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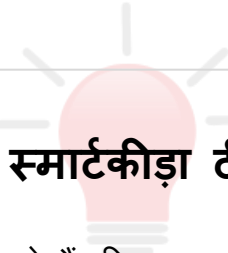
Hi Folks! We hope you all are doing well. We would like to state here that this PDF is meant for preparing for the upcoming MockDrill 100 of August 2020 Month at Testzone. In this Current Affairs PDF we have added all the important Current Affairs information in form of 'Key-points' which are crucial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

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आभार,

टीम स्मार्टकीड़ा



## 101. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

As per the report by the Asian Development Bank (ADB), global remittances may fall by \$108.6 billion in 2020 if the economic impact of Covid-19 persists throughout the year. This is equivalent to an 18.3% decline from what would have been expected without the impact of Covid-19. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- As per ADB's report – global remittances may fall by - \$108.6 billion (18.3% decline) in 2020 {Assumption}
- HQs of ADB – Mandaluyong, Philippines | President – Masatsugu Asakawa | VP – Ashok Lavasa

## 102. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Researchers from the IIT Guwahati and Imperial College London, UK, have collaborated & developed a tailored 'meta-grid' of nanoparticle that could make light-emitting diodes (LEDs) brighter, energy-efficient and durable. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- IIT Guwahati + Imperial College London(UK) = developed a tailored 'meta-grid' of nanoparticle for LEDs
- UK – London – Pound Sterling | PM of UK – Boris Johnson

## 103. Appointments & Resignations

Former Jammu & Kashmir Governor Girish Chandra Murmu (1985 batch IAS officer of Gujarat cadre) has been appointed as the 14<sup>th</sup> Comptroller Auditor General. He will succeed Rajiv Mehrishi. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Girish Chandra Murmu – appointed as the 14<sup>th</sup> Comptroller Auditor General (CAG)
- He replaced – Rajiv Mehrishi

## 104. Current GK

Two farmers in South 24 Parganas district in West Bengal are betting on the 'Pokkali' variety of rice from Kerala to tide over a crisis-like situation created by severe seawater incursion into paddy fields. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- 'Pokkali' is variety of – Rice – in Kerala
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan



## 105. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

Around 23.8 million more children and youth (from pre-primary to tertiary) could drop out or not have access to school in 2021 due to the pandemic's economic impact alone, as per the UN's report titled "Policy Brief: Education during COVID-19 and beyond". [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- As per UN: around 23.8 million more children & youth – could drop out or not have access to school – in 2021
- HQs of UN – New York, United States | Director – Antonio Guterres

## 106. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Flipkart has signed an MoU with the One District, One Product (ODOP) scheme of the Uttar Pradesh government to bring artisans, weavers and craftsmen into mainstream business. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Flipkart + Uttar Pradesh – to promote 'One District, One Product (ODOP)' scheme of UP
- HQs of Flipkart – Bangalore, Karnataka | Chairperson – Binny Bansal
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

## 107. Banking & Economic Affairs

The RBI's 6-member Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) headed by Shaktikanta Das was unanimous in its decision to stand pat on interest rates in its 3-day meeting held from August 4-6, 2020. The RBI has kept the repo rate unchanged at 4%, reverse repo rate at 3.35% and so was the bank rate at 4.25%. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- RBI's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) – headed by Shaktikanta Das
- Repo rate – 4% | Reverse Repo Rate – 3.35% | Bank Rate or MSF – 4.25% | CRR – 3% | SLR – 18%
- Total members in the RBI's MPC = 6 (3 of RBI + 3 of GoI)
- RBI: HQs – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25<sup>th</sup>)

## 108. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Maharashtra government has tied up with Google to start virtual classes and provide online education for over 22 million students in the state. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Maharashtra + Google = to start virtual classes for over 22 million students
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari
- Google HQs – California, USA | CEO – Sundar Pichai



### 109. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Punjab in partnership with the Department of Youth Services and Sports and YuWaah - a joint initiative of UNICEF, has launched a collaborative 'Pride of Punjab' programme. It is aimed at enabling the best opportunities for Punjab's young people. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Punjab + Dept of Youth Services & Sports + YuWaah = launched 'Pride of Punjab' programme
- “YuWaah” – a joint initiative of UNICEF
- Punjab: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Captain Amarinder Singh | Governor – V. P. Singh Badnore
- UNICEF HQs – New York, United States | Executive Director – Henrietta H. Fore

### 110. National & States Affairs

PM Modi has inaugurated 'Ram Temple' construction in Ayodhya with 40 kg silver brick foundation stone. PM Modi also released a postage stamp on the Ram Janmabhoomi temple. The temple will be constructed in 'Nagara' style of architecture having 5 domes. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- PM Modi inaugurated 'Ram Temple' construction in Ayodhya – with 40 kg silver brick foundation stone
- Architecture style used for the construction – 'Nagara' style | with 5 domes
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

### 111. Science & Technology

The US astronauts Bob Behnken and Doug Hurley, who were sent to the International Space Station in SpaceX's new Crew Dragon “Endeavor” spacecraft, have returned to the Earth in the capsule in the Gulf of Mexico after 2 months. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Bob Behnken and Doug Hurley (US Astronauts) – returned to the Earth in the Gulf of Mexico – after 2 months
- They were sent to the International Space Station in – SpaceX's new “Crew Dragon Endeavor” spacecraft
- HQs of SpaceX – California, U.S. | CEO – Elon Musk

### 112. Appointments & Resignations

PNB Housing Finance has appointed Hardayal Prasad as its new MD and CEO. He is the former SBI Card head. Currently, Neeraj Vyas was serving as the interim chief of PNB Housing Finance. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Hardayal Prasad (former SBI Card head) – appointed as the MD & CEO of – PNB Housing Finance
- HQs of PNBHF – New Delhi | MD & CEO – Hardayal Prasad | Tag Line – Ghar Ki Baat



### 113. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given the inaugural address at the 'Conclave on Transformational Reforms in Higher Education' under National Education Policy. The conclave has been organized by Ministry of Education along with the University Grants Commission (UGC). [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

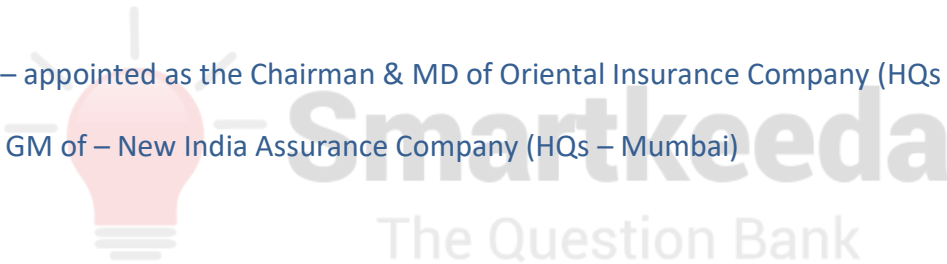
- PM Modi addressed – 'Conclave on Transformational Reforms in Higher Education'
- The conclave organized by = Ministry of Education + UGC
- HQs of UGC – New Delhi | Chairman – Prof D. P. Singh
- Ministry of Education – Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' (Constituency – Haridwar, Uttarakhand)

### 114. Appointments & Resignations

The Centre has appointed S. N. Rajeswari as the Chairman and Managing Director of Oriental Insurance Company Ltd. Earlier, Rajeswari was General Manager at New India Assurance Company Ltd. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- S. N. Rajeswari – appointed as the Chairman & MD of Oriental Insurance Company (HQs – New Delhi)
- Earlier She was GM of – New India Assurance Company (HQs – Mumbai)



### 115. Obituaries

Former India and Mohun Bagan Club footballer Laishram Manitombi Singh has passed away recently in August. He was only 39. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Laishram Manitombi Singh – a Football Player – passed away (Mohun Bagan Club)

### 116. Amount & Agreements

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has signed a \$200 million financing deal with Reliance Power to build and operate a 718 megawatt combined-cycle gas-fired power plant in Bangladesh. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- ADB + Reliance Power = \$200 million agreement – to build a 718 megawatt Power plant – in Bangladesh
- HQs of ADB – Mandaluyong, Philippines | President – Masatsugu Asakawa | VP – Ashok Lavasa
- HQs of Reliance – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Mukesh Ambani



### 117. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Maharashtra school education department has announced its partnership with Google to provide learning programmes to over 2.3 crore students from 1 lakh government and private schools in the state. It is the 1<sup>st</sup> state to do so. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Maharashtra (1<sup>st</sup> state) – to partner with Google – to provide learning programmes for Students
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

### 118. International Affairs

The European Union has imposed its first-ever sanctions over 'cyber attacks' on alleged Russian military agents, Chinese cyber spies and organisations including a North Korean firm. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- EU imposed its first-ever sanctions over 'cyber attacks' – on the organizations of Russia, China & North Korea
- HQs of EU – Brussels, Belgium | President – Ursula von der Leyen | Member Countries – 27
- Russia – Moscow – Russian Ruble | PM – Mikhail Mishustin | President – Vladimir Putin
- China – Beijing – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping
- North Korea – Pyongyang – North Korean won | President – Kim Jong-un

### 119. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

Mukesh Ambani's oil-to-telecom conglomerate Reliance Industries (RIL) has been ranked second most valuable brand after Apple on the FutureBrand Index 2020. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- "FutureBrand Index 2020" list of most valuable brands
- 1<sup>st</sup> – Apple | 2<sup>nd</sup> – Reliance Industries | 3<sup>rd</sup> – Samsung

### 120. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Serum Institute of India (SII) has entered into a new landmark partnership with 'Gavi' and 'Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation', to accelerate the manufacture and delivery of up to 100 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines for India and low & middle-income countries in 2021. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- SII + Gavi + BMGF = partnership to manufacture 100 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines for India
- HQs of SII – Pune, Maharashtra | CEO – Adar C. Poonawalla
- HQs of Gavi – Geneva, Switzerland | CEO – Dr Seth Berkley
- HQs of BMGF – Seattle, Washington, USA | Head of BMGF India – M. Hari Menon





### 121. Books & Authors

Neena Rai has authored a book titled “Amazing Ayodhya”. It promises to offer “authentic information” about the history of Ayodhya, which will not only help understand the life and times of ancient Hindus, but also the revered figures of Rama and Sita. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- “Amazing Ayodhya” book – authored by ‘Neena Rai’

### 122. Current GK

For the first time big cat count will be conducted in the agricultural belt of Pilibhit's Amaria tehsil, where a tigress and 3 cubs had moved into 8 years ago. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Amaria Tehsil – in “Pilibhit Tiger Reserve” – Uttar Pradesh
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

### 123. Books & Authors

Journalist and author Yatish Yadav’s new book “RAW: A History of India’s Covert Operations” is a window into the heroic covert operations carried by India’s external spy agency Research and Analysis Wing (RAW). [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- “RAW: A History of India’s Covert Operations” book – authored by ‘Yatish Yadav’
- HQs of RAW – New Delhi | Secretary – Samant Goel

### 124. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

Pune-based Defence Institute of Advanced Technology (DIAT) has won the first prize in the Smart India Hackathon (SIH) 2020, a national-level digital product building competition. DIAT’s team of 6 members provided a solution titled “DRISHTI” to recognise face, expression and gesture using artificial intelligence (AI). [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- DIAT won the first prize in – Smart India Hackathon (SIH)-2020
- DIAT’s team of 6 members provided – “DRISHTI” to recognise face, expression and gesture using AI
- HQs of DIAT – Pune, Maharashtra | Chairperson – C. P. Ramanarayanan



## 125. Persons in News

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has set up an expert committee under the chairmanship of veteran banker K V Kamath to suggest financial parameters for resolution of coronavirus-related stressed assets. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- RBI set up an expert committee – For resolution of coronavirus-related stressed assets
- The committee is headed by – K V Kamath
- RBI: HQs – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25<sup>th</sup>)

## 126. Appointments & Resignations

Senior IPS Officer P S Ranpise has been appointed as the Inspector General (IG) of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF). He belongs to Odisha Cadre. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- P S Ranpise – appointed as the IG – of CRPF
- HQs of CRPF – New Delhi | Director – Anand Prakash Maheshwari

## 127. Appointments & Resignations

Harmanpreet Kaur (the captain of the Indian squad at the ICC Women's T20 World Cup in 2020) and Suresh Raina, have been appointed as Global Brand Ambassadors of Win Trade Fantasy Sports (WTF). [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Harmanpreet Kaur + Suresh Raina (both Cricketer) – appointed as Global Brand Ambassadors of – WTF Sports

## 128. Important Days & Dates

78<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 'Quit India Movement' was recently observed on August 8, 2020. A function was organised at the Freedom Fighters Memorial at Subbarayana Kere, Mysore, Karnataka. August 8 is observed as 'August Kranti Day' too. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- August 8 – 78<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 'Quit India Movement' + 'August Kranti Day'



### 129. Science & Technology

Karnataka's Medical Education Minister Dr. K Sudhakar has inaugurated the country's first-ever mobile RT-PCR (reverse transcription-polymerase chain reaction) testing lab. This Mobile Infection Testing and Reporting (MITR) lab is developed by the Indian Institute of Science (IISc). [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Karnataka inaugurated – India's first-ever mobile RT-PCR or Mobile Infection Testing and Reporting (MITR) lab
- It is approved by – ICMR & developed by – IISc
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – BS Yediyurappa | Governor – Vajubhai Vala

### 130. National & States Affairs

Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) amended the clause 4 (2) of SEBI international financial services centre (IFSC) guidelines-2015. As per the new guidelines, the shareholding limit should be at least 51% for the Clearing Corporation. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- SEBI – amended the clause 4 (2) of SEBI IFSC guidelines-2015
- Shareholding limit for the Clearing Corporation – at least 51%
- HQs of SEBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Ajay Tyagi

### 131. Schemes & Initiatives

Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has announced to start the “Indira Rasoi Yojana” in urban areas of Rajasthan from August 20. The state government would spend Rs 100 Crore per year on it. The poor would get quality nutritious food for just Rs 8 per plate. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Rajasthan – will provide quality nutritious food to the poor – For Rs 8 per plate – under “Indira Rasoi Yojana”
- Rajasthan: Capital – Jaipur | CM – Ashok Gehlot | Governor – Kalraj Mishra

### 132. Current GK

The water level has risen in the Krishna river and other rivers in Raichur district after increased outflow from Narayanpur Dam (Basava Sagar Reservoir). [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Narayanpur Dam (Basava Sagar Reservoir) – located in Karnataka – built over Krishna river
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – BS Yediyurappa | Governor – Vajubhai Vala



### 133. Sports & Games

Red Bull's Max Verstappen has won Emirates Formula One's (F1) "70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Grand Prix-2020" at Silverstone, UK. He has become the first non-Mercedes driver to win a race in the 2020. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Max Verstappen (Red Bull) – won Emirates F1 "70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Grand Prix-2020" – at Silverstone, UK

### 134. Obituaries

Senior Communist Party of India - Marxist (CPI-M) leader 'Shyamal Chakraborty' has died of COVID-19 in Kolkata. He was 76. He was 3-time transport minister of West Bengal. He was also a two-time Rajya Sabha member and a veteran trade unionist. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Shyamal Chakraborty – a Politician (CPI-M Party) – passed away (3-time transport minister of West Bengal)
- West Bengal: Capital – Kolkata | CM – Mamta Banerjee | Governor – Jagdeep Dhankar

### 135. Current GK

A male swamp deer, also known as Barasingha has died due to a prolonging illness at the "Nandankanan Zoological Park" located at Bhubaneswar in Odisha. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- "Nandankanan Zoological Park" – Odisha
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

### 136. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

National Award-winning documentary "Son Rise" and Geetu Mohandas-directed "Moothon" have won the awards at the 20<sup>th</sup> New York Indian Film Festival (NYIFF). The award for the Best Documentary (Short) has been won by Saurav Vishnu-directed "Tailing Pond". [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- "Son Rise" (documentary) + "Moothon" (film) – won 20<sup>th</sup> New York Indian Film Festival (NYIFF)
- "Moothon" – a Malayalam film – directed by Geetu Mohandas
- "Tailing Pond" (directed by Saurav Vishnu) – won the award for 'Best Documentary (Short)'



### 137. Persons in News

Union Textiles Minister Smriti Zubin Irani has extended her greetings on the occasion of the 6<sup>th</sup> National Handloom Day and also launched the Mobile App & Backend Website for 'Handloom Mark Scheme' (HLM). [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Smriti Zubin Irani launched – Mobile App & Backend Website for 'Handloom Mark Scheme'
- Smriti Zubin Irani – Minister of Women & Child Development, Minister of Textiles (Amethi, Uttar Pradesh)

### 138. Amount & Agreements

India has extended Line of Credit worth \$18 million to the Government of Maldives for the expansion of fishing facilities at Maldives Industrial Fisheries Company (MIFCO). It is part of the 800 million US dollars line of credit offered by India with repayment tenor of 20 years and a 5-year moratorium. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- India extended Line of Credit – worth \$18 million – to Maldives – For the expansion of fishing facilities
- Maldives – Male – Maldivian rufiyaa | President – Ibrahim Mohamed Solih

### 139. Ordinance, Bills and Acts

The Meghalaya Government has brought the policy of reserving at least 50% seats for women in the grassroot village level community institutions or Village Employment Councils (VECs). [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Meghalaya reserved – 50% seats for women – in Village Employment Councils (VECs)
- Meghalaya: Capital – Shillong | CM – Conrad Kongkal Sangma | Governor – Satya Pal Malik

### 140. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

As per the report of a high-level expert group (HLEG) set up by the 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission, India's agricultural exports could grow from \$40 billion to \$70 billion within a few years, adding up to 10 million jobs in the process. Sanjiv Puri is the chairman of HLEG. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- As per the report of HLEG set up by 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission – India's agricultural exports to grow to \$70 Bn
- Chairman of the HLEG – Sanjiv Puri
- Present Chairman of the 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission – Nand Kishore Singh (N K Singh)



### 141. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Simplilearn, a global provider of digital skills training has announced its partnership with National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) to help empower professionals in digital skills and new-age technologies across the country. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Simplilearn + NSDC = partnership to help empower professionals in digital skills
- HQs of Simplilearn – San Francisco, USA | CEO – Krishna Kumar
- HQs of NSDC – New Delhi | MD & CEO – Manish Kumar

### 142. Important Days & Dates

“International Day of the World’s Indigenous Peoples” or “World Tribal Day” was observed on August 9. The day is celebrated on August 9<sup>th</sup> every year from 1994, in accordance with the declaration by the United Nations. This year, the theme was "COVID-19 and indigenous peoples’ resilience". [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- August 9 – ‘International Day of the World’s Indigenous Peoples’ or ‘World Tribal Day’ (since – 1994)
- Theme – “COVID-19 and indigenous peoples’ resilience”
- HQs of UN – New York, United States | Director – Antonio Guterres

### 143. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Airtel Payments Bank has entered into a partnership with Bharti AXA General Insurance to offer shop insurance known as "Smart Plan Shop Package Policy" to the bank’s retailers and merchants. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Airtel Payments Bank + Bharti AXA General Ins – to offer "Smart Plan Shop Package Policy"
- HQs of APB – New Delhi | CEO – Anubrata Biswas
- HQs of Bharti AXA – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Sanjeev Srinivasan

### 144. Persons in News

The government has formed a committee to determine ceiling rates under the Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP) scheme. The committee would be chaired by retired former secretary to the government GK Pillai with retired CBEC members YG Parande and Gautam Ray as other members. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- A committee to determine ceiling rates under RoDTEP scheme – chaired by G K Pillai
- HQs of CBIC – New Delhi | Chairperson – M. Ajit Kumar



### 145. Obituaries

Eminent scholar, philosopher, musicologist and cultural historian, Mukund Lath has passed away recently in August in Jaipur. He was 83. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Mukund Lath – Scholar, Philosopher, Musicologist & “Cultural Historian” – passed away

### 146. Current GK

At least 18 persons were killed and 52 others are missing after a series of landslips at the Nayamakkad tea estate in Idukki district. The Nayamakkad estate is located about 30 km from Munnar, adjacent to the “Eravikulam National Park” (ENP). [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- “Eravikulam National Park” – Kerala
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

### 147. Schemes & Initiatives

Chhattisgarh has launched a social security scheme namely "Shaheed Mahendra Karma Tendupatta Sangraha Samajik Suraksha Yojana" for Tendu leaves collectors in the state. It is named after slain Congress leader Mahendra Karma. Tendu leaves are used for making bidis (leaf-wrapped cigarettes). [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Chhattisgarh launched – "Shaheed Mahendra Karma Tendupatta Sangraha Samajik Suraksha Yojana"
- The Scheme named after Congress leader – Mahendra Karma
- This social security scheme is launched for – Tendu leaves collectors
- Chhattisgarh: Capital – Raipur | CM – Bhupesh Baghel | Governor – Anusuiya Uikey

### 148. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

Ramesh Pokhriyal ‘Nishank’ has inaugurated the global virtual conference on 'Reimagining and Transforming the University' hosted by OP Jindal Global University (JGU) and International Institute for Higher Education Research and Capacity Building (IIHed) on August 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Ramesh Pokhriyal inaugurated a global virtual conference on – 'Reimagining and Transforming the University'
- The conference hosted by = OP JGU (Haryana) + IIHed (Haryana)
- Ministry of Education – Ramesh Pokhriyal ‘Nishank’ (Constituency – Haridwar, Uttarakhand)



### 149. Ordinance, Bills and Acts

The government has notified an "e-invoicing" system under the goods and services tax (GST) regime which makes it mandatory for large businesses with turnover of over Rs 500 Crore to submit sales invoices electronically. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Large businesses with turnover of over Rs 500 Crore – needs to submit sales "e-invoicing"

### 150. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

The Sports Authority of India (SAI), in association with Education Boards CISCE and CBSE, will host an online program for training of Physical Education (PE) Teachers from CISCE Schools on "Khelo India Fitness Assessment of School Going Children". [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- SAI + CISCE + CBSE = will host an online program for training of Physical Education Teachers
- HQs of SAI – New Delhi | Director General – Sandip Pradhan
- HQs of CISCE – New Delhi | Chairman – Dr. G Emanuel
- HQs of CBSE – New Delhi | Chairperson – Shri Manoj Ahuja

### 151. Schemes & Initiatives

A total of over 44 lakh tonnes food grains is lifted by States and Union Territories till date under "Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana – 2". And a total of 201 lakh tonnes food grains will be distributed among 81 crore beneficiaries under the scheme. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- 44 lakh tonnes food grains – lifted by States & UTs – under "Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana – 2"
- 201 lakh tonnes food grains – to be distributed among 81 crore beneficiaries

### 152. Important Days & Dates

August 6, 2020 has marked the 75th anniversary of Hiroshima Day. In 1945, on this day, the United States had dropped an atomic bomb in Hiroshima city of Japan. After three days, on August 9, the second bomb was dropped in Nagasaki. The nuclear bomb blasts took the lives of thousands, killing approximately 80,000 people directly. The Hiroshima Peace Memorial (Genbaku Dome), Japan one of the few structures left standing in the city center after the bomb exploded on 6 August 1945. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- August 6 – 75th Hiroshima Day (USA dropped an atomic bomb in – 1945) | Code name of bomb – "Little Boy"
- August 9 – 75th Nagasaki Day (Code Name – "Fat Man")
- Hiroshima Peace Memorial (Genbaku Dome) – in Japan (UNESCO's world heritage site)
- USA – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | President – Donald Trump
- Japan – Tokyo – Yen | PM – Shinzo Abe





### 153. International Affairs

Pakistan's Prime Minister Imran Khan has unveiled a new political map of his country that claims over regions of Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Junagadh and over Sir Creek in Gujarat as Pakistani territories. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Pakistan unveiled a new political map – that includes J & K, Ladakh, Junagadh & Sir Creek (in Gujarat)
- Pakistan – Islamabad – Pakistani Rupee | PM – Imran Khan | President – Arif Alvi

### 154. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Nokia has announced a collaboration with the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) to establish the Nokia Centre of Excellence (CoE) for networked robotics. Nokia will set up a robotics lab at IISc Bengaluru for research on socially-relevant use cases based on 5G and emerging technologies. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Nokia + IISc = to establish the Nokia Centre of Excellence (CoE)
- Nokia will set up a robotics lab at – IISc (Bengaluru) – For research on socially-relevant use cases based on 5G
- HQs of Nokia – Espoo, Finland | President & CEO – Pekka Lundmark



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### 155. Important Days & Dates

The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) has unveiled a new platform to help accelerate global reduction in food loss and waste. The platform will be officially launched on the first International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste on 29 September, 2020. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- FAO unveiled a new platform – to help accelerate global reduction in food loss and waste
- 29 September 2020 – 1<sup>st</sup> edition of “International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste”
- HQs of FAO – Rome, Italy | DG – QU Dongyu

### 156. National & States Affairs

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the ‘Rashtriya Swachhata Kendra’, an interactive experience centre on the Swachh Bharat Mission, in New Delhi. This cleanliness drive has been a big support in fight against coronavirus. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Narendra Modi inaugurated – ‘Rashtriya Swachhata Kendra’ – on Swachh Bharat Mission – in New Delhi



## 157. National & States Affairs

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will set up an “Innovation Hub” to encourage start-ups and companies address the challenges of financial inclusion and efficient banking transactions. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- RBI will set up – “Innovation Hub” to address the challenges of financial inclusion
- RBI: HQs – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25<sup>th</sup>)

## 158. International Affairs

The US President Donald Trump has issued executive orders banning U.S. transactions with Chinese tech firms Tencent owned 'WeChat' and ByteDance owned 'TikTok' in 45 days if they are not sold by their Chinese-owned parent companies. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- USA issued an order to ban – “WeChat” (owned by Tencent) & “TikTok” (owned by ByteDance) – within 45 days
- HQs of WeChat – Shenzhen, Guangdong, China | CEO – Ma Huateng
- HQs of TikTok – Beijing, China | CEO – Kevin Mayer

## 159. Acquisitions & Mergers

Oman India Joint Investment Fund II (OIJIF) has acquired 5.07 million shares or 1.63% stake in Mumbai based DCB Bank through a block trade on stock exchanges. The stake is valued at ₹42 crore. OIJIF is a private equity fund backed by SBI & State General Reserve Fund of Oman (SGRF). [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- “OIJIF - II” – acquired 1.63% stake (₹42 crore) – in DCB Bank
- OIJIF – a private equity fund backed by – SBI + SGRF
- HQs of OIJIF – Mumbai, MH | CEO – Srinath Srinivasan
- HQs of DCB bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Murali M Natrajan

## 160. Science & Technology

The Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport has developed an online portal named "Air Suvidha". It will allow international arriving passengers to fill a mandatory self-declaration form and eligible passengers to apply for exemption from compulsory institutional quarantine for coronavirus. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport developed – an online portal - "Air Suvidha" – For all international arriving passengers



## 161. Acquisitions & Mergers

LIC has acquired 4.23% stake in Yes bank by purchasing shares from the open market. Moody's Investors Service has also upgraded Yes Bank's long-term foreign currency issuer rating by a notch to "B3" from "Caa1". [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- LIC acquired 4.23% stake – in Yes bank
- Moody's upgraded Yes Bank's rating – to “B3” (from ‘Caa1’)
- HQs of LIC – Mumbai, MH | Chairman – M R Kumar
- HQs of Yes Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Prashant Kumar | Tagline – “Experience our Expertise”
- HQs of Moody’s – New York, USA | CEO – Raymond W. McDaniel

## 162. Amount & Agreements

Export-Import Bank of India (Exim Bank) has extended a USD 250-million (about Rs 1,870 crore) line of credit (LOC) to Mozambique for improving power supply quality in the country. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Exim Bank – extended a USD 250-million (about Rs 1,870 Cr) – to Mozambique
- HQs of EXIM Bank – Mumbai | Chairman & MD – TC Venkat Subramanian
- Mozambique – Maputo – Mozambican metical

## 163. National & States Affairs

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the submarine Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) connecting Chennai and Port Blair on August 10 via video conferencing. The submarine optical fibre cable link will deliver bandwidth of 2 x 200 Gigabits per second (Gbps) between Chennai and Port Blair. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- PM Modi inaugurated submarine Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) – connecting Chennai & Port Blair (Speed: 2x200 gbps)
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Thiru Edappadi K. Palaniswami | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit
- Andaman and Nicobar Islands: Capital – Port Blair | Lieut. Governor– Admiral Devendra Kumar Joshi

## 164. Defence Affairs

India will participate in the Russian “Kavkaz 2020” multilateral military exercise. China and Pakistan are also invited to participate in ‘KavKaz 2020’ as both countries are members of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO). [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- India (along with China & Pakistan) – to participate in “Kavkaz 2020” or “Caucasus-2020” multilateral military exercise – in Russia
- Russia – Moscow – Russian Ruble | PM – Mikhail Mishustin | President – Vladimir Putin
- Military Exercise with Russia: (Indra, AVIA INDRA)



## 165. Schemes & Initiatives

The Haryana government has launched a scheme namely 'Mahila Evam Kishori Samman Yojana' to give a packet of free sanitary napkins to about 22.50 lakh women and girls below the poverty line every month for a year. A scheme was also started to provide fortified flavoured skimmed milk powder under the 'Mukhya Mantri Doodh Uphar Yojana' for children aged 1-6 years in anganwadi centres. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Haryana launched – 'Mahila Evam Kishori Samman Yojana' – to give a packet of free sanitary napkins to women
- Haryana launched – 'Mukhya Mantri Doodh Uphar Yojana' – to provide fortified flavoured skimmed milk powder
- Haryana: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Manohar Lal Khattar | Governor – Satyadev Narayan Arya

## 166. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has been awarded the 'Food System Vision Prize' for its 'Eat Right India' movement's vision for 2050. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- FSSAI – received 'Food System Vision Prize' – For its 'Eat Right India' movement's vision – For 2050
- HQs of FSSAI – New Delhi | Chairperson – Rita Teatonia

## 167. Appointments & Resignations

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has extended the tenure of Shri Ajay Tyagi as Chairman of Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) by a further period of 18 months up to 28<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2022. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Ajay Tyagi – tenure extended as the Chairman of SEBI – by 18 months or upto Feb, 2022
- HQs of SEBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Ajay Tyagi

## 168. Obituaries

Congress party leader, Nandi Yellaiah has passed away on August 8 due to Covid-19. He was an eight-time member of Parliament including six-terms to Lok Sabha and twice to Rajya Sabha from Nagarkurnool constituency of Telangana state. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Nandi Yellaiah – a Politician – passed away (Party - Indian National Congress)



## 169. Amount & Agreements

The RBI has decided to provide additional Special Liquidity Facility of Rs 10,000 crore (Rs 5000 Cr each) to National Housing Bank (NHB) and the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD). [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- RBI will provide additional Special Liquidity Facility of Rs 10,000 crore – to NHB + NABARD
- RBI: HQs – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25<sup>th</sup>)
- HQs of NHB – New Delhi | Chairman – Sarada Kumar Hota
- HQs of NABARD – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Chintala Govinda Rajulu

## 170. Books & Authors

Yogendra Yadav deploys an analogy of the 'second republic' in the introduction of his new book – “Making Sense of Indian Democracy”. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- “Making Sense of Indian Democracy” book – authored by ‘Yogendra Yadav’

## 171. National & States Affairs

Indian Railways has launched an application called “OHE Inspection” (Overhead Equipment) for real-time monitoring. With the help of this app, the national transporter will quickly find out the problem and it will get it fixed as soon as possible. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Indian Railways launched – “OHE Inspection” (Overhead Equipment) application – for real-time monitoring
- Chairman of Indian Railways – Vinod Kumar Yadav | HQs – New Delhi

## 172. Obituaries

Ram D Pradhan has passed away recently. He was 92. He had served as the former chief secretary of Maharashtra and the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Ram D Pradhan – a Politician – passed away (Former CS of Maharashtra & Governor of Arunachal Pradesh)



### 173. Appointments & Resignations

President Ram Nath Kovind has appointed former Union minister 'Manoj Sinha' as the next Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir. He will replace Girish Chandra Murmu. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Manoj Sinha – appointed as the Lieutenant Governor of – J & K (by replacing – G C Murmu)
- J &K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha

### 174. Sports & Games

International Cricket Council (ICC) has confirmed that Men's T20 World Cup 2020 (8<sup>th</sup> edition) that was postponed due to COVID-19 will be held in Australia in 2022. India will host the Men's T20 World Cup (7<sup>th</sup> edition) in 2021 as planned. India would also host the Men's ODI World Cup in 2023. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- 8<sup>th</sup> edition of 'Men's T20 World Cup 2020' – to be hosted by Australia – in 2022 (postponed from 2020 to 2022)
- 7<sup>th</sup> edition of 'Men's T20 World Cup 2020' – to be hosted by India – in 2021
- ICC Men's ODI World Cup – to be hosted by India – in 2023
- HQs of ICC – Dubai, UAE | Chairman – Imran Khwaja | CEO – Manu Sawhney

### 175. Obituaries

Noted Delhi-based writer and activist Sadia Dehvi has passed away after a prolonged cancer. She was 63. She edited 'Bano', an Urdu women's journal. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Sadia Dehvi (New Delhi) – a Writer & an Activist – passed away (edited 'Bano' - an Urdu women's journal)

### 176. Current GK

A minor fire broke out on a coastal shipping boat anchored at the Visakhapatnam Port Trust West Q5 berth. The BD51 ship from Chennai reached the port at Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- "Visakhapatnam Port Trust" – Andhra Pradesh
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan



## 177. National & States Affairs

The foundation stone of 'IIM - Sirmaur' in Himachal Pradesh was laid down through video conferencing jointly by Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur, Union Minister of Education Ramesh Pokhriyal, Union Minister of State for Education Sanjay Dhotre and Union Minister of State for Finance Anurag Thakur. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- The foundation stone of 'IIM - Sirmaur' laid down – in Himachal Pradesh – by Ramesh Pokhriyal
- Ministry of Education – Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' (Constituency – Haridwar, Uttarakhand)
- MoS for Ministry of Education – Sanjay Dhotre
- MoS for Ministry of Finance – Anurag Thakur | Finance Minister – Nirmala Sitharaman (Karnataka)
- Himachal Pradesh: Capital – Shimla & Dharamshala | CM – Jai Ram Thakur | Governor – Bandaru Dattatreya

## 178. Obituaries

Shirley Ann Grau, a Pulitzer Prize-winner has passed away recently in August. She was 91. She had won the 1965 Pulitzer Prize for her fourth book, "The Keepers of the House." [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Shirley Ann Grau (USA) – a Writer – passed away (1965 Pulitzer Prize winner for "The Keepers of the House")
- USA – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | President – Donald Trump

## 179. National & States Affairs

The Ministry of Jal Shakti has launched a new version of the 'India Water Resources Information System' (India-WRIS) with new functionalities and features. The first version of India Water Resources Information System (India-WRIS) was launched in July, 2019 under the National Hydrology Project. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Ministry of Jal Shakti launched – a new version of 'India Water Resources Information System' (India-WRIS)
- First version of 'India-WRIS' launched – in 2019 – under 'National Hydrology Project'
- Minister of Jal Shakti – Gajendra Singh Sekhawat | Constituency – Jodhpur, Rajasthan

## 180. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) and IIT-Delhi have collaborated to analyse various project management issues and their impact on projects using AI. It will help strengthen the NHAI's capabilities in data-driven decision making. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- NHAI + IIT Delhi = collaborated to strengthen the NHAI's capabilities in data-driven decision making
- HQs of NHAI – New Delhi | Chairman – Sukhbir Singh Sandhu



### 181. National & States Affairs

Venkatraipur and Noliasahi, these two villages of Odisha have been designated as 'Tsunami Ready' for their preparedness by the UNESCO. The Odisha State Disaster Management Authority (OSDMA) implemented the 'Tsunami Ready Programme' in the two villages. Odisha has become the first State in India (and India - the first country) to implement this programme in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR). [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- OSDMA implemented 'Tsunami Ready Programme' – in 'Venkatraipur' & 'Noliasahi' villages
- These two villages of Odisha – designated as 'Tsunami Ready' – by UNESCO
- Odisha/India – became the 1<sup>st</sup> state/country – to implement 'Tsunami Ready Programme' in IOR
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal
- HQs of UNESCO – Paris, France | Director-General – Audrey Azoulay

### 182. International Affairs

China has reported a new infectious disease caused by a 'Tick-borne' virus. The virus which can be transmitted through tick bites has been identified as 'Severe Fever with Thrombocytopenia Syndrome' or SFTS virus for short. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- China reported a new infectious disease – caused by a 'Tick-borne' SFTS virus
- SFTS – Severe Fever with Thrombocytopenia Syndrome
- China – Beijing – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping

### 183. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has officially decided to suspend its partnership with Vivo Mobile India Pvt Ltd for the Indian Premier League (IPL) in 2020. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- BCCI – officially decided to suspend its partnership with – Vivo – For 'IPL-2020'
- HQs of BCCI – Mumbai, MH | Chairman – Sourav Ganguly | Ethics Officer – D K Jain
- HQs of Vivo – Dongguan, China | CEO – Shen Wei

### 184. National & States Affairs

Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting Prakash Javadekar has launched "Doordarshan Assam", a 24-hour dedicated channel for the state. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Prakash Javadekar launched – a dedicated Doordarshan channel – For Assam
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Sarbananda Sonowal | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi





### 185. Important Days & Dates

“World Biofuel Day” is observed every year on 10<sup>th</sup> August to create awareness about the importance of non-fossil fuels as an alternative to conventional fossil fuels. It has been celebrated by Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas since 2015. On this day, a webinar was organized by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, with the theme “Biofuels towards Atmanirbhar Bharat”. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- August 10 – “World Biofuel Day” – celebrated by Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (since – 2015)
- Theme of a webinar organized on this day – “Biofuels towards Atmanirbhar Bharat”
- Dharmendra Pradhan – Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Minister of Steel (Madhya Pradesh)

### 186. National & States Affairs

Facebook has launched the next phase of its consumer marketing campaign in India - ‘More Together’. The campaign highlights the power of connections reinforcing that people can do more together than alone. The campaign has been conceptualised and executed by Taproot Dentsu, the creative agency from the house of Dentsu Aegis Network (DAN) India. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Facebook launched = the next phase of ‘More Together’
- The campaign is conceptualised & executed by – Taproot Dentsu
- Facebook: HQs – California, United States | CEO – Mark Zuckerberg

### 187. International Affairs

Sri Lanka’s PM, Mahinda Rajapaksa has staged a political comeback as his ‘Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna Party’ or ‘Sri Lanka People’s Party’ (SLPP) has registered a landslide victory in the general elections. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- ‘Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna Party’ (SLPP) headed by Mahinda Rajapaksa has won General Elections
- Sri Lanka – Colombo/Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte – Sri Lankan rupee
- PM – Mahinda Rajapaksa | President – Gotabaya Rajapaksa

### 188. Banking & Economic Affairs

The RBI has enhanced the amount of loan that banks can give against the pledge of gold ornaments and jewellery for non-agricultural purposes from 75% of the value of gold pledged to 90%. This relaxation in loan to value is available till March 31, 2021. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- RBI enhanced the limit for loans against gold – to 90% (From 75%) {available till March 31, 2021}
- RBI: HQs – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25<sup>th</sup>)



## 189. Appointments & Resignations

Pradeep Kumar Joshi has been appointed as the chairman of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) till April 4, 2022. He has replaced Arvind Saxena after his retirement. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Pradeep Kumar Joshi – appointed as the chairman of – UPSC (by replacing – Arvind Saxena)
- HQs of UPSC – New Delhi | Chairman – Pradeep Kumar Joshi

## 190. International Affairs

The US Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has given Amazon approval to launch and operate a constellation of 3,236 internet-providing satellites as part of its 'Project Kuiper'. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- USFCC gave approval to Amazon – to launch and operate 3,236 internet-providing satellites
- For – 'Project Kuiper' of Amazon
- HQs of Amazon – Seattle , USA | Founder & CEO – Jeff Bezos
- HQs of FCC – Washington, DC, USA | Chairperson – Ajit Pai

## 191. International Affairs

Apple has become the most valuable company in terms of market cap in the world by surpassing oil giant Saudi Aramco (\$1.76 trillion) with a market valuation of \$1.84 trillion. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Apple – the most valuable company in the world – with a market cap of \$1.84 trillion
- It surpassed – Saudi Aramco (\$1.76 trillion)
- Apple HQs – California, United States | CEO – Tim Cook
- HQs of Saudi Aramco – Dhahran, Saudi Arabia | CEO – Amin H. Nasser

## 192. Ordinance, Bills and Acts

The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) has amended the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Liquidation Process) Regulations, 2016 by the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Liquidation Process) (Third Amendment) Regulations, 2020 under sub-section (1) of section 196 read with section 240. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- IBBI amended – Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Liquidation Process) Regulations, 2016
- Under – Section 240
- It was – 3rd amendment
- HQs of IBBI – New Delhi | Chairperson – M S Sahoo



### 193. National & States Affairs

The government of India has held 'AatmaNirbhar Bharat Logo Design Contest' to have a distinct identity for 'AatmaNirbhar Bharat Abhiyan' by developing a logo based on creative and innovative inputs from the citizens of the country. The winning Logo was awarded a cash prize of Rs. 25,000. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Indian government held – 'AatmaNirbhar Bharat Logo Design Contest' – For 'AatmaNirbhar Bharat Abhiyan'
- Cash prize of – Rs. 25,000

### 194. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

The ICMR in collaboration with the Health Ministry and the AIIMS is planning to set up the 'National Clinical Registry' of hospitalised Covid-19 patients. It will help researchers and policy makers understand effectiveness of investigational therapies, adverse effects taking place and generate evidence for improving the treatment of COVID-19 patients. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- ICMR + Health Ministry + AIIMS – to set up the 'National Clinical Registry'
- ICMR HQs – New Delhi, India | Director General – Balram Bhargava
- Ministry of Health and Family Welfare – Dr. Harsh Vardhan (Chandni Chowk, Delhi)
- HQs of AIIMS – New Delhi | Director of AIIMS-Delhi – Dr Randeep Guleria

### 195. National & States Affairs

Piyush Goyal & Narendra Singh Tomar have flagged off the first 'Kisan Rail' train for transportation of perishable goods with refrigerated coaches from Deolali in Maharashtra to Danapur in Bihar. It is expected to reduce transportation costs by Rs 1000 per tonne. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Piyush Goyal & Narendra Singh Tomar flagged off – 1<sup>st</sup> 'Kisan Rail' train
- From Deolali (Maharashtra) to Danapur (Bihar)
- Ministry of Railways, Ministry of Commerce & Industry – Piyush Goyal | Constituency – Maharashtra
- Minister of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare and Rural Development – Narendra Singh Tomar (Morena, MP)



## 196. Books & Authors

'Corona Kavithakal', 'Republic Day 2020' and 'Thus Speaks the Governor' - these 3 of 13 books penned by Mizoram governor P S Sreedharan Pillai during lockdown have been released recently. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- 'Corona Kavithakal', 'Republic Day 2020' & 'Thus Speaks the Governor' books – written by 'P S Sreedharan Pillai'
- Mizoram: Capital – Aizawl | CM – Zoramthanga | Governor – P. S. Sreedharan Pillai

## 197. Important Days & Dates

The Government of India has celebrated the 6<sup>th</sup> Edition of "National Handloom day" on August 7. Prime Minister Narendra Modi had declared 7<sup>th</sup> August as the first National Handloom Day in July 2015. It is celebrated to commemorate the Swadeshi Movement which took place in 1905. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- August 7 – 6<sup>th</sup> Edition of "National Handloom day" (since – 2015)
- Swadeshi Movement took place in – 1905

## 198. National & States Affairs

Gujarat has announced a new Industrial Policy 2020 that aims to provide an estimated Rs 40,000 crore as subsidies to industries in the next 5 years. Gujarat will become the first state to "delink incentives from SGST" (State Goods and Service Tax) under the new policy. MSMEs will also be eligible for capital subsidy of up to 25% of eligible loan amount up to Rs 35 lakh. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Gujarat announced – a new Industrial Policy 2020
- Aim: to provide Rs 40,000 crore as subsidies – in the next 5 years
- Gujarat – the first state to "delink incentives from SGST" | SGST – State Goods and Service Tax
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat
- MSMEs – eligible for capital subsidy of up to 25% of eligible loan amount – up to Rs 35 lakh

## 199. National & States Affairs

Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar has launched the "Sahakar Cooptube NCDC Channel", a new initiative by National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC). The Minister has also launched guidance videos produced by NCDC on 'Formation and Registration of a Cooperative' in Hindi and regional language of 18 different states. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Narendra Singh Tomar launched – "Sahakar Cooptube NCDC Channel" – an initiative by NCDC
- NCDC works under – Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (Narendra Singh Tomar – Morena, MP)
- HQs of NCDC – New Delhi | MD – Sundeep Kumar Nayak



## 200. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

An agreement was signed between CSIR and FSSAI for collaborative research and information dissemination in the area of food and nutrition. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- CSIR + FSSAI = an MoU for collaborative research and information dissemination in the area of food and nutrition
- HQs of FSSAI – New Delhi | Chairperson – Rita Teotia
- HQs of CSIR – New Delhi | CSIR President – Narendra Modi | Director General – Shekhar C. Mande





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