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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 ये PDF अगस्तमाह में Testzone पर होने वाले MockDrill 100 में आपकी तैयारी को बेहतर करने के लिए उपलब्ध करायी जा रही है। इस PDF में हमने कुछ अति आवश्यक 'Key-Points' के माध्यम से आपको सम-सामयिकी (Current Affairs) सूचनाओं से अवगत कराया है और अगर आप MockDrill में अपनी योग्यता सिद्ध करना चाहते हैं तो आपके लिए हर सूचना को पढना, समझना और उसे याद रखना भी अति आवश्यक है क्योंकि MockDrill में शामिल किए गए प्रश्नPDF में दी गयी सूचना या जानकारी पर ही आधारित होंगे।

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

आभार,

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301. Amount & Agreements

The Central Board of the RBI has approved the transfer of Rs 57,128 Cr as dividend to the Central Government for the accounting year 2019-20 and decided to maintain the Contingency Risk Buffer at 5.5%. This followed the recommendation by the panel headed by former RBI governor Bimal Jalan which was set up by RBI in 2018 to recommend a formula for the sharing of its profits with the government. {Read more}

Key Points:

- RBI approved the transfer of Rs 57,128 crore as dividend to the Central Government
- RBI decided to maintain Contingency Risk Buffer at 5.5%
- The panel constituted to transfer this surplus fund is headed by Bimal Jalan
- RBI: HQs Mumbai | Governor Shaktikanta Das (25th)

302. National & States Affairs

Amazon has launched a prescription medicine delivery service "Amazon Pharmacy" in Bengaluru. Amazon Pharmacy will allow customers to order prescription based medication. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Amazon launched an online service "Amazon Pharmacy" in Bengaluru
- HQs of Amazon Seattle, USA | Founder & CEO Jeff Bezos
- Karnataka: Capital Bangalore | CM BS Yediyurappa | Governor Vajubhai Vala

303. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

The NSE (National Stock Exchange of India) and IIM Bangalore have jointly developed & launched the Platform for investor education (PIE). It imparts investor education in simple easy-to-understand video, audio, and other digital media formats. {Read more}

Key Points:

- NSE + IIM Bangalore = jointly developed & launched the Platform for investor education (PIE)
- HQs of NSE Mumbai, MH | Chairman Girish Chandra Chaturvedi | MD & CEO Vikram Limaye

304. Sports & Games

Suresh Raina has announced his retirement from International Cricket marking the end of a near 15-year-long career. He belonged to Uttar Pradesh. He is the 1st Indian cricketer to score century in all the 3 formats (ie. Test, ODI, T20). {Read more}



Key Points:

- Suresh Raina (UP) announced his retirement from International Cricket
- Suresh Raina the 1st Indian cricketer to score century in all the 3 formats of Cricket
- UP: Capital Lucknow | CM Yogi Adityanath | Governor Anandiben Patel

305. Defence Affairs

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has launched the Naval Innovation and Indigenisation Organisation (NIIO) through an online webinar. A compendium of Indian Navy's Indigenisation perspective plans titled 'SWAVLAMBAN' was also released on the occasion. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Rajnath Singh launched Naval Innovation and Indigenisation Organisation (NIIO) a 3 tier organization
- 'SWAVLAMBAN' a compendium of Indian Navy
- Ministry of Defence Rajnath Singh (Constituency Lucknow, UP)

306. Important Days & Dates

Indians across the nation have commemorated India's independence from British rule by celebrating its 74th Independence Day on August 15, 2020. {Read more}

Key Points:

• August 15 – 74th Independence Day

307. Important Days & Dates

August 13 is considered as a red-letter day in the history of Manipur and is annually observed as "Patriots' Day". It is observed to pay tributes to heroes of Manipur, who fought against the British during Anglo-Manipuri War. {Read more}

- August 13 "Patriots' Day" observed by Manipur
- Manipur: Capital Imphal | CM N. Biren Singh | Governor Najma Heptulla



308. Amount & Agreements

India has announced \$500 million assistance for major connectivity project in Maldives. The 6.7 km Greater Male Connectivity Project (GMCP) will be the largest civilian infrastructure project in Maldives. {Read more}

Key Points:

- India announced \$500 million assistance to Maldives For 6.7 km Greater Male Connectivity Project
- Maldives Male Maldivian rufiyaa | President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih

309. National & States Affairs

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has announced to launch "National Digital Health Mission" under which every Indian will be given a health ID. This health ID will work as each Indian's health account that will store the individual's medical records. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Narendra Modi announced to launch "National Digital Health Mission" to give a health ID to every Indian
- Nodal agency to implement NDHM National Health Authority (NHA)

310. Amount & Agreements

A Historic Peace Agreement namely 'Abraham Accord' has been signed between Israel and UAE. This first peace treaty between Israel and an Arab nation since 1994 has profound, perdurable implications for both countries and for the U.S. {Read more}

Key Points:

A Historic Peace Agreement namely 'Abraham Accord' has been signed between - Israel & UAE

Israel – Jerusalem – Israeli Shekel | President – Reuven Rivlin | PM – Benjamin Netanyahu

UAE – Abu Dhabi – Dirham | President – Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan

311. International Affairs

Chinese President Xi Jinping has launched the 'Clean Plate Campaign' to reduce food waste. He urged his countrymen to stop wasting food as the coronavirus pandemic and floods have already led to a rise in food prices in the country. {Read more}

- China launched 'Clean Plate Campaign' to reduce food waste
- China Beijing Renminbi | President Xi Jinping



312. Appointments & Resignations

Aligarh Municipal Corporation (AMC) has recently appointed Indian Idol Season 11 Finalist and Oscar Nominated Playback Singer 'Shahzan Mujeeb' as its First Ever National Brand Ambassador for Swachh Bharat Abhiyan Campaign at National and International level. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Shahzan Mujeeb appointed as the 1st Ever National Brand Ambassador of Aligarh Municipal Corporation
- UP: Capital Lucknow | CM Yogi Adityanath | Governor Anandiben Patel

313. Persons in News

Kamala Harris has been selected as the vice-presidential candidate of Joe Biden by the Democratic Party for the American Presidential Elections 2020. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Kamala Harris selected as the vice-presidential candidate for the American Presidential Elections 2020
- She belongs to Democratic Party

314. National & States Affairs

E-commerce platform Amazon India has rolled out its seller driven campaign 'Itna Aasan Hai' highlighting how sellers are thriving on the Amazon ecosystem with ease. The campaign is conceptualised by 'Ogilvy' advertising company. {Read more}

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Key Points:

- Amazon India rolled out its seller driven campaign 'Itna Aasan Hai' (conceptualised by 'Ogilvy')
- HQs of Amazon Seattle, USA | Founder & CEO Jeff Bezos

315. International Affairs

NITI Aayog has selected Oracle to enhance the user experience, strengthen data processing and modernize vital IT infrastructure for better implementation of Aspirational Districts Programme. {Read more}

- NITI Aayog selected Oracle to strengthen data processing and modernize vital IT infrastructure
- HQs of NITI Aayog New Delhi | CEO Amitabh Kant
- Chairperson Narendra Modi | Vice Chairperson Rajiv Kumar
- HQs of Oracle California, USA | Chairman Larry Ellison



316. Defence Affairs

Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has launched a "SRIJAN" portal for 'Opportunities for Make in India in Defence' as part of 'Atmanirbharta Saptah'. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Rajnath Singh (Defence Ministry) launched "SRIJAN" portal for 'Opportunities for Make in India in Defence'
- Ministry of Defence Rajnath Singh (Constituency Lucknow, UP)

317. National & States Affairs

A Price Monitoring and Resource Unit (PMRU) has been set up in Karnataka under the aegis of National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA), Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers. {Read more}

Key Points:

- A Price Monitoring and Resource Unit set up under the aegis of NPPA in Karnataka
- NPPA functions under Minstry of Chemicals and Fertilizers (D. V. Sadananda Gowda Bangalore, Karnataka)
- Karnataka: Capital Bangalore | CM BS Yediyurappa | Governor Vajubhai Vala

318. Current GK

The historic 'Sarkhej Roza' monument found a place in the 5-stamp set released by India Post on the occasion of 74th Independence Day. The set is themed 'Unesco World Heritage Sites in India-III'. The other four monuments are: Church of Bom Jesus (Goa), monuments at Pattadakal (Karnataka), Javeri temple at Khajuraho (Madhya Pradesh) and Qutb Minar (Delhi). {Read more}

Key Points:

- 'Sarkhej Roza' monument (in Gujarat) received world heritage site stamp released by India Post
- Javeri temple at Khajuraho in Madhya Pradesh
- Gujarat: Capital Gandhinagar | CM Vijay Rupani | Governor Acharya Devvrat

319. Science & Technology

The Defence Institute of Advanced Technology (DIAT) has developed a biodegradable face mask namely "Pavitrapati". It is based on Nanofibres of Ayurvedic products which acts as a virus neutralizer and resists the bacteria. {Read more}

- DIAT developed "Pavitrapati" a biodegradable face mask
- HQs of DIAT Pune, Maharashtra | Chairperson C. P. Ramanarayanan



320. Current GK

A woolly flying squirrel that was thought to be extinct almost 70 years back has been spotted at "Gangotri National Park" in Uttarakhand. {Read more}

Key Points:

- "Gangotri National Park" Uttarakhand
- Uttarakhand: Capital Dehradun & Gairsain | CM Trivndra Singh Rawat | Governor Baby Rani Maurya

321. Schemes & Initiatives

Assam government has formally launched "Orunodoi" (Arunodoi) flagship scheme to give Rs 830 per month to nearly 17 lakh families in the state. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Assam launched "Orunodoi" (Arunodoi) flagship scheme (Rs 830/month to 17 lakh families)
- Assam: Capital Dispur | CM Sarbananda Sonowal | Governor Jagdish Mukhi

322. Sports & Games

The Indian Olympic Association has launched its 'Ek India Team India' digital campaign on the occasion of the country's 74th Independence Day. The campaign is a part of IOA's recent adoption of its new identity, marking 100 years of Indian athletes' participation at the Olympic Games. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Indian Olympic Association launched 'Ek India Team India' digital campaign
- IOA completed 100 years of participation of Indian athletes in the Olympic Games
- HQs of IOA New Delhi | President Narinder Dhruv Batra | Secretary General Rajeev Mehta

323. Science & Technology

The Terrain Mapping Camera on board Chandrayaan-2's orbiter of ISRO has captured the image of Sarabhai crater, named after the father of the Indian space programme, on the moon. {Read more}

- The Terrain Mapping Camera on board Chandrayaan-2's orbiter captured the image of Sarabhai crater
- The crater is named after Vikram Sarabhai (The father of the Indian space programme)
- HQs of ISRO Bengaluru, Karnataka | Director Kailasavadivoo Sivan | Formed in 1969



324. Current GK

An Indian Air Force (IAF) chopper has airlifted a man stranded in the water at Khutaghat Dam near Bilaspur in Chhattisgarh. {Read more}

Key Points:

- IAF chopper airlifted a man at Khutaghat Dam located in Chhattisgarh
- Chhattisgarh: Capital Raipur | CM Bhupesh Baghel | Governor Anusuiya Uikey

325. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

As per the report released by the WHO & UNICEF, around 818 million children across the world are lacking basic hand-washing facilities in their schools, making them prone to the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19). {Read more}

Key Points:

- According to WHO & UNICEF 818 million children are lacking basic hand-washing facilities in their schools
- WHO HQs Geneva, Switzerland | DG Tedros Adhanom | Member Countries 194
- UNICEF HQs New York, United States | Executive Director Henrietta H. Fore

326. Banking & Economic Affairs

Punjab National Bank has launched a campaign 'DIGITAL APNAYEN' to encourage customers to use digital banking channels. {Read more}

Key Points:

- PNB launched 'DIGITAL APNAYEN' campaign
- HQs of PNB New Delhi | MD & CEO S. S. Mallikarjuna Rao

327. Appointments & Resignations

Vice Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi has assumed charge as the Director General Naval Operations (DGNO). {Read more}

Key Points:

• Dinesh K Tripathi – assumed charge as the Director General of – Director General Naval Operations (DGNO)



328. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

Highlighting road safety measures taken by the country, Union minister Nitin Gadkari said that India aims to achieve Zero Road Fatalities by 2030. The minister stated that under Indian Road Safety Assessment Programme, 21,000 km roads have been assessed and about 3,000 km road length is under technological upgradation. {Read more}

Key Points:

- India to achieve Zero Road Fatalities by 2030
- Nitin Gadkari Ministry of Road Transport and Highway, Ministry of MSMEs (Nagpur, Maharashtra)

329. National & States Affairs

National Film Development Corporation has organized a first of its kind, online 'Patriotic Film Festival'. The Festival is a part of Independence Day Celebrations by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. {Read more}

Key Points:

- National Film Development Corporation organized online 'Patriotic Film Festival'
- Independence Day Celebrations by Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
- Prakash Javadekar Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (Constituency Maharashtra)

330. Appointments & Resignations

GoAir has appointed Kaushik Khona as its new Chief Executive Officer. Khona will replace Vinay Dube. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Kaushik Khona appointed as the CEO of GoAir (by replacing Vinay Dube)
- HQs of GoAir Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO Kaushik Khona

331. Books & Authors

The book, titled "A Bend in Time: Writings by Children on the Covid-19 pandemic", is a collection of 12 engrossing stories and essays by children and young adults from across the country. It is written by award-winning children's author Bijal Vachharajani. {Read more}

Key Points:

"A Bend in Time: Writings by Children on the Covid-19 pandemic" book – authored by 'Bijal Vachharajani'



332. National & States Affairs

Union Minister of Youth and Sports Kiren Rijiju has launched a nation-wide initiative of 'Fit India Youth Clubs' to promote fitness among every citizen. Ministry of Sports will organize one of the first initiatives - 'Fit India Freedom Run' from 15 August to 2 October. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Ministry of Sports will organize 'Fit India Freedom Run' from 15 August to 2 October
- Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Kiren Rijiju (Constituency Arunachal West)

333. National & States Affairs

Ministry of Tourism has organised second Independence Day themed webinar titled "Cellular Jail: Letters, Memoirs & Memories" under DekhoApnaDesh webinar series on 10th August 2020. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Ministry of Tourism organised a webinar "Cellular Jail: Letters, Memoirs & Memories"
- Prahlad Singh Patel Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of Culture

334. Current GK

In accordance with the Centre's decision to plant 2,000 saplings in every airport across the country, the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) personnel has planted around 250 saplings at the Sri Guru Ram Dass Jee International Airport in Amritsar. {Read more}

Key Points:

- CISF personnel planted 250 saplings at "Sri Guru Ram Dass Jee International Airport" in Punjab
- CISF HQs New Delhi | Director Rajesh Ranjan
- Punjab: Capital Chandigarh | CM Captain Amarinder Singh | Governor V. P. Singh Badnore

335. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

Billionaire Mukesh Ambani's Reliance Industries has jumped 10 places to come into the world's top 100 companies on the Fortune Global 500 list. It is ranked 96th in the 2020 ranking released by Fortune. {Read more}

- Reliance Industries (96th) entered the list of world's top 100 companies on the "Fortune Global 500 List"
- HQs of Reliance Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman Mukesh Ambani



336. International Affairs

European Union (EU) has launched 1-mn-Euro project called "Nirmanshree" in Maharashtra & Odisha for skilling women in housing sector. It aims at ending face discrimination and making them entrepreneurs and active stakeholders. {Read more}

Key Points:

- EU launched "Nirmanshree" project in Maharashtra & Odisha for skilling women in housing sector (1-mn Euro)
- HQs of EU Brussels, Belgium | President Ursula von der Leyen | Member Countries 27

337. National & States Affairs

The Governing Board of National Health Authority (NHA) has approved a proposal to integrate existing health schemes of central ministries with Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) for employees. {Read more}

Key Points:

- NHA approved a proposal to integrate existing health schemes with 'AB-PMJAY'
- CEO of AB-PMJAY & NHA Indu Bhushan

338. Defence Affairs

Aiming to boost surveillance capabilities against enemy warships operating in the Indian Ocean region, the Indian Navy has moved a proposal to urgently acquire 10 ship-borne drones. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Indian Navy moved a proposal to urgently acquire 10 ship-borne drones
- Chief of Indian Navy Admiral Karambir Singh | Vice Chief G. Ashok Kumar

339. Amount & Agreements

The European Union (EU) has decided to provide 1.65 million Euro in humanitarian aid in response to severe flooding that has affected South Asia most notably Bangladesh, India and Nepal. A further 500,000 euro will be used in India to provide food and livelihood assistance. {Read more}

- EU to provide 1.65 million Euro as a humanitarian aid in response to severe flooding in South Asia
- Further assistance of 5,00,000 Euro will be provided to India
- HQs of EU Brussels, Belgium | President Ursula von der Leyen | Member Countries 27



340. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

The 51st edition of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) will be held in Goa in the last week of November. {Read more}

Key Points:

- 51st International Film Festival of India to be held in Goa in the last week of November
- Goa: Capital Panaji | CM Pramod Sawant | Governor Satya Pal Malik

341. National & States Affairs

Lok Sabha & Rajya Sabha have started a beginner-level course in French for the officials and staff of the Secretariat at the Parliament House. As many as 57 officials registered for the course. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Lok Sabha & Rajya Sabha started a course in French for the officials and staff of the Secretariat
- Speaker of Lok Sabha Om Prakash Birla

342. Important Days & Dates

'Marmik', a weekly magazine started by Shiv Sena has turned 60 on August 13. Bal Thackeray, along with his brother Shrikant (father of MNS chief Raj Thackeray), launched 'Marmik' in 1960. {Read more}

Key Points:

- 'Marmik' weekly magazine started by Shiv Sena turned 60 on August 13
- Shiv Sena Party founded by Bal Thackeray in 1966

343. Obituaries

Congress leader and spokesperson Rajiv Tyagi has passed away after suffering a heart attack. {Read more}

Key Points:

Rajiv Tyagi – a Congress Leader (Politician) – passed away

344. National & States Affairs

The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) and National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) have launched a Flood Early Warning System (FEWS) for Guwahati to alert local authorities about flash floods and/or heavy rainfall. {Read more}



Key Points:

- TERI + NDMA = launched a Flood Early Warning System (FEWS) For Guwahati, Assam
- Assam: Capital Dispur | CM Sarbananda Sonowal | Governor Jagdish Mukhi
- HQs of TERI New Delhi | DG Dr. Ajay Mathur
- Parent Dept. of NDMA Ministry of Home Affairs (Amit Shah Gandhinagar, Gujarat)

345. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

NITI Aayog in collaboration with NASSCOM have launched the 'ATL AI Step Up Module' for students on the eve of India's Independence Day. It will drive AI education and innovation to the next level in schools across the country. {Read more}

Key Points:

- NITI Aayog + NASSCOM = launched the 'ATL AI Step Up Module' for students
- HQs of NITI Aayog New Delhi | CEO Amitabh Kant
- Chairperson Narendra Modi | Vice Chairperson Rajiv Kumar
- HQs of NASSCOM New Delhi | President Debjani Ghosh
- Chairman UB Pravin Rao | Vice-Chairman Rekha M Menon

346. National & States Affairs

Nobel peace prize winner Kailash Satyarthi Children's Foundation (KSCF) has launched 'Mukti Caravan' - a campaign against child trafficking in Bihar. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Kailash Satyarthi Children's Foundation launched 'Mukti Caravan' in Bihar
- Bihar: Capital Patna | CM Nitish Kumar | Governor Phagu Chauhan

347. Defence Affairs

A Greek and a Turkish warship were involved in a mini-collision during a standoff in the eastern Mediterranean. {Read more}

- Greek & Turkish warship involved in a mini-collision during a standoff in the eastern Mediterranean
- Greece Athens Euro | Turkey Ankara Lira



348. Science & Technology

A team of researchers from the Indian Institute of Science (IISc)-Bengaluru and the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has developed a sustainable process for making brick-like structures named "Space Bricks" on the moon. {Read more}

Key Points:

- IISc-Bengaluru + ISRO = jointly developed a sustainable process for making "Space Bricks" on the moon
- HQs of ISRO Bengaluru, Karnataka | Director Kailasavadivoo Sivan | Formed in 1969

349. Sports & Games

Two-time World Cup-winning former India captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni has retired from international cricket. He has made 10 centuries in ODIs and 6 centuries in Test matches. He belongs to Ranchi. MS Dhoni is the only captain in the history of Cricket to win 3 ICC trophies – World T20 (2007), World Cup(2011) and ICC Champions Trophy(2013). {Read more}

Key Points:

- Mahendra Singh Dhoni (Ranchi) announced his retirement from International Cricket
- 10 centuries in ODIs 6 centuries in Test matches
- MS Dhoni the only captain in the history of Cricket to win 3 ICC trophies

350. Current GK

The Delhi government's forest department is planning to build over 70 small check dams in the catchment areas of the "Asola Bhatti Wildlife Sanctuary" to conserve rainwater and prevent soil erosion. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Delhi to build over 70 small check dams in "Asola Bhatti Wildlife Sanctuary" located in New Delhi
- Delhi: CM Arvind Kejriwal | Governor Anil Baijal | Chief Secretary Vijay Dev

351. Amount & Agreements

Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan has committed \$25 million to expand Unified Champion Schools (UCS) to six countries - India, Argentina, Egypt, Pakistan, Romania and Rwanda. It will help empower intellectually disabled children. {Read more}

Key Points:

Abu Dhabi committed \$25 million – to expand 'Unified Champion Schools' (UCS) to 6 countries



- Crown Prince of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan
- UAE Abu Dhabi Dirham | President Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan

352. Science & Technology

A unique UVGI based Room Disinfection Device "UVSAFE" has been developed by IIT Ropar Researchers in collaboration with Momentum India Pvt. Ltd. {Read more}

Key Points:

- IIT Ropar + Momentum India = developed "UVSAFE" a unique UVGI based Room Disinfection Device
- UVGI Ultraviolet Germicidal Irradiation
- HQs of Momentum India Pvt. Ltd Noida, UP | Founder and CEO Rohan Oberoi

353. National & States Affairs

PM Narendra Modi has launched the platform for 'Transparent Taxation - Honoring the Honest' aimed at easing compliance and expediting refunds, benefiting honest taxpayers. {Read more}

Key Points:

• PM Narendra Modi launched – a platform for 'Transparent Taxation - Honoring the Honest'

354. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

India and Nigeria have signed an agreement on space cooperation. This MoU is another milestone in the relations of the two countries. {Read more}

Key Points:

- India + Nigeria = an agreement on Space Cooperation
- Nigeria Abuja Naira | President Muhammadu Buhari

355. Amount & Agreements

The Goa government has signed a tri-partite agreement to carry out world-class German dual vocational education and training in the Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) of the state. {Read more}

- Goa to carry out German dual Vocational Education & Training in the ITIs
- Goa: Capital Panaji | CM Pramod Sawant | Governor Satya Pal Malik



356. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

5 officers of Gujarat Police are among the 121 from across India who were awarded with Union Home Minister's Medal for Excellence in Investigation 2020. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Union Home Minister's "Medal for Excellence in Investigation-2020" awarded to total 121 police personnel
- Ministry of Home Affairs Shri Amit Shah | Constituency Gandhinagar, Gujarat

357. Amount & Agreements

India has extended an assistance of \$1 million to Antigua & Barbuda to combat & COVID-19 outbreak. This assistance is aimed at improving health infrastructure and capacities in Antigua and Barbuda. {Read more}

Key Points:

- India extended an assistance of \$1 million to 'Antigua & Barbuda'
- Antigua & Barbuda Saint John's Eastern Caribbean Dollar

358. Science & Technology

Scientists at Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA) have studied stars of Omega Centauri globular cluster and discovered some Helium (He)-enhanced cool bright stars. {Read more}

Key Points:

- IIA Scientists discovered Helium (He)-enhanced cool bright stars
- HQs of IIA Bengaluru, Karnataka | Director Annapurni Subramaniam

359. International Affairs

Israel has shared its state-of-the-art Artificial Intelligence-based technologies and equipment with the AIIMS, Delhi to enhance its overall healthcare facilities to tackle COVID-19 more effectively. {Read more}

- Israel shared its AI-based technologies and equipment with AIIMS Delhi
- Israel Jerusalem Israeli Shekel | President Reuven Rivlin | PM Benjamin Netanyahu
- HQs of AIIMS New Delhi | Director of AIIMS-Delhi Dr Randeep Guleria



360. Current GK

The Union environment ministry has not granted approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for 2 projects proposed by the Mollem National Park and Bhagwan Mahavir Wildlife Sanctuary. {Read more}

Key Points:

- 'Mollem National Park' & 'Bhagwan Mahavir Wildlife Sanctuary' both located in Goa
- Goa: Capital Panaji | CM Pramod Sawant | Governor Satya Pal Malik

361. Schemes & Initiatives

On the occasion of International Youth Day, the West Bengal government has launched 'Karma Sathi Prakalpa' scheme under which 1 lakh unemployed youth would be provided soft loans and subsidies to make them self-reliant. {Read more}

Key Points:

- West Bengal launched 'Karma Sathi Prakalpa' scheme
- West Bengal: Capital Kolkata | CM Mamta Banerjee | Governor Jagdeep Dhankar

362. Science & Technology

Israel has conducted a successful test of the country's advance ballistic missile interceptor named 'Arrow-2'. The test was conducted jointly with the U.S. Missile Defense Agency. Israel and the USA had jointly tested Arrow-3 successfully last year in Alaska. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Israel + USA = jointly conducted a successful test of 'Arrow-2' an advance ballistic missile interceptor
- Israel Jerusalem Israeli Shekel | President Reuven Rivlin | PM Benjamin Netanyahu
- USA: Capital Washington, D.C. | President Donald Trump

363. National & States Affairs

Defence minister Rajnath Singh has launched the 'Atmanirbhar Bharat Saptah' (Self-reliant India week). He has also announced that India will stop the import of 101 weapons and military platforms till 2024. {Read more}

- Defence ministry launched 'Atmanirbhar Bharat Saptah' (Self-reliant India week)
- Import of 101 military weapons to be stopped till 2024
- Ministry of Defence Rajnath Singh (Constituency Lucknow, UP)



364. National & States Affairs

Railway Ministry has observed "Cleanliness Week" to mark the Independence Day. While focusing on cleanliness of tracks, special attention will be given to plastic waste collection along with other waste. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Railway Ministry observed "Cleanliness Week" to mark the Independence Day
- Chairman of Indian Railways Vinod Kumar Yadav | HQs New Delhi
- Piyush Goyal Ministry of Railways, Ministry of Commerce & Industry | Constituency Maharashtra

365. Science & Technology

Nitin Gadkari has unveiled a microwave device named 'Atulya' that can disinfect premises in just 30 seconds. The device has been 100% indigenously manufactured. It is developed by the Defence Institute of Advanced Technology (DIAT). {Read more}

Key Points:

- Nitin Gadkari unveiled 'Atulya' a microwave device to disinfect premises in 30 seconds developed by DIAT
- Nitin Gadkari Ministry of Road Transport and Highway, Ministry of MSMEs (Nagpur, Maharashtra)
- HQs of DIAT Pune, Maharashtra | Chairperson C. P. Ramanarayanan

366. Appointments & Resignations

Soma Mondal has been selected by the Public Enterprises Selection Board as the next chairman of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL). The current chairman of SAIL Anil Chaudhary who will retire at the end of 2020. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Soma Mondal selected as the next chairman of SAIL
- HQs of SAIL New Delhi | CEO Anil Kumar Chaudhary (till the end of 2020)

367. Ordinance, Bills and Acts

Odisha Government has decided to bring an ordinance to enhance the penalty for non-compliance of COVID-19 guidelines. It was decided to enhance the punishment as provided in section 3 of the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897. {Read more}



Key Points:

- Odisha decided to bring an ordinance to enhance the penalty for non-compliance of COVID-19 guidelines
- Odisha: Capital Bhubaneswar | CM Naveen Patnaik | Governor Ganeshi Lal

368. Ordinance, Bills and Acts

The Supreme Court has cleared the legal cobwebs to declare that daughters will have inheritance rights equal to those of sons from properties of fathers, grandfathers and great-grandfathers right from the codification of the law in 1956. The judgment was passed by 3-judge Bench of Supreme Court headed by Justice Arun Mishra. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Supreme Court gives Equal Inheritance Right to daughters From the condition of the law in 1956
- This Right is given according to Hindu Succession (amendment) Act 2005
- Judgment passed by 3-judge Bench of SC headed by Justice Arun Mishra
- Supreme Court Chief of Justice Sharad Arvind Bobde (47th)

369. National & States Affairs

Flipkart has launched "Flipkart Leap" - the company's first startup accelerator program with an aim to help new and upcoming startups grow, scale, navigate challenges. {Read more}

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Key Points:

- Flipkart launched 'Flipkart Leap' a startup accelerator program
- HQs of Flipkart Bangalore, Karnataka | Chairperson Binny Bansal

370. National & States Affairs

The Haryana government has decided to open more 'Sanskriti Model Schools' in the state to further improve the quality of education. At present, 22 such schools are operational in the state. {Read more}

- Haryana to open more 'Sanskriti Model Schools' to improve the quality of education (at present 22 schools)
- Haryana: Capital Chandigarh | CM Manohar Lal Khattar | Governor Satyadev Narayan Arya



371. Banking & Economic Affairs

The RBI has released a revised set of guidelines for Core Investment Companies (CICs). A CIC is a Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC), which carries on the business of acquisition of shares and securities and holds not less than 90% of its net assets. All CICs with asset size of more than Rs 5,000 Cr shall appoint a chief risk officer (CRO) based on the recommendation of a working group under chairmanship of Tapan Ray. {Read more}

Key Points:

- RBI revised set of guidelines for Core Investment Companies (CICs) a Non-Banking Financial Company
- CICs with asset size of more than Rs 5,000 Cr has to appoint a Chief Risk Officer (CRO)
- CRO is appointed based on the recommendation of a working group under chairmanship of Tapan Ray
- RBI: HQs Mumbai | Governor Shaktikanta Das (25th)

372. Defence Affairs

The Ammunition Factory at Khadki in Pune has manufactured & sent the first consignment of 40 mm under-barrel grenade launcher ammunition to the Border Security Force (BSF). {Read more}

Key Points:

- Ammunition Factory manufactured & sent the 40 mm Under Barrel Grenade Launcher (UBGL) to BSF
- Location of Ammunition Factory Khadki, Pune, Maharashtra
- HQs of BSF New Delhi | Director General (DG) Rakesh Asthana

373. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched the "AatmaNirbhar Bharat App Innovation Challenge". The challenge had entries for 9 different categories. In the Social category, Chingari emerged as the top winner. In the Business category, the top 3 winners were Zoho Invoice, Books & Expense; Mall 91. {Read more}

- PM Modi launched "AatmaNirbhar Bharat App Innovation Challenge"
- 'Chingari' app winner in 'Social category'
- Zoho Invoice + Books & Expense + Mall 91 = winners in Business category



374. Schemes & Initiatives

The Congress Government in Punjab has distributed smartphones to students for free in the statewide launch of its Rs 92 crore 'Punjab Smart Connect' scheme for students. The smartphones have an engraving of CM Amarinder on the back with the words "Captain Smart Connect". {Read more}

Key Points:

- Punjab distributed smartphones to students for free under 'Punjab Smart Connect ' scheme
- Punjab: Capital Chandigarh | CM Captain Amarinder Singh | Governor V. P. Singh Badnore

375. Banking & Economic Affairs

HDFC Bank has launched of a 1st-of-its-kind product for the armed forces called 'Shaurya KGC Card'. The product is based on the Kisan Credit Card guidelines by the government. {Read more}

Key Points:

- HDFC Bank launched 'Shaurya KGC Card' product for the Armed Forces
- HQs of HDFC Bank Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO Sashidhar Jagdishan | Tagline "We understand your world"

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376. National & States Affairs

The Odisha state cabinet has approved the financial bid for implementation of the 'Gangadhar Meher Lift Canal System'. It is an ambitious project that aims to provide assured irrigation to around 25,600 hectares of chronically drought-hit areas in Bijepur areas in Bargarh district. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Odisha approved the financial bid for implementation of the 'Gangadhar Meher Lift Canal System'
- Odisha: Capital Bhubaneswar | CM Naveen Patnaik | Governor Ganeshi Lal

377. Banking & Economic Affairs

As per the RBI's circular, the Urban Cooperative Banks (UCBs) having total assets of over Rs 2,000 crore as on March 31, 2020, will be required to implement the system-based asset classification from June 30, 2021. {Read more}

- UCBs with total assets of over Rs 2,000 Cr will be required to implement the system-based asset classification
- From June 30, 2021
- RBI: HQs Mumbai | Governor Shaktikanta Das (25th)



378. Obituaries

Malayalam Poet and lyricist Chunakkara Ramankutty has passed away recently in August. He was 84. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Chunakkara Ramankutty (Kerala) passed away Malayalam Poet & lyricist
- Kerala: Capital Thiruvananthapuram | CM Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor Arif Mohammad Khan

379. National & States Affairs

The Telangana government has launched the Artificial Intelligence for Agricultural Innovation (AI4AI) programme in collaboration with the Centre for the Fourth Industrial Revolution, India (C4IR) and World Economic Forum. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Telangana + C4IR + WEF = launched 'Artificial Intelligence for Agricultural Innovation (AI4AI) programme'
- Telangana: Capital Hyderabad | CM K. Chandrashekar Rao | Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan
- HQs of WEF Cologny, Switzerland | Executive Chairman & Founder Klaus Schwab

380. Defence Affairs

As part of Atma Nirbhar Week activities, the 4th Coast Guard offshore patrol vessel (OPV) "ICGS Sarthak" was launched recently. It is designed and built by Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL). {Read more}

Key Points:

- 4th Coast Guard OPV "ICGS Sarthak" launched in August
- Designned and built by Goa Shipyard Limited (MD & Chairman Bharat Bhushan Nagpal)

381. Current GK

Srijit Mukherji was shooting for his next project 'Feluda Ferot' at "Gorumara National Park" in Jalpaiguri and capturing some key shots using a drone was an essential part. Later, he was fined for breaking the law. {Read more}

- 'Gorumara National Park' West Bengal
- West Bengal: Capital Kolkata | CM Mamta Banerjee | Governor Jagdeep Dhankar



382. National & States Affairs

Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma has launched Rs 14,515 Cr 'Restart Meghalaya Mission' to revive various developmental activities that have stalled because of the COVID-19 pandemic. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Conrad K Sangma launched Rs 14,515 Cr 'Restart Meghalaya Mission'
- Meghalaya: Capital Shillong | CM Conrad Kongkal Sangma | Governor Satya Pal Malik

383. Appointments & Resignations

Former RBI deputy governor 'Subhash Sheoratan Mundra' has been appointed as the Non-Executive Chairman of Indiabulls Housing Finance (IBH) with immediate effect. He will replace Sameer Gehlaut. {Read more}

Key Points:

- S S Mundra appointed as the Non-Executive Chairman of Indiabulls Housing Finance Ltd
- HQs of IBH Gurugram, Haryana

384. Books & Authors

Author and MP Shashi Tharoor is known for his excellent language and diction. He is coming out with a new book titled "Tharoorosaurus". The book is published by Penguin Random House India. {Read more}

Key Points:

• "Tharoorosaurus" book – written by 'Shashi Tharoor'

385. Defence Affairs

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh launched 15 products as a part of 'Atma Nirbhar Bharat' week celebrations. The prototype of 'Nag Missile Carrier (NAMICA)' is developed by Ordnance Factory Medak in association with Defence Research & Development Laboratory (DRDL). The other products of Ordnance Factory Board are '14.5 mm Anti Material Rifle', 'Commander's Thermal Imager Cum Day Sight' and the prototype of '8.6x70 mm Sniper' developed by Rifle Factory Ishapore. {Read more}

- Rajnath Singh launched 15 products as a part of 'Atma Nirbhar Bharat' week celebrations
- "Nag Missile Carrier (NAMICA)" developed by = Ordnance Factory Medak + DRDL (both located in Telangana)
- "14.5 mm Anti Material Rifle" + "Commander's Thermal Imager Cum Day Sight" = by OFB (Kolkata, WB)
- "8.6x70 mm Sniper" developped by Rifle Factory Ishapore (located in Kolkata, West Bengal)



386. Current GK

According to a recent study, a high rate of deforestation was noticed in Papum Reserve Forest (RF), a major hornbill habitat in Arunachal Pradesh. {Read more}

Key Points:

- A high rate of deforestation noticed in Papum Reserve Forest in Arunachal Pradesh
- Arunachal Pradesh: Capital Itanagar | CM Pema Khandu | Governor B D Mishra

387. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

Haryana government will soon launch a 'Sero-Survey' in the state to gauge the penetration of COVID-19 in the population and monitor its transmission trend. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Haryana to launch 'Sero-Survey' to gauge the penetration of COVID-19
- Haryana: Capital Chandigarh | CM Manohar Lal Khattar | Governor Satyadev Narayan Arya

388. Science & Technology

NASA's TESS (Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite) has found 66 new exoplanets during its 2-year-long primary mission in the solar system. {Read more}

Key Points:

- NASA's Satellite TESS (Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite) found 66 new exoplanets
- NASA HQs Washington D.C., USA | Administrator Jim Bridenstine

389. Appointments & Resignations

India's K N Ananthapadmanabhan has been included in ICC's international panel of umpires after Nitin Menon's promotion to the elite panel. {Read more}

- K N Ananthapadmanabhan (Kerala) included in ICC's international panel of umpires
- Kerala: Capital Thiruvananthapuram | CM Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor Arif Mohammad Khan



390. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

As per the latest study by IIT Delhi, Antibiotic-resistant 'priority pathogens' were found in Yamuna water. These pathogens were listed as critical and multidrug-resistant bacteria by World Health Organisation (WHO) report that was red-flagged in 2017. {Read more}

Key Points:

- As per the study by IIT Delhi 'Pathogens' listed as critical by WHO were found in Yamuna river
- Yamuna River originates from Uttarakhand (the second-largest tributary river of the Ganga)
- WHO HQs Geneva, Switzerland | DG Tedros Adhanom | Member Countries 194

391. Current GK

According to a study by the scientists of the Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology (WIHG), the Himalayas host hundreds of Geothermal Springs and they release a huge amount of Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) in the atmosphere. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Geothermal springs in Himalayas release large amount of Carbon Dioxide (CO₂)
- HQs of WIHG Dehradun, Uttarakhand | Chairman Prof. Ashok Sahni

392. Appointments & Resignations

Electric mobility startup 'eBikeGO' has appointed Indian cricketer Harbhajan Singh as its Brand Ambassador. eBikeGO provides electric bikes on rental to individual commuters. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Harbhajan Singh (Cricket) appointed as the Brand Ambassador of eBikeGO
- HQs of eBikeGO Amritsar, Punjab | Founder & CEO Irfan Khan

393. National & States Affairs

The work has started on the first of its kind "Katra (J&K) to Delhi Express Road Corridor" which will be ready by 2023. The travel time from Katra to Delhi will get reduced to around six and half hours when it becomes functional. {Read more}

Key Points:

"Katra (J&K) to Delhi Express Road Corridor" – to be ready by 2023



394. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

The Delhi government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Bloomberg Philanthropies to enhance road safety in the national capital. 30 cities will participate in the Bloomberg Philanthropies Initiative for Global Road Safety. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Delhi + Bloomberg Philanthropies = to enhance road safety in the national capital
- HQs of Bloomberg Philanthropies New York, USA | CEO Patricia E. Harris

395. Important Days & Dates

"World Organ Donation Day" is observed every year on August 13. Maharashtra Government has asked all universities in the state to observe Organ Donation Week. {Read more}

Key Points:

- August 13 "World Organ Donation Day"
- Maharashtra asked all universities to observe 'Organ Donation Week'
- Maharashtra: CM Uddhav Thackeray | Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari

396. National & States Affairs

India's deepest underground rail ventilation shaft has been completed recently. It was completed jointly by Kolkata Metro Rail Corporation (KMRC) and a private engineering firm, Afcons. {Read more}

Key Points:

- India's deepest underground rail ventilation shaft completed jointly by = Kolkata Metro + Afcons
- MD of KMRC Manas Sarkar
- Chairman of Indian Railways Vinod Kumar Yadav | HQs New Delhi

397. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

According to the ranking of the states released by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Odisha has secured first position by scoring 85.67% in implementation of Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) Scheme. {Read more}

Key Points:

Rankings of the states in 'AMRUT' Scheme – released by Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs



- 1st Odisha | 2nd Chandigarh | 3rd Telangana
- AMRUT Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation
- AMRUT launched by PM Narendra Modi in June 2015
- MoHUA Minister Hardeep Singh Puri
- Odisha: Capital Bhubaneswar | CM Naveen Patnaik | Governor Ganeshi Lal

398. Important Days & Dates

'International Lefthanders Day' is observed every year on August 13 to celebrate the uniqueness of lefthanded people. The day was first observed in 1976 by Dean R Campbell. {Read more}

Key Points:

August 13 – 'International Lefthanders Day' – since 1976

399. Banking & Economic Affairs

State Bank of India (SBI) has introduced the KCC (Kisan Credit Card) review option on its digital agriculture solution platform, YONO Krish. It will enable farmers to use their KCC limit in four clicks. {Read more}

Key Points:

- SBI introduced KCC (Kisan Credit Card) review option on its 'YONO Krish' platform
- HQs of SBI Bank Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman Rajnish Kumar
- MD & CEO Challa Sreenivasulu Setty | Deputy MD & CFO Chalasani Venkat Nageswar

400. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Federal Bank has tied-up with Fiserv to enable the digitization of the bank's end-to-end card issuance and processing cycle to support the launch of the Federal Bank credit card. {Read more}

- Federal Bank + Fiserv = to launch first independent credit card of Federal Bank
- HQs Federal Bank Kerala | MD & CEO Shyam Srinivasan
- HQs of Fisery Brookfield, USA | Executive Chairman Jeffery W. Yabuki





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