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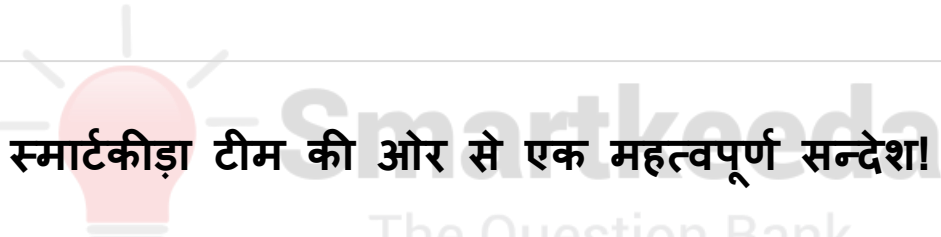
Hi Folks! We hope you all are doing well. We would like to state here that this PDF is meant for preparing for the upcoming MockDrill Test of August 2021 Month at Testzone. In this Current Affairs PDF we have added all the important Current Affairs information in form of 'Key-points' which are crucial if you want to score a high rank in Current Affairs Mocks at Testzone. Therefore, we urge you to go through each piece of information carefully and try to remember the facts and figures because the questions to be asked in the Current Affairs MockDrill will be based on the information given in the PDF only.

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

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National & States Affairs

1. A consignment of GI certified “Fazil mango” variety sourced from Malda district of West Bengal was exported to Bahrain. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- GI certified “Fazil mango” from Malda, West Bengal – exported to Bahrain
- West Bengal: Capital – Kolkata | CM – Mamta Banerjee | Governor – Jagdeep Dhankar
- Bahrain – Manama – Dinar | PM – Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa | King – Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa

2. “Krishikarna” project, a joint initiative of Kerala’s State Agri Horticultural Society (SAHS), Sustainable Foundation and Qore3 Innovations was launched in Pallikkal panchayat of Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala to promote hi-tech farming. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SAHS + Sustainable Foundation + Qore3 Innovations = launched “Krishikarna” project in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

3. Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Mansukh Mandaviya has headed the 112th Annual Day celebrations of National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) along with Dr. Bharati Pawar, MoS (HFW). At the event, the Union Health Minister virtually inaugurated the Whole Genome Sequencing National Reference Laboratory for Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) and BSL 3 Laboratory along with a PG hostel and Guest House. He also launched the first newsletter under the “National Programme on Climate Change and Human Health” developed by Centre of Environmental and Occupational Health, Climate Change and Health. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mansukh Mandaviya – headed the 112th Annual Day celebrations of National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC)
- He inaugurated the Whole Genome Sequencing National Reference Laboratory for Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)
- He also launched the 1st newsletter under the “National Programme on Climate Change & Human Health”
- Ministry of Health & Family Welfare: Mansukh L. Mandaviya | Constituency – Palitana, Gujarat

4. Union Home Affairs minister Amit Shah has laid the foundation of state’s “Forensic Sciences Institute” in Lucknow. The institute is proposed to be affiliated to Gujarat-based National Forensics Sciences University (NFSU). It is estimated to cost ₹200 Cr. The Central government has allocated ₹15 Cr for the DNA centre which would be India's most advanced research hub. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Amit Shah laid the foundation of UP’s “Forensic Sciences Institute” in Lucknow (estimated cost ₹200 Cr)
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel



5. On August 2, Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan has inaugurated “Sahajeevanam”, the Social Justice Department’s project for opening support centres for the differently abled. These centres would get the support of Health, Education, Local Self-government, and Women and Child Development Department. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kerala – inaugurated Social Justice Department’s project “Sahajeevanam” for the Differently Abled
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

6. On August 2, The SEBI has reduced the minimum application value of ‘REITs’ and ‘InvITs’, and revised trading lot to one unit for these emerging investment instruments to make them attractive for retail investors. The minimum application value has been reduced to the range of Rs 10,000-15,000 for both REITs and InvITs, compared to the earlier requirement of Rs 50,000 for REITs and Rs 1 lakh for InvITs. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SEBI – reduced the minimum application value of ‘REITs’ & ‘InvITs’ to the range of Rs 10,000-15,000
- REITs – Real Estate Investment Trusts | InvITs – Infrastructure Investment Trusts
- HQs of SEBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Ajay Tyagi | Founded on – April 12, 1992

7. On August 1, One of the twin tunnels at Kuthiran on the Thrissur-Palakkad National Highway (NH) in Kerala was opened for traffic. This is the first road tunnel in the State and will drastically improve connectivity to Tamil Nadu and Karnataka. The 1.6 km is designed through the Peechi-Vazhani Wildlife Sanctuary. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kuthiran tunnel opened for traffic – on the Thrissur-Palakkad National Highway (NH) in Kerala
- It will improve connectivity to Tamil Nadu & Karnataka
- “Peechi-Vazhani Wildlife Sanctuary” – located in Kerala
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

8. On August 1, The Central government has asked the North Eastern Space Application Centre (NESAC) to map and demarcate State boundaries using satellite imaging to solve the border dispute between Assam and Mizoram. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Central government asked the ‘NESAC’ to map State boundaries using satellite imaging to solve the border dispute between Assam & Mizoram
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Himanta Biswa Sarma | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi
- Mizoram: Capital – Aizawl | CM – Zoramthanga | Governor – Hari Babu Kambhampati

9. On August 1, Ram Nath Kovind has addressed the commemoration of the 100th year of the Madras Legislative Council in Chennai and unveiled a portrait of the former chief minister Dr. Kalaignar M Karunanidhi. The president visited the Defence Services Staff College at Wellington on August 4 and addressed the Student Officers of the 77th Staff Course. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Ram Nath Kovind – addressed the commemoration of the 100th year of the Madras Legislative Council in Chennai

10. The Central government has given its nod for setting up of two underground facilities to store crude oil for commercial and strategic purpose, under the “Petroleum Reserve Programme Phase-II”. The facilities are proposed to be set up at Odisha’s Chandikhol and Karnataka’s Padur on Public-Private-Partnership mode. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Central government approved to set up 2 more underground storage facilities for Strategic Oil Reserves
- The facilities will be set up at Chandikhol (Odisha) & Padur (Karnataka)

11. The Andhra Pradesh State Department of Fisheries designed a novel scheme under the brand name “Fish Andhra” by establishing Aqua Hubs in line with “Pradhana Mantri Matsya Sampadha Yojana” (PMMSY), a central government scheme. By signing an MoU with the state government, Bank of Baroda is supporting the state in setting up 100 Aqua Hubs. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bank of Baroda + Andhra Pradesh = an MoU to set up 100 Aqua Hubs under the “Fish Andhra” scheme
- HQs of BOB – Vadodara, Gujarat | CEO – Sanjiv Chadha | Tagline – “India’s International Bank”
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan

12. Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MoSJE) has decided to set up “Garima Grihas” for Transgender persons with the help of community-based organizations. 12 pilot shelter homes have been initiated with the aim of providing safe and secure shelter to transgender persons. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MoSJE – to set up “Garima Grihas” for Transgender persons with the help of community-based organizations
- Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment: Virendra Kumar | Constituency – Sagar, Madhya Pradesh

13. Titagarh Wagons held a virtual ceremony to mark the flagging off of its first train for “Pune Metro” (Maharashtra Metro Cooperation) which was manufactured by its subsidiary Titagarh Firema S.p. in Italy. The first contract was signed for design, manufacture and supply of 34 trains of 3 coaches each to Maha Metro on 12 September 2019. Under this contract, the first 3 trains are to be built in Titagarh’s plant in Caserta, Italy and the balance 31 trains will be manufactured in Titagarh’s plant in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Titagarh Wagons – held a virtual ceremony to mark the flagging off of its first train for “Pune Metro”
- It was manufactured by its subsidiary in Caserta, Italy
- HQs of Titagarh Wagons – Kolkata, West Bengal | Chairman – J. P. Chowdhary
- Italy – Rome – Euro | President – Sergio Mattarella | PM – Mario Draghi



14. The first goods train between Haldibari in West Bengal & Chilahati in Bangladesh was flagged off carrying stone chips (construction material) after 1965. The 'Haldibari – Chilahati' rail link was operational till 1965. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The 1st goods train carrying stone chips to Bangladesh through 'Haldibari - Chilahati' Rail Link – flagged off
- The 'Haldibari – Chilahati' rail link was operational till 1965 | Haldibari in West Bengal & Chilahati in Bangladesh
- [Bangladesh – Dhaka – Taka](#) | [PM – Seikh Hasina](#) | [President – Abdul Hamid](#)

15. On August 3, The government has launched "Sabki Yojna Sabka Vikas" campaign for inclusive and holistic preparation of Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP). Under 'Article 243 G' of Constitution, Panchayats have been mandated for preparation and implementation of plans for Economic Development and Social Justice. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Government launched "Sabki Yojna Sabka Vikas" campaign for inclusive and holistic preparation of 'GPDP'
- Panchayats have been mandated for implementation of 'GPDP' under 'Article 243 G' of Constitution



International Affairs

16. On August 1, India has assumed the presidency of the United Nations Security Council for the month of August. India joined the UNSC in January 2021 for a two year term as one of the 10 rotating Non-permanent members. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – assumed the presidency of the UNSC for the month of August
- [HQs of UNSC – New York, USA](#) | [Presidency in August 2021 – India \(July - France | Sep - Ireland\)](#)
- [Permanent members in the UNSC = 5 – China, France, Russia, U.K. & U.S.](#)
- [India's Permanent Representative to the UN Ambassador – T. S. Tirumurti](#)

17. The National Gallery of Australia (NGA) has announced to return 14 works of art from its Asian art collection to India. The Indian High Commissioner to Australia, Manpreet Vohra, welcomed the decision by the Australian Government and the NGA to return the art-works. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- [National Gallery of Australia – to return 14 works of art from its Asian art collection to India](#)
- [Indian High Commissioner to Australia – Manpreet Vohra](#)
- [Australia – Canberra – Australian Dollar](#) | [PM – Scott Morrison](#)



18. On August 3, The UN General Assembly (UNGA) has approved a resolution establishing a “Permanent Forum of People of African Descent” to provide expert advice on addressing the challenges of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and intolerance. The forum will consist of 10 members and its first session will take place in 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- UNGA – approved a resolution to establish a “Permanent Forum of People of African Descent”
- Forum will consist of - 10 members | Forum’s 1st session will take place - in 2022
- HQs of UNGA – New York, USA | President – Abdulla Shahid | Member Countries – 193

19. On August 3, The Ministry of Education has announced new centers for the Gulf region in Dubai and Kuwait to conduct the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test smoothly. Now, these students will not have to travel abroad to take the exam. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Education announced new centers for the Gulf region in “Dubai & Kuwait” to conduct the NEET exam
- Ministry of Education: Dharmendra Pradhan | Constituency – Madhya Pradesh

20. On August 4, Minister of State for External Affairs Meenakshi Lekhi stated that India and 9 countries have been approved to join the Community of Portuguese Language Countries “CPLP” as Associate Observer during the 13th Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Community of Portuguese Language Countries (CPLP) 2021 which was held at Luanda, Angola. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 13th Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Community of Portuguese Language Countries (CPLP) 2021
- India + 9 countries = joined the Community of Portuguese Language Countries “CPLP” as Associate Observer
- CPLP is also known as – Lusophone Commonwealth
- Ministry of External Affairs: S. Jaishankar | Constituency – Gujarat

Banking & Economic Affairs

21. On August 2, Market regulator SEBI has ordered a forensic audit into the workings of the “Metropolitan Stock Exchange (MSEI)”, formally known as “MCX SX”, on allegations of mismanagement and financial irregularities. Sources say MSEI pressed for e-hearings but the other parties (NSE & CCI) opposed it. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SEBI – ordered a forensic audit into the workings of “Metropolitan Stock Exchange (MSEI)” or “MCX SX”
- HQs of SEBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Ajay Tyagi | Founded on – April 12, 1992
- HQs of MCX SX – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Latika S. Kundu



22. On August 2, PhonePe has become the first digital investment platform to introduce “UPI-based AutoPay” functionality for its Mutual Fund (MF) Systematic Investment Plans (SIPs) offerings. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- PhonePe – introduced “UPI-based AutoPay” functionality for its Mutual Fund SIPs offerings
- HQs of PhonePE – Bangalore, Karnataka | MD & CEO – Sameer Nigam | Founded in – 2015

23. The 15th Finance Commission has recommended a performance-based challenge fund of Rs 8,000 Cr to 8 states for incubation of new cities. The amount available for each proposed new city is Rs 1,000 Cr and a state can have only one new city under the proposed scheme. On July 31, the total amount of unclaimed deposits of Scheduled Commercial Banks (SCBs) was Rs 24,356 Cr, as per the RBI. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 15th Finance Commission recommended Rs 8,000 Cr Challenge Fund to 8 states for incubation of new cities
- Amount available for each proposed new city is Rs 1,000 Cr & a state can have only 1 new city
- Total amount of unclaimed deposits of SCBs – Rs 24,356 Cr (on July 31)

24. On August 2, State Bank of India (SBI) has launched a “SIM Binding” feature in its digital banking platforms, YONO and YONO Lite, to protect customers from various frauds. YONO and YONO Lite will work with the basic rule of one mobile device, one user, one RMN. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SBI – launched a “SIM Binding” feature in its digital banking platforms - YONO & YONO Lite
- HQs of SBI Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Dinesh Kumar Khara
- MD – Challa Sreenivasulu Setty | Ashwani Bhatia | Ashwini Kumar Tewari | Swaminathan Janakiraman

25. On August 3, Indian Bank has signed an MoU with Society for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (SINE), IIT Bombay for extending Exclusive Credit Facility to start-ups and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises. This initiative is part of the bank's “Ind Spring Board for financing Start-ups” scheme. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian Bank + SINE (IIT Bombay) = an MoU to extend Exclusive Credit Facility to start-ups & MSMEs
- “Ind Spring Board for financing Start-ups” scheme – belongs to Indian Bank
- HQs of Indian Bank – Chennai, Tamil Nadu | CEO – Padmaja Chunduru | Tagline – “Your Own Bank”

26. On August 2, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched a new digital payment solution - “e-RUPI”, a cashless and contactless instrument. The instrument acts as an e-voucher which is based on a QR code or SMS string. It has been developed by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) on its UPI platform. The ‘e-RUPI’ service was boarded into 11 banks as an Issuing Entity. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Modi launched a new digital payment solution - “e-RUPI” – developed by NPCI



- 'e-RUPI' is based on a QR code or SMS string
- 'e-RUPI' service was boarded into 11 banks as an Issuing Entity
- HQs of NPCI – Mumbai | Chairman – Biswamohan Mahapatra | MD&CEO – Dilip Asbe | Established in – 2008

27. On August 3, Suryoday Small Finance Bank (SSFB) has launched a “Health and Wellness Savings Account” offering top-up health insurance of ₹25 lakhs. A resident individual (18 years to 65 years) can open the premium savings account with maintenance of average monthly balance of ₹3 lakh and if eligible as per the key health declaration form. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Suryoday SFB – launched a “Health and Wellness Savings Account” offering top-up health insurance of ₹25 lakh
- Criteria: Maintenance of average monthly balance of ₹3 lakh | Age – 18 to 65 years
- HQs of Suryoday SFB – Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Baskar Babu

28. On August 4, IndusInd Bank has been empanelled by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to act as an ‘Agency Bank’ to facilitate transactions related to government businesses. As an empanelled ‘Agency Bank’, IndusInd Bank can now be authorised to handle transactions pertaining to revenue receipts under CBDT, CCBIC and GST on behalf of the state/central government. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IndusInd Bank – empanelled by the RBI to act as an ‘Agency Bank’
- HQs of IndusInd Bank – Pune, MH | MD & CEO – Sumant Kathpalia | Tagline – “We Make You Feel Richer”
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April 1935

29. On August 2, Unified Payments Interface (UPI), the flagship payments platform of the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), has processed a record 3.24 billion transactions in July up 15.7% from June when it processed 2.8 billion transactions. UPI was launched in 2016. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- UPI processed a record 3.24 billion transactions in July, 2021 (15.7% higher than 2.8 billion transactions in June)
- UPI – a flagship payments platform of NPCI | Launched in – 2016
- HQs of NPCI – Mumbai | Chairman – Biswamohan Mahapatra | MD&CEO – Dilip Asbe | Established in – 2008

30. “GyanDhan”, India’s first education financing platform has received an NBFC license from the Reserve Bank of India and it aims to disburse Rs 650 Cr worth of Education Loans in FY22. According to the RBI’s guidelines, an NBFC should have minimum Net owned funds of Rs 2 Cr to receive the license. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “GyanDhan” – received an NBFC license from the RBI
- It aims to disburse Rs 650 Cr worth of Education Loans in FY22
- RBI’s guidelines: an NBFC should have minimum Net owned funds of Rs 2 Cr to receive the license
- HQs of GyanDhan – New Delhi | Co-founder and CEO – Ankit Mehra



31. On August 4, The SEBI has allowed Payments Banks to carry out the activities of investment bankers. Non-scheduled Payments Banks, which have prior approval from the RBI, will be eligible to act as a Banker to an Issue (BTI). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SEBI – allowed Payments Banks to carry out the activities of investment bankers
- Non-scheduled Payments Banks having RBI's prior approval will be eligible to act as a 'Banker to an Issue'
- HQs of SEBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Ajay Tyagi | Established in – 1992
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April 1935

32. On August 3, The RBI has announced the framework for Outsourcing Payment & Settlement-related activities by Payment System Operators (PSO). The central bank has set a deadline of March 31, 2022 for PSOs to ensure that all their outsourcing arrangements, including the existing ones, are in compliance with the framework. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI announced the framework for Outsourcing Payment & Settlement-related activities by PSO
- Deadline for PSOs to ensure all their outsourcing arrangements in compliance with framework – March 31, 2022
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April 1935

33. On August 4, The RBI has imposed a monetary penalty of ₹6 lakh on Bengaluru-based Hewlett-Packard Financial Services (India) Private Ltd for non-compliance with the statutory directions on submitting credit information to Central Repository of Information on Large Credits. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI imposed a monetary penalty of ₹6 lakh on Hewlett-Packard Financial Services (India) Private Ltd (Bengaluru)
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April 1935

Defence Affairs

34. Gujarat will host its first "Defence Expo", the flagship event of the Ministry of Defence for the domestic and global industry interested in the Indian arms market. The event will be held in Gandhinagar in March 2022, with the theme of "India as a Defence Manufacturing Hub". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Gujarat – to host its 1st "Defence Expo" in Gandhinagar in March 2022 (overall 12th edition)
- Theme – "India as a Defence Manufacturing Hub"



35. On August 3, The US has approved the sale of “Harpoon Joint Common Test Set (JCTS)” and related equipment to India for an estimated cost of \$82 million. The Harpoon, first deployed in 1977, is an all-weather, over-the-horizon, anti-ship missile system. The principal contractor will be The Boeing Company. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- US – approved the sale of “Harpoon Joint Common Test Set (JCTS)” to India (Cost - \$82 million)
- “Harpoon” an Anti-Ship Missile System – being manufactured by Boeing
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46th President – Joe Biden | 49th VP – Kamala Harris
- HQs of Boeing – Chicago, USA | CEO – Dave Calhoun | Founded in – 1916

36. On August 1, A hotline was established between the Indian Army in ‘Kongra La’ pass, north Sikkim, and the People’s Liberation Army (PLA) at Khamba Dzong in the Tibet Autonomous Region to boost the spirit of trust and cordial relations along the border. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- A hotline was established between Indian Army in ‘Kongra La’ pass (Sikkim) & China’s People’s Liberation Army (Tibet)
- HQs of Indian Army – New Delhi | Chief – Gen. Manoj Mukund Naravane | Vice Chief – Chandi Prasad Mohanty
- Sikkim: Capital – Gangtok | CM – Prem Singh Tamang | Governor – Ganga Prasad

37. For the 1st time, a “Table-Top (TT) War-Gaming Exercise” was conducted between India’s 3 Armed Forces - Indian Army, Indian Air Force and Indian Navy in which all scenarios including a collusive threat of a two-front war from China and Pakistan were war-gamed. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Table-Top (TT) War-Gaming Exercise” – held between Indian Army, Indian Air Force & Indian Navy
- HQs of Indian Army – New Delhi | Chief – Gen. Manoj Mukund Naravane | Vice Chief – Chandi Prasad Mohanty
- HQs of IAF – New Delhi | Chief – Air Marshal Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria | Vice Chief – Vivek Ram Chaudhari
- HQs of Indian Navy – New Delhi | Chief – Admiral Karambir Singh | Vice Chief – S. N. Ghormade

Schemes & Initiatives

38. The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has formulated a scheme, namely “Information-Monitoring, Evaluation and Social Audit (I-MESA)” in FY 2021-22. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of SJE – formulated “Information-Monitoring, Evaluation and Social Audit (I-MESA)” scheme
- Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment: Virendra Kumar | Constituency – Sagar, Madhya Pradesh



39. On August 3, Haryana chief minister (CM) Manohar Lal Khattar has launched the “Har Hith store” scheme in Panchkula in order to make Haryana “Berojgar Mukat, Rozgar Yukt” by 2024. A monthly income of at least ₹15,000 will be ensured for those verified under the “Mukhyamantri Parivar Uthan Yojana” and operating these stores. [{Read more}](#)

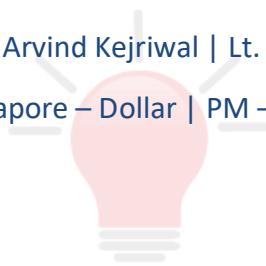
Key Points:

- Haryana – launched the “Har Hith store” scheme in Panchkula
- Target to make Haryana “Berojgar Mukat, Rozgar Yukt” – by 2024
- Haryana will ensure monthly income of at least ₹15,000 under the “Mukhyamantri Parivar Uthan Yojana”
- Haryana: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Manohar Lal Khattar | Governor – Bandaru Dattatraya

40. On August 4, Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal has launched an initiative named “Delhi@2047” to increase Delhi’s per-capita income to match that of Singapore. The initiative aims to support partnerships of the government with corporates and citizen groups to work towards policies and strategies for the city’s development. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Delhi launched an initiative named “Delhi@2047” to increase Delhi’s per-capita income equivalent to Singapore
- New Delhi: CM – Arvind Kejriwal | Lt. Governor – Anil Bajjal | Chief Secretary – Vijay Dev
- Singapore – Singapore – Dollar | PM – Lee Hsien Loong | President – Halimah Yacob



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Sports & Games

41. Sri Lanka left-arm seam bowling all-rounder Isuru Udana has announced his retirement from International Cricket with immediate effect. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Isuru Udana (Sri Lanka) – retired from International Cricket
- Sri Lanka – Colombo/Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte – Sri Lankan rupee
- PM – Mahinda Rajapaksa | President – Gotabaya Rajapaksa

42. French racing driver Esteban Ocon has won the Formula One (F1) “Hungarian Grand Prix 2021” in Budapest, Hungary. He marked a maiden win in his 78th Grand Prix and a first victory for Alpine-Renault team. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Esteban Ocon (France - Alpine-Renault team) – won the “Hungarian Grand Prix 2021”
- Hungary – Budapest – Forint | President – Janos Ader



43. On August 1, Vandana Katariya has become the first Indian woman to score a hat-trick at the Olympics. She scored a goal against South Africa during a women's field hockey match at the 2020 Summer Olympics. The Specific Motto of the Tokyo Olympics is "United by Emotion". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Vandana Katariya ([Hockey Player](#)) – became the first Indian woman to score a hat-trick at the "2020 Olympics"
- Specific Motto of the 2020 Tokyo Olympics – "United by Emotion"

44. On August 3, Nepal's former cricket team captain Paras Khadka has announced his retirement from International Cricket. He is the first Nepalese batsman to score a century in both ODI and T20 formats. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Paras Khadka ([Nepal](#)) – retired from International Cricket (1st Nepalese batsman to score a century)
- [Nepal – Kathmandu – Nepalese Rupee | President – Bidhya Devi Bhandari | PM – Sher Bahadur Deuba](#)

45. On August 1, P. V. Sindhu has clinched a Bronze medal for India after defeating China's He Bing Jiao. With this, Sindhu becomes the first Indian woman to win two individual medals at Olympics. Wrestler Sushil Kumar is the first and only other Indian to win two Olympic medals. Moreover, Swimmer Emma Mckeon from Australia has become the first Female Swimmer and second woman in any sport to win 7 medals (4 Gold, 3 Bronze) at the Olympics. While Marcell Jacobs from Italy has won Gold in the Men's 100m event with 9.8 seconds. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- P. V. Sindhu ([India - Badminton](#)) – won Bronze medal at "2020 Tokyo Olympics"
- P. V. Sindhu – became the 1st Indian woman to win two individual medals at Olympics (2nd Indian)
- Emma Mckeon ([Australia - Swimmer](#)) – won 7 medals (4 Gold, 3 Bronze) at the 2020 Olympics (1st Female Swimmer)
- Marcell Jacobs ([Italy - Athlete](#)) – won Gold in the Men's 100m event at the 2020 Olympics

46. Pakistan's Mohammad Rizwan scored 46 runs off 36 balls against West Indies in the second T20 to set a world record for most runs in a calendar year in T20 International cricket. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mohammad Rizwan ([Pakistan](#)) – set a world record for most runs in a calendar year in T20 International Cricket
- [Pakistan – Islamabad – Pakistani Rupee | PM – Imran Khan | President – Arif Alvi](#)

Important Days & Dates

47. International Friendship Day is celebrated annually on July 30. However, countries like India, Bangladesh, Malaysia, United Arab Emirates and United States mark Friendship Day on the first Sunday of August every year. In 2021, the theme is “Sharing the human spirit through friendship”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 30 – “International Friendship Day”
- Theme – “Sharing the human spirit through friendship”
- India celebrated “Friendship Day” on the first Sunday of August

48. August 1 is celebrated as “World Lung Cancer Day” across the world. Smoking is one of the leading causes of lung cancer. November is observed as “Lung Cancer Awareness Month”. While the colour of the Lung Cancer Awareness ribbon is Pearl or white. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- August 1 – “World Lung Cancer Day”
- November – “Lung Cancer Awareness Month”
- Colour of Lung Cancer Awareness ribbon – Pearl or White

49. “Muslim Women Rights Day” was observed on August 1 by different organisations across India. Ministry of Minority Affairs decided to this day to celebrate the enactment of the law against triple talaq. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- August 1 – “Muslim Women Rights Day” – by Ministry of Minority Affairs

50. Every year the world celebrates “World Breastfeeding Week” from August 1 to August 7 to encourage breastfeeding and improve the health of mothers and babies around the world. It is organised by the World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action (WABA). This year, the theme is “Protect Breastfeeding: A Shared Responsibility”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- August 1 to 7 – “World Breastfeeding Week” - organised by WABA
- Theme – “Protect Breastfeeding: A Shared Responsibility”
- HQs of WABA – Penang, Malaysia

51. On August 3, The government of India has declared January 23 as “Parakram Diwas” to commemorate 125th birth anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. High Level Committee under the chairmanship of the Prime Minister has been constituted for the commemoration. Commemorative coin and stamps on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose were released on the occasion. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- January 23 – “Parakram Diwas” – to commemorate 125th birth anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose



52. The Indian Orthopaedic Association (IOA) has been organising week-long awareness camps every year from 2012 to coincide with the National Bone and Joint Day celebrated on August 4. This year, the theme is “Save Self and Save One”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- August 4 – “National Bone and Joint Day”
- Theme – “Save Self and Save One”

Meetings, Conferences and Summits

53. The 12th round of “Corps Commander-level Talks” between India and China took place in Moldo on the Chinese side of the Line of Actual Control. It is aimed at discussing disengagement from the remaining friction points in the Eastern Ladakh sector. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 12th round of “Corps Commander-level Talks” took place – between India & China
- China – Beijing – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping

54. Meenakshi Lekhi (Minister of State for External Affairs and Culture) has participated in the first “G20 Culture Ministers Meeting” hosted by Italy during their ongoing Presidency of G20 in 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Meenakshi Lekhi – participated in the first “G20 Culture Ministers Meeting” hosted by Italy
- Italy – Rome – Euro | President – Sergio Mattarella | PM – Mario Draghi
- Presidency of G20 Summit: 2021 – Italy | 2022 – Indonesia | 2023 – India | 2024 – Brazil

55. On August 1, Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal has addressed the “2nd Indo-US Services Summit”, organised by Indo American Chamber of Commerce (IACC). India and the US are working towards peace and stability across the world. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Piyush Goyal – addressed the “2nd Indo-US Services Summit” – organised by Indo American Chamber of Commerce
- Ministry of Commerce & Industry: Piyush Goyal | Constituency – Maharashtra



Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

56. Mumbai-based visual artist and illustrator Anand Radhakrishnan has won the prestigious “Will Eisner Comic Industry Award 2021” also known as “Oscars of the comic world”. Radhakrishnan won the Best Painter/Multimedia Artist (interior art) award for his work in UK-based author Ram V’s graphic novel called ‘Blue In Green’, published in October 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Anand Radhakrishnan ([Mumbai](#)) – won the “Will Eisner Comic Industry Award 2021” or “Oscars of the comic world”
- Radhakrishnan won the ‘Best Painter/Multimedia Artist (interior art) award’ for his work

57. Dr. Cyrus S. Poonawalla, chairman of the city-based vaccine maker Serum Institute of India (SII), will be honoured with the prestigious “Lokmanya Tilak National Award for 2021” for his work during the COVID-19 pandemic. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Cyrus Poonawalla – honoured with the prestigious “Lokmanya Tilak National Award for 2021”
- HQs of SII – Pune, MH | Chairman – Cyrus S. Poonawalla | CEO – Adar C. Poonawalla | Founded in – 1966

58. On August 2, DBS Bank has been honoured as the global winner for ‘Most Innovative in Digital Banking’ by Financial Times publication - The Banker, in its “Innovation in Digital Banking Awards 2021”. The bank was also recognised as the Asia-Pacific winner, and won in the ‘Cyber Security’ category for its Secure Access and Remote Working Solution. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Innovation in Digital Banking Awards 2021” – by The Banker
- DBS Bank – global winner for ‘Most Innovative in Digital Banking’
- DBS Bank – recognised as the ‘Asia-Pacific winner’ in the ‘Cyber Security’ category
- HQs of DBS Bank – Singapore | CEO – Piyush Gupta
- HQs of DBS Bank India – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Surojit Shome

59. On August 5, Leading Indian-origin entrepreneur Ajay Dilwari has been honoured with Canada’s prestigious “Order of British Columbia” award. He is among 16 ‘exceptional people’ to be appointed for this award. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ajay Dilwari (Indian-origin Entrepreneur) – honoured with Canada’s prestigious “Order of British Columbia” award
- Canada – Ottawa – Canadian Dollar | PM – Justin Trudeau



60. On August 2, Renowned Economist Jagdish Bhagwati and C. Rangarajan have been conferred with the “Prof CR Rao Centenary Gold Medal (CGM)” instituted by the Indian Econometric Society (TIES) Trust. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Jagdish Bhagwati + C. Rangarajan = conferred with the “Prof CR Rao Centenary Gold Medal (CGM)” by TIES

61. Sai Life Sciences Ltd has been honoured with the “Golden Peacock National Training Award 2021” in the pharmaceutical category. This also received Golden Peacock National Quality Award in 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sai Life Sciences Ltd – honoured with the “Golden Peacock National Training Award 2021”
- Award category – ‘Pharmaceutical’
- HQs of Sai Life Sciences Ltd – Hyderabad, Telangana | MD & CEO – Krishna Kanumuri

Appointments & Resignations

62. Indian-American Rashad Hussain has been nominated by the Joe Biden-led administration as the US Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom. Hussain will be the first Muslim to hold the post. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rashad Hussain – Indian-American & 1st Muslim to be nominated as US’ Religious Rights Ambassador
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46th President – Joe Biden | 49th VP – Kamala Harris

63. Vice Admiral S. N. Ghormade has assumed charge as the Vice Chief of Naval Staff from Vice Admiral G. Ashok Kumar who retired after 39 years of service. Vice Admiral Ghormade was commissioned in the Navy on January 1, 1984. He was awarded the Ati Vishisht Seva Medal (AVSM) in 2017 and Nausena Medal in 2007 by the President. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- S. N. Ghormade – assumed charge as the Vice Chief of Naval Staff (replacing - G. Ashok Kumar)
- Chief of Indian Navy – Admiral Karambir Singh | Vice Chief – S. N. Ghormade

64. On August 1, After the retirement of Soma Roy Burman, a 1986-batch Indian Civil Accounts Service (ICAS) officer Deepak Das has taken charge as the 25th Controller General of Accounts (CGA) under Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Deepak Das – took charge as the 25th CGA (replacing - Soma Roy Burman)

65. On August 2, The State Administration Council of Myanmar has been reformed as 'Caretaker government of Myanmar' headed by the Chief of the Myanmar military Senior General Min Aung Hlaing as the Prime Minister. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Min Aung Hlaing – became the Prime Minister of Myanmar
- Myanmar – Naypyitaw – Kyat | President – Myint Swe | PM – Min Aung Hlaing

66. On August 2, Home interiors company HomeLane has entered into a 3-year strategic partnership with ace cricketer, Mahendra Singh Dhoni, as an Equity Partner and Brand Ambassador. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- HomeLane – appointed Mahendra Singh Dhoni as an Equity Partner & Brand Ambassador – for 3 years
- HQs of HomeLane – Bangalore, Karnataka | Co-Founder & CEO – Srikanth Iyer

67. On August 3, Bvlgari has appointed Priyanka Chopra Jonas as one of its brand ambassadors. The actress-producer will support the Roman high jewellery house in the amplification of its brand around the world. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Priyanka Chopra Jonas – appointed as brand ambassadors of a Jewellery brand 'Bvlgari'
- HQs of Bvlgari – Rome, Italy | CEO – Jean-Christophe Babin

68. On August 1, Lt Gen Tarun Kumar Chawla, AVSM has assumed the appointment of the Director General of Artillery. He replaced Lt Gen K Ravi Prasad who superannuated on 31 July 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Lt Gen Tarun Kumar Chawla – appointed as the Director General of Artillery (replacing - Lt Gen K. Ravi Prasad)

69. On August 5, Mini Ipe has taken charge as a Managing Director of Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC). Prior to this, she was executive director in the Legal Department. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mini Ipe – took charge as the MD of the LIC
- Now, total 4 MDs are there in LIC: Mukesh Kumar Gupta, Raj Kumar, Siddhartha Mohanty & Mini Ipe
- HQs of LIC – Mumbai | Chairman – M. R. Kumar | Founded in – 1956 | Tagline – “Yogakshemam Vahamyaham”



Amount & Agreements

70. On August 4, The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has sanctioned an over Rs 831 Cr (\$112 million) loan to finance water supply infrastructure projects in 4 cities (Ranchi, Hussainabad, Jhumri Telaiya and Medininagar) of Jharkhand. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ADB – sanctioned an over Rs 831 Cr (\$112 mn) loan to finance water supply infrastructure projects – in Jharkhand
- HQs of ADB – Mandaluyong, Philippines | President – Masatsugu Asakawa | Member countries – 68
- Jharkhand: Capital – Ranchi | CM – Hemant Soren | Governor – Ramesh Bais

71. On August 2, The International Monetary Fund has approved a \$650 billion allocation of Special Drawing Rights (SDR) to boost global liquidity. IMF member countries will receive SDRs in proportion with their existing quota shareholdings in the fund. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IMF approved a \$650 billion allocation of **Special Drawing Rights (SDR)** to boost global liquidity
- HQs of IMF – Washington, D.C., US | President – Kristalina Georgieva | Member countries – 190



Ranks, Reports & Surveys

72. The central government's fiscal deficit stood at Rs 2.74 lakh Cr or 18.2% of the full year's Budget estimate at the end of June, according to data released by the Controller General of Accounts (CGA). India's debt burden as a percentage of GDP jumped to 60.5% for the financial year 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Government's fiscal deficit stood at Rs 2.74 lakh Cr or 18.2% of the full year's Budget estimate – on June, 2021
- India's debt burden as a percentage of GDP increased – to 60.5% for FY2021-22

73. Haryana Police has secured 1st position in Crime and Criminal Tracking Network System (CCTNS) system with 100% marks in India. Gujarat & Himachal Pradesh Police ranked at second & third positions respectively. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Haryana Police – secured 1st position in Crime & Criminal Tracking Network System (CCTNS) system
- 2nd – Gujarat Police | 3rd – Himachal Pradesh Police



74. On August 2, Reliance Industries Ltd has slipped 59 places to rank 155th on the “2021 Fortune Global 500 List”. Reliance's revenue fell 25.3% to \$63 billion. This is its lowest ranking since 2017. Walmart continues to top the Fortune list with a revenue of \$524 billion, followed by China’s State Grid and Amazon respectively. ONGC was ranked 243rd. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “2021 Fortune Global 500 List”: 1st - Walmart (\$524 billion) | 2nd - State Grid | 3rd - Amazon
- Reliance Industries Ltd - 155th | ONGC - 243rd

75. On August 2, Funds released under the National SC/ST Hub (NSSH) has increased by 50% in FY21. According to the government data, Rs 120 Cr was released in FY21 under the NSSH in comparison to Rs 79.65 Cr in FY20. The NSSH is operated by MSME Ministry’s National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC) for financial support to SC/ST entrepreneurs. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rs 120 Cr – released under the “National SC/ST Hub” (50% increase in FY21 compared to FY20)
- NSSH is operated by – National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC) – under the MSME Ministry

76. On August 3, NITI Aayog has released a report titled “Turning around the Power Distribution Sector” which is co-authored by NITI Aayog, RMI and RMI India. Most power distribution companies (discoms) in India incur losses every year. Total losses by Power Distribution Companies are estimated to be as high as Rs 90,000 Cr in FY 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Turning around the Power Distribution Sector” – released by NITI Aayog (prepared by NITI Aayog, RMI & RMI India)
- Power Distribution Companies incurred a total loss of Rs 90,000 Cr in FY 2021
- HQs of NITI Aayog – New Delhi | CEO – Amitabh Kant
- Chairperson – Narendra Modi | Vice Chairperson – Rajiv Kumar

77. On August 2, According to National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) data, suicide cases registered due to Unemployment have increased by 24% from 2016 to 2019. The NCRB records state that 2,851 people died by suicide due to unemployment in Indian in 2019. Karnataka registered the most number of suicides due to unemployment (553) in 2019, followed by Maharashtra (452) and Tamil Nadu (251). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NCRB’s Data: Suicide cases registered due to Unemployment increased by 24% from 2016 to 2019
- Most number of suicides due to unemployment: 1st - Karnataka (553), 2nd - Maharashtra (452), 3rd - TN (251)
- HQs of NCRB – New Delhi | Director – Ram Phal Pawar | Established in – 1986



78. On August 1, Odisha's Bhubaneswar has become the first city in India to achieve 100% vaccination coverage against Covid-19. Additionally, about one lakh migrant workers have also been administered the first dose of Covid vaccines in the capital city of Odisha. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bhubaneswar (Odisha) – became the 1st city in India to achieve 100% vaccination coverage against Covid-19
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

Acquisitions & Mergers

79. Google's YouTube has signed a definitive agreement to acquire video shopping app "Simsim". Started in July 2019 by Amit Bagaria, Kunal Suri and Saurabh Vashishtha, simsim helps small businesses transition to e-commerce through influencer-based videos in three Indian languages - Hindi, Tamil and Bangla. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- YouTube – acquired a video shopping app "Simsim"
- HQs of Simsim – New Delhi | Founded in – 2019 – by Amit Bagaria, Kunal Suri & Saurabh Vashishtha



MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

80. The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) has entered into an agreement with Serum Institute of India (SII) to accelerate Vaccination Drive in small towns & rural areas in partnership with industry, including healthcare providers. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CII + SII = an agreement to accelerate Vaccination Drive in small towns & rural areas
- HQs of CII – New Delhi | President – T. V. Narendran | DG – Chandrajit Banerjee | Founded in – 1895
- HQs of SII – Pune, MH | Chairman – Cyrus S. Poonawalla | CEO – Adar C. Poonawalla | Founded in – 1966

81. The government of Jammu and Kashmir and the JSW Foundation have signed an MoU for conservation, restoration and maintenance of the Mughal Gardens of Kashmir located at Shalimar Bagh and Nishat Bagh. Six imperial gardens of Kashmir are proposed to be nominated to UNESCO as a World Heritage Site. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- J & K + JSW Foundation = an MoU for restoration of Mughal Gardens of Kashmir at Shalimar Bagh & Nishat Bagh
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha
- Location of JSW Foundation – Mumbai, Maharashtra



82. On August 2, SBI General Insurance has announced a partnership with Manipal Business Solutions, the promoter of SahiPay to expand non-life insurance penetration in rural areas. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SBI General Ins. + Manipal Business Solutions or SahiPay = to expand non-life insurance penetration in rural areas
- HQs of SBI Gen Ins. – Mumbai | MD & CEO – Prakash Chandra Kandpal | Tagline – “Suraksha aur Bharosa Dono”
- SahiPay – developed by Manipal Business Solutions (MBS is located in - Gurgaon, Haryana)

83. The Ministry of Ayush has collaborated with the U.K.’s London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) to conduct a study on ‘Ashwagandha’ for promoting recovery from COVID-19. ‘Ashwagandha’ (Withania somnifera), commonly known as ‘Indian winter cherry’, is a traditional Indian herb. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Ayush + LSHTM (UK) = collaboration to conduct a study on ‘Ashwagandha’ for recovery from COVID-19
- ‘Ashwagandha’ – known as ‘Indian Winter Cherry’
- Ministry of AYUSH: Sarbananda Sonowal | Constituency – Majuli, Assam

84. On August 4, ICICI Prudential Life Insurance has tied up with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) to provide a Unified Payments Interface (UPI) Autopay facility to its customers. This tie up will provide customers with a hassle-free and seamless experience across the policy lifecycle. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ICICI Prudential Life Insurance + NPCI = to provide “UPI Autopay Facility” to its customers
- HQs of ICICI Prudential Life Ins. – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – N. S. Kannan
- HQs of NPCI – Mumbai | Chairman – Biswamohan Mahapatra | MD&CEO – Dilip Asbe | Established in – 2008

85. ReNew Power has signed an MoU with RackBank Datacenters Ltd to power India’s first Hyper-Scale Data Centre with 100% Renewable Energy (RE). RackBank would purchase green power generated from this facility directly from ReNew, through the ‘Open Access’ mechanism. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ReNew Power + RackBank Datacenters Ltd = an MoU to power India’s 1st Hyper-Scale Data Centre with 100% RE
- HQs of ReNew Power – Gurugram, Haryana | MD & Chairman – Sumant Sinha
- HQs of RackBank Datacenters Ltd – Indore, Madhya Pradesh | Founder & Director – Narendra Sen



86. On August 3, The IFFCO's research & development unit - Nano Biotechnology Research Centre (NBRC) has signed an MoU with IIT Delhi for research consultancy, knowledge transfer and collaborative projects. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NBRC + IIT Delhi = an MoU for research consultancy, knowledge transfer and collaborative projects
- Location of NBRC – Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- HQs of IFFCO – New Delhi | Chairman – Balvinder Singh Nakai
- Director of IIT Delhi – V. Ramgopal Rao

Books & Authors

87. Ramesh Narayan chronicles his professional journey in his new book titled “A Different Route to Success: It Could Be Yours”. Narayan is the founder of Canco Advertising. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “A Different Route to Success: It Could Be Yours” book – authored by Ramesh Narayan

88. Avtar Singh Bhasin's latest book titled “Nehru, Tibet and China” shows the bumbling and naivete that accompanied Indian policymaking on Tibet and China in the run-up to 1962. The book analysed various incidents that took place from the Independence of India to the 1962 Indo-China war. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Nehru, Tibet and China” book – authored by Avtar Singh Bhasin

89. A famous British hunter - Jim Corbett authored a book titled “Man-Eaters of Kumaon”. He also wrote “Jungle Lore” and other books. He had killed ‘Champawat Tiger’ which was responsible for an estimated 436 human deaths. Jim Corbett National Park in Uttarakhand was named after him. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Man-Eaters of Kumaon” & “Jungle Lore” books – authored by Jim Corbett (a famous British hunter)
- Jim Corbett had killed ‘Champawat Tiger’ which was responsible for an estimated 436 human deaths
- Jim Corbett National Park – located in Uttarakhand

90. Renowned writer Kunal Basu's new novel titled “In An Ideal World” is expected to release in early 2022, as announced by publisher Penguin Random House India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “In An Ideal World” book – authored by Kunal Basu
- Publisher – Penguin Random House India



Obituaries

91. On August 1, Multiple World Masters Championship gold medallist and multiple Asian Masters Championship medallist athlete 105-year-old Man Kaur passed away. She won her first medal in Chandigarh Masters Athletics meet in 2007 and the gold in 100 m as well 200 m race in the National Masters Athletics meet in 2011. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Man Kaur – an Indian track & field Athlete – passed away
- Gold medals: Chandigarh Masters Athletics meet (2007) & National Masters Athletics meet (2011)

92. Noted author and Padma Shri awardee Padma Sachdev passed away. She was the first modern woman poet of Dogri language. She authored many books in Dogri and Hindi, and her poetry collections, including Meri Kavita Mere Geet, won her the “Sahitya Akademi Award” in 1971. She received the “Padma Shri” in 2001 and was awarded the “Kabir Samman” for poetry for 2007-08 by the Madhya Pradesh government. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Padma Sachdev – an Author & Poet – passed away (first modern woman poet of Dogri language)
- Awards: Sahitya Akademi Award (1971) | Padma Shri (2001) | Kabir Samman (2007-08) by MP



93. Astronomers have uncovered the first evidence of water vapour in the atmosphere of Jupiter’s moon “Ganymede” by using NASA’s Hubble Space Telescope. The study was published in the journal Nature Astronomy. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NASA’s Hubble Space Telescope – found the 1st evidence of water vapour on Jupiter’s Moon “Ganymede”
- HQs of NASA – Washington D.C., USA | Administrator – Bill Nelson | Founded in – 1958

94. The ISRO-NASA joint mission “NISAR” (NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar) satellite is proposed to be launched in early 2023. NISAR is a joint Earth-Observation mission between ISRO and NASA for global observations over all land masses including the Polar cryosphere and the Indian Ocean region. US And India had signed this agreement on 30 September 2014. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “NISAR” a joint Earth-Observation mission between ISRO & NASA – to be launched in 2023
- The agreement upon this was signed in 2014
- HQs of ISRO – Bengaluru, Karnataka | Director – Kailasavadivoo Sivan | Formed on – August 15, 1969
- HQs of NASA – Washington D.C., USA | Administrator – Bill Nelson | Founded on – July 29, 1958

95. A team of Delhi University researchers has discovered a new frog species in the Western Ghats and named it “Minervarya Pentali” after former DU Vice-Chancellor and plant geneticist Deepak Pental. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Minervarya Pentali” a new species of frog – discovered in the Western Ghats by Delhi University researchers
- It is named after former DU Vice-Chancellor and plant geneticist “Deepak Pental”

96. The CSIR-Central Scientific Instruments Organisation (CSIO), Chandigarh has developed “Divya Nayan” - a personal reading machine for visually impaired. It is easily available to the needy across India through online registration. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CSIR-CSIO (Chandigarh) – developed “Divya Nayan” - a personal reading machine for visually impaired
- HQs of CSIR – New Delhi | President – Narendra Modi | Director General – Shekhar C. Mande

97. The European Space Agency (ESA) has launched the world’s first commercial fully reprogrammable satellite called “Eutelsat Quantum”. The re-programmable satellite allows the user to change the communications as per need, in real time. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ESA – launched the world’s first commercial fully reprogrammable satellite called “Eutelsat Quantum”
- HQs of ESA – Paris, France | CEO – Johann-Dietrich Wörner | Administrator – Josef Aschbacher

98. On August 2, IIT Roorkee has launched 7 new Academic Programmes to cater to the rising demand for new-age technologies. The seven new programmes are in select areas of engineering, architecture, economics and management along with specialisation in data science and artificial intelligence. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IIT Roorkee – launched 7 new Academic Programmes to cater to the rising demand for new-age technologies

99. On August 2, IIT Madras has launched India’s first consortium for Virtual Reality called “Consortium for VR/AR/MR Engineering Mission in India” (CAVE). This consortium, including a group of academic institutions, industries, start-ups and government bodies, is coordinated by IIT Madras. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IIT Madras launched India’s first consortium for Virtual Reality called “Consortium for VR/AR/MR Engineering Mission in India” (CAVE)
- Director of IIT Madras – Bhaskar Ramamurthi



Ordinance, Bills and Acts

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Key Points:

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