development, Research and Leadership & Faculty Development. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ramesh Pokhriyal inaugurated “Anandam: The Center for Happiness” – at IIM Jammu
- The concept will be divided into 5 broad categories:
 - Counselling
 - Holistic wellness
 - Elective courses on Happiness Development
 - Research and Leadership
 - Faculty Development

4. Road, Transport and Highways Ministry has published the draft rules regarding concession in Motor Vehicle Tax against scrapped vehicles. Under the draft rules, people will get 25% concession on the purchase of personal vehicles with vehicle scrappage certificate while on the purchase of commercial vehicles, the tax relief will be 15%. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- People will get 25% tax concession on the purchase of personal vehicles with Vehicle Scrappage Certificate
- People will get 15% tax concession on the purchase of commercial vehicles with Vehicle Scrappage Certificate



5. TRIFED, under Ministry of Tribal Affairs is expanding its retail operations across India. The latest outlet, the 131st Tribes India Flagship Store was inaugurated in Jabalpur on March 25, 2021, making it the third outlet in the state of Madhya Pradesh. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 131st Tribes India Flagship Store – inaugurated in Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh
- Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Anandiben Patel

6. AYUSH Ministry in collaboration with Vinoba Seva Pratishthan has successfully organized a 3-days “Ayurveda Parav” in Bhubaneswar from 26th to 28th March 2021. The 3-days event was inaugurated by Padma Vibhushan Dr Raghunath Mohapatra, Hon’ble Member of Rajya Sabha. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- AYUSH Ministry + Vinoba Seva Pratishthan = successfully organized a 3-days “Ayurveda Parav” in Bhubaneswar
- MoS of AYUSH – Shripad Yesso Naik | Constituency – North Goa
- Location of Vinoba Seva Pratishthan – Bhubaneswar, Odisha

7. On April 1, Minister of State for Ports, Shipping & Waterways (I/C) Mansukh L. Mandaviya has virtually flagged off the Cruise service from Hazira Port of Surat to Diu. The cruise has a capacity of 300 passengers and has 16 cabins. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mansukh Mandaviya flagged off the Cruise service – from Hazira Port of Surat to Diu
- MoS I/C in Ministry of Shipping – Mansukh L. Mandaviya | Constituency – Gujarat
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat

8. The largest US cryptocurrency exchange Coinbase with over 43 million verified will be setting up its physical office initially in Hyderabad as it prepares to establish its business presence in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Coinbase – to set up its physical office in Hyderabad, Telangana, India
- Telangana: Capital – Hyderabad | CM – K. Chandrashekar Rao | Governor – Tamilisai Soundararajan
- HQs of Coinbase – San Francisco, California, US | CEO – Brian Armstrong

9. A new passenger train “Mitali Express” connecting Dhaka and New Jalpaiguri city in West Bengal was inaugurated jointly by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Bangladeshi counterpart Sheikh Hasina. This is the third passenger train after Maitree Express (Dhaka-Kolkata) and Bandhan Express (Khulna-Kolkata). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Mitali Express” (3rd passenger train) – inaugurated between Dhaka & New Jalpaiguri (West Bengal)
- Bangladesh – Dhaka – Taka | PM – Seikh Hasina | President – Abdul Hamid
- West Bengal: Capital – Kolkata | CM – Mamta Banerjee | Governor – Jagdeep Dhankar



10. On April 1, The Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions (OSH&WC) Code, 2020 has been enacted after amalgamating of 13 different labour legislations and to simplify the laws regulating the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions in establishments. Ministry of Labour & Employment has set up 3 Expert Committees for suggesting standards under the OSH&WC Code, 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Labour & Employment – set up 3 Expert Committees to review standards under OSH & WC Code, 2020

Committee	Chairmanship
Expert Committee for Factories and Dock Works	R. K. Elangovan
Expert Committee for the Building & Other Construction Works	P. L. N. Murthy
Expert Committee for Fire Safety	D. K. Shami

11. Government has made mandatory that a GST taxpayer having turnover of more than Rs 5 Cr in the preceding financial year will have to furnish 6 digits Harmonised System of Nomenclature HSN Code, or Service Accounting Code, SAC from tomorrow on the invoices issued for supplies of taxable goods and services. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Furnishing 6 digits HSN Code or SAC is made mandatory for GST taxpayers with more than Rs 5 Cr turnover

12. On April 2, Union Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' has launched the “MyNEP2020” Platform of National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) Web Portal which will be operational from April 1 to May 15, 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Education – launched the “MyNEP2020” Platform of NCTE Web Portal
- Ministry of Education – Ramesh Pokhriyal ‘Nishank’ (Constituency – Haridwar, Uttarakhand)

13. The government has extended the deadline for intimating the Aadhaar number to the Income Tax Department for linking the UID number to tax payers’ PAN by another 3 months to June 30, 2021. This is the 9th time that the deadline has been extended for individuals to link their PAN with Aadhaar. The earlier deadline was March 31, 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- New deadline for individuals to link their PAN with Aadhaar – June 30, 2021 (extended for the 9th time - by 3 months)

14. On April 2, Rajasthan Renewable Energy Corporation Ltd (RRECL) has commissioned India’s first farm-based Solar Power Project under the PM-Kusum (Pradhan Mantri-Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthan Mahabhiyan) scheme in Kotputli having 1 megawatt capacity spread over on 3.5 acre semi-barren land. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rajasthan – commissioned India’s first farm-based Solar Power Project under the PM-Kusum scheme
- PM-Kusum scheme – under Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
- Rajasthan: Capital – Jaipur | CM – Ashok Gehlot | Governor – Kalraj Mishra



15. Srinagar's Dal Lake along with 5 other famous ones in Jammu and Kashmir is to be declared as Protected Wetlands. The other lakes include Purmandal lake (also called Chotta Kashi, located in Samba district), Manasbal, Sanasar, Wular & Nigeen lakes. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dal, Wular, Purmandal, Manasbal Sanasar, Nigeen (lakes in J&K) – declared as Protected Wetlands
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha

16. The Indian Railways has logged highest-ever electrification of sections covering 6,015 Route Kilometre (RKM) in a single year during 2020-21. The Railways has planned to fully electrify its tracks by December 2023. It has surpassed the previous highest of 5,276 RKM achieved in 2018-19. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian Railways – logged highest-ever electrification of sections covering 6,015 RKM in a single year 2020-21
- Railways' plan to fully electrify its tracks – by December 2023
- HQs of Indian Railways – New Delhi | Chairman & CEO – Suneet Sharma

17. Ghaziabad Nagar Nigam has raised Rs 150 Cr by issuing municipal bond on private placement basis using the BSE BOND platform. This is the first ever green bond issuance by a municipal corporation. The BSE BOND platform was launched in July 2016. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ghaziabad Nagar Nigam (UP) – raised Rs 150 Cr by issuing municipal bond via BSE BOND platform
- HQs of BSE – Mumbai, MH | Chairman – Sethurathnam Ravi | MD & CEO – Shri Ashishkumar Chauhan
- BSE is Asia's 1st Stock Exchange Company

18. The steam engine of the 'First Passenger Train' will be installed at Thane railway station premises. The first passenger train in India ran from Mumbai (Bori Bunder) to Thane on April 16, 1853 and covered a distance of 34 km in 1 hour and 15 minutes. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The steam Engine of the 'First Passenger Train' will be installed – at Thane (Maharashtra)
- The 'First Passenger Train' in India ran from Mumbai to Thane on April 16, 1853

19. On April 2, The government has approved a commission under 'National Programme for Civil Services Capacity Building' (NPCSCB), also known as "Mission Karmayogi", to train civil servants at all levels. Former Quality Council of India (QCI) Chief Adil Zainulbhai has been appointed as the chairperson of this Commission. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Government approved a Capacity Building Commission under 'Mission Karmayogi'
- Chairperson of this Commission – Adil Zainulbhai



20. On April 2, India holds the world record for fastest road construction. The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has constructed 13,394 km of highways in fiscal year 2020-21. The speed of highways construction in India has touched a record 37 km per day in financial year 2020-21. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Road Transport and Highways constructed 13,394 km of highways in fiscal year 2020-21
- The speed of highways construction in India in FY 2020-21 – 37 km per day

21. On 30 March 2021, after CCRS Inspection and Commissioning of electrification of Kota – Chittaurgarh railway section (Srinagar – Jalindri) in the state of Rajasthan, West Central Railways has become the first fully Electrified Railway Zone in India. The zonal railway now boasts 3012 Route Km electrified network. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- West Central Railways became the 1st fully Electrified Railway Zone in India
- HQs of West Central Railways – Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh | General Manager – Shailendra K. Singh

International Affairs

22. The 'Ever Given' container ship of Shoeni Kisen Kaisha Ltd, was stuck at an angle of 30 degrees in Egypt's Suez Canal. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 'Ever Given' container ship – stuck in Suez Canal (Egypt)
- Egypt – Cairo – Egyptian Pound | President – Abdel Fattah el-Sisi

23. Cognizant has launched the "Cognizant Returnship Programme", a 12-week paid initiative for technology professionals looking to restart their careers after a break. Women professionals form around 38% of Cognizant's overall workforce in India and nearly 45% of the company's workforce in tier-2 cities. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Cognizant – launched a 12-week paid initiative "Cognizant Returnship Programme" for Technology Professionals
- HQs of Cognizant – New Jersey, United States | CEO – Brian Humphries

24. The US has proposed to impose retaliatory tariffs up to 25% on a wide variety of Indian products ranging from shrimps and basmati rice to gold and silver items. This is in response to digital services tax imposed by India on non-resident e-commerce operators. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The US – to impose retaliatory tariffs up to 25% on a wide variety of Indian products
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46th President – Joe Biden | 49th VP – Kamala Harris



25. India and US have agreed to revamp the “India-US Strategic Energy Cooperation (SEP)”. Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Steel Dharmendra Pradhan held an introductory meeting virtually with US Secretary of Energy H. E. Jennifer Granholm. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India + US = agreed to revamp the “Strategic Energy Cooperation (SEP)”
- Dharmendra Pradhan – held an introductory meeting with US Secretary of Energy
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46th President – Joe Biden | 49th VP – Kamala Harris

26. PayPal Holdings Inc has started allowing U.S. consumers to use their cryptocurrency holdings to pay at millions of its online merchants globally. Customers who hold bitcoin, ether, bitcoin cash and litecoin in PayPal digital wallets will now be able to convert their holdings into fiat currencies at checkouts to make purchases. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- PayPal Holdings Inc – allowed its customers in the USA to trade with Cryptocurrencies (Bitcoin, Ether, Litecoin)
- HQs of PayPal – California, USA | CEO – Daniel Schulman

27. The world's first animal vaccine called “Carnivac-Cov” against the novel coronavirus has been registered in Russia. The immunity lasts for 6 months after the vaccination. Russia already has 3 Covid-19 vaccines for humans. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- World's first animal vaccine called “Carnivac-Cov” against novel coronavirus has been registered – in Russia
- Russia – Moscow – Russian Ruble | PM – Mikhail Mishustin | President – Vladimir Putin

Banking & Economic Affairs

28. On April 1, The RBI has extended the timeline of new Auto Debit Rule until September 30 (for 6 months). It is for all stakeholders to move to the new norms for Additional Factor Authentication (AFA) on e-mandate for recurring payments of online transactions. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI – extended the timeline of new Auto Debit Rule all stakeholders – until September 30 (for 6 months)
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April 1935

29. On April 1, The RBI has set the Ways and Means Advances (WMA) limit at Rs 1.2 lakh Cr for the central government for the first half of the financial year beginning April 1. The interest rate on WMA is equal to the repo rate and on overdraft, it is 2% above the repo rate. The current repo rate is 4%. Under the Ways and Means Advances (WMA) facility, the Centre and states can borrow money from RBI for a period of 90 days. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI – set the Ways and Means Advances (WMA) limit at Rs 1.2 lakh Cr for the central government
- Interest rate on WMA – 4% | Interest rate on overdraft – 6% (2% above the repo rate)
- Under WMA facility: Centre and states can borrow money from RBI for a period of 90 days
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April 1935



30. On April 1, ICICI Bank and Axis Bank have tied up with global e-commerce major Amazon and Visa to launch a New Umbrella Entity (NUE), which will be a rival to state-owned NPCI. ICICI Bank and Axis Bank will be co-leading the consortium with a 20 per cent stake each. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ICICI Bank & Axis Bank – tied up with – Amazon & Visa to launch a New Umbrella Entity (NUE)
- HQs of ICICI Bank – Mumbai | MD & CEO – Sandeep Bakhshi | Tagline – “Hum Hain Na!”
- HQs of Axis Bank – Mumbai | MD & CEO – Amitabh Chaudhry | Tagline – “Badhti ka Naam Zindagi”
- HQs of Amazon – Seattle , USA | Present CEO – Jeff Bezos (Andy Jassy from October 2021)
- HQs of Visa – Foster City, California | CEO – Alfred F. Kelly | Founded in – 1958

31. On April 1, The government has announced an infusion of Rs 14,500 Cr into 4 banks - Central Bank of India, Indian Overseas Bank, Bank of India and UCO Bank by issuing Non-interest Bearing Zero-Coupon Recapitalisation Bonds. Zero-Coupon Recapitalisation Bonds are Tradable bonds, through which weak Public Sector Banks (PSBs) can raise money. Government has also allocated Rs 20,000 Cr for FY-22 for capital infusion in PSBs to meet their regulatory requirements. The government has given nearly Rs 2.5 trillion for recapitalization of banks. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The government has announced an infusion of Rs 14,500 Cr into 4 banks – CBoI, IOB, BoI & UCO Bank
- The infusion will be done by issuing “Non-interest Bearing Zero-Coupon Recapitalisation Bonds”
- Government also allocated Rs 20,000 Cr for FY-22 for capital infusion in PSBs

32. On April 1, As per the data released by the RBI, India’s current account has recorded a deficit of \$1.7 billion in the December quarter (Q3FY21) after two quarters of surplus. The RBI showed merchandise trade deficit rose to \$34.5 billion from \$ 14.8 billion in the preceding quarter. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India’s current account – recorded a deficit of \$1.7 billion in Q3FY21
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April 1935

33. On April 1, CDC Group and Northern Arc have jointly structured a Pooled Bond Issuance (PBI) transaction worth Rs 320 Cr in India through Non-Convertible Debentures (NCDs). The Rs 320 Cr fund will support 6 domestic microfinance institutions (MFIs). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CDC Group + Northern Arc = jointly structured a Pooled Bond Issuance (PBI) transaction worth Rs 320 Cr in India
- Non-Convertible Debentures (NCDs) – are used in this investment
- HQs of CDC Group – UK | CEO – Nick O'Donohoe
- HQs of Northern Arc – Chennai, Tamil Nadu | CEO – Ravi Vukkadala



34. On April 1, National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has formed its wholly-owned subsidiary firm “NPCI Bharat BillPay Ltd (NBBL)”. The new entity came into effect from April 1, 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NPCI – formed a wholly-owned subsidiary “NPCI Bharat BillPay Ltd (NBBL)”
- HQs of NPCI – Mumbai | Chairman – Biswamohan Mahapatra | MD&CEO – Dilip Asbe | Established in – 2008

35. The Central government has decided to retain the inflation target of 4%, with a tolerance band of +/- 2% points for the Monetary Policy Committee of the RBI for the coming 5 years (April 1, 2021, to March 31, 2026). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Central government – decided to retain the inflation target of 4% for 5 years (with a tolerance band of +/- 2% points)
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April 1935

36. On April 1, ICICI Bank and digital payment wallet PhonePe have partnered for issuance of FASTag. FASTag is a brand name owned by Indian Highways Management Company Ltd (IHMCL). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ICICI Bank + PhonePe = partnership for issuance of FASTag
- HQs of ICICI Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Sandeep Bakhshi | Tagline – “Hum Hain Na!”
- HQs of PhonePE – Bangalore, Karnataka | MD & CEO – Sameer Nigam

37. On April 1, The Centre’s fiscal deficit in the first 11 months of FY21 has touched Rs 14.1 trillion (lakh Cr) which is about 76% of the 2020-21 Revised Estimates Fiscal Deficit of Rs 18.48 trillion (lakh Cr) and 36% higher than last year’s corresponding level of Rs 10.4 trillion. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The Centre’s fiscal deficit in the first 11 months of FY21 – touched Rs 14.1 trillion (lakh Cr)
- 2020-21 Revised Estimates Fiscal Deficit – Rs 18.48 trillion (lakh Cr)

38. As instances of cyber-security breaches at Indian tech startups over the last few months is on the rise, the Reserve Bank of India has tightened its supervision norms over payment companies storing customer data. From April 1, all licensed Payment System Operators (PSOs) will have to submit detailed ‘compliance certificates’ to the RBI twice a year. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- All licensed PSOs will have to submit detailed ‘compliance certificates’ to the RBI twice a year – from April 1
- PSOs – Payment System Operators
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April 1935



Defence Affairs

39. The 11th edition of Indo-US joint Special Forces Exercise “Vajra Prahar 2021” was conducted at Special Forces training school located at Bakloh, in Himachal Pradesh. India and the US carried out a 2-day naval exercise in the eastern Indian Ocean Region on March 28 and 29. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 11th edition of Indo-US joint Special Forces Exercise “Vajra Prahar 2021” – conducted at Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh
- Himachal Pradesh: Capital – Shimla & Dharamshala | CM – Jai Ram Thakur | Governor – Bandaru Dattatreya

40. Two French Naval Ships - Tonnerre (Amphibious Assault Ship) and Surcouf (Frigate Class Ship) have arrived at Cochin Port Trust on a goodwill visit to Kochi. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ‘Tonnerre’ & ‘Surcouf’ (French Naval Ships) – arrived at Cochin Port Trust on a goodwill visit to Kochi
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan
- France – Paris – Euro | President – Emmanuel Macron | PM – Jean Castex

41. On April 1, The 4th batch of 3 IAF Rafales has landed in Indian after a direct ferry from Istres Air Base France. India had ordered 36 fighter jets from French aerospace company Dassault Aviation for Rs. 59,000 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India received – 4th batch of 3 IAF Rafales from France
- India had ordered 36 fighter jets – from Dassault Aviation (France)
- France – Paris – Euro | President – Emmanuel Macron | New PM – Jean Castex

42. A 30 member Indian Army delegation has arrived in Dhaka to participate in a multinational military exercise named “Shantir Ogroshena 2021” organised by Bangladesh from April 4 to 12 to mark the birth centenary of the Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and the golden jubilee of the liberation of Bangladesh. Apart from India, Bhutan & Sri Lanka have also participated. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India + Bhutan + Sri Lanka = participated in the “Shantir Ogroshena 2021” organised by Bangladesh
- Bhutan – Thimphu – Bhutanese Ngultrum | PM – Lotay Tshering
- Bangladesh – Dhaka – Taka | PM – Sheikh Hasina | President – Abdul Hamid
- Sri Lanka – Colombo/Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte – Sri Lankan rupee
- PM – Mahinda Rajapaksa | President – Gotabaya Rajapaksa

Schemes & Initiatives

43. On April 1, The finance ministry has withdrawn its decision to slash interest rates on small savings schemes like the Public Provident Fund and the National Savings Certificate (NSC). According to the latest decision, PPF and NSC will continue to offer interest of 7.1% and 6.8% for the coming 3 months. The Senior Citizen Savings Scheme will now earn 7.4% and the Sukanya Samriddhi Account scheme will now bear an interest of 7.6% from April 1. While, the Kisan Vikas Patra will offer 6.9% interest. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Interest Rate of Small Savings Scheme for the Q1 of FY22:

Public Provident Fund (PPF)	7.1%
National Savings Certificate (NSC)	6.8%
Senior Citizen Savings Scheme	7.4%
Sukanya Samriddhi Account scheme	7.6%
Kisan Vikas Patra	6.9%
Post Office Savings Account	4%

44. Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog has launched “AIM-PRIME” (Program for Researchers on Innovations, Market-Readiness & Entrepreneurship), an initiative to promote and support science-based deep-tech startups & ventures across India. AIM has joined hands with Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) to launch this nationwide program which will be implemented by Venture Center. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- AIM (NITI Aayog) – launched “AIM-PRIME” to promote and support science-based deep-tech startups
- PRIME – Program for Researchers on Innovations, Market-Readiness & Entrepreneurship
- AIM – a flagship of NITI Aayog (HQs of AIM – New Delhi | Director – Ramanan Ramanathan)
- HQs of NITI Aayog – New Delhi | CEO – Amitabh Kant
- Chairperson – Narendra Modi | Vice Chairperson – Rajiv Kumar

45. The Union Cabinet has approved the Central Sector Scheme - “Production Linked Incentive Scheme for Food Processing Industry (PLISFPI)” to support creation of global food manufacturing champions with an outlay of Rs 10900 Cr. The first component relates to incentivising manufacturing of 4 major food product segments viz. Ready to Cook/ Ready to Eat (RTC/ RTE) foods, Processed Fruits & Vegetables, Marine Products, Mozzarella Cheese. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Cabinet – approved the “Production Linked Incentive Scheme for Food Processing Industry (PLISFPI)”
- Outlay – Rs 10900 Cr
- 4 major food product segments:
 - Ready to Cook/ Ready to Eat (RTC/ RTE) foods
 - Processed Fruits & Vegetables
 - Marine Products
 - Mozzarella Cheese



46. On April 1, The government has extended the ₹3-lakh-Cr Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) by another 3 months till June 30 and also widened its scope to new sectors, including hospitality, travel and tourism. ECLGS 3.0 would involve extending credit of up to 40% of total credit outstanding across all lending institutions and tenor of loans granted under ECLGS 3.0 would be 6 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Government extended the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme – for further 3 months (till June 30)
- Outlay of the ECLGS – ₹3 lakh Cr

47. Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh has launched a free travel facility for women in government buses within the state. Initially, the promise was to reduce bus ticket prices for women by 50%. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Punjab – launched a free travel facility for women in government buses
- Punjab: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Captain Amarinder Singh | Governor – V. P. Singh Badnore

Sports & Games

48. Virat Kohli has become the third captain to lead India in 200 international matches. He led India for the 200th time in the third ODI against England. Thus, he joined his predecessor MS Dhoni and Mohammad Azharuddin as the only players to have led India in 200 international matches. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Virat Kohli – became the 3rd captain to lead India in 200 international matches
- 1st – MS Dhoni | 2nd – Mohammad Azharuddin

49. All-rounder Thisara Perera has become the first Sri Lankan to hit 6 sixes in an over in any form of professional cricket during a domestic tournament. Perera has played six Tests, 166 ODIs and 64 T20 Internationals. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Thisara Perera – became the 1st Sri Lankan to hit 6 sixes in an over in any form of professional Cricket
- Sri Lanka – Colombo/Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte – Sri Lankan rupee
- PM – Mahinda Rajapaksa | President – Gotabaya Rajapaksa

50. Indian Premier League (IPL) side Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) has signed a strategic long-term partnership with global sports brand Puma. Under the terms of the deal, Puma will be the official kit partner of RCB from the upcoming season of the league. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RCB + Puma = a strategic long-term partnership
- HQs of Puma – Herzogenaurach, Germany | CEO – Bjorn Gulden
- Chairman of the IPL Governing Council – Brijesh Patel | Title sponsor of the 14th edition of “IPL 2021” – Vivo



51. The “2023 Women's World Cup” will be spread across 9 cities & 10 stadiums in Australia and New Zealand. This World Cup will also be the first to feature 32 teams, up from the 24 that participated in the 2019 women's tournament in France. The U.S. women's national team is the defending champion. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “2023 Women's World Cup” will be spread across 9 cities & 10 stadiums in Australia & New Zealand
- Australia – Canberra – Australian Dollar | PM – Scott Morrison
- New Zealand – Wellington – Dollar (NZD) | Prime Minister – Jacinda Ardern

52. On April 1, Aniyam Midhun of Nattika (Kerala) has won the Gold at the “South Asian Wushu Championship” that concluded in Nepal on March 31. She represented India in the 70-kg category. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Aniyam Midhun (Kerala) – won the Gold at the “South Asian Wushu Championship” (70-kg category)
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

53. The International Boxing Association (AIBA) has announced that the “2023 men's Boxing World Championships” will be held in Uzbekistan capital Tashkent. The competition will be hosted by Uzbekistan for the first time. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tashkent, Uzbekistan – to host men's “Boxing World Championships - 2023”
- Uzbekistan – Tashkent – So'm | President – Shavkat Mirziyoyev
- HQs of AIBA – Lausanne, Switzerland | President – Umar Kremlev (from Russia)

54. On April 2, Hubert Hurkacz of Poland has won the biggest title of his career beating 19-year-old Jannik Sinner of Italy in the Men's singles title at the “Miami Open 2021”. Ashleigh Barty has won the Women's title of “Miami Open 2021”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Hubert Hurkacz (Poland) – won Men's singles title at the “Miami Open 2021”
- Ashleigh Barty (Australia) – won Women's singles title at the “Miami Open 2021”

Important Days & Dates

55. The India Centre for Migration (ICM) has celebrated its Foundation Day on March 27 as part of India@75 celebrations. ICM is a research thinktank of the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA). It was established in 2008. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- March 27 – Foundation Day of India Centre for Migration (ICM)
- India Centre for Migration – a research thinktank of the Ministry of External Affairs



56. 'Utkal Divas' or 'Odisha day' is observed on April 1 every year. This year, Odisha celebrates its 86th foundation day. In 1936, Odisha was the first state that was formed on a linguistic basis. Earlier, it was the part of Bihar. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- April 1 – 'Utkal Divas' or 'Odisha day' or 86th foundation day of Odisha
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

57. April 2 is Hans Christian Andersen's birthday and since 1967 "International Children's Book Day" has been celebrated on or around this day to inspire a love of reading and to call attention to children's books. This year, the theme is "The Music of Words". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- April 2 – International Children's Book Day (since 1967 | Birth anniversary of Hans Christian Andersen)
- Theme – "The Music of Words"

58. April 2 is recognised internationally and celebrated as "World Autism Awareness Day" every year since 2012. This year, the theme is "Inclusion in the Workplace: Challenges and Opportunities in a Post-Pandemic World". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- April 2 – World Autism Awareness Day (since 2012)
- Theme – "Inclusion in the Workplace: Challenges and Opportunities in a Post-Pandemic World"

59. On April 1, The Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions has declared in a notification that April 14 will be a public holiday for all central government offices on account of the birth anniversary of Dr BR Ambedkar. He was awarded India's highest civilian honour 'Bharat Ratna' in 1990. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- April 14 – Public Holiday for all central government offices – due to birth anniversary of Dr BR Ambedkar

Meetings, Conferences and Summits

60. On April 1, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has attended the 9th Ministerial Conference of Heart of Asia - Istanbul Process (HoA-IP) on Afghanistan in Dushanbe, Tajikistan. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- S Jaishankar – attended 9th Ministerial Conference of Heart of Asia - Istanbul Process (HoA-IP) in Dushanbe, Tajikistan
- Tajikistan – Dushanbe – Somoni | President – Emomali Rahmon



61. Dr. Harsh Vardhan has participated in a panel discussion on vaccine production and distribution across Asia at the 1st “World Immunisation and Logistics Summit” conducted by the HOPE Consortium in Abu Dhabi, UAE. Dr. Harsh Vardhan showcased India’s vaccine administration program; the development of two vaccines in our country- Covishield and Covaxin. India produces 60% of the world’s vaccine. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dr. Harsh Vardhan – participated in the 1st “World Immunisation and Logistics Summit”
- The summit was conducted by the HOPE Consortium – in Abu Dhabi, UAE

62. The External Affairs Minister of India, Dr. S. Jaishankar has participated in the 17th BIMSTEC Ministerial Meeting on April 1, 2021. The meeting was chaired by Sri Lanka. He highlighted the Master Connectivity Plan among the South and Southeast Asian countries. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- S. Jaishankar – participated in the 17th BIMSTEC Ministerial Meeting – chaired by Sri Lanka
- BIMSTEC member countries: 7 – Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Myanmar & Thailand
- HQs of BIMSTEC – Dhaka, Bangladesh | Secretary General – H. E. Mr. Tenzin Lekphell
- Sri Lanka – Colombo/Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte – Sri Lankan rupee
- PM – Mahinda Rajapaksa | President – Gotabaya Rajapaksa



Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

63. On April 1, Actor Rajinikanth will receive the 51st Dadasaheb Phalke Award, the highest award in Indian cinema. The prestigious award is named after the father of Indian cinema, Dhundiraj Govind Phalke, and was instituted in 1969. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rajinikanth – to receive the 51st Dadasaheb Phalke Award
- The award was instituted – in 1969 | Named after – Dhundiraj Govind Phalke

64. On April 2, Andhra Pradesh Governor Biswa Bhusan Harichandan has been conferred the “Kalinga Ratna” award for the year 2021. The award instituted by Sarala Sahitya Sansad and was presented by M. Venkaiah Naidu during the 600th Birth Anniversary of Adikabi Sarala Das. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Biswa Bhusan Harichandan – conferred the “Kalinga Ratna Award 2021” – by M. Venkaiah Naidu
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amaravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan

Appointments & Resignations

65. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has extended the tenure of J&K Bank Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) R K Chhibber by another 6 months from April 10, 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- R K Chhibber – tenure extended for 6 months as MD & Chairman of – J&K Bank
- HQs of J&K Bank – Sri Nagar, J & K | MD & Chairman – R K Chhibber

66. On April 1, Subhash Kumar, Director (Finance) of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC), has assumed additional charge of the post of Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) upon the superannuation of incumbent CMD Shashi Shanker. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Subhash Kumar – assumed additional charge as Chairman & MD of ONGC
- HQs of ONGC – New Delhi | CMD – Subhash Kumar (additional charge)

67. On April 1, The Board of Britannia Industries has appointed former Reserve Bank Governor Urjit Patel as the company's Additional Director in the category of Non-Executive and Independent Director for a 5-year period. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Urjit Patel – appointed as Additional Director of Britannia Industries
- HQs of Britannia Industries – Bangalore, Karnataka | CEO – Varun Berry

68. On April 1, Mukhmeet S. Bhatia has assumed charge as Director General of Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC). Bhatia is an IAS officer of 1990 batch of Jharkhand cadre. Earlier, he has worked as Additional Secretary in Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mukhmeet S. Bhatia – assumed charge as Director General of ESIC
- HQs of ESIC – New Delhi | Director General – Mukhmeet S. Bhatia

69. On April 1, Slovakia President Zuzana Caputova has appointed the new cabinet led by Prime Minister Eduard Heger two days after the previous government of Igor Matovic resigned. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Eduard Heger – swore in as new Prime Minister of Slovakia
- Slovakia – Bratislava – Euro | President – Zuzana Caputova | PM – Eduard Heger



70. On April 1, Mallika Srinivasan, Chairman and Managing Director of Tractors and Farm Equipment (TAFE) Ltd, has been appointed as Chairperson of the Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB). Mallika Srinivasan will hold office for 3 years from the date of assumption of charge or until she turns 65. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mallika Srinivasan – appointed as Chairperson of the Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB)
- HQs of PESB – New Delhi | Chairperson – Mallika Srinivasan

Amount & Agreements

71. The New Development Bank (NDB) has approved a loan of up to \$1 billion to support healthcare workers treating patients for COVID-19 in Russia, during the 6th Annual meeting of the Board of Governors of NDB. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NDB – approved a loan of up to \$1 billion to support healthcare workers treating patients for COVID-19 – in Russia
- HQs of NDB – Shanghai, China | President – Marcos Troyjo
- NDB established by – BRICS Countries – in 2014
- BRICS Countries – Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa
- Russia – Moscow – Russian Ruble | PM – Mikhail Mishustin | President – Vladimir Putin

72. India and Japan have signed 4 agreements under which Tokyo is to support health care projects funded under the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Projects (GGP) scheme in India. The total amount to be disbursed for the four projects is around 29.30 million Yen (\$ 265,000). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India + Japan = 4 agreements worth 29.30 million Yen (\$265,000) under the GGP scheme in India
- Japan – Tokyo – Yen | PM – Yoshihide Suga

73. On April 1, General Electric (GE) has signed a 22-year maintenance services agreement to provide maintenance services and digital solutions for the upcoming 718 Megawatt (MW) combined-cycle power plant at Meghnaghat in Bangladesh. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- General Electric – to provide maintenance services for 718 MW power plant – in Meghnaghat, Bangladesh
- Bangladesh – Dhaka – Taka | PM – Sheikh Hasina | President – Abdul Hamid
- HQs of GE – Massachusetts, US | CEO – H. Lawrence Culp Jr.



74. Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) has signed an agreement with India to provide loan of Japanese Yen 52,036 million (₹3,717 Cr) for the development of Phase 2 of 'R6, 2A and 2B' of Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) in Bengaluru. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- JICA + India = an agreement worth Yen 52,036 million (₹3,717 Cr) – to develop Phase 2 of Bangalore Metro Rail
- Japan – Tokyo – Yen | PM – Yoshihide Suga

75. The World Bank and Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) have approved loan for \$300 million (about Rs 2,190 Cr) canal-based drinking water projects in Punjab. The project is aimed at ensuring quality drinking water and minimise water losses for Amritsar and Ludhiana. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- World Bank + AIIB = approved loan for \$300 million (Rs 2,190 Cr) canal-based drinking water projects in Punjab
- Punjab: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Captain Amarinder Singh | Governor – V. P. Singh Badnore
- HQs of AIIB – Beijing, China | President – Jin Lique
- HQs of World Bank – Washington D.C., USA | Member Countries – 189
- President – David Malpass | MD & CFO – Anshula Kant

76. The National Investment & Infrastructure Fund Ltd (NIIFL) has announced an investment of ₹2,100 Cr in Manipal Hospitals through its Strategic Opportunities Fund. This investment marks the fund's first investment in the Indian healthcare sector. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NIIFL – announced an investment of ₹2,100 Cr in Manipal Hospitals through its Strategic Opportunities Fund
- HQs of NIIFL – New Delhi | MD & CEO – Sujoy Bose | Founded in – 2015
- Manipal Hospitals based in – Bengaluru, Karnataka

77. On April 1, The World Bank Board of Executive Directors has approved a \$32 million project titled “Mizoram Health Systems Strengthening Project” to improve management capacity and quality of health services in Mizoram. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- World Bank – approved a \$32 million project to improve Health Services in Mizoram
- Mizoram: Capital – Aizawl | CM – Zoramthanga | Governor – P. S. Sreedharan Pillai
- HQs of World Bank – Washington D.C., USA | Member Countries – 189
- President – David Malpass | MD & CFO – Anshula Kant



78. On April 2, India has contributed \$300,000 to the United Nations agency for Gender Equality and Women Empowerment (UN Women), as confirmed by India's Permanent Secretary to the UN, T. S. Tirumurti. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India contributed \$300,000 to UN Women
- India's Permanent Secretary to the UN – T. S. Tirumurti
- HQs of UN Women – New York, USA | Executive Director – Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka

79. With the aim of strengthening road infrastructure in the Terai region of Nepal, India has provided Nepali Rs 800 Cr of grant assistance under an MoU. The project has been implemented under the 'Government of India funding and Government of Nepal implementation' modality. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India provided NRs 800 Cr of grant assistance to strengthen Road Infrastructure – in Terai region, Nepal
- Nepal – Kathmandu – Nepalese Rupee | President – Bidhya Devi Bhandari

80. On April 1, Airtel Africa has announced that Mastercard would invest \$100 million (about ₹733 Cr) in its wholly-owned subsidiary Airtel Mobile Commerce BV (AMC BV). The latest deal values Airtel Africa's mobile money business at \$2.65 billion on a cash and debt-free basis. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mastercard – to invest \$100 million (about ₹733 Cr) in Airtel Mobile Commerce BV (AMC BV)
- HQs of Mastercard – New York, USA | CEO – Ajay Banga (From Jan 2021 - Michael Miebach)

Ranks, Reports & Surveys

81. On April 1, India has slipped 28 places from 112th to 140th among 156 countries in the World Economic Forum's "Global Gender Gap Report 2021", becoming the third-worst performer in South Asia. India has closed 62.5% of its gender gap till date. For the 12th time, Iceland is the most gender-equal country in the world. Only Pakistan & Afghanistan are the countries from South Asian Region that were ranked behind India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Global Gender Gap Report 2021" – released by the WEF
- India (62.5%) – 140th out of 156 countries | Top – Iceland (followed by Finland & Norway)
- HQs of WEF – Cologny, Switzerland | Executive Chairman & Founder – Klaus Schwab | Founded in – 1971

82. The report by ACI Worldwide claimed India was ahead of China with 25.5 billion real-time payments transactions in 2020. The share of real-time payments volume in overall electronic transactions will exceed 50% in 2024. Digital payments will account for a 71.7% share of all the payments in India by 2025. In a nutshell, India has topped the list with most number of real-time transactions in Digital Payments in 2020 & Croatia was the fastest growing country for real-time payments based on CAGR 2020-25. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- India – topped the list with most number of real-time transactions in Digital Payments in 2020 (25.5 billion)
- Croatia – fastest growing country for real-time payments based on CAGR 2020-25
- Croatia – Zagreb – Kuna | PM – Andrej Plenkovic | President – Zoran Milanovic

83. A report titled “Forest Governance by Indigenous and Tribal Peoples” is jointly published by Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations and the Fund for the Development of Indigenous Peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean (FILAC). The FAO report is significant because it comes days after forest fires in Odisha’s Similipal highlighted the importance of engaging local communities in the first line of action. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Forest Governance by Indigenous and Tribal Peoples” report – released by FAO & FILAC
- HQs of FAO – Rome, Italy | DG – QU Dongyu | Formation – 16th October, 1945

84. The World Trade Organisation has revised upwards its prediction for Global Merchandise Trade Volume growth in 2021 to 8% compared to the 7.2% growth forecast in October 2020. India’s two top export destinations, the US and the EU are likely to see import growth of 11.4% and 8% respectively. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- WTO’s revised prediction for Global Merchandise Trade Volume growth in 2021 – 8%
- US & EU – expected to see import growth of 11.4% & 8% respectively
- HQs of WTO – Geneva, Switzerland | 7th DG – Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala (Nigeria) | Countries – 164

Acquisitions & Mergers

85. Adani Transmission Ltd (ATL) has acquired Warora-Kurnool Transmission Limited (WKTL) from Essel Infraprojects Limited for Rs 3,370 Cr. As per the agreement, WKTL will develop, operate, and maintain transmission lines aggregating to around 1,750 ckt km. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Adani Transmission – acquired Warora-Kurnool Transmission Ltd from Essel Infraprojects Ltd – for Rs 3,370 Cr
- HQs of Adani Transmission – Ahmedabad, Gujarat | CEO – Anil Kumar Sardana

86. On April 2, Reliance Infrastructure has sold its erstwhile headquarters ‘Reliance Centre’ in Santacruz, Mumbai to Yes Bank for Rs 1,200 Cr. The action was taken by the bank under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFESI) Act after the company failed to pay Rs 2,892 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Yes Bank – acquired the Rs 1200 Cr worth ‘Reliance Centre’ in Santacruz, Mumbai – for being failed to pay loans
- HQs of Yes Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Prashant Kumar | Tagline – “Experience our Expertise”
- HQs of Reliance Infrastructure – Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Punit Garg



Books & Authors

87. The Vice President Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu has released a book titled “Agriculture in India: Contemporary Challenges - in the Context of Doubling Farmers Income” authored by retired civil servant, Dr. Mohan Kanda. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Agriculture in India: Contemporary Challenges - in the Context of Doubling Farmers Income” – by Mohan Kanda
- The book was released by – M. Venkaiah Naidu

88. Prachand Praveer has written a book titled “Cinema Through Rasa: A Tryst with Masterpieces in the Light of Rasa Siddhanta”. This is translated from the original Hindi version “Abhinava Cinema” by Geeta Mirji Narayan & published by DK Printworld (P) Ltd. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Cinema Through Rasa: A Tryst with Masterpieces in the Light of Rasa Siddhanta” book – authored by Prachand Praveer
- Translated in English by – Geeta Mirji Narayan | Original Hindi version – “Abhinava Cinema”

89. On April 1, Inspired by the secrets of ‘shinise’ or Japanese companies dating back to the time of samurais, corporate leaders R. Gopalakrishnan and R. Narayanan take a deep dive into the art of growing and sustaining a business in their new book “Wisdom for Start-ups from Grownups: Discovering Corporate Ayurveda”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Wisdom for Start-ups from Grownups: Discovering Corporate Ayurveda” – by R. Gopalakrishnan & R. Narayanan

90. Vice-President M. Venkaiah Naidu has emphasised the need for people to elect their representatives on the basis of 4Cs - character, conduct, calibre and capacity. He has released the book “Suparipalana”, the Telugu translation of “Echo T Calling: Towards People-Centric Governance”, written by former Telangana Chief Secretary Shailendra K. Joshi. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Echo T Calling: Towards People-Centric Governance” – written by S. K. Joshi (Telangana Chief Secretary)
- Telugu translation “Suparipalana” – released by M. Venkaiah Naidu

91. Published by Bloomsbury, “Manohar Parrikar: Brilliant Mind, Simple Life” book authored by Nitin Anant Gokhale was released on 31 March. Manohar Parrikar, India’s former defence minister and 4-time chief minister of Goa is remembered as a popular politician, excellent administrator and a simple human being. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Manohar Parrikar: Brilliant Mind, Simple Life” book – authored by Nitin Gokhale



Obituaries

92. Beverly Cleary has passed away recently. She was 104. She is the celebrated children's author whose memories of her Oregon childhood were shared with millions through the likes of Ramona and Beezus Quimby and Henry Huggins. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Beverly Cleary – an Author – passed away

Science & Technology

93. Astrome, a women-led startup, has developed an innovative wireless product called “Giga Mesh” that gives fibre-like bandwidth at a fraction of fibre cost to help telecom operators deliver reliable, low-cost Internet services to suburban and rural areas. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Astrome – developed an innovative wireless product called “Giga Mesh”
- HQs of Astrome – Bangalore, Karnataka | CEO – Neha Satak

94. The Maharashtra government has declared a region at Amboli in Western Ghats in Sindhudurg district, where a rare freshwater fish species - “Schistura Hiranyakeshi” was discovered, as a Biodiversity Heritage Site. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Maharashtra declared ‘Amboli’ region in Western ghats in Sindhudurg district – as a Biodiversity Heritage Site
- A rare freshwater fish species - “Schistura Hiranyakeshi” was discovered – in Amboli, Sindhudurg, MH
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

95. A research led by Ritesh Patel, Vaibhav Pant, and Prof. Dipankar Banerjee from Aryabhata Research Institute of observational Sciences (ARIES), Nainital has led to the development of an algorithm, “CIISCO” (CMEs Identification in Inner Solar Corona) to detect and track the accelerating solar eruption in the lower corona. The new technique will be used in India's first solar mission ‘Aditya-L1’. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Researchers from ARIES institute developed a new Algorithm called “CIISCO” to detect and track the accelerating solar eruption
- “CIISCO” – will be used in India's first solar mission ‘Aditya-L1’
- CIISCO – CMEs Identification in Inner Solar Corona
- HQs of ARIES – Nainital, Uttarakhand | Director – Dr. Dipankar Banerjee



96. The Ministry of Jal Shakti has decided to take the digital route to use sensor-based Internet of Things (IoT) devices to effectively monitor the implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) in more than 6 lakh villages. For this, National Jal Jeevan Mission in collaboration with Tata Community Initiatives Trust (TCIT) and Tata Trusts recently completed pilot projects in several remote villages of 5 States i.e. Uttarakhand, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra, and Himachal Pradesh. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Jal Shakti Ministry – to use Internet of Things (IoT) devices to monitor the implementation of NJJM
- NJJM + TCIT + Tata Trusts = completed pilot projects in 5 States: Uttarakhand, Rajasthan, Gujarat, MH & HP
- [Minister of Jal Shakti – Gajendra Singh Sekhawat | Constituency – Jodhpur, Rajasthan](#)

97. A new species of flowering plants, recently discovered in south Maharashtra's Kolhapur district, has been named "Argyreia Sharadchandrajii" after Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) chief Sharad Pawar. The research paper "Argyreia sharadchandrajii (Convolvulaceae): A new species from the Western Ghats, India" was recently published in the Journal of the Indian Association for Angiosperm Taxonomy. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Argyreia Sharadchandrajii" (flowering Plant) – discovered in Kolhapur, Maharashtra
- It is named after – Sharad Pawar (Chief of Nationalist Congress Party)

98. On April 1, The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has developed a lightweight Bullet-Proof Jacket (BPJ) with the help of new technology. The jacket weighs around 9 kg. The jacket has been developed by Kanpur-based Defence Materials and Stores Research and Development Establishment (DMSRDE), a DRDO laboratory. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- DMSRDE-DRDO ([Kanpur](#)) – developed a lightweight Bullet-Proof Jacket (BPJ) for Armed Forces
- [HQs of DRDO – New Delhi | Chairman – G. Satheesh Reddy | Established in – 1958](#)

99. On April 1, Bharat Dynamics Ltd (BDL) manufactured "Akash Missiles" were flagged off by Lt Gen A. P. Singh for delivery to the Indian Army. BDL manufactures Akash Missiles both for the Indian Army and Indian Air Force. The Akash Weapon System is designed & developed by DRDO and manufactured by BDL. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Lt Gen A. P. Singh flagged off – "Akash Missiles" (Manufactured by – BDL | Designed & developed by – DRDO)
- [HQs of BDL – Hyderabad, Telangana | CMD – Siddharth Mishra](#)
- [HQs of DRDO – New Delhi | Chairman – G. Satheesh Reddy | Established in – 1958](#)

100. On April 3, Two researchers from IIT Kanpur have developed a touch-sensitive, tactile, haptic watch that can help visually impaired people learn what time it is by touching the face. The prototypes were developed by Siddhartha Panda and Vishwaraj Srivastava. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IIT Kanpur – developed touch-sensitive watch for the visually impaired people
- The prototypes were developed by – Siddhartha Panda & Vishwaraj Srivastava





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