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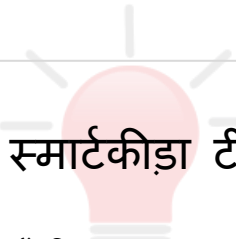
Hi Folks! We hope you all are doing well. We would like to state here that this PDF is meant for preparing for the upcoming MockDrill Test of December 2021 Month at Testzone. In this Current Affairs PDF we have added all the important Current Affairs information in form of 'Key-points' which are crucial 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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मित्रों! हम आशा करते हैं की आप सभी स्वस्थ और कुशल होंगे। इस सन्देश के माध्यम से हम आपसे यह कहना चाहते हैं की ये PDF दिसम्बर 2021 माह में Testzone पर होने वाले MockDrill Test में आपकी तैयारी को बेहतर करने के लिए उपलब्ध करायी जा रही है। इस PDF में हमने कुछ अति आवश्यक 'Key-Points' के माध्यम से आपको सम-सामयिकी (Current Affairs) सूचनाओं से अवगत कराया है और अगर आप MockDrill में अपनी योग्यता सिद्ध करना चाहते हैं तो आपके लिए हर सूचना को पढना, समझना और उसे याद रखना भी अति आवश्यक है क्योंकि MockDrill में शामिल किए गए प्रश्न PDF में दी गयी सूचना या जानकारी पर ही आधारित होंगे।

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

101. On December 5, Himachal Pradesh became the first State to fully vaccinate 100% of its adult population against COVID-19. With this, Himachal Pradesh became the first fully vaccinated State. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Himachal Pradesh – became the first fully vaccinated State by vaccinating 100% of its adult population against COVID-19
- Himachal Pradesh: Capital – Shimla & Dharamshala | CM – Jai Ram Thakur | Governor – Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar

102. On December 6, Union Minister of Ayush and Ports, Shipping & Waterways Shri Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated a 50 Bed Integrated Ayush Hospital in Moreh, Manipur and announced major initiatives for the development and promotion of AYUSH industry in Manipur. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated a 50 Bed Integrated Ayush Hospital – in Moreh, Manipur
- Manipur: Capital – Imphal | CM – N. Biren Singh | Governor – La. Ganesan

103. On December 2, the Airports Authority of India (AAI) was working on India's first facial recognition technology-based biometric boarding system called "Digi Yatra" for passengers at Varanasi, Pune, Kolkata and Vijayawada airports. The Digi Yatra initiative seeks to promote paperless and hassle-free air travel. The proposed Digi Yatra central eco-system was planned to go live in March 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Digi Yatra" – India's first facial recognition-based biometric boarding system in Airports | To go live in – March 2022
- AAI was working on the system for passengers at Varanasi, Pune, Kolkata & Vijayawada airports
- HQs of AAI – New Delhi | Chairman – Sanjeev Kumar

International Affairs

104. On December 6, British Airways became the first airline to use sustainable aviation fuel produced on a commercial scale in the UK after signing a multi-year agreement with Phillips 66 Limited. Thousands of tonnes of Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) will be produced for the first time in the UK. SAF is a lower carbon-intensity fuel that can be produced from renewable feedstocks such as waste vegetable oils, fats and greases. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- British Airways – became the first airline to use Sustainable Aviation Fuel produced on a commercial scale
- Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) will be produced for the first time – in UK
- UK – London – Pound Sterling | PM – Boris Johnson



Banking, Finance, Insurance & Economic Affairs

105. On December 4, To make daily transactions of its customers more secure and easier, R. K. Chhibber, CMD of Jammu & Kashmir Bank launched its revised and refurbished Mobile Banking App - "mPay Delight" for the Public. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- J&K Bank – launched its revised & refurbished Mobile Banking App - "mPay Delight" for the Public
- HQs of J&K Bank – Sri Nagar, J & K | MD & Chairman – R. K. Chhibber

106. On December 6, Aditya Birla Health Insurance launched "Activ Health Essential", an affordable health solution plan for the special health needs of senior citizens. The plan offers comprehensive health solutions such as 'Day 1 Chronic Management Program coverage'. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Aditya Birla Health Insurance – launched an affordable health solution plan "Activ Health Essential"
- HQs of ABHICL – Mumbai, MH | CEO – Mayank Bathwal

107. On December 6, Paytm partnered with Amazon Web Services (AWS) to offer its Paytm Startup Toolkit to startups onboarded on 'AWS Activate' program. Paytm will help entrepreneurs operating in India in the AWS Activate program grow their businesses with payment, distribution, and growth solutions. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Paytm + AWS = partnership to offer its Startup Toolkit to startups onboarded on 'AWS Activate' program
- HQs of Paytm – Noida, Uttar Pradesh | CEO – Vijay Sekhar Sharma | Founded in – 2010
- HQs of AWS – Seattle, Washington, US | CEO – Adam N. Selipsky

108. On December 5, Punjab National Bank (PNB) launched "PNB Pride-CRMD" module tool, an android-based application for differently-abled employees, to monitor and effectively follow up with the special mention account (SMA) borrowers. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- PNB – launched "PNB Pride-CRMD" module tool - an android-based application for differently-abled employees
- HQs of PNB – New Delhi | MD & CEO – S. S. Mallikarjuna Rao | Tagline – "The Name You Can Bank Upon"

109. On December 6, Yes Bank, in collaboration with National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), launched a new 'Yes Prosperity Rewards Plus Credit Card' variant on RuPay platform for its customers on the indigenously developed payment platform. NPCI has developed the RuPay card payment network. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Yes Bank + NPCI = launched a new 'Yes Prosperity Rewards Plus' credit card on RuPay platform
- HQs of Yes Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Prashant Kumar | Tagline – "Experience our Expertise"
- HQs of NPCI – Mumbai | Chairman – Biswamohan Mahapatra | MD & CEO – Dilip Asbe | Established in – 2008
- HQs of RuPay – New Delhi | Launched by NPCI – in 2012 | Tagline – "One Life. One RuPay."



110. On December 6, Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance launched a guaranteed income-cum-life insurance plan named “Bajaj Allianz Life Assured Wealth Goal”. The plan comes with two variants for customers. Key features of Bajaj Allianz Life Assured Wealth Goal Regular plan include guaranteed long-term income, increasing guaranteed income, option to defer and get higher income payout and higher benefit at higher ticket sizes. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bajaj Allianz Life – launched a guaranteed income-cum-life insurance plan - “Bajaj Allianz Life Assured Wealth Goal”
- HQs of Bajaj Allianz Life – Pune, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Tarun Chugh

Defence Affairs

111. On December 4, the Central government approved a plan to produce 5 lakh “AK-203” series assault rifles at Korwa in Amethi, Uttar Pradesh. The project is a joint venture with the Russian government under the ‘Make in India’ initiative of Indian government. The 7.62 X 39mm calibre AK-203 rifles will replace in-service INSAS rifles. The AK-203 assault rifles have an effective range of 300 metres and are lightweight. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Central gov approved a plan to produce 5 lakh “AK-203” series assault rifles – at Korwa, Amethi, Uttar Pradesh
- AK-203 rifles will replace in-service INSAS rifles | Effective range of AK-203 assault rifles – 300 metres
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

112. ‘Sandhayak’, the first of the four Survey Vessels project being built for the Indian Navy, was launched in Kolkata on December 5, 2021. These Vessels were designed and developed by Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE). The contract for building four survey ships was signed between Ministry of Defence and GRSE on 30 October 2018 at a total cost of Rs 2435 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ‘Sandhayak’, the first of the four Survey Vessels project being built for Indian Navy – launched in Kolkata, WB
- These Vessels were designed & developed by GRSE
- HQs of GRSE – Kolkata, India | Chairman & MD – Rear Admiral Vipin Kumar Saxena | Founded in – 1884

113. The 11th edition of the “EKUVERIN” exercise between India & Maldives was conducted at Kadhdhoo Island, Maldives from December 6 to 19, 2021. The exercise will enhance synergy & inter-operability between Armed Forces of both the Nations. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India & Maldives – conducted the 11th edition of the “EKUVERIN” exercise – at Kadhdhoo Island, Maldives
- Maldives – Male – Maldivian rufiyaa | President – Ibrahim Mohamed Solih

Schemes & Initiatives

114. The MSME Certification scheme “Zero Defect, Zero Effect” registered nearly 25,000 MSME registrations. The scheme was launched by PM Narendra Modi in October 2016 to encourage the manufacturing of goods by MSMEs without any defects and without any effects on the environment. The fund allocated for the scheme in FY21 stood at 51.75 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Zero Defect, Zero Effect”, an MSME certification scheme registered nearly 25,000 MSME registrations
- The scheme was launched by PM Narendra Modi – in October, 2016 | Fund allocated in FY21 – 51.75 Cr

115. On December 3, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MoSJE) launched “Scheme for Residential Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Areas (SRESHTA)” for socio-economic upliftment and overall development of Scheduled Castes students. The scheme will enable meritorious SC students to have a better future and aid in controlling dropout rates of students from classes 9 to 12. In the next 5 years, the ministry has decided to extend support to 24,800 meritorious SC students, involving Rs 300 Cr approximately, for providing them quality residential education from classes 9 to 12 in reputed private residential schools in aspirational districts identified by NITI Aayog. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MoSJE – launched “SRESHTA” scheme for socio economic development of SC students
- SRESHTA – Scheme for Residential Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Areas
- Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment: Virendra Kumar | Constituency – Sagar, Madhya Pradesh
- MoS in Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment: Ramdas Athawale



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Sports & Games

116. On December 4, Mumbai-born New Zealand left-arm spinner Ajaz Patel became the third bowler in Test cricket to take 10 wickets in an innings. He achieved the feat against India during the 2nd day of the 2nd test match between India and New Zealand at Wankhede stadium in Mumbai. Earlier, Australia’s Jim Laker and India’s Anil Kumble achieved the same feat in 1956 & 1999 respectively. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ajaz Patel (New Zealand) – became the 3rd bowler in Test Cricket to take 10 wickets in an innings
- He achieved the feat against India at Wankhede stadium in Mumbai

117. Saudi Arabia’s first female racing driver Reema Juffali was appointed as an Ambassador for Saudi Arabia’s first Formula One (F1) Grand Prix in Jeddah. Saudi Arabia lifted a ban on women driving in 2018. Mercedes Driver Lewis Hamilton won the first edition of Saudi Arabian Grand Prix (GP) by surpassing Max Verstappen of Red Bull. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Reema Juffali – appointed as an Ambassador for the first “Saudi Arabian Grand Prix 2021”
- Reema Juffali – the first Female Racing Driver from Saudi Arabia



- Lewis Hamilton (UK - Mercedes) – won the first “Saudi Arabian Grand Prix 2021” (beating - Max Verstappen)
- Saudi Arab – Riyadh – Saudi Riyal | Saudi Crown Prince – Mohammed bin Salman

118. On December 5, Argentina defeated six-time champion Germany and won their second title in the 12th edition of the “Men’s FIH Junior Hockey World Cup” at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar, Odisha. France's Timothee Clement was named Best Player of the Tournament while Germany's Anton Brinckman was named Best Goalkeeper of the Tournament. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Argentina – won the Men’s FIH Junior Hockey World Cup – at Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar (defeating - Germany)
- Best Player of the Tournament – Timothee Clement (France)
- Best Goalkeeper of the Tournament – Anton Brinckman (Germany)

119. On December 4, Odisha government and the Swimming Federation of India (SFI) entered into an agreement to expand and promote the swimming ecosystem in Odisha and India. As of now, the partnership is valid for one year. The state will establish around 20 swimming centers in its various districts. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Odisha + SFI = an agreement to expand & promote the swimming ecosystem in Odisha & India
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal
- HQs of SFI – New Delhi | President – R. N. Jayprakash | CEO – Virendra Nanavati



Important Days & Dates

120. Indian Navy Day is observed on December 4 every year to commemorate the launch of “Operation Trident” against Pakistan during the 1971 Indo-Pak War. In 2021, the theme was “Swarnim Vijay Varsh” since it marks the 50th anniversary of India’s victory in the 1971 war. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- December 4 – Indian Navy Day (commemorates the launch of ‘Operation Trident’ against Pakistan)
- 50th Anniversary of the victory in the 1971 war “Swarnim Vijay Varsh”
- 2021’s Theme – “Swarnim Vijay Varsh”

121. The United Nations Volunteers Programme (UNV) coordinates “International Volunteer Day” on December 5 every year to recognize and promote the tireless work, not just of UN Volunteers, but of volunteers across the globe. In 2021, the theme was “Volunteer now for Our Common Future”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- December 5 – International Volunteer Day
- 2021’s Theme – “Volunteer now for Our Common Future”
- HQs of UN Volunteers Programme – Bonn, Germany | Executive Coordinator – Toily Kurbanov



122. India and Bangladesh observed December 6 as “Maitri Diwas” as New Delhi had recognised Dhaka on this day in 1971. “Maitri Diwas”, also known as ‘India-Bangladesh Friendship Day’, was commemorated in capitals of 18 countries of the world. India was the second country, after Bhutan, to recognize Bangladesh as a sovereign and independent state on December 6 in 1971. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- December 6 – 1st “Maitri Diwas” (Friendship Day) – observed by India & Bangladesh
- India – recognized Bangladesh as a sovereign and independent state on December 6, 1971
- Bangladesh – Dhaka – Taka | PM – Sheikh Hasina | President – Abdul Hamid

123. The 10th edition of the World Spine Day was observed on October 16 with the theme of “BACK 2 BACK!”. The day highlights the burden of spinal pain and disability around the world. An estimated 540 million people in the world are suffering with low back pain. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- October 16 – World Spine Day | 2021’s Theme – “BACK 2 BACK!”

124. Every year December 6 is observed as Mahaparinirvan Diwas in India to mark the death anniversary of Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar. This year marks the 65th death anniversary of Babasaheb Ambedkar. He was awarded the ‘Bharat Ratna’ posthumously in 1956. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- December 6 – Mahaparinirvan Diwas (65th death anniversary of Babasaheb Ambedkar)

125. World Soil Day is observed every year on December 5 to raise awareness of the importance of soil to the sustenance of life on earth. In 2021, the theme was “Halt soil salinization, boost Soil Productivity”. The day was chosen as December 5 to mark the birthday of Thailand’s king, HM King Bhumibol Adulyadej, who formally made this event happen. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- December 5 – World Soil Day
- 2021’s Theme – “Halt soil salinization, boost Soil Productivity”

126. Armed Forces Flag Day is celebrated on December 7, every year in India. A committee, set up on August 28, 1949, under the Defense Minister of India, decided to observe Flag Day annually on December 7. This day is observed mainly to distribute flags to people and collect funds from them. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- December 7 – Armed Forces Flag Day

127. “International Civil Aviation Day” is observed on December 7th every year to reinforce awareness of the role and importance of International Civil Aviation Organisation in air travel across the globe. Until 2023, the theme will be “Advancing Innovation for Global Aviation Development”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- December 7 – International Civil Aviation Day
- 2021’s Theme – “Advancing Innovation for Global Aviation Development” (until 2023)



Meetings, Conferences and Summits

128. President of the Russian Federation, H.E. Mr. Vladimir Putin, visited New Delhi on December 6, 2021 for the 21st “India - Russia Annual Summit” with Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. During his visit, PM Narendra Modi presented an artistic Agate Bowls gift to him. President Putin also extended an invitation to Prime Minister Modi to visit Russia for the 22nd India-Russia Annual Summit in 2022. The joint statement was titled “INDIA-RUSSIA: Partnership for Peace, Progress and Prosperity”. Both the sides signed 28 MoUs and stressed on the need for greater efforts to achieve the trade target of \$30 billion by 2025. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Vladimir Putin + Narendra Modi = participated in the 21st “India - Russia Annual Summit”
- Vladimir Putin invited “Narendra Modi” to visit Russia for the 22nd “India-Russia Annual Summit in 2022”
- India + Russia = signed 28 MoUs & targeted to achieve the trade of \$30 billion by 2025
- [Russia – Moscow – Russian Ruble](#) | [PM – Mikhail Mishustin](#) | [President – Vladimir Putin](#)

129. On December 4, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar addressed the 5th “Indian Ocean Conference 2021” in Abu Dhabi, UAE. The theme of the conference was “Indian Ocean: Ecology, Economy, Epidemic”. The Conference is chaired by Sri Lankan President, Gotabaya Rajapaksa. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- S. Jaishankar – addressed 5th “Indian Ocean Conference 2021” in Abu Dhabi, UAE | Chaired by – Gotabaya Rajapaksa
- Theme – “Indian Ocean: Ecology, Economy, Epidemic”

130. On December 3, PM Narendra Modi inaugurated “InFinity Forum”, a thought leadership forum on FinTech. The event was hosted by International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA), under the aegis of the Government of India in collaboration with GIFT City and Bloomberg on December 3 and 4, 2021. Indonesia, South Africa and the UK were partner countries in the first edition of the Forum. The agenda of the Forum will focus on the theme of “Beyond”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- PM Narendra Modi – inaugurated “InFinity Forum”, a thought leadership forum on FinTech
- The forum was hosted by = IFSCA + GIFT City + Bloomberg | Partner Countries – Indonesia, South Africa & UK
- Theme of the forum – “Beyond”

Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

131. On December 3, Tamil Nadu was awarded as the Best State for promoting empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (PwD) in the Centre’s annual “National Awards for the Disability Sector”. Along with the State, several individuals, NGOs and government departments were handed over the 2020 awards by President Ram Nath Kovind on International Day of PwD. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ram Nath Kovind – conferred annual “National Awards for the Disability Sector” to states/individuals/NGOs/depts



- Tamil Nadu – awarded as the Best State for promoting empowerment of PwD
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin | Governor – Ravindra Narayan Ravi

132. In December 2021, Kerala native Sruthy Sithara was crowned as “Miss Trans Global 2021”. She became the first Indian to win this title. The physical event, scheduled to be held in London, was cancelled this year due to the pandemic. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sruthy Sithara (Kerala) – crowned as “Miss Trans Global 2021”
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

Appointments & Resignations

133. On December 3, Pawan Kumar joined the board of Indraprastha Gas Ltd as Director (commercial). Kumar took over from Amit Garg, who was repatriated back to his parent organization Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd as head of its Renewable energy vertical. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Pawan Kumar – appointed as the Director of Indraprastha Gas Ltd
- HQs of Indraprastha Gas Ltd – New Delhi | MD – A. K. Jana

134. On December 5, the Central government appointed Alka Upadhyaya as the Chairperson of National Highways Authority of India (NHAI). Sanjay Bandopadhyay was appointed as the Chairman of Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI). Upma Srivastava was appointed as the Secretary of National Commission for Scheduled Castes. G. Asok Kumar was appointed as the Director General of National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG). Neelam Shammi Rao was appointed as Central Provident Fund Commissioner of the Employees’ Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The Central government made some appointments recently:
 - Alka Upadhyaya – Chairperson – National Highways Authority of India
 - Sanjay Bandopadhyay – Chairman – Inland Waterways Authority of India
 - Upma Srivastava – Secretary – National Commission for Scheduled Castes
 - G. Asok Kumar – DG – National Mission for Clean Ganga
 - Neelam Shammi Rao – Central Provident Fund Commissioner – EPFO
- HQs of NHAI – New Delhi | Chairman – Alka Upadhyaya | Founded in – 1988
- HQs of IWAI – Noida, Uttar Pradesh | Chairman – Sanjay Bandopadhyay
- NMCG functions under – Ministry of Jal Shakti | DG – G. Asok Kumar



135. PepsiCo India roped in actor Mahesh Babu as the brand ambassador for Mountain Dew. This is part of the company's broader strategy to strengthen the brand's presence in the country especially in the Southern region. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mahesh Babu – roped in as the brand ambassador for 'Mountain Dew' by PepsiCo India

136. On December 6, Walt Disney Company appointed Susan Arnold as its Chairman of the board, the first woman to be named to the role in the company's 98-year-long history. She succeeded Bob Iger. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Susan Arnold – appointed as the first woman Chairperson of Walt Disney Company
- HQs of Walt Disney Company – California, US | Chairperson – Susan Arnold (1st woman)

137. A popular Indian brand UNIX signed Indian International cricketer Jasprit Bumrah as their Brand Ambassador. UNIX offers latest and widest range of mobile accessories for your smartphones. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Jasprit Bumrah – appointed as Brand Ambassador of a mobile accessories brand 'UNIX'

138. On December 6, the government has expanded the SCALE committee (Steering Committee for Advancing Local Value-Add and Exports) by adding three new members, hailing from diverse industry backgrounds. The new appointees are Manish Sharma, Vikram S. Kirloskar and Jalaj Dani. Currently, the 14-member SCALE committee is headed by former Mahindra CEO Pawan Goenka. The SCALE Committee is formed by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry has been working closely with the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) under the guidance of the ministry. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Govt expanded 'SCALE committee' by adding 3 new members – Manish Sharma, Vikram S Kirloskar & Jalaj Dani
- The 14-member SCALE committee is headed by – Pawan Goenka | Formed by – Ministry of Commerce & Industry
- Ministry of Commerce & Industry: Piyush Goyal | Constituency – Maharashtra
- MoS in Ministry of Commerce & Industry: Anupriya Singh Patel & Som Parkash

139. On December 6, President of Gambia, Adama Barrow won a second term in Gambia's Presidential election by receiving over 53% votes. He is associated with National People's Party (NPP). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Adama Barrow – re-appointed as the President of Gambia (2nd term)
- Gambia – Banjul – Gambian dalasi | President – Adama Barrow



Ranks, Reports & Surveys

140. On December 1, Reliance's Goodwill Ambassador, Nita Ambani was ranked second in the list of Most Powerful Women by Fortune India. She is the founder and Chairman of Reliance Foundation. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman the list while Chief Scientist of WHO, Soumya Swaminathan ranked third. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The "List of Most Powerful Women" by Fortune India
- 1st – Nirmala Sitharaman | 2nd – Nita Ambani | 3rd – Soumya Swaminathan

Arts & Cultural Affairs

141. The 94th Akhil Bharatiya Marathi Sahitya Sammelan, a Marathi literary festival, was held in Nashik, Maharashtra between December 3 and 5, 2021. Dr. Jayant Narlikar was the President of the Sammelan. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 94th Akhil Bharatiya Marathi Sahitya Sammelan (Marathi literary festival) – held in Nashik, Maharashtra
- President of the Sammelan – Dr. Jayant Narlikar
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

142. On December 3, Hyderabad-based Shirdi Sai Electricals Limited (SSEL) signed an agreement with German engineering services firm Viridis.iQ GmbH for setting up a 4 GW or 4000 MW High-efficiency Solar PV modules. The pact was signed in the presence of P Harish, the Indian Ambassador in Germany. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Shirdi Sai Electricals + Viridis.iQ GmbH = an MoU to set up 4 GW or 4000 MW High-efficiency Solar PV modules
- Indian Ambassador in Germany – P. Harish

143. On December 3, Dell Technologies partnered with Amazon Web Services (AWS) to protect customer data from ransomware. It will bring Dell's cyber recovery solution to the AWS Marketplace with the launch of "Dell EMC PowerProtect Cyber Recovery for AWS". According to the "2021 Dell Technologies Global Data Protection Index" survey of 1,000 global IT decision makers, 66% of organizations in Asia-Pacific and Japan region lack confidence that all business-critical data can be recovered in the event of a destructive cyberattack. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dell Technologies + AWS = partnership to protect customer data from ransomware
- HQs of Dell Tech. – Texas, US | CEO – Michael S. Dell
- HQs of AWS – Seattle, Washington, US | CEO – Adam N. Selipsky



144. On December 6, the National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB), under the Ministry of AYUSH and the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research-Central Institute of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants, (CSIR-CIMAP), Lucknow signed an MoU for extending joint collaborative efforts to promote the production of quality planting material (QPM) of medicinal plants. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NMPB + CSIR-CIMAP ([Lucknow](#)) = an MoU to promote the production of Quality Planting Material of medicinal plants
- NMPB – functions under Ministry of AYUSH

Books & Authors

145. Sharat Pradhan’s latest book titled “Yogi Adityanath: Religion, Politics, and Power: The untold story” was co-authored by Atul Chandra. The book was published by Penguin Books. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Yogi Adityanath: Religion, Politics, and Power: The untold Story” – authored by Sharat Pradhan & Atul Chandra
- Publisher – Penguin Books

146. On December 4, the Vice President, M. Venkaiah Naidu released a book titled “The Midway Battle: Modi’s Roller-coaster Second Term” authored by Gautam Chintamani. The Vice President also released a book titled “Public Service Ethics - A Quest for Naitik Bharat” authored by Prabhat Kumar. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “The Midway Battle: Modi’s Roller-coaster Second Term” book – authored by Gautam Chintamani
- “Public Service Ethics - A Quest for Naitik Bharat” book – authored by Prabhat Kumar
- The books were released by – M. Venkaiah Naidu

Obituaries

147. On December 5, Eileen Ash, the oldest living Test Cricketer, died at the age of 110. Ash played seven Tests for England. She debuted against Australia in 1937. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Eileen Ash ([England](#)) – the oldest living Test Cricketer – passed away

148. On December 6, Dr. Mamballaikalathil Sarada Menon, the longest-serving head of the Institute of Mental Health, died in Chennai. She was 98. She is India’s first woman psychiatrist and was honoured with Padma Bhushan in 1992. She founded the Schizophrenia Research Foundation (SCARF India) in 1984 along with psychiatrist R. Thara. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- M. Sarada Menon – India’s first woman Psychiatrist – passed away
- Founder of SCARF India (1984) | Winner of Padma Bhushan (1992)

149. On December 4, Veteran journalist Vinod Dua passed away. He was 67. He received ‘Padma Shri’ for Journalism in 2008. In 1996, he became the first electronic media journalist to be bestowed with the esteemed “Ramnath Goenka Excellence in Journalism Award”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Vinod Dua – Veteran Journalist – passed away
- Awards: ‘Ramnath Goenka Excellence in Journalism Award’ (1996) | ‘Padma Shri’ for Journalism (2008)

Science & Technology

150. The new species of butterfly, named “Chocolate-bordered Flitter” (scientific name - Zographetus dzonguensis) was recently discovered in Dzongu village of Sikkim. The details were published in a paper in Zootaxa on December 1. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Chocolate-bordered Flitter” a new species of butterfly – discovered in Dzongu village, Sikkim
- Sikkim: Capital – Gangtok | CM – Prem Singh Tamang | Governor – Ganga Prasad



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