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We hope you will make the best of use of this PDF and perform well in MockDrill Tests at Testzone.

All the best!

Regards

Team Smartkeeda

स्मार्टकीड़ा टीम की ओर से एक महत्वपूर्ण सन्देश!

मित्रों! हम आशा करते हैं की आप सभी स्वस्थ और कुशल होंगे।इस सन्देश के माध्यम से हम आपसे यह कहना चाहते हैं की येPDF अगस्तमाह में Testzone पर होने वालेMockDrill 100 में आपकी तैयारी को बेहतर करने के लिए उपलब्ध करायी जा रही है। इसPDF में हमने कुछ अति आवश्यक'Key-Points' के माध्यम से आपको सम-सामयिकी(Current Affairs) सूचनाओं से अवगत कराया है और अगर आपMockDrill में अपनी योग्यता सिद्ध करना चाहते हैं तो आपके लिए हर सूचना को पढ़ना, समझना और उसे याद रखना भी अति आवश्यक है क्योंकिMockDrill में शामिल किए गए प्रश्नPDF में दी गयी सूचना या जानकारी पर ही आधारित होंगे।

हम आशा करते हैं की आप इसPDF का भरपूर लाभ उठाते हुए आने वालेMockDrill Test मेंबेहतर अंक प्राप्त करेंगे।

आभार,

टीम स्मार्टकीडा



1. Science & Technology

Municipal corporations and state pollution boards have been mandated to upload datapertaining to collection and disposal of Covid-19 biomedical from residences and quarantine centres on an app called 'COVID19BWM'. The app is created by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB). {Read more}

Key Points:

- CPCB created 'COVID19BWM' app to upload datapertaining to collection and disposal of Covid-19 biomedical
- HQs of CPCB New Delhi | Chairman Shri Shiv Das Meena

2. National & States Affairs

The Electronic Vaccine Intelligence Network (eVIN), which provides technological solutions for strengthening immunisation supply chain systems, has reached 32 states and Union territories. It aims to provide real-time information on vaccine stocks and flows, and storage temperatures across all cold chain points in the country. {Read more}

Key Points:

"eVIN" – Electronic Vaccine Intelligence Network – reached 32 states and UTs

3. Obituaries

The co-creator of the computer mouse, William English has passed away recently. He was 91. He built the first mouse in 1963. {Read more}

Key Points:

- William English (USA) an Engineer passed away (The co-creator of the computer mouse)
- USA Washington, D.C. US Dollar | President Donald Trump

4. Books & Authors

The book "The Swachh Bharat Revolution", edited by Parameswaran Iyer has been translated into Hindi and published by as the Swachh Bharat Kranti. The book was officially launched by Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, and Smriti Irani in New Delhi. {Read more}

- "The Swachh Bharat Revolution" book edited by Parameswaran Iyer translated into Hindi
- Officially launched by = Gajendra Singh Shekhawat + Smriti Irani in New Delhi
- Minister of Jal Shakti Gajendra Singh Sekhawat | Constituency Jodhpur, Rajasthan
- Smriti Zubin Irani Minister of Women & Child Development, Minister of Textiles (Amethi, Uttar Pradesh)
- Parameswaran Iyer Secretary of Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation



5. National & States Affairs

The South Western Railway has commissioned the Lachyan-Hotgi section of 670 m long bridge over River Bhima. It connects Karnataka with Maharashtra through Bijapur and Sholapur districts. {Read more}

Key Points:

- South Western Railway commissioned 'Lachyan-Hotgi section' over Bhima River
- It connects Karnataka with Maharashtra
- HQs of SWRZ Hubli Junction, Karnataka
- Chairman of Indian Railways Vinod Kumar Yadav | HQs New Delhi

6. Amount & Agreements

India's Permanent Representative to the UN Ambassador T S Tirumurti handed over a cheque of \$15.46 million to the India-UN Development Partnership Fund to support developing nations in their developmental priorities across all the Sustainable Development Goals. {Read more}

Key Points:

- India contributed \$15.46 million to the 'India-UN Development Partnership Fund'
- India's Permanent Representative to the UN Ambassador T S Tirumurti
- HQs of UN New York, United States | Director Antonio Guterres

7. Current GK

The Locals in Handwara town of Jammu & Kashmir have celebrated the first year of abrogation of Article 370 by organising a two-day festival 'Bangas Awaam Mela'. {Read more}

Key Points:

- 'Bangas Awaam Mela' celebrated in Handwara, J & K (1 year of abrogation of Article 370)
- J &K: Capital Srinagar | Lt. Governor Manoj Sinha

8. National & States Affairs

Haryana Urban Local Bodies and Home Minister Anil Vij has launched the web portal "Works Management System" for the management and monitoring of development works for all the Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) in the State. {Read more}

- Anil Vij (Haryana Home Minister) launched "Works Management System" web portal
- Haryana: Capital Chandigarh | CM Manohar Lal Khattar | Governor Satyadev Narayan Arya



9. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Bharti Airtel has announced a multi-year strategic collaboration agreement (SCA) with Amazon Web Services (AWS) to deliver cloud solutions to large enterprise and small and medium enterprise (SME) customers in India. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Bharti Airtel + Amazon Web Services = collaboration to deliver cloud solutions to large enterprises & SMEs
- HQs of Bharti Airtel New Delhi | CEO & MD Gopal Vittal
- HQs of Amazon Seattle , USA | Founder & CEO Jeff Bezos

10. Science & Technology

Ashfaq Mehmood Choudhary, a 17-year-old boy from Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district, has developed a file-sharing app 'Dodo Drop'. It would enable users to share audios, videos, images, and texts between two devices without Internet access. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Ashfaq Mehmood Choudhary (J & K) developed 'Dodo Drop' a file sharing app
- J &K: Capital Srinagar | Lt. Governor Manoj Sinha

11. National & States Affairs

SEBI is planning to set up a 'Virtual Museum' of securities market to highlight achievements and milestones in the Indian capital market. In a notice, SEBI has invited Expression of Interest (EoI) from agencies to develop the virtual museum. {Read more}

Key Points:

- SEBI to set up a 'Virtual Museum' of securities market
- Eol Expression of Interest
- HQs of SEBI Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman Ajay Tyagi

12. Obituaries

Former Maharashtra chief minister Shivajirao Patil Nilangekar has passed away after a prolonged illness. He was 89. {Read more}

- Shivajirao Patil Nilangekar Politician (Former CM of Maharashtra) passed away
- Maharashtra: CM Uddhav Thackeray | Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari



13. Persons in News

Spain's former king Juan Carlos has decided to leave the country after corruption allegations about him surfaced recently. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Spain's former king Juan Carlos decided to leave the country
- Spain Madrid Euro | PM Pedro Sanchez

14. Science & Technology

The U.S. Air Force has conducted a scheduled test launch of an "LGM-30G Minuteman III" intercontinental ballistic missile with a very unusual load of three unarmed reentry vehicles. {Read more}

Key Points:

- USA conducted test launch of "LGM-30G Minuteman III" Intercontinental ballistic missile
- USA Washington, D.C. US Dollar | President Donald Trump

15. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

Uttar Pradesh government will set up industrial parks for MSMEs in 6 of its most industrialised districts. The state government has also started work on a Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the proposed 601 kmlong Ganga Expressway between Meerut and Prayagraj. It is north India's longest expressway. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Uttar Pradesh will set up industrial parks for MSMEs in 6 of its most industrialised districts
- Uttar Pradesh started work on DPR for the '601 km-long Ganga Expressway' between Meerut & Prayagraj
- UP: Capital Lucknow | CM Yogi Adityanath | Governor Anandiben Patel

16. Sports & Games

Spain's Football World Cup-winning captain and goalkeeper 'Iker Casillas' has announced his retirement from the professional game at the age of 39. {Read more}

- Iker Casillas (Spain) retirement From Football
- Spain Madrid Euro



17. Current GK

Central Water Commission (CWC) has issued inflow forecast for Idukki Dam on river Periyar of 500 cumec, during the period of August 4 and 5 this year. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Idukki Dam on Periyar River (Kerala) likely to get an average inflow of 500 cumec
- Kerala: Capital Thiruvananthapuram | CM Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor Arif Mohammad Khan

18. Science & Technology

The new species of pygmy grasshopper, which was discovered after 116 years by a group of Croatian and German researchers in Sinharaja rainforests of Sri Lanka, hails from Cladonotus genus and has been named as Cladonotus Bhaskari after Kerala researcher 'Dhaneesh Bhaskar'. It resembles tiny twigs hence it is also called Twighopper. {Read more}

Key Points:

- New species of Pygmy grasshopper or Twighopper discovered after 116 years by Croatian & German researchers
- It is named 'Cladonotus bhaskari' after Kerala researcher 'Dhaneesh Bhaskar'
- Kerala: Capital Thiruvananthapuram | CM Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor Arif Mohammad Khan

19. Science & Technology

Professor Samir K. Pal & his group at S. N. Bose National Centre for Basic Sciences (SNBNCBS), Kolkata, have developed a No-touch & Painless device called "AJO-Neo" for non-invasive screening of bilirubin level in new-borns. {Read more}

Key Points:

- SNBNCBS developed "AJO-Neo" a No-touch & Painless device
- HQs of SNBNCBS Kolkata, West Bengal | Director Samit Kumar Ray

20. Important Days & Dates

"The International Plastic Bag Free Day" was observed on July 3. The day was created by Zero Waste Europe's Bag Free World with an aim to eliminate the use of single-use plastic bags of the world. The first International Plastic Bag Free Day was observed on 3rd July 2009. {Read more}

Key Points:

July 3 – "The International Plastic Bag Free Day" – since 2009



21. National & States Affairs

The government has notified changes in the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Rules-1957, in rule 19A, in sub-rule (1) providing more time to listed entities to meet criteria of minimum public shareholding of 25%. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Government made ammendments in Securities Contracts (Regulation) Rules-1957 [rule 19A & sub-rule (1)]
- Criteria of minimum public shareholding of 25%

22. National & States Affairs

Northern Railway has started the first-ever 'Vyapar Mala Express Train' from Kishanganj in Delhi bound for Jirania in Tripura. It will help small traders in moving their cargo through Railways, in a short time, cost effective, convenient and environment-friendly mode of transportation. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Northern Railway started first-ever 'Vyapar Mala Express Train' From Delhi to Tripura
- HQs of Northern Railway Zone New Delhi | General Manager Rajiv Chaudhry

23. Important Days & Dates

Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated a 2-day international webinar on the theme of 'Lokmanya Tilak - Swaraj to Self-reliant India' organized by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations on the 100th death anniversary of the great freedom fighter Lokmanya Bal Gangadhar Tilak in New Delhi. {Read more}

Key Points:

- August 1 100th death anniversary of 'Lokmanya Bal Gangadhar Tilak'
- Amit Shah inaugurated international webinar on the theme of 'Lokmanya Tilak Swaraj to Self-reliant India'
- Theme 'Lokmanya Tilak Swaraj to Self-reliant India'
- Seminar organized by Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) in New Delhi
- HQs of ICCR New Delhi | DG Dineshk Patnaik

24. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

A group of researchers from IIT Kharagpur has conferred the 'Gandhian Young Technological Innovation Awards 2020' for developing a mechanism for generating electricity from wet clothes left under sunlight to dry. {Read more}

Key Points:

• IIT Kharagpur – conferred with the 'Gandhian Young Technological Innovation Awards 2020'



25. National & States Affairs

Union minister of state for culture and tourism (independent charge) Prahlad Singh Patel has virtually inaugurated the state-of-the-art Thenzawl Golf Resort project in Mizoram. The project is developed under Swadesh Darshan scheme's 'Integrated Development of New Eco-Tourism' with a sanctioned amount of ₹92.25 Cr. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Prahlad Singh Patel inaugurated the state-of-the-art Thenzawl Golf Resort project in Mizoram
- Prahlad Singh Patel Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of Culture (Constituency Damoh, Madhya Pradesh)
- Mizoram: Capital Aizawl | CM Zoramthanga | Governor P. S. Sreedharan Pillai

26. Important Days & Dates

"World Lung Cancer Day" was observed on August 1 to raise awareness about the causes and treatment of lung cancer and to highlight the issues that a lack of sufficient research funding can create. On an average it accounts for approximately 2.09 million deaths annually, according to date collected by the World Health Organisation (WHO). {Read more}

Key Points:

- August 1 "World Lung Cancer Day"
- As per the WHO 2.09 million deaths annually due to Lung Cancer

27. National & States Affairs

Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has announced the expansion of its Bharat Air Fiber Services to Maharashtra. The service was inaugurated by Union Minister of State for HRD, Electronics, Communication, and IT, Sanjay Dhotre. {Read more}

Key Points:

- BSNL announced the expansion of Bharat Air Fiber Services to Maharashtra
- HQs of BSNL New Delhi | CMD Pravin Kumar Purwar
- Maharashtra: CM Uddhav Thackeray | Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari

28. National & States Affairs

Uttarakhand state forest department will open India's first conversation centre for snow leopards in Uttarakashi district to conserve the precious species. {Read more}

- India's first conversation centre for 'Snow Leopards' in Uttarakashi, Uttarakhand
- Uttarakhand: Capital Dehradun & Gairsain | CM Trivndra Singh Rawat | Governor Baby Rani Maurya



29. Science & Technology

Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe) is the single-window nodal agency that will enable and regulate space activities and the use of ISRO facilities by the private sector. {Read more}

Key Points:

- IN-SPACe the single-window nodal agency to enable and regulate space activities
- HQs of ISRO Bengaluru, Karnataka | Director Kailasavadivoo Sivan

30. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Andhra Pradesh is the first State in India to exchange a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Hyderabad-based Indian School of Business (ISB). It will help resolve crucial issues in administration. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Andhra Pradesh the first State to sign an MoU with ISB
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital Amravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor Biswabhusan Harichandan
- ISB located at Hyderabad, Telangana | Chairman Harish Manwani

31. International Affairs

At least 100 people are dead and 4,000 are injured after a massive explosion shook the capital city of Beirut of Lebanon. The explosion is under investigation. {Read more}

Key Points:

- A massive explosion took place in Beirut, Lebanon
- Lebanon Beirut Lebanee Pound

32. Science & Technology

IT company Tech Mahindra has started a coronavirus screening service 'Mhealthy' to detect COVID-19 antibodies. The platform is clinically tested and compliant with all government-mandated regulations. {Read more}

- Tech Mahindra started 'Mhealthy' a coronavirus screening service to detect COVID-19 antibodies
- HQs of Tech Mahindra Pune, Maharashtra | MD & CEO Chander Prakash Gurnani



33. National & States Affairs

Aditya Birla Health Insurance (ABHICL) has introduced an array of new services and product solutions for COVID-19 that will enable customers to take care of their health in such difficult times. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Aditya Birla Health Insurance introduced an array of new services and product solutions for COVID-19
- HQs of ABHICL Mumbai, MH | CEO Mayank Bathwal

34. National & States Affairs

Rajasthan government will soon introduce a new Tourism Policy to help ensure the sector tides over the ongoing COVID-19 crisis. The Chief Minister also has asked the officers to find a permanent solution to solve the water problem in "Keoladeo National Park" in Bharatpur. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Rajasthan will introduce a new Tourism Policy
- A permanent solution to water problem in "Keoladeo National Park" Bharatpur, Rajasthan
- Rajasthan: Capital Jaipur | CM Ashok Gehlot | Governor Kalraj Mishra

35. National & States Affairs

In a boost to the railways' efforts to use technology to ease infrastructure work, for the first time in India, the entire track laying of the Dedicated Freight Corridor is being done through the New Track Construction (NTC) machine. It is implemented by Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited (DFCCIL). {Read more}

Key Points:

- Indian Railways to use New Track Construction (NTC) machine to ease infrastructure work
- The Project is implemented by DFCCIL (HQs New Delhi)
- Chairman of Indian Railways Vinod Kumar Yadav | HQs New Delhi

36. National & States Affairs

Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar has launched a unique identity card called 'Parivar Pehchan Patra' (PPP). The 8-digit Parivar Pehchan Patra (PPP) is meant for each family across the state to enable smooth and automatic delivery of several citizen-centric services or schemes launched by the state government from time to time. {Read more}

- Haryana launched 'Parivar Pehchan Patra' (PPP) a unique identity card (consists of 8 digit)
- Haryana: Capital Chandigarh | CM Manohar Lal Khattar | Governor Satyadev Narayan Arya



37. Defence Affairs

As per 'Defence Production & Export Promotion Policy (DPEPP) 2020', the government is aiming a turnover of Rs 1.75 lakh Cr (USD 25 billion) in defence manufacturing by 2025 as it has identified the sector as a potential driver to boost the overall economy. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Government's Target in Defence manufacturing turnover of Rs 1.75 lakh Cr (USD 25 billion) by 2025
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh (Constituency Lucknow, UP)

38. National & States Affairs

Telangana government has launched 'iMASQ' - mobile covid-19 testing centers in containment zones and low income group residential areas across the state. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Telangana launched 'iMASQ' mobile covid-19 testing centers in containment zones
- Telangana: Capital Hyderabad | CM K. Chandrashekar Rao | Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan

39. Science & Technology

The researchers at University of Maryland and the Institute of Geophysics at ETH Zurich have found that Venus has 37 active volcanic structures. The study was published in Nature Geoscience Journal. {Read more}

Key Points:

- 37 Active Volcanic Structures found on 'Venus'
- The study published in Nature Geoscience Journal

40. Obituaries

An Indian theatre Director, Ebrahim Alkazi has passed away recently due to cardiac failure. He was 95. {Read more}

Key Points:

• Ebrahim Alkazi – Indian theatre Director – passed away



41. Important Days & Dates

"World Breastfeeding Week" is celebrated annually during the first week of August (1-7) in over 120 countries around the world. This global campaign was first organised by the World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action (WABA) in collaboration with the World Health Organisation (WHO) and UNICEF in 1992. This year, the theme was "Support breastfeeding for a healthier planet". {Read more}

Key Points:

- August 1 to 7 "World Breastfeeding Week" organised by WABA + WHO + UNICEF in 1992
- Theme "Support breastfeeding for a healthier planet"
- HQs of WABA Penang, Malaysia | Chairperson Felicity Savage
- WHO HQs Geneva, Switzerland | DG Tedros Adhanom | Member Countries 194
- UNICEF HQs New York, United States | Executive Director Henrietta H. Fore

42. Current GK

A 12-year-old elephant, Roopa, at Bannerghatta Biological Park (BBP) gave birth to a male calf recently on the 1st August. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Bannerghatta Biological Park Karnataka
- Karnataka: Capital Bangalore | CM BS Yediyurappa | Governor Vajubhai Vala

43. Current GK

The Minapur block of the Muzaffarpur district in Bihar continued to face flood fury after a rise in the water level of the Burhi Gandak river due to the rains. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Burhi Gandak river Bihar
- Bihar: Capital Patna | CM Nitish Kumar | Governor Phagu Chauhan

44. National & States Affairs

Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has launched the "Agni-Shama Seva online portal" for issuance of fire safety certificates to different categories of buildings through online mode. As many as 8 services would be available to the public through online mode. {Read more}

- Odisha launched "Agni-Shama Seva online portal" For issuance of fire safety certificates of buildings
- Odisha: Capital Bhubaneswar | CM Naveen Patnaik | Governor Ganeshi Lal



45. International Affairs

Australia will become the first country to require Facebook and Google to pay for news content provided by media companies under a royalty-style system that will become law this year to protect independent journalism. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Australia the first country to force "Facebook and Google" to pay for news content
- Australia Canberra Australian Dollar | PM Scott Morrison
- Facebook: HQs California, United States | CEO Mark Zuckerberg
- Google HQs California, United States | CEO Sundar Pichai

46. Appointments & Resignations

The Haryana government has appointed international wrestler Babita Phogat and Kabaddi player Kavita Devi as deputy directors in its Sports and Youth Affairs Department. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Haryana appointed Babita Phogat (Wrestling) & Kavita Devi (Kabaddi) as Deputy Directors (sports)
- Haryana: Capital Chandigarh | CM Manohar Lal Khattar | Governor Satyadev Narayan Arya

47. Obituaries

Rajya Sabha member Amar Singh has passed away recently. He was 64. He was associated with Samajwadi Party which was founded by Mulayam Singh Yadav. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Amar Singh passed away Politician (Samajwadi Party)
- Founder of Samajwadi Party Mulayam Singh Yadav

48. National & States Affairs

Walmart-owned Flipkart has supported over 6 lakh artisans, weavers and craftsmen across the country through its "Samarth programme" that was launched in 2019. {Read more}

- Flipkart started "Samarth programme" to support artisans, weavers and craftsmen
- HQs of Flipkart Bangalore, Karnataka | Chairperson Binny Bansal



49. National & States Affairs

The Indian government has imposed restrictions on colour TV imports and this was announced in an announcement made by the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT). It is now amended from 'Free' to 'restricted' category. {Read more}

Key Points:

- DGFT imposed restrictions on 'Colour TV' imports from 'Free' to 'restricted' category
- DGFT comes under "Ministry of Commerce & Industry" (Piyush Goyal Maharashtra)
- DGFT HQs New Delhi | Director General Amit Yadav

50. Important Days & Dates

"Muslim Women's Rights Day" was observed across India on August 1, 2020 to commemorate the first anniversary of the law against instant triple talaq. {Read more}

Key Points:

• August 1 – 1st "Muslim Women's Rights Day"

51. Obituaries

Renowned Urdu writer and translator Nusrat Zaheer has passed away in Uttar Pradesh. He was 69. {Read more}

Key Points:

Nusrat Zaheer – passed away – Urdu Writer and Translator

52. Current GK

United Arab Emirates has announced the startup of its "Barakah Nuclear Power Plant" to deliver a new form of clean energy for the nation. UAE first nuclear reactor at the Barakah Nuclear Energy Plant has achieved first criticality and successfully started up. {Read more}

Key Points:

- UAE announced the startup of "Barakah Nuclear Power Plant"
- UAE Abu Dhabi Dirham | President Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan

53. Persons in News

Legendary England all-rounder Ian Botham has been made a member of the House of Lords of the British Parliament. He will sit as a crossbench independent peer. {Read more}

- Ian Botham (Cricket) has been made a member of the 'House of Lords of the British Parliament'
- UK London Pound Sterling | PM of UK Boris Johnson



54. Ordinance, Bills and Acts

Maharashtra state government has discontinued pensions being given to those who had been jailed for opposing the Emergency between 1975 and 1977. Rs 10,000 was being paid to all those who had spent more than a month in jail. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Maharashtra discontinued Pension Scheme for the people who were jailed during '1975-77 Emergency Period'
- Maharashtra: CM Uddhav Thackeray | Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari

55. National & States Affairs

Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan has launched "Vidyarthi Vigyan Manthan, 2020-21". This initiative is a national programme for popularizing science among school students of Class 6th to 11th. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Harsh Vardhan launched "Vidyarthi Vigyan Manthan, 2020-21" to popularize science among Class 6th to 11th
- Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Dr. Harsh Vardhan (Chandni Chowk, Delhi)

56. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

The Indian Express journalist Dipankar Ghose has won the "Prem Bhatia Award" for political reporting for his work on issues related to the Covid-19 pandemic, including the migrant labour crisis. And People's Archive of Rural India (PARI), a non-profit journalism website has won 'Outstanding Environmental Reporting of the Year 2020'. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Dipankar Ghose (The Indian Express journalist) won "Prem Bhatia Award" For Political reporting
- PARI won "Prem Bhatia Award" For Environmental reporting

57. Schemes & Initiatives

'One Nation One Ration Card' scheme has been extended to 4 more states - UT of Jammu & Kashmir, Manipur, Nagaland and Uttarakhand. With the addition of these four states, now 24 states across the country are connected with the One Nation One Ration Card Scheme. {Read more}

- 'One Nation One Ration Card' scheme extended to 4 more states J & K, Manipur, Nagaland & Uttarakhand
- Total states covered under this scheme = 24



58. Appointments & Resignations

Ashish Bhatia, IPS officer of 1985 batch and current police commissioner of Ahmedabad city, has been appointed as the Gujarat Director General of Police (DGP). Bhatia replaced Shivanand Jha, who has retired from service. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Ashish Bhatia appointed as the DGP of Gujarat (by replacing Shivanand Jha)
- Gujarat: Capital Gandhinagar | CM Vijay Rupani | Governor Acharya Devvrat

59. Defence Affairs

The Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) has become the first Central Armed Police Force to procure a variety of 'swadeshi' and 'khadi' goods for around 10 lakh personnel of the CAPF from the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC). {Read more}

Key Points:

- ITBP the first CAPF to procure supplies of 'swadeshi' and 'khadi' goods from KVIC
- ITBP + KVIC = an MoU to supply 'mustard oil'
- HQs New Delhi | Director General Surject Singh Deswal
- HQs of KVIC Mumbai, Mahrashtra | Chairman Vinai Kumar Saxena

60. International Affairs

Tropical storm "Isaias" has slashed Florida's east coast. It snapped trees and knocked out power as it blew through the Bahamas. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Tropical storm "Isaias" hit 'Bahamas'
- Bahamas Nassau Bahamian dollar

61. Important Days & Dates

Sanskrit Diwas, also known as 'Vishvasamskritadinam' (World Sanskrit Day) was celebrated this year on August 3. According to the Hindu calendar, it is celebrated on the poornima (full moon) of the 'Shravana' month. {Read more}

Key Points:

August 3 – 'Sanskrit Diwas' or 'Vishvasamskritadinam' (World Sanskrit Day)



62. Obituaries

Senior BJP leader and former minister of Andhra Pradesh 'P Manikyala Rao' has passed away due to coronavirus. He was 59. {Read more}

Key Points:

- 'P Manikyala Rao' passed away Politician (Former BJP leader of Andhra Pradesh)
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital Amravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor Biswabhusan Harichandan

63. Obituaries

Uttar Pradesh's Technical Education Minister Kamal Rani Varun has passed away due to novel coronavirus. The 62-year-old, the only woman in the Yogi Adityanath Cabinet, is the first minister in Uttar Pradesh to succumb to Covid. She was also a member of the 11th and 12th Lok Sabha. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Kamal Rani Varun passed away Politician (Cabinet Minister in Uttar Pradesh)
- UP: Capital Lucknow | CM Yogi Adityanath | Governor Anandiben Patel

64. Books & Authors

A new book on the inspirational story of Vishesh Bhriguvanshi, India's youngest basketball team captain is titled "Vishesh: Code To Win". It is written by sportswoman-turned-author Nirupama Yadav. {Read more}

Key Points:

- "Vishesh: Code To Win" book written by 'Nirupama Yadav'
- Inspirational story of India's youngest basketball team captain Vishesh Bhriguvanshi (Basketball)

65. Books & Authors

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has released a book titled "Siyasat Mein Sadasyata". It is a compilation of articles, views and life journey of Bihar Assembly Speaker Vijay Kumar Choudhary. {Read more}

- Nitish Kumar released "Siyasat Mein Sadasyata" book authored by Vijay Kumar Choudhary
- Bihar: Capital Patna | CM Nitish Kumar | Governor Phagu Chauhan



66. Sports & Games

Squash Rackets Federation of India (SRFI) has pulled out of the "Women's World Team Squash Championship" due to "lack of preparation time" and "uncertainties" about travelling amid the COVID-19 pandemic. It was scheduled to be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from December 15 to 20. {Read more}

Key Points:

- India pulled out of "Women's World Team Squash Championship" to be held in 'Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia'
- HQs of SRFI Chennai, TN | President Debendranath Sarangi
- Malaysia Kuala Lumpur Ringgit

67. Sports & Games

Formula One Champion Mercedes Lewis Hamilton has won British Grand Prix-2020 in record time. Lewis Hamilton took his 7th victory at Silverstone Circuit in Silverstone, UK. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes-UK) won "British Grand Prix-2020" 7th victory
- UK London Pound Sterling | PM of UK Boris Johnson

68. National & States Affairs

Sembcorp Energy India Limited (SEIL) has become the first independent power producer to fully commission the first three wind auctions held by the Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI). This takes Sembcorp's total capacity across the country to 1,730 MW. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Sembcorp Energy India Ltd fully commission the first 3 wind auctions held by SECI
- HQs of SEIL Gurugram, Haryana | MD Vipul Tuli
- HQs of Sembcorp Singapore | CEO Neil McGregor
- HQs of SECI New Delhi | Chairman Praveen Kumar

69. National & States Affairs

To enhance the efficacy of the screening process at Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, in coordination with Asian Development Bank, has provided a "state-of-the-art Thermal Scanner" a Mass Fever Screening System. It is funded by the UNICEF. {Read more}

- MoHFW + ADB + UNICEF = "state-of-the-art Thermal Scanner" at Rajiv Gandhi International Airport
- Rajiv Gandhi International Airport located in Hyderabad, Telangana
- Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Dr. Harsh Vardhan (Chandni Chowk, Delhi)
- HQs of ADB Mandaluyong, Philippines | President Masatsugu Asakawa | VP Ashok Lavasa
- UNICEF HQs New York, United States | Executive Director Henrietta H. Fore



70. Appointments & Resignations

Senior IAS officer Rajesh Kumar was appointed as the new chief secretary of Manipur. He will replace J Suresh Babu. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Rajesh Kumar appointed as the new chief secretary of Manipur
- Manipur: Capital Imphal | CM N. Biren Singh | Governor Najma Heptulla

71. Appointments & Resignations

Five months after a general election, the opposition candidate Mohamed Irfaan Ali has been sworn in as Guyana's president. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Mohamed Irfaan Ali sworn in as the President of Guyana
- Brigadier Mark Phillips sworn in as the Prime Minister of Guyana
- Guyana Georgetown Guyanese Dollar

72. Persons in News

The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) has set up a panel of industry experts chaired by Pradip Shah to formulate a plan to develop international retail business at the International Financial Services Centre (IFSC). {Read more}

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Key Points:

- IFSCA set up a panel of industry experts chaired by Pradip Shah (Chairman at Indasia Fund Advisors)
- HQs of IFSCA Gandhinagar, Gujarat | Chairman Injeti Srinivas

73. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

BOB Financial Solutions Limited (BFSL) has tied up with Innoviti Payment Solutions to offer EMIs on PoS Terminals. The Bank of Baroda credit cardholders pan India would be serviced at 70,000+ Innoviti PoS terminals across 1,000+ cities. {Read more}

- BFSL + Innoviti Payment Solutions = partnership to offer EMIs on PoS Terminals
- HQs of of BFSL Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO Manish Banerjea
- HQs of Innoviti Payment Solutions Bangalore, Karnataka | CEO Rajeev Agrawal



74. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

An online quiz competition on 'Atmanirbhar Bharat – Swatantra Bharat' was conducted by Ministry of Defence (MoD) in coordination with MyGov during July 29 – August 10, 2020 in order to create patriotic feeling among youth and masses. Indian citizens aged 14 years and above can participate in the quiz and win the exciting prizes. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Defence Ministry+ MyGov = conducted an online quiz competition on 'Atmanirbhar Bharat Swatantra Bharat'
- Minimum age to participate 14 years
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh (Constituency Lucknow, UP)

75. Ordinance, Bills and Acts

The Rajasthan government has amended the Rajasthan Judicial Service Rules-2010, through the state cabinet on the initiative by Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot to provide 5% reservation in place of 1% in the state judicial service. The more backward classes include Gurjars, Raika-Rabari, Gadiya-Lohars, Banjara and Gadariya. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Rajasthan amended Rajasthan Judicial Service Rules-2010 to provide 5% reservation in state judicial service
- Rajasthan: Capital Jaipur | CM Ashok Gehlot | Governor Kalraj Mishra

76. National & States Affairs

Andhra Pradesh CM Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy has launched 'E-RakshaBandhan' campaign aimed at creating public awareness on cyber crimes against women and children. It is jointly developed by Andhra Pradesh Police and Crime Investigation Department (CID). {Read more}

Key Points:

- Andhra Pradesh launched 'E-RakshaBandhan' campaign
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital Amravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor Biswabhusan Harichandan

77. National & States Affairs

Union Minister for MSME, Nitin Gadkari has approved a unique employment generation program named as Khadi Agarbatti Aatmanirbhar Mission (KAAM) proposed by Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) to make India Aatmanirbhar in Agarbatti production. {Read more}

- Nitin Gadkari approved "Khadi Agarbatti Aatmanirbhar Mission" proposed by KVIC
- KVIC works under Ministry of MSME (Nitin Gadkari Nagpur, Maharashtra)
- HQs of KVIC Mumbai, Mahrashtra | Chairman Vinai Kumar Saxena



78. Science & Technology

Union Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan has announced the completion of pan-India 1000 genome sequencing of SARS-CoV-2. The Department of Biotechnology has launched a "Pan-India 1000 SARS-CoV-2 RNA Genome Sequencing programme" in collaboration with national laboratories and clinical organisations. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Department of Biotechnology launched "Pan-India 1000 SARS-CoV-2 RNA Genome Sequencing programme"
- Dept. of Biotechnology works under Ministry of Science and Technology | Secretary Renu Swarup

79. National & States Affairs

Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' has inaugurated Grand Finale of 4th edition of Smart India Hackathon (SIH), the world's biggest open online platform for innovators and entrepreneurs of tomorrow and it interacted with the participants through online video conference. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' inaugurated Grand Finale of 4th edition of Smart India Hackathon (SIH)
- Ministry of HRD Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' (Constituency Haridwar, Uttarakhand)

80. Current GK

Ecuador was on alert as a flotilla of 260 mostly Chinese fishing vessels was sighted near the Galapagos archipelago, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, whose acquatic species such as manta rays and sharks have been endangered by commercial fishing. The Galapagos Islands, spread over almost 60,000 sq km, are a part of Ecuador, and are located in the Pacific Ocean. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Galapagos Islands the world's 1st UNESCO world heritage site located in Ecuador
- Ecuador Quito US Dollar

81. Current GK

The southern bench of the National Green Tribunal has granted an interim stay on felling of coconut trees in Agatti Island in Lakshadweep for the purpose of forming a beach road. {Read more}

Key Points:

NGT granted an interim stay on felling of Coconut Tress – in 'Agatti Island' – Lakshadweep, India



82. Current GK

The country's third tiger reintroduction programme at Mukundra Hills Tiger Reserve (MHTR) has yielded results with tigress MT-2 giving birth to two cubs, the first such instance in the reserve. {Read more}

Key Points:

- "Mukundra Hills Tiger Reserve" Rajasthan
- Rajasthan: Capital Jaipur | CM Ashok Gehlot | Governor Kalraj Mishra

83. Current GK

District collector K Rajamani has sounded flood alert along the Bhavani river banks after the quantity of water that was released from the Pillur Dam was increased to 22,000 cusecs (cubic feet per second) from 6,000 cusecs. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Pillur Dam on Bhavani river in Mettupalayam, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu
- Tamil Nadu: Capital Chennai | CM Thiru Edappadi K. Palaniswami | Governor Banwarilal Purohit

84. Appointments & Resignations

Air Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari has taken charge as the commander-in-chief of the Indian Air Force's Western Air Command (WAC). He has succeeded Air Marshal B Suresh. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Vivek Ram Chaudhari took charge as the commander-in-chief of Western Air Command of IAF
- IAF Chief Air Marshal Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria

85. National & States Affairs

Gujarat based and Asia's largest Banas dairy has come up with an innovative project to produce CNG from animal dung. The Chairman of Banas dairy Mr Shankar Chaudhary has claimed this as India's first such endeavour. {Read more}

- Banas Dairy (Gujarat) to produce CNG from animal dung
- Chairman of Banas Dairy Shankar Chaudhary



86. Current GK

Aadi Perukku, also known as the Aadi monsoon festival was recently celebrated in Tamil Nadu. The festival assumes added significance in the Cauvery Delta region, where farmers also pay homage to Mother nature in the form of the majestic Cauvery river. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Aadi Perukku or Aadi monsoon festival Tamil Nadu
- Tamil Nadu: Capital Chennai | CM Thiru Edappadi K. Palaniswami | Governor Banwarilal Purohit

87. International Affairs

Britain (UK) is considering minting a coin to commemorate Mahatma Gandhi to mark 150th birth anniversary on October 2, amid growing interest in recognising the contributions of people from the Black, Asian and other minority ethnic communities. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Britain (UK) to mint a coin to honour Mahatma Gandhi (to mark 150th birth anniversary)
- UK London Pound Sterling | PM of UK Boris Johnson

88. National & States Affairs

The 'National Education Policy (NEP)-2020' has removed "Mandarin", group of Sinitic Chinese languages, from the list of the examples of foreign languages that schools can offer to students. {Read more}

Key Points:

• NEP-2020 removed – "Mandarin" languages – From the list of the examples of foreign languages

89. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

"Dholes" play an important role as apex predators in forest ecosystems. The study reports that Karnataka, Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh ranked very high on the priority scale, and are adequately equipped to maintain endangered dhole's population in India by increasing prey densities and reducing pressures on forests. In India, the first conservation breeding center for dhole was built at the Indira Gandhi Zoological Park, Andhra Pradesh (IGZP) in 2014. {Read more}

- Karnataka + Maharashtra + MP = ranked very high in maintaining endangered Dhole's population in India
- The 1st conservation breeding center for dhole in India built at the Indira Gandhi Zoological Park (in AP)
- Karnataka: Capital Bangalore | CM BS Yediyurappa | Governor Vajubhai Vala
- Maharashtra: CM Uddhav Thackeray | Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari
- Madhya Pradesh: Capital Bhopal | CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor Anandiben Patel



90. International Affairs

Nepal has called for a revision of the "1947 tripartite agreement" on Gurkha soldiers claiming it has become redundant and urged the United Kingdom and India to discuss the issue. {Read more}

Key Points:

- "1947 tripartite agreement" on Gurkha soldiers = India + Nepal + UK
- Nepal Kathmandu Nepalese Rupee | President Bidhya Devi Bhandari
- UK London Pound Sterling | PM of UK Boris Johnson

91. National & States Affairs

Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli & Daman and Diu has launched 'E-Gyan Mitra' mobile app for online education. The app launched by the Education Department of Daman Administration. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu launched 'E-Gyan Mitra' mobile app for online education
- Dadra and Nagar Haveli & Daman and Diu: Capital Daman | Administrator Praful Patel

92. Obituaries

John Hume, a visionary politician who won a Nobel Peace Prize for fashioning the agreement that ended violence in his native Northern Ireland, has passed away recently in August. He was 83. {Read more}

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Key Points:

- John Hume (UK + Northern Ireland) a Politician passed away (Nobel Peace Prize winner)
- UK London Pound Sterling | PM of UK Boris Johnson

93. National & States Affairs

A unique COVID prevention kiosk named 'UV Baggage Bath' was inaugurated at Bengaluru Railway Station, South Western Railway Zone with an aim to fight the pandemic Covid-19. {Read more}

- 'UV Baggage Bath' inaugurated at Bengaluru Railway Station (South Western Railway Zone)
- HQs of SWRZ Hubli Junction, Karnataka
- Chairman of Indian Railways Vinod Kumar Yadav | HQs New Delhi



94. Science & Technology

IIT Madras' Healthcare Technology Innovation Centre (HTIC) and Helyxon, a healthcare startup in IIT Madras Research Park have announced successful deployment of a first of its kind remote patient monitoring solutions for COVID-19 that they have jointly developed. {Read more}

Key Points:

• HTIC + Helyxon (IIT Madras) = deployed a first of its kind remote patient monitoring solutions for COVID-19

95. Appointments & Resignations

The Reserve Bank of India has approved the appointment of Sashidhar Jagdishan as the next managing director of HDFC Bank with an immediate effect. He will succeed veteran Aditya Puri. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Sashidhar Jagdishan appointed as the next MD of HDFC Bank (by replacing Aditya Puri)
- HQs of HDFC Bank Mumbai, Maharashtra | New CEO & MD Sashidhar Jagdishan
- Chairman of HDFC Ltd. Deepak Parekh

96. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Andhra Pradesh government has signed MoUs with ITC Ltd, Hindustan Unilever Ltd (HUL) and Proctor and Gamble (P&G), to lend a helping hand in empowering women of the State. The government has launched "YSR Cheyutha" on August 12 under which SC, ST, BC and minority women aged between 45 and 60 will be given financial assistance of Rs 75,000 over 4 years. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Andhra Pradesh signed MoUs with ITC + HUL + P & G
- Andhra Pradesh launched "YSR Cheyutha" (Financial assistance to women aged between 45 and 60 Rs 75000)
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital Amravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor Biswabhusan Harichandan

97. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

The Ministry of Defence, IIT Kanpur and the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) have signed an MoU for developing Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning techniques to analyse public grievances. {Read more}

- Defence Ministry + IIT Kanpur + DARPG = signed an MoU for developing AI & ML
- Ministry of Defence Rajnath Singh (Constituency Lucknow, UP)
- Jitendra Singh MoS of DoNER, MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space



• IIT Kanpur Director – Abhay Karandikar

98. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Bengaluru startup Vernacular.ai & an Al-based SaaS voice automation platform, announced its partnership with Axis Bank to optimise voice Al solutions and help automate customer interactions through intelligent human-like dialogue. Vernacular.ai & Axis Bank will launch "AXAA" - an Al-Powered Multilingual Voice Bot to resolve customer queries. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Axis Bank + Vernacular.ai + SaaS = partnership to optimise voice AI solutions
- They will launch "AXAA" an AI-Powered Multilingual Voice Bot
- HQs of Axis Bank Mumbai | MD & CEO Amitabh Chaudhry
- HQs of Vernacular.ai Bangalore, Karnataka

99. International Affairs

National Bank of Bahrain (NBB) has selected Infosys Finacle to digitally transform its transaction banking business. {Read more}

Key Points:

- National Bank of Bahrain selected Infosys Finacle to digitally transform its transaction banking business
- Bahrain Manama Dinar
- HQs of Infosys Bengaluru, Karnataka | CEO Salil Parekh

100. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Canara Bank has tied-up with 3 insurance companies - New India Assurance Company Ltd, Bajaj Allianz General Insurance Co Ltd and HDFC ERGO Health Insurance to sell short-term Corona Kavach policy to cover COVID-19 related health expenses. {Read more}

- Canara Bank + New India Assurance + Bajaj Allianz + HDFC ERGO = to sell 'Corona Kavach policy'
- HQs of Canara Bank Bengaluru, Karnataka | CEO Lingam Venkat Prabhakar
- Tagline of Canara bank "Together We Can"
- HQs of New India Assurance Mumbai, MH | CEO Atul Sahai
- HQs of Bajaj Allianz Gen. Ins. Pune, MH | CEO Tapan Singhel
- HQs of HDFC ERGO Health Ins. Mumbai, MH | CEO Ritesh Kumar





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