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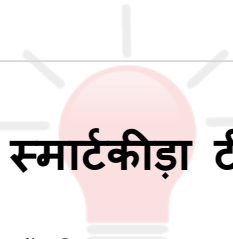
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हम आशा करते हैं की आप इस PDF का भरपूर लाभ उठाते हुए आने वाले MockDrill Test में बेहतर अंक प्राप्त करेंगे।

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National & States Affairs

1. The Centre has formed a 5-member committee to oversee construction of the new Parliament house and to ensure heritage and aesthetics of the complex are maintained. The presentation was facilitated by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs. The construction of the new building is expected to be completed by November 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The Centre formed a 5-member committee to oversee construction of the new Parliament house
- The construction is expected to be completed by – November 2022

2. Madhya Pradesh government aims to completely eliminate AIDS by 2030 as the number of AIDS patients is growing rapidly in the state. The AIDS infection rate in MP is 1.64%. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Madhya Pradesh – aims to completely eliminate AIDS by 2030
- Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Anandiben Patel

3. Besides Uttar Pradesh, Assam will bring laws for transparency in marriage. It will make it mandatory for both the bride and the groom to disclose information including the source of income and religion. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Assam – to bring laws for transparency in marriage
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Sarbananda Sonowal | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi

4. In an attempt to save reptiles and small animals from vehicular accidents while crossing the road, the Ramnagar Forest Division of Uttarakhand has constructed the state's first eco-bridge across Kaladhungi-Nainital highway. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Uttarakhand – constructed the first Eco-bridge across Kaladhungi-Nainital highway
- Uttarakhand: Capital – Dehradun & Gairsain | CM – Trivendra Singh Rawat | Governor – Baby Rani Maurya

5. Tribal Affairs Minister Arjun Munda has launched the virtual edition of "Aadi Mahotsav - Madhya Pradesh". The 10-day long festival is commenced on December 1, 2020. The main focus of this festival is on the tribal craft and culture of Madhya Pradesh. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Arjun Munda – launched the virtual edition of “Aadi Mahotsav”
- The main focus of this festival is on the tribal craft and culture of – Madhya Pradesh
- Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Anandiben Patel
- Ministry of Tribal Affairs – Arjun Munda (Constituency – Khunti, Jharkhand)

6. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) has constituted a 17 members High-level inter-ministerial Apex Committee for Implementation of Paris Agreement (AIPA) under the chairmanship of C. K. Mishra (Secretary of MoEFCC). The committee is constituted for the execution of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MoEFCC – constituted a 17 members Apex Committee for Implementation of Paris Agreement (AIPA)
- Chairmanship – C. K. Mishra (Secretary of MoEFCC)
- Prakash Javadekar – Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Ministry of Info. & Broadcasting
- Constituency – Maharashtra

7. Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) has launched India's first ‘100 Octane petrol’, helping India join a select league of nations globally that have such superior quality fuel. The ‘XP100’ premium petrol will initially be available at select outlets of Indian Oil in 10 cities including Delhi and Mumbai. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IOC – launched India's first 100 Octane petrol (XP100)
- HQs of IOCL – New Delhi | Chairperson – Shrikant Madhav Vaidya

8. Power and New & Renewable Energy Minister R K Singh has launched the “Green Charcoal Hackathon”, which would focus on deliberating on technology to convert farm residue into green charcoal. The Hackathon has been organised by Energy Efficiency Service Ltd and NVVN (NTPC Vidyut Vyapar Nigam). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- R K Singh (MoPNRE) – launched the “Green Charcoal Hackathon” – Organised by EESL & NVVN
- HQs of EESL – New Delhi | Chairman – Rajeev Sharma
- HQs of NTPC – New Delhi | CMD – Gurdeep Singh



9. A first-of-its-kind initiative in Maharashtra, Pune City Police has started the 'Balsnehi (child-friendly) Police Station' on the premises of the Lashkar police station in Pune Camp. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The 'Balsnehi (child-friendly) Police Station' – inaugurated in Pune, Maharashtra
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

10. Tens of thousands of farmers were still camped on the Delhi-Haryana border, on their way to the national capital for "Dilli Chalo" protest against the Centre's 3 new farm laws. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Dilli Chalo" protest – started by Farmers of India – against the Centre's 3 new farm laws

11. The 9th edition of the "International Sand Art Festival" has begun at the Chandrabhaga Beach of Konark in Odisha's Puri district with adherence to government prescribed Covid-19 protocols. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The 9th edition of the "International Sand Art Festival" – began at the Chandrabhaga Beach, Konark, Odisha
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

12. Karnataka has laid the foundation for 11.5 MW "Waste-to-Energy" plant set up by the Karnataka Power Corporation Limited and the Bengaluru civic agency at Bidadi in Ramanagara district. The plant will come up in the next two years. The estimated cost of this plant is Rs 260 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Karnataka laid the foundation for 11.5 MW "Waste-to-Energy" plant - at Bidadi in Ramanagara, Karnataka
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – BS Yediyurappa | Governor – Vajubhai Vala

13. The Indian government has reduced the import tax on crude Palm Oil to 27.5% from 37.5%, aiming to bring down rising food prices with the measure. India is the world's biggest importer of Palm Oil. India imports around 9 million tonnes of palm oil annually. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The Indian government has reduced the import tax on crude Palm Oil to 27.5% (from 37.5%)
- India is the world's biggest importer of Palm Oil (9 million tonnes/year)

14. Universal Sompo General Insurance Company Limited has launched its mobile application the “USGI PULZ” with the main intention of enhancing service delivery. It believes that just with this offering its digital sign-ups will increase by 25-30%. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Universal Sompo General Insurance – launched its mobile application the “USGI PULZ”
- HQs of Universal Sompo Gen. Ins. – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Sharad Mathur

15. The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has completed private placement of 4.63% of its equity shares worth ₹81.64 Cr. NPCI made an offer for private placement to 131 RBI-regulated entities, out of which 19 showed interest and were allotted shares. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NPCI – completed private placement of 4.63% of its equity shares worth ₹81.64 Cr
- HQs of NPCI – Mumbai | Chairman – Biswamohan Mahapatra | MD&CEO – Dilip Asbe

16. Bihar is holding a 3-day long Bird Festival for the first time as part of its initiative to save migratory birds in Bhagalpur starting from December 11, 2020. The festival is being jointly organised by the Bhagalpur forest division, non-profit Bombay Natural History Society and the local Mandar Nature Club. This was because the 60-kilometre-long stretch of the ‘Vikramshila Dolphin Sanctuary’ between Sultanganj and Kahalgaon had long been a hub of migratory birds. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 3-day long Bird Festival for the first time as part of its initiative to save migratory – held in Bhagalpur, Bihar
- Vikramshila Gangetic Dolphin Sanctuary – located in Bhagalpur, Bihar
- Bihar: Capital – Patna | CM – Nitish Kumar | Governor – Phagu Chauhan

17. Ratan Tata-backed startup Repos Energy recently announced the launch of a Double-dispenser mobile Petrol Pump, named “VO Alpha”, which stands for Voice of Innovation. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Repos Energy – to launch a Double-dispenser mobile Petrol Pump named “VO Alpha”
- HQs of Repos Energy – Pune, Maharashtra | CEO – Chetan Walunj

18. Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has named the newly-built “Majerhat” bridge in Kolkata as “Jai Hind” bridge to commemorate the 125th birth anniversary of Subhas Chandra Bose. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- “Majerhat” (Kolkata) bridge named as “Jai Hind” bridge – to commemorate 125th birth anniversary of S. C. Bose
- West Bengal: Capital – Kolkata | CM – Mamta Banerjee | Governor – Jagdeep Dhankar

19. Lucknow has become the first city in north India and ninth city in India to have raised funds by issuing municipal bonds. The 200-Cr Lucknow Municipal Corporation (LMC) bonds were listed on Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on December 2. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Lucknow – become the 1st city in north India and 9th city in India to have raised funds by issuing municipal bonds
- 200-Cr LMC bonds were listed on – BSE
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

International Affairs

20. Cyclonic storm “Burevi”, formed in the Bay of Bengal is likely to hit near Kanyakumari in Tamil Nadu. The storm is named by the Maldives. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Cyclonic storm “Burevi” – to hit near Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu (Named by - Maldives)
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Thiru Edappadi K. Palaniswami | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit
- Maldives – Male – Maldivian rufiyaa | President – Ibrahim Mohamed Solih

21. Merriam-Webster and Dictionary.com have chosen same word of the year: “Pandemic”. On the day (March 11) the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the outbreak of the novel coronavirus a global health emergency and announced COVID-19 as pandemic. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The word “Pandemic” – named the as the ‘Word of the Year 2020’ – by ‘Merriam-Webster’ & ‘Dictionary.com’
- “Lockdown” — by Collins Dictionary | “Quarantine” — by Cambridge Dictionary



22. First-ever luxury Cruise service namely “Ramayan Cruise Tour” on the Sarayu river in Ayodhya will be launched soon. It aims to give mesmerizing experience to devotees with one-of-its-kind spiritual journeys. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- First-ever luxury Cruise service “Ramayan Cruise Tour” to be launched – on Sarayu river, in Ayodhya, UP
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

23. Eat Just Inc., a maker of meat and egg substitutes, has been approved to sell its laboratory-created chicken in Singapore, which becomes the first government to allow the sale of cultured meat. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Eat Just Inc – allowed to sell its laboratory-created chicken in Singapore
- Singapore – became the first country to allow the sale of lab-created cultured meat
- HQs of Eat Just Inc – California, USA | CEO – Josh Tetrick
- Singapore – Singapore – Dollar | PM – Lee Hsien Loong | President – Halimah Yacob

24. Britain's Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) granted emergency use approval to the “Pfizer-BioNTech” vaccine. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Britain (UK) approved “Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine” for emergency public use
- UK – London – Pound Sterling | PM of UK – Boris Johnson

25. Scotland has made sanitary products free to all women, becoming the first nation in the world to take such a step against “period poverty”. The Period Products (Free Provision) Scotland Bill passed unanimously. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Scotland – the first nation in the world to make sanitary products free to all women
- Scotland – Edinburgh – Pound sterling

26. The Saudi Arabian Monetary Authority will be renamed to Saudi Central Bank under a new law approved by Saudi Arabia's King Salman bin Abdulaziz al-Saud. The Saudi Central Bank will continue to use the acronym “SAMA”. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- The Saudi Arabian Monetary Authority – renamed to “Saudi Central Bank” (acronym “SAMA”)
- Saudi Arab – Riyadh – Saudi Riyal | King – Salman bin Abdulaziz al-Saud

27. The Iranian parliament has passed a bill aimed at revitalising the country's nuclear activities in the wake of the assassination of Iranian nuclear physicist Mohsen Fakhrizadeh. The bill is dubbed “The strategic measure for the removal of sanctions”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Iran – passed a bill to boost nuclear activity in the wake of the assassination of its physicist ‘Mohsen Fakhrizadeh’
- Iran – Tehran – Rial | President – Hassan Rouhani

Banking & Economic Affairs

28. S&P Global Ratings has retained its forecast of 9% contraction in the Indian economy for the current fiscal year. S&P, in its report on Asia Pacific, projected the Indian economy to grow at 10% in the next fiscal. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- S&P Global Ratings projected India's GDP = (-9%) for 2020-21 [{Flexible News}](#)
- S&P Global Ratings projected India's GDP = (10%) for 2021-22 [{Flexible News}](#)
- HQs of S&P Global Ratings – New York, USA

29. The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) has raised prospects of India's economy by pegging contraction at 9.9%, against 10.2% it projected in September in a report titled “A Brighter Outlook But Recovery Will Be Gradual”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “A Brighter Outlook But Recovery Will Be Gradual” report – released by OECD
- OECD projected India's GDP = (-9.9%)
- HQs of OECD – Paris, France | Secretary-General – Angel Gurría | Member countries – 37



30. Yes Bank has launched “Yes Premia” that offers personalized solutions focused on the particular needs of key consumer segments. Yes Bank aims to disburse retail and small business loans worth Rs 10,000 Cr in the current quarter of the financial year and plans to expand the portfolio to over 60% of its loan book by 2023. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Yes Bank has launched “Yes Premia”
- Yes Bank aims to disburse retail and small business loans worth Rs 10,000 Cr
- HQs of Yes Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Prashant Kumar | Tagline – “Experience our Expertise”

31. State Bank of India (SBI), in association with Japan’s JCB International Co Ltd (JCB), has launched “SBI RuPay JCB Platinum Contactless Debit Card” on National Payments Corporation of India’s (NPCI) RuPay network. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SBI + JCB Int. = launched “SBI RuPay JCB Platinum Contactless Debit Card”
- HQs of SBI Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Dinesh Kumar Khara
- MD – Challa Sreenivasulu Setty | Arjit Basu | Ashwani Bhatia
- HQs of JCB Co. Ltd – Tokyo, Japan | CEO – Takao Kawanishi

32. Punjab National Bank (PNB) has launched a tech-based loan management solution called “PNB LenS” to speed up and maintain accuracy in online loan processing and sanctioning of credit proposals. Processing and sanction of credit proposals up to Rs 10 lakh under the Mudra Scheme, including MSME loans (fresh/ renewal/ enhancement/ review) shall be done through PNB LenS w.e.f. 01.12.2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- PNB – launched a tech-based loan management solution called “PNB LenS”
- Processing & sanction of credit proposals up to Rs 10 lakh under the ‘Mudra Scheme’ to be done through ‘PNB LenS’
- HQs of PNB – New Delhi | MD & CEO – S. S. Mallikarjuna Rao



33. Gujarat International Finance Tec (GIFT) City regulator International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) has obtained membership of the International Association of Insurance Supervisors (IAIS). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IFSCA – obtained membership of the International Association of Insurance Supervisors (IAIS)
- HQs of IFSCA – Gandhinagar, Gujarat | Chairman – Injeti Srinivas
- HQs of IAIS – Basel, Switzerland | Secretary General – Jonathan Dixon

34. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has asked HDFC Bank to temporarily stop all launches of its upcoming digital business-generating activities and sourcing of new credit card customers. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI asked HDFC Bank to temporarily stop all launches of its upcoming Digital Business & new Credit Cards
- RBI: HQs – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th)
- HQs of HDFC Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Sashidhar Jagdishan | Tagline – "We understand your world"



Defence Affairs

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35. The Indigenous Aircraft Carrier (IAC) has entered final phase of its construction at Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL), will be commissioned by 2021 end or by early 2022. Basin Trials of the aircraft carrier were successfully conducted at CSL. Sea trials of the IAC are planned in the first half of 2021, and then it will be ready for induction into the Indian Navy. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IAC – entered final phase of its construction at Cochin Shipyard Limited ([Kerala](#))
- Basin Trials of the IAC were successfully conducted at CSL ([Kerala](#))

36. The Indian Air Force (IAF) has carried out 10 testfirings of the indigenously developed “Akash” Air Defence Missiles and the “Igla” shoulder-fired Air Defence Missiles at the Suryalanka test range in Andhra Pradesh. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IAF – carried out 10 testfirings of the “Akash” and “Igla” Air Defence Missiles – in Andhra Pradesh
- “Igla” – Russian-Origin Short-Range Missile



- HQs of IAF – New Delhi | Chief – Air Marshal Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan

37. The DRDO has merged its 2 laboratories to create a new one named “Defence Geo-Informatics Research Establishment” to conduct focused research on terrain and avalanches along the borders with China and Pakistan. The two labs merged by the government are Snow and Avalanche Studies Establishment (SASE-Manali) and Defence Terrain Research Establishment (Delhi). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The DRDO has created “Defence Geo-Informatics Research Establishment” by merging its 2 labs
- HQs of DRDO – New Delhi | Chairman – G. Satheesh Reddy

Schemes & Initiatives

38. Goa has launched a “One-Time Power Bill Settlement Scheme 2020” for power consumers. The Government has also provided a waiver of late payment fees to those who will make payment at one time or by installments with a minimum time period. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Goa – launched a “One-Time Power Bill Settlement Scheme 2020” for power consumers
- Goa: Capital – Panaji | CM – Pramod Sawant | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

Sports & Games

39. Spanish tennis player Enrique Lopez Perez has been banned from the sport for eight years by the Tennis Integrity Unit (TIU) for his involvement in match-fixing activities in three separate instances in 2017. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Enrique Lopez Perez (Spain-Tennis) – banned for 8 years – by Tennis Integrity Unit (TIU)
- Spain – Madrid – Euro | PM – Pedro Sanchez

Important Days & Dates

40. The 56th Raising Day of the Border Security Force (BSF) was recently observed on December 1. The BSF has always lived up to its motto "Duty Unto Death" (Jeevan Paryant Kartavya). The BSF was officially raised in accordance with an Act of the Indian Parliament on December 1, 1965, soon after the India-Pakistan War of 1965. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- December 1 – 56th "Raising Day" of the Border Security Force (BSF) (raised in 1965)
- Motto: "Duty Unto Death" (Jeevan Paryant Kartavya)
- HQs of BSF – New Delhi | Director General (DG) – Rakesh Asthana

41. "World AIDS Day" was observed on December 1. This year, the theme is "Ending the HIV/AIDS epidemic: resilience and impact". The 2020 global target is to achieve reduction in new HIV infections and AIDS deaths below 500,000 in a year. In 2019, we had 690,000 AIDS deaths worldwide. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- December 1 – World AIDS Day
- Theme – "Ending the HIV/AIDS epidemic: resilience and impact"

42. Nagaland has observed its 58th foundation day on December 1, 2020. The state was established in 1963. The government is launching the 21st edition of its annual Hornbill Festival 2020 on virtual platform to boost the industry. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- December 1– 58th foundation day of Nagaland (Establishment year - 1963)
- 21st edition of Hornbill Festival – launched by Nagaland
- Nagaland: Capital – Kohima | CM – Neiphiu Rio | Governor – Ravindra Narayana Ravi

43. Every year, the "World Computer Literacy Day" is observed on December 2 to create awareness and drive digital literacy in underserved communities worldwide. The day was originally founded by the Indian computer company NIIT. This year mark its 20th anniversary. However, it was first observed in the year 2001 on December 2. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- December 2 – 20th anniversary of "World Computer Literacy Day" – since 2001



44. “National Pollution Control Day” is observed in India every year on 2 December to raise awareness about the problems of increasing pollution and to commemorate the thousands of people who lost their lives in the Bhopal Gas Tragedy in 1984. This year, the theme was “Raise awareness about the importance of pollution control and educate people on how to prevent pollution.” [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- December 2 – “National Pollution Control Day”
- Theme – “Raise awareness about the importance of pollution control and educate people on how to prevent pollution”

45. The UN’s International Day for the Abolition of Slavery is observed every year on December 2, all over the world since 1986 to raise awareness about slavery and put an end to all kinds of slavery. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- December 2 – UN’s International Day for the Abolition of Slavery – since 1986

46. “International Day of Persons with Disabilities” (IDPD), also called “World Disability Day” is observed annually on December 3. This year, the theme is “Building back better: towards an inclusive, accessible and sustainable post-COVID-19 world by, for and with persons with disabilities”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- December 3 – “International Day of Persons with Disabilities” or “World Disability Day
- Theme – “Building back better: towards an inclusive, accessible and sustainable post-COVID-19 world by, for and with persons with disabilities”

47. On the 36th anniversary of the 1984 Bhopal Gas Tragedy on December 3, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has announced to build a memorial for Bhopal gas tragedy victims. He also announced resumption of pension of Rs 1,000 forthwith for the women who lost their husbands in the toxic gas leak. Methyl isocyanate (CH₃NCO) gas was responsible for Bhopal Gas Tragedy. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- December 3 – 36th anniversary of the 1984 Bhopal Gas Tragedy
- Shivraj Singh Chouhan announced to build a memorial for – Bhopal Gas Tragedy Victims – in Madhya Pradesh
- Shivraj Singh Chouhan announced resumption of pension of Rs 1,000 forthwith for the women (wives of victims)
- [Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal](#) | [CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan](#) | [Governor – Anandiben Patel](#)



48. The 136th Birth Anniversary of Dr Rajendra Prasad - the first President of India - was observed on December 3. Dr Rajendra Prasad was a teacher, lawyer, freedom fighter and finally the president. He was born in Siwan district of Bihar. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- December 3 – 136th Birth Anniversary of Dr Rajendra Prasad (the first President of India)
- He was born – in Siwan, Bihar

Meetings, Conferences and Summits

49. Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has virtually addressed the 20th Edition of Sri Lanka Economic Summit (SLES) 2020. The theme for this year's event is "Roadmap for Take-off: Driving a People – Centric Economic Revival". SLES was organized by the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce (CCC). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Nirmala Sitharaman addressed – the 20th Edition of "Sri Lanka Economic Summit (SLES) 2020"
- Theme – "Roadmap for Take-off: Driving a People – Centric Economic Revival"

50. Prakash Javadekar has represented India at the "Industry Transition Leadership Summit-2020". The event was organised by Leadership Group for Industry Transition (LeadIT). LeadIT is launched by India and Sweden along with the World Economic Forum (WEF). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Prakash Javadekar – represented India at the "Industry Transition Leadership Summit-2020"
- Prakash Javadekar – Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Ministry of Info. & Broadcasting
- Constituency – Maharashtra

51. The inaugural meeting of the Counternarcotics Working Group (CNWG) was held virtually between India & USA. During the meeting, India and the US agreed to enhance their collaboration on counternarcotics regulation and law enforcement. They also agreed to enhance their data sharing operations. The Indian delegation was led by Sachin Jain (Deputy Director General of Narcotics Control Bureau). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The inaugural meeting of the Counternarcotics Working Group (CNWG) – held between India & USA
- The Indian delegation was led by – Sachin Jain (Deputy DG of Narcotics Control Bureau)



- USA – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | President – Joe Biden
- HQs of NCB – New Delhi | Director General – Rakesh Asthana

52. Dr Harsh Vardhan has chaired the inaugural session of the “Health Talks” - annual conference of the India Sweden Healthcare Innovation Centre under ‘Sweden India Nobel memorial week’. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dr Harsh Vardhan – chaired the inaugural session of the “Health Talks” - annual conference
- Under – ‘Sweden India Nobel memorial week’
- Sweden – Stockholm – Krona

53. The 7th India-Suriname Joint Commission Meeting (JCM), was held virtually on December 2. The meeting was co-chaired by the Minister of State for External Affairs, V. Muraleedharan. It was agreed that the next JCM Meeting would be held in 2022 in Paramaribo, Suriname. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 7th India-Suriname Joint Commission Meeting – co-chaired by V. Muraleedharan
- The next JCM Meeting would be held – in 2022 in Paramaribo, Suriname
- Suriname – Paramaribo – Dollar | President – Chandrikapersad 'Chan' Santokhi

54. Shri Kiren Rijiju has attended the 6th BRICS Youth Summit and meeting of BRICS Ministers through a virtual programme. The summit was hosted under the theme “BRICS: Challenges of the Time for the Youth.” [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kiren Rijiju – attended the 6th BRICS Youth Summit
- Theme – “BRICS: Challenges of the Time for the Youth”
- BRICS Member Countries – 5 – Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa
- Chairmanship of BRICS – Russia in 2020 & Indian in 2021

55. Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas, Dharmendra Pradhan has addressed the 7th IEF-IGU (International Energy Forum-International Gas Union) Ministerial Gas Forum. The Forum was hosted by Malaysia. Gujarat has set an example with 25% share of natural gas in primary energy mix compared to 6.3% at national level. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Dharmendra Pradhan represented India in the 7th IEF-IGU Ministerial Gas Forum – hosted by Malaysia
- Gujarat has set an example with 25% share of Natural Gas in Primary Energy Mix
- Malaysia – Kuala Lumpur – Ringgit
- Dharmendra Pradhan – Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Minister of Steel (Madhya Pradesh)

56. The 5th BRICS Media Forum was held virtually to coincide with the recently concluded BRICS summit. N. Ram (Director of The Hindu Publishing Group) has represented India in the virtual Forum. Representatives of media organisations from BRICS countries were called from the 5 nations to work together to jointly combat the “virus of disinformation” in the pandemic era. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- N. Ram (Director of The Hindu Publishing Group) – represented India in the 5th BRICS Media Forum
- BRICS Member Countries – 5 – Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa
- Chairmanship of BRICS – Russia in 2020 & Indian in 2021



Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

57. Bollywood actor John Abraham has been named as the “Person of the Year for 2020” by the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- John Abraham – named as the “Person of the Year for 2020” by PETA
- HQs of PETA – Virginia, USA | President – Ingrid Newkirk

58. Indian-American Gitanjali Rao (15 year-old), a brilliant young scientist and inventor, has been named by TIME magazine as the first-ever ‘Kid of the Year’ for her astonishing work using technology to tackle issues ranging from contaminated drinking water to opioid addiction and cyberbullying. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Gitanjali Rao (Indian-American) – named the first-ever ‘Kid of the Year’ – by TIME magazine

59. A primary school teacher - Ranjitsinh Disale from Maharashtra's Solapur district has been named the winner of the \$1 million annual "Global Teacher Prize 2020" by the Varkey Foundation. The award is given in recognition of his efforts to promote girls' education and trigger a quick-response (QR) coded textbook revolution in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ranjitsinh Disale (Maharashtra) – named the winner of "Global Teacher Prize 2020" by the Varkey Foundation
- The award carries the prize of – \$1 million
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

Appointments & Resignations

60. First Dronacharya Awardee from the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, Kuldeep Handoo has been appointed as the Ambassador of Fit India movement of PM Narendra Modi. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kuldeep Handoo (Wushu Coach)– appointed as the Ambassador of Fit India movement

61. Lt Gen Rajeev Chaudhary has taken charge as the 27th Director General of Border Roads Organisation (BRO). Lt Gen Chaudhary succeeds Lt Gen Harpal Singh who has been appointed as the new Engineer-in-Chief of the Indian Army. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rajeev Chaudhary – took charge as the 27th Director General of Border Roads Organisation (BRO)
- HQs of BRO – New Delhi | Director General – Major Gen Rajeev Chaudhary

62. Hindustan Unilever Limited has appointed bollywood actor Akshay Kumar as the Brand Ambassador of its adult nutrition brand, "Horlicks Protein Plus". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Akshay Kumar – appointed as Brand Ambassador of – Hindustan Unilever Limited
- HQs of HUL – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Sanjiv Mehta

63. The Defence Ministry has approved the creation of a new post of Deputy Chief for Military Operations and Strategic Planning. The ministry has also completed formalities for creation of another new post of Director



General of Information Warfare. Director General of Military Operations (DGMO) Lt Gen Paramjit Singh is set to become the first Deputy Chief for Military Operations & Strategic Planning. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Defence Ministry – approved the creation of Deputy Chief for Military Operations and Strategic Planning (new Post)
- Defence Ministry – also approved the creation of Director General of Information Warfare (another new Post)
- Lt Gen Paramjit Singh – set to become the first Deputy Chief for Military Operations & Strategic Planning
- Ministry of Defence – Rajnath Singh (Constituency – Lucknow, UP)

Amount & Agreements

64. The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a \$430 million Multi-tranche Financing Facility (MFF) to improve the quality and reliability of electricity supply in Uttar Pradesh in India. ADB will provide loan of USD 562.8 million (about Rs 4,143 Cr) for power projects in Uttar Pradesh and Meghalaya. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ADB approved a \$430 million to improve the quality and reliability of electricity supply in Uttar Pradesh
- ADB will provide loan of \$562.8 million for power projects in Uttar Pradesh (\$430) & Meghalaya (\$132.8)
- ADB: HQs – Mandaluyong, Philippines | President – Masatsugu Asakawa | Member countries – 68
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel
- Meghalaya: Capital – Shillong | CM – Conrad Kongkal Sangma | Governor – Satya Pal Malik

Ranks, Reports & Surveys

65. Reliance Industries Ltd. has topped the “Fortune 500 list of Indian companies-2020” with revenue of Rs 6,15,854 Cr. Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOC), the nation’s biggest oil firm, bagged the second spot, followed by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) at the third. The list was published by Fortune India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Fortune 500 list of Indian companies-2020” – released by Fortune India
- 1st – RIL | 2nd – Indian Oil Corp | 3rd – ONGC | 4th – SBI | 5th – Bharat Petroleum Corp



66. India is losing more than \$10.3 billion (around Rs 75,000 Cr) in taxes every year due to international corporate tax abuse and private tax evasion, according to a report titled “The State of Tax Justice 2020” published by the Tax Justice Network. The USA is the Biggest Tax Loser according to the report. And the Asian region lost over \$73.3 billion or \$73,372,803,475. The report further added that the aggregate global tax loss count amounts to over \$427 billion every year owing to global tax abuse by MNCs. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “The State of Tax Justice 2020” report – published by the Tax Justice Network
- India is losing more than \$10.3 billion (around Rs 75,000 Cr) in taxes every year | USA – the Biggest Tax Loser
- The aggregate global tax loss count amounts to over \$427 billion every year

67. The study, jointly carried out by IIT Delhi and CPCB on the basis of Satellite Data, is the first of its kind to look at air pollution spatially. It found that the rate of increase of PM2.5 over eastern and Southern India is more than 1.6% per year during this period, and less than 1.2% annually in the Gangetic plain. Some of the states to have shown the highest rate of increase in PM 2.5 in this period are Kerala, Goa & Andhra Pradesh. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The study of Air Pollution on the basis of Satellite Data carried out by IIT Delhi & CPCB
- State-wise highest rate of increase in PM 2.5 during 2000-2019 period:
 - Kerala (Urban level – 24.2% & Rural level – 21.9%)
 - Goa (Urban level – 36.4% & Rural level – 37.3%)
 - Andhra Pradesh (Urban level – 20.15% & Rural level – 18.9%)
- HQs of CPCB – New Delhi | Chairman – Shri Shiv Das Meena

68. India has recorded the largest reductions in malaria cases in South-East Asia from 20 million in 2000 to about 5.6 million last year, according to the “World Malaria Report 2020” released by the World Health Organisation. India is the only high endemic country to report a decline of 17.6 % in 2019 compared to 2018. Malaria deaths in India declined from about 29,500 in 2000 to about 7,700 last year. Meghalaya has topped the list in reducing malaria cases in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “World Malaria Report 2020” – released by the WHO
- India – recorded the largest decline in malaria cases in South-East Asia (17.6 %)
- Malaria Cases: In 2000 – 20 million | In 2019 – 5.6 million
- Malaria Deaths: In 2000 – 29,500 | In 2019 – 7,700
- Meghalaya – topped the list in reducing malaria cases in India



69. The Indian Men's football team has slipped 4 spots to 104th position in the latest FIFA Rankings updated in November, 2020. The Indian Football Team is coached by Igor Stimac (Croatia) and the Captain is Sunil Chhetri (Telangana). Belgium managed to hold on to the top position, while France reached the second spot. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Latest FIFA Rankings" – updated in November, 2020
- India (men's) – 104th | 1st – Belgium | 2nd – France | 3rd – Brazil
- HQs of FIFA – Zurich, Switzerland | President – Gianni Infantino

70. Dairy giant Amul has ranked 8th among the top 20 global dairy processors as assessed by the international dairy research body IFCN Dairy Research Network in its "Dairy Processors Report 2020". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Amul – ranked 8th among the top 20 global dairy processors – as assessed by the IFCN Dairy Research Network
- HQs of AMUL – Anand, Gujarat | MD – Rupinder Singh Sodhi
- HQs of IFCN – Kiel, Germany

71. For the second year in a row, South Asia was the most impacted region by terrorism in 2019, according to "Global Terrorism Index 2020" report by the Institute for Economic & Peace. India has ranked 8th with a score of 7.353. While Afghanistan (9.592) was reported to be the most impacted of the 163 countries. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Global Terrorism Index 2020" report – released by the Institute for Economic & Peace
- India – 8th (7.353) | Topped by – Afghanistan (9.592) | The most impacted region by terrorism – South Asia
- Afghanistan – Kabul – Afghani | President – Ashraf Ghani

72. "Nongpok Sekmai" police station in Manipur's Thoubal district has been selected as the Best Police Station in the country for 2020, announced by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA). It was followed by AWPS-Suramangalam Police Station in Tamil Nadu's Salem city and Kharsang in Arunachal Pradesh's Changlang district. The government of India selects best performing police stations out of 16,671 in the country every year. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Nongpok Sekmai" police station (Manipur) – selected as the Best Police Station in India for 2020 – by MHA



- Ministry of Home Affairs – Shri Amit Shah | Constituency – Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- Manipur: Capital – Imphal | CM – N. Biren Singh | Governor – Najma Heptulla

73. Roshni Nadar Malhotra of HCL Technologies has topped the list of wealthiest women in India with a wealth of Rs. 54,850 Cr, according to the second edition of “Kotak Wealth Hurun-Leading Wealthy Women” report, compiled by Kotak Wealth Management. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 2nd edition of “Kotak Wealth Hurun-Leading Wealthy Women” report – by Kotak Wealth Management
- 1st – Roshni Nadar Malhotra (HCL Technologies) – Rs. 54,850 Cr
- 2nd – Kiran Majumdar-Shaw (Biocon) – Rs 36,600 Cr
- 3rd – Leena Gandhi Tewari (USV) – Rs 21,340 Cr

Acquisitions & Mergers

74. The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved the acquisition of Rivigo Services Private Ltd (Rivigo) by Spring Canter Investment Ltd (SCIL). The CCI has also approved amalgamation of Srikalahasti Pipes with Electrosteel Castings. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CCI approved the acquisition of “Rivigo Services” – by “Spring Canter Investment”
- CCI also approved amalgamation of “Srikalahasti Pipes” – with “Electrosteel Castings”
- HQs of CCI – New Delhi | Chairman – Ashok Kumar Gupta

75. Bank of India has entered into a Share Purchase Agreement (SPA) with AXA Investment Managers Asia Holdings Pvt Ltd (AXA IM) on December 2, 2020. Bank of India will acquire 49% stake each in BOI AXA Investment Managers Pvt Ltd (BAIM) and BOI AXA Trustee Services Pvt Ltd (BATS). Bank of India currently holds 51% equity shares each in BAIM and BATS. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bank of India + AXA IM = signed a Share Purchase Agreement (SPA)
- BOI will acquire 49% stake each in BAIM & BATS
- HQs of BOI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Shri Atanu Kumar Das



MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

76. In a bid to create a safe and secure cyber space in India, cybersecurity firm Kaspersky has signed an MoU with India Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) at the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CERT-In + Kaspersky = an MoU to create a safe and secure cyber space in India
- HQs of CERT-In – New Delhi | Director General – Sanjay Bahl
- HQs of Kaspersky – Moscow, Russia | CEO – Eugene Kaspersky

77. HDFC Life in association with Ketto India has initiated #PromisewalaDabba, a nationwide crowd-funding campaign. As part of the campaign, a #PromisewalaDabba will be delivered that includes essential supplies such as staple food ingredients, spices and accompaniments, sanitizers and toiletries. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- HDFC Life + Ketto India = initiated #PromisewalaDabba
- HQs of HDFC Life Insurance – Mumbai, MH | CEO – Vibha Padalkar

78. Bengaluru-based fintech start-up Finin has launched a neobanking platform in partnership with the SBM Bank India. The start-up was founded in 2019 by Suman Gandham and Sudheer Maram. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Finin + SBM Bank India = launched a Neobanking platform (founded in 2019)
- HQs of Finin – Bengaluru, Karnataka
- HQs of SBM Bank India – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Sidharth Rath

79. Razorpay and PayPal have partnered to enable seamless international payments for MSMEs and freelancers. MSMEs and freelancers will now be able to accept international payments without having to write a single line of code. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Razorpay + PayPal = partnered to enable seamless international payments for MSMEs and freelancers
- HQs of Razorpay – Bengaluru, Karnataka | CEO – Harshil Mathur
- HQs of PayPal – California, USA | CEO – Daniel Schulman



80. Nabard's Karnataka Regional Office has entered into MoU with State Bank of India (SBI) to take up joint intervention projects and provide support, concessional refinance and capacity building of the stakeholders in Karnataka. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NABARD + SBI = an MoU to take up joint livelihood intervention projects in Karnataka
- HQs of NABARD – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Chintala Govinda Rajulu
- HQs of SBI Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Dinesh Kumar Khara
- MD – Challa Sreenivasulu Setty | Arjit Basu | Ashwani Bhatia
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – BS Yediyurappa | Governor – Vajubhai Vala

81. Paytm has announced its partnership with Suryoday Small Finance Bank to empower MSMEs with instant digital loans. Through this partnership, the company is aiming at disbursing loans to over 1 lakh small businesses in the next 12 to 18 months. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Paytm + Suryoday SFB = partnership to empower MSMEs with instant digital loans
- HQs of Paytm – Noida, Uttar Pradesh | Paytm CEO – Vijay Sekhar Sharma
- HQs of Suryoday SFB – Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Baskar Babu

82. Department of Space (DoS) has entered into the first one of its kind Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) with Agnikul Cosmos Pvt. Ltd for launch vehicle development program. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Department of Space + Agnikul Cosmos = Non-Disclosure Agreement for launch vehicle development program
- HQs of DoS – Bengaluru, Karnataka | Current Executive – Kailasavadivoo Sivan
- HQs of Agnikul Cosmos – Chennai, TN | Co-Founders – Srinath Ravichandran

83. To bring credible developers and genuine homebuyers at one platform, CREDAI-MCHI (a Real estate agency) has partnered with banking giant State Bank of India as well as Google and BookMyShow for the first virtual edition of India's largest "Real-Estate Expo-2020" to be held between Dec 04 -13, 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

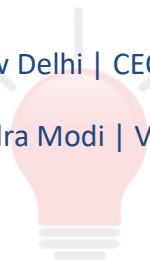


- CREDAI-MCHI + SBI + Google + BookMyShow = partnership for the first Virtual “Real-Estate Expo-2020”
- HQs of CREDAI-MCHI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | President – Deepak Goradia
- HQs of SBI Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Dinesh Kumar Khara
- MD – Challa Sreenivasulu Setty | Arjit Basu | Ashwani Bhatia
- HQs of Google – California, United States | CEO – Sundar Pichai
- HQs of BookMyShow – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Ashish Hemrajani

84. Sequoia Spark, Sequoia India’s programme for women entrepreneurs in India and Southeast Asia, has partnered with Niti Aayog’s Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP) for 1 year to promote women entrepreneurship in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sequoia Spark + Niti Aayog’s WEP = partnership to promote women entrepreneurship in India
- Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP) & Women Transforming India (WTI) Awards – belongs to NITI Aayog
- NITI Aayog HQs – New Delhi | CEO – Amitabh Kant
- Chairperson – Narendra Modi | Vice Chairperson – Rajiv Kumar



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Books & Authors

85. Alfredo Covelli - an Italy based author has launched his new book “Vahana Masterclass” for children and Young Audience in the Indian market. The book will be published by Scholastic India. The book illustrates the Indian Mythology and Culture. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Vahana Masterclass” book – authored by ‘Alfredo Covelli’ (Italy)
- Published by – Scholastic India

86. Internet gaming entrepreneur Alok Kejriwal talks about principles of success and shares some of his spiritual experiences and the lessons that he learnt from them in his new book – “The Cave”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “The Cave” book – authored by ‘Alok Kejriwal’



87. The Vice President Shri M Venkaiah Naidu has released the book, “40 Years with Abdul Kalam- Untold Stories” authored by Dr A. Sivathanu Pillai. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- M Venkaiah Naidu – released the book “40 Years with Abdul Kalam- Untold Stories”
- The book is authored by – Dr A. Sivathanu Pillai

Obituaries

88. A Rajya Sabha member from Gujarat ‘Abhay Bhardwaj’ has passed away during his post coronavirus (COVID-19) treatment in a private hospital in Chennai. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Abhay Bhardwaj – a Politician (BJP) – passed away (Rajya Sabha member from Gujarat)
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat

89. Mahashay Dharampal Gulati (King of Spice) has passed away recently in December at the age of 98. He was the owner of Mahashian Di Hatti (popularly known as MDH). Gulati was India's highest-paid consumer products CEO for the year 2017. He had also received Padma Bhushan in 2019. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mahashay Dharampal Gulati – a Businessman – passed away (The owner of MDH brand & Padma Bhushan in 2019)

90. Maulana Kalbe Sadiq, the Islamic scholar, educationist, philanthropist and senior vice-president of the All India Muslim Personal Law Board (AIMPLB) has passed away recently. He is also known as India’s “Second Sir Syed Ahmad Khan”. He was 83. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Maulana Kalbe Sadiq – an Islamic scholar, Educationist, Philanthropist – passed away
- He was senior vice-president of the All India Muslim Personal Law Board (AIMPLB)
- He is also known as India’s “Second Sir Syed Ahmad Khan”



91. Former President of France, Valery Giscard d'Estaing has passed away recently due to COVID-19 complications. He was 94. Giscard was elected president in 1974 at the age of 48 to become France's youngest postwar leader. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Valery Giscard d'Estaing – Former President of France – passed away
- France – Paris – Euro | President – Emmanuel Macron | New PM – Jean Castex

92. Former Prime Minister of Pakistan Mir Zafarullah Khan Jamali has passed away recently. He was 76. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mir Zafarullah Khan Jamali – Former President of Pakistan – passed away
- Pakistan – Islamabad – Pakistani Rupee | PM – Imran Khan | President – Arif Alvi

93. S. Ramakrishnan, veteran Tamil publisher has passed away. He was 75. He published the widely consulted Tamil-English dictionary. He also played a key role in the formation of 'MOZHI,' a public trust, 'Koothu-pattarai', ' an avant-garde theatre group, and the Roja Muthiah Research Library. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- S. Ramakrishnan – veteran Tamil publisher – passed away

94. Indian space scientist Sundaram (S) Ramakrishnan has passed away recently in December. He was 71. He was former Director of ISRO's Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC). Mr. Ramakrishnan is a recipient of the Dr Biren Roy Award. He received the Padma Shri in 2003. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- S. Ramakrishnan – Indian space Scientist – passed away (Former Director of VSSC)
- Recipient of: “Dr Biren Roy Award” & “Padma Shri-2003”



Person in News

95. The Education Ministry has set up a Task Force for preparing a roadmap on imparting Technical Education, including engineering courses, in mother tongue. The Task Force will be headed by Higher Education Secretary Amit Khare. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The Education Ministry – set up a Task Force for preparing a roadmap on imparting Technical Education
- The Task Force will be headed by – Amit Khare (Higher Education Secretary)

96. India has invited U.K. Prime Minister Boris Johnson as chief guest for the Republic Day celebrations in January 2021 and a decision on this is awaited from London. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India invited U.K. Prime Minister 'Boris Johnson' as Chief Guest for 2021 Republic Day
- UK – London – Pound Sterling | PM of UK – Boris Johnson



Science & Technology

97. Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL) has delivered the biggest cryogenic propellant tank “C32 LH2” ever fabricated by the company to ISRO. The C32-LH2 tank is a developmental cryogenic propellant tank of aluminium alloy designed for improving the payload capability of GSLV MK-III launching vehicle. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- HAL – delivered the biggest cryogenic propellant tank “C32 LH2” to ISRO
- HQs of HAL – Bengaluru, Karnataka | CEO – Amitabh Bhatt
- HQs of ISRO – Bengaluru, Karnataka | Director – Kailasavadivoo Sivan

98. Scientists have discovered the oldest known human-made nanomaterials in the “unique black coatings” of ancient pottery shards from an archeological site in Keeladi, Tamil Nadu. These coatings are made of Carbon Nano-Tubes (CNTs). It is dated to 600 BC. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Scientists have discovered the oldest known human-made nanomaterials in Keeladi, Tamil Nadu (dated to 600 BC)



- The coatings are made of – Carbon Nano-Tubes (CNTs)
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Thiru Edappadi K. Palaniswami | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit

99. IIT Kanpur Researchers have developed “Damaru” Inspired Lattice that finds applications in Stealth submarines, high speed Trains and Helicopters. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IIT Kanpur – developed “Damaru” Inspired Lattice

100. Instagram has rolled out the “Live Rooms” feature that allows up to 3 additional users to go live in the same session. The feature also consists of a multi-participant chat format. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Instagram – launched the “Live Rooms” feature (3 additional users to go live)
- HQs of Instagram – California, USA | CEO – Kevin Systrom





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