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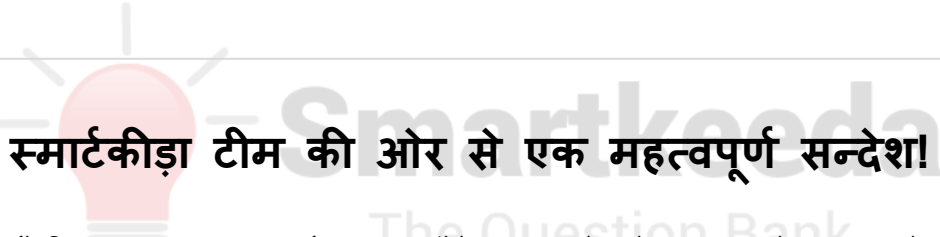
Hi Folks! We hope you all are doing well. We would like to state here that this PDF is meant for preparing for the upcoming MockDrill Test of December 2021 Month at Testzone. In this Current Affairs PDF we have added all the important Current Affairs information in form of 'Key-points' which are crucial 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 पढ़ना, 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

251. On December 10, NITI Aayog will soon set up 1,000 Atal Tinkering Labs, 187 by the end of the current financial year (FY 2021-22), in Jammu & Kashmir. The labs will be built as a part of an initiative to provide children with opportunities to experiment and widen their understanding of scientific phenomena. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NITI Aayog – to set up 1,000 Atal Tinkering Labs in Jammu & Kashmir
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha
- HQs of NITI Aayog – New Delhi | CEO – Amitabh Kant | Chairperson – Narendra Modi | VC – Rajiv Kumar

252. On December 9, Educational Testing Services announced the formation of the Business School Advisory Council (BSAC) in India. This newly established council will be the first established in India by ETS to help bolster the support of learners and graduate business education programs in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Educational Testing Services – announced the formation of the Business School Advisory Council (BSAC) in India
- HQs of ETS – New Jersey, US

253. On December 11, the Tripura government gave its approval for setting up a Buddhist University in Manu Bankul in Sabroom. The university will be set up by Bahujana Hitaya Education Trust. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tripura – gave the approval for setting up a Buddhist University in Manu Bankul in Sabroom
- Tripura: Capital – Agartala | CM – Biplab Kumar Deb | Governor – Satyadev Narayan Arya

254. On December 10, the NITI Aayog launched “Convoke 2021-22”, a national level symposium in partnership with Bharti Foundation. Convoke is a National research Symposium which aims at addressing challenges in imparting education and strengthening its quality with special focus on all teachers, educationists, heads of schools across India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NITI Aayog + Bharti Foundation = launched a national level symposium “Convoke 2021-22”
- HQs of NITI Aayog – New Delhi | CEO – Amitabh Kant | Chairperson – Narendra Modi | VC – Rajiv Kumar
- HQs of Bharti Foundation – New Delhi | CEO – Mamta Saikia

255. On December 10, Apollo TeleHealth (led by Apollo Hospitals group) became the first ever organisation in the world to attain the certification of ISO 13131:2021, presented by the British Standards Institution (BSI). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Apollo TeleHealth – became the first ever organisation in the world to attain the certification of ISO from BSI
- HQs of Apollo Hospitals Group – Chennai, Tamil Nadu | Founder & Chairman – Prathap C Reddy



256. On December 10, To ensure women safety in cyberspace, the National Commission for Women (NCW) launched an Online Resource Center to offer help for women in distress on issues pertaining to online safety under the “We Think Digital” programme, collaboratively run by the Commission, Facebook and Cyber Peace Foundation. The project was launched as ‘Digital Shakti’ in 2018 with an aim to help women across the nation to raise the awareness level on the digital front. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NCW – launched an Online Resource Center to offer help for women in distress on issues pertaining to online safety
- “We Think Digital” programme is collaboratively run by = NCW + Facebook + Cyber Peace Foundation
- HQs of NCW – New Delhi | Chairperson – Rekha Sharma | Founded in – 1992

257. A 300 Cr Memorial Museum (Shahid Smarak) is being built by the Haryana government at Ambala to honour the martyrs of the ‘1857 uprising’. Chandigarh-based architect-designer Renu Khanna was commissioned to build the memorial. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Haryana – constructing 300 Cr Memorial Museum (Shahid Smarak) to honour the martyrs of ‘1857 uprising’ at Ambala
- Haryana: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Manohar Lal Khattar | Governor – Bandaru Dattatraya

258. On December 11, PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the “Saryu Nahar National Project” in Balrampur, Uttar Pradesh. The Saryu Canal National Project will provide assured water for irrigation to over 14 lakh hectares of land and benefit about 29 lakh farmers. The project has been completed at a cost of over ₹9,800 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Modi inaugurated the “Saryu Nahar National Project” in Balrampur, Uttar Pradesh | Cost – ₹9,800 Cr
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

259. On December 14, Delhi Police Commissioner Rakesh Asthana launched an e-learning platform, “Unnati” at the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) Auditorium under the Delhi Police’s flagship scheme “YUVA”. The initiative will help educate youths and impart skill training to school dropouts from the weaker sections of society. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Delhi Police – launched e-learning platform “Unnati” to skill school dropouts under its “YUVA” flagship
- New Delhi: CM – Arvind Kejriwal | Lt. Governor – Anil Bajjal | Chief Secretary – Vijay Dev

260. On December 13, Lokpal Chairperson Justice Pinaki Chandra Ghose inaugurated a digital platform for the management of complaints called “LokpalOnline” that can be accessed by all citizens of India and complaints can be filed from anywhere and at any time. LokpalOnline is an end-to-end digital solution for the management of complaints against public servants filed under the Lokpal and ‘Lokayuktas Act, 2013’. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Pinaki Chandra Ghose – inaugurated a digital platform called “LokpalOnline” for the management of complaints
- HQs of Lokpal – New Delhi | Chairperson – Justice Pinaki Chandra Ghose (1st Chairman of Lokpal)



261. On December 13, India designated Haiderpur Wetland, which is about 10 km from Bijnor, as the country's 47th Ramsar site and 2,463rd Ramsar site internationally. Ramsar is a wetland site designated under the Ramsar Convention, an intergovernmental environmental treaty established in 1971 by UNESCO, which came into force in 1975. This wetland is a part of Hastinapur Wildlife Sanctuary located in Uttar Pradesh. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Haiderpur Wetland” – designated as India's 47th Ramsar site & 2,463rd Ramsar site internationally
- “Haiderpur Wetland” is located within – Hastinapur Wildlife Sanctuary ([Uttar Pradesh](#))
- Total Ramsar Sites in India – 47 (as on December 10, 2021)
- [Ramsar Convention or the Convention on Wetlands signed – at Ramsar, Iran \(in 1971\)](#)
- [UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel](#)

262. On December 13, Speaking at the “Drone Mela” (Drone Fair) in Gwalior, Union Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia announced that a “Drone Excellence Centre” will be set up at the Madhav Institute of Technology and Science (MITS), Gwalior. Besides, he stated that 5 schools dedicated to drone technology would be set up in Bhopal, Indore, Gwalior, Jabalpur and Satna. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Drone Excellence Centre” will be set up in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh
- 5 Drone Schools will be set up in Madhya Pradesh's - Bhopal, Indore, Gwalior, Jabalpur & Satna
- [Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Mangubhai Chhaganbhai Patel](#)

263. On December 11, Himachal Pradesh became the second BJP-ruled state after Madhya Pradesh to announce the formation of a commission for the General Category. A massive protest outside the Himachal Pradesh Assembly complex in Dharamshala forced the state government to announce the formation of “Samanya Varg Ayog” in the hill state for redressal of grievances of the upper caste people. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Himachal Pradesh – announced the formation of a commission called “Samanya Varg Ayog” for the General Category
- [Himachal Pradesh: Capital – Shimla & Dharamshala | CM – Jai Ram Thakur | Governor – Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar](#)

International Affairs

264. On December 13, Emirate's Crown Prince, Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum announced that Dubai has become the world's first government to turn 100% paperless. He pointed out that it will save of 1.3 billion Dirham (USD 350 million) and 14-million-man hours. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dubai – became the world's first government to turn 100% paperless
- [UAE – Abu Dhabi – Dirham | President – Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan](#)



265. On December 9, Chile's President Sebastian Pinera approved a law allowing same-sex marriage in a ceremony attended by activists for LGBT and broader human rights. Similar laws have also been adopted in several Latin American nations in recent years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Chile – approved a law allowing same-sex marriage
- Chile – Santiago – Peso | President – Sebastian Pinera

Banking, Finance, Insurance & Economic Affairs

266. On December 10, India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) partnered with NPCI Bharat BillPay to facilitate cash-based assisted bill payments at customers' doorstep across India through the Bharat BillPay platform for IPPB and non-IPPB customers. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IPPB + NPCI Bharat BillPay = to facilitate cash-based assisted bill payments at customers' doorstep across India
- HQs of IPPB – New Delhi | MD & CEO – Venkatram Jayanthi | Established on – 1st Sep, 2018

267. On December 13, DBS Bank India was awarded at the "ET BFSI Excellence Awards 2021" for its persistent efforts to drive digital transformation for its customers. The bank won two awards - in 'Innovative API/Open Banking model' category for 'DBS Rapid (Real-time API)' solution and in 'Best Digital Customer Experience initiative' category for 'Intelligent Banking'. An initiative of The Economic Times, ET BFSI Excellence Awards honours the best innovations & practices implemented by the BFSI industry in a dynamic and competitive environment. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- DBS Bank India won two awards at the "ET BFSI Excellence Awards 2021":
 - 'Innovative API/Open Banking model' category for 'DBS Rapid (Real-time API)' solution
 - 'Best Digital Customer Experience initiative' category for 'Intelligent Banking'
- HQs of DBS Bank India – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Surojit Shome
- HQs of DBS Bank – Singapore | CEO – Piyush Gupta

268. On December 13, Bajaj Allianz General Insurance launched its "#Care4Hockey" campaign to elevate field Hockey's recognition in India. The Company has associated with Indian Women's Hockey Team Captain Rani Rampal who is the face of this campaign. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bajaj Allianz General Insurance – launched "#Care4Hockey" campaign to elevate field Hockey's recognition in India
- HQs of Bajaj Allianz Gen Ins – Pune, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Tapan Singhel

269. On December 13, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) made Legal Entity Identifier (LEI) mandatory for cross-border transactions for capital or current account transactions of Rs 50 Cr and above, from October 1, 2022. The LEI is a 20-digit



number used to uniquely identify parties to financial transactions worldwide to improve the quality and accuracy of financial data systems. The LEI numbers are maintained on the website of the Global Legal Entity Identifier Foundation (GLEIF). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI made Legal Entity Identifier (LEI) mandatory for cross-border transactions of Rs 50 Cr & above – from Oct 1, 2022
- LEI is a 20-digit number
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April, 1935

270. On December 13, In its report titled “State Focus Paper for 2022-23”, the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) projected a 12% increase in Assam’s credit potential to Rs 36,292 Cr for the 2022-23 fiscal. Around 52% of the total projected credit potential is estimated for the agriculture and allied activities, and a 36% share for the MSME sector. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NABARD projected a 12% increase in Assam’s credit potential to Rs 36,292 Cr for the 2022-23 fiscal
- HQs of NABARD – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Govinda Rajulu Chintala | Founded in – 1982
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Himanta Biswa Sarma | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi

271. On December 13, PM Narendra Modi addressed depositors during a programme titled “Depositors First: Guaranteed Time-bound Deposit Insurance Payment up to ₹5 Lakh” in Delhi. With deposit insurance coverage of ₹5 lakh per depositor per bank, the number of fully protected accounts at the end of the previous financial year constituted 98.1% of the total number of accounts, as against the international benchmark of 80%. In July 2021, the central government had increased the amount that could be accessed by account holders from Rs 1 lakh to 5 lakhs and the time limit of 90 days under the “Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC) Act, 1961”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Modi addressed a programme titled “Depositors First: Guaranteed Time-bound Deposit Insurance Payment up to ₹5 Lakh” in Delhi
- Number of fully protected accounts at the end of the previous FY 2020-21 – 98.1% of the total accounts
- International benchmark for the number of fully protected accounts – 80%
- HQs of DICGC – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairperson – Michael Patra | Founded on – July 15, 1978

272. On December 11, State Bank of India (SBI) signed an MoU with Kendriya Sainik Board to support and educate the children of war veterans, ex-servicemen, and war widows. The bank will provide a grant of ₹1,000 per month to 8,333 war veterans’ children. The bank contributed ₹10 Cr to the Armed Forces Flag Day Fund. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SBI + Kendriya Sainik Board = an MoU to support & educate war veterans’ children (grant of ₹1,000/month)
- HQs of SBI Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Dinesh Kumar Khara
- MD – Challa Sreenivasulu Setty | Ashwani Bhatia | Ashwini Kumar Tewari | Swaminathan Janakiraman



Sports & Games

273. On December 10, Manipur successfully defended their “Hero Senior Women’s National Football Championship 2021-22” held in Kozhikode, Kerala. Manipur defeated Railways team at the Championship. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Manipur – won the “Hero Senior Women’s National Football Championship 2021-22” held in Kozhikode, Kerala
- Manipur: Capital – Imphal | CM – N. Biren Singh | Governor – La. Ganesan

274. Red Bull’s Max Verstappen won the F1 “Abu Dhabi Grand 2021” by defeating Mercedes’ Lewis Hamilton. Mercedes team secured the constructors’ championship for an unprecedented 8th successive year. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Max Verstappen – won the F1 “Abu Dhabi Grand 2021” (defeating - Lewis Hamilton)
- Max Verstappen (Belgian-Dutch) – Red Bull team

Important Days & Dates

275. International Animal Rights Day is officially observed on December 10. On this day, animal rights advocates across the world take a stand for the respect and fair treatment that animals deserve every day. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- December 10 – International Animal Rights Day

276. Every year, “International Day of Neutrality” is observed on December 12 to raise public awareness of the value of neutrality in international relations. The day was first observed in 2017. Turkmenistan is recognized by the UN as a Permanently Neutral state since 12 December 1995. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- December 12 – “International Day of Neutrality” (since 2017)
- Turkmenistan – the only country to get recognised by the UN as a permanently Neutral State

277. Every year, International Universal Health Coverage Day is observed on December 12 to raise awareness about having strong and resilient world-class health systems across the globe. In 2021, the theme was “Leave No One Behind When It Comes to Health: Invest in Health Systems for All”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- December 12 – International Universal Health Coverage Day
- 2021’s Theme – “Leave No One Behind When It Comes to Health: Invest in Health Systems for All”



278. The 82nd Nupi Lal Day was observed on December 12, 2021 to pay rich homage to the brave women of Manipur who fought for justice against the British colonial. 'Nupi Lan' which translates to 'Women's War' in English, is an important movement in the history of Manipur. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- December 12 – 82nd Nupi Lal Day – observed in Manipur
- Manipur: Capital – Imphal | CM – N. Biren Singh | Governor – La. Ganesan

Meetings, Conferences and Summits

279. On December 10, PM Narendra Modi attended the closed-door session of the first ever Summit for Democracy. PM Modi was invited to participate in the main Leaders' Plenary Session hosted by US President Joe Biden. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- PM Narendra Modi – attended the first ever "Summit for Democracy" hosted by US President Joe Biden
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46th President – Joe Biden | 49th VP – Kamala Harris

280. On December 9, the 8th Foreign Office Consultations between India and Slovenia took place virtually on December 10, 2021. The consultations were led on the Indian side by Reenat Sandhu, Secretary (West). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 8th Foreign Office Consultations – held between India & Slovenia (Indian delegation led by - Reenat Sandhu)
- Slovenia – Ljubljana – Euro | PM – Janez Jansa

Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

281. On December 11, Business journalist Tamal Bandopadhyay, Bollywood actress Divya Dutta and Sudha Murty, wife of Infosys founder Narayan Murty and former West Bengal Governor Gopalkrishna Gandhi were among others who received awards for their books at the "Kalinga Literary Festival 2021". Padmashree Srinivas Udgata was awarded with Kalinga Literary Award and Arun Kamal was awarded with Kalinga Literary International award. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Awards given at "Kalinga Literary Festival 2021":

Category	Winner
Women Writer	Divya Dutta
Economy	Tamal Bandopadhyay
Children's literature	Sudha Murty
Non-fiction	Sandeep Bamzai
Autobiography	Rashid Kidwai
Kalinga Literary Award	Srinivas Udgata
Kalinga Literary International Award	Arun Kamal



282. Ropesh Goyal from IIT Kanpur won the “Young Geospatial Scientist” award in recognition of his unique contribution towards the development of the Indian Geoid Model and computation software. ISRO Chairman A. S. Kiran Kumar presented the award to Goyal during the inaugural event of the “DigiSmart India 2021” conference hosted by the Geospatial World. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ropesh Goyal (IIT Kanpur) – won the “Young Geospatial Scientist” award

283. On December 14, 21-year-old Harnaaz Sandhu won the “Miss Universe 2021” title at the 70th edition of the ‘Miss Universe Competition’ held in Eilat, Israel. She is the third Indian woman to win this title after Sushmita Sen (1994) & Lara Dutta (2000). Harnaaz, who belongs to Chandigarh, Punjab, previously bagged numerous pageant titles including ‘LIVA Miss Diva Universe 2021’ and ‘Femina Miss India Punjab 2019’. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Harnaaz Sandhu (Chandigarh, Punjab) – became the 3rd Indian woman to win the “Miss Universe 2021” title
- 1st – Sushmita Sen (1994) | 2nd – Lara Dutta (2000)

284. On December 11, Amit Goenka, President of Digital Businesses & Platforms at ZEE Entertainment Enterprises Limited (ZEEL) was conferred with the “21st Century Icon Award 2021” at the House of Lords, London, UK. He received the award in the ‘Outstanding Media and Entertainment Award’ category. While another Indian, Amish Tripathi received the award in the ‘Exquisite Art Award’ category. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “21st Century Icon Award 2021” – given at the House of Lords, London, UK
- Amit Goenka – received the award in the ‘Outstanding Media and Entertainment Award’ category
- Amish Tripathi – received the award in the ‘Exquisite Art Award’ category

Appointments & Resignations

285. On December 11, India has been re-elected to the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) Council for the 2022-23 biennium. India’s election falls under the Category (b) of 10 states with the largest interest in international seaborne trade. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – re-elected to the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) Council for the 2022-23 biennium
- HQs of IMO – London, UK | Secretary-General – Kitack Lim

286. On December 10, Indian-origin professor Neeli Bendapudi created history as the first woman and person of colour to be named as the President of America’s prestigious Pennsylvania State University. Bendapudi will succeed President Eric J Barron. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Neeli Bendapudi – appointed as the 1st woman President of Pennsylvania State University (USA)



287. On December 12, US President Joe Biden elevated Indian-American political advisor Gautam Raghavan as the head of the White House Presidential Personnel Office (WH PPO). Gautam will replace Cathy Russell who was recently appointed as the next Executive Director of UNICEF. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Gautam Raghavan – appointed as the head of White House Presidential Personnel Office (replacing - Cathy Russell)
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46th President – Joe Biden | 49th VP – Kamala Harris

Ranks, Reports & Surveys

288. On December 9, India, with a score of 42.8 ranked 66th out of 195 countries, as per the “Global Health Security (GHS) Index 2021”. The index was released by Nuclear Threat Initiative (NTI) and the Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security. The US topped the list followed by Australia. The world’s overall performance on the GHS Index score slipped to 38.9 (out of 100) in 2021, from a score of 40.2 in the GHS Index, 2019. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Global Health Security (GHS) Index 2021” – by Nuclear Threat Initiative & Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security
- India (42.8 score) – 66th | Top – US
- World’s overall performance on the GHS Index score slipped to 38.9 (out of 100) in 2021

289. On December 9, Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari announced that 8,70,141 electric vehicles have been registered in India. Uttar Pradesh (2,55,700), Delhi (1,25,347) and Karnataka (72,544) emerged as top three states in terms of registration of electric vehicles in India. The minister also mentioned that currently, Phase-II of FAME India scheme is being implemented for a period of 5 years with effect from April 1, 2019 with a total budgetary support of Rs 10,000 Cr. GST on electric vehicles has been reduced from 12% to 5%, while GST on chargers/charging stations for electric vehicles has been reduced from 18% to 5%. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Total 8,70,141 EVs have been registered in India | UP (2,55,700), Delhi (1,25,347) & Karnataka (72,544)
- Total outlay of Phase-II of ‘FAME India scheme’ – Rs 10,000 Cr (Duration - 5 years)
- GST of EVs – 5% | GST on chargers/charging stations for EVs – 5%

290. In December 2021, “IMD World Talent Ranking 2021” was released by the Institute for Management Development’s World Competitiveness Center. India ranked 56th in the list. While Switzerland has been ranked number 1 for 5 years in a row, followed by Sweden & Luxembourg this year. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “IMD World Talent Ranking 2021” – released by the IMD’s World Competitiveness Center
- India – 56th | Top three: Switzerland, Sweden & Luxembourg



291. In December 2021, the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria released a report titled “Global State of Inequality: HIV, Tuberculosis and Malaria” for the first time. The report represents an important step forward in understanding how inequalities are hindering the fight against the three diseases. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Global State of Inequality: HIV, Tuberculosis & Malaria” – released by WHO & The Global Fund
- HQs of WHO – Geneva, Switzerland | DG – Tedros Adhanom | Member Countries – 194 | Founded in – 1948
- HQs of The Global Fund – Geneva, Switzerland | Executive Director – Peter Sands

292. In December 2021, As per the report titled “The State of the Global Education Crisis: A Path to Recovery”, was prepared by the World Bank in collaboration with the UNESCO & the UNICEF, this generation of students risks losing \$17 trillion in lifetime earnings in present value, or the equivalent of 14% of today’s global GDP because of learning and skills lost during the school closures. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “The State of the Global Education Crisis: A Path to Recovery” = by World Bank + UNESCO + UNICEF
- This generation of students risks losing \$17 trillion in lifetime earnings in present value (14% of today’s global GDP)

MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

293. On December 11, the Ministry of Defence (MoD) signed an MoU with Indian Institute of Teacher Education (IITE) Gandhinagar to facilitate training to teachers of Sainik Schools. The MoU is for the period of 5 years commencing with effect from January 2022 under which 800 plus teachers of all Sainik Schools will be trained through courses named ‘Gurudiksha’ and ‘Pratibaddhta’. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MoD + IITE (Gandhinagar, Guj) = an MoU to facilitate training to teachers of Sainik Schools
- 800 plus teachers of all Sainik Schools will be trained through courses named ‘Gurudiksha’ & ‘Pratibaddhta’
- Ministry of Defence: Rajnath Singh | Constituency – Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- MoS in Ministry of Defence: Ajay Bhatt

294. On December 11, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) signed an MoU with smart device brand OPPO to strengthen research and development (R&D) of the NavIC messaging service to provide a convenient and user-friendly platform. The NavIC (Navigation with Indian Constellation) system is India’s own regional navigation satellite system. While Xiaomi collaborated with ISRO for the same in 2020 and with this, it had become the world’s first smartphone company to use ISRO’s NavIC on its phones. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ISRO + OPPO = an MoU to strengthen R&D of the NavIC messaging service (**Navigation with Indian Constellation**)
- Xiaomi – world’s first smartphone company to use ISRO’s NavIC on its phones
- HQs of ISRO – Bengaluru, Karnataka | Director – Kailasavadivoo Sivan | Formed on – August 15, 1969
- HQs of Oppo – Dongguan, China | CEO – Tony Chen



295. On December 14, Odisha government, through the Mission Shakti department, signed an agreement with the UN Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) for the launch of the “Mission Shakti Living Lab” to advance women’s economic empowerment and drive gender equality. It will help 3.5 million women SHG members and low income individuals to have access to digital financial services and improved financial health. [{Read more}](#)

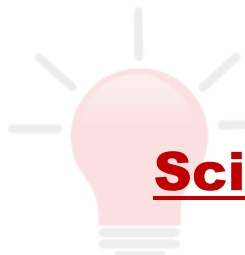
Key Points:

- Odisha + UNCDF = an agreement to launch “Mission Shakti Living Lab” to advance Women’s Economic Empowerment
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal
- HQs of UNCDF – New York, US | Executive Secretary – Preeti Sinha

296. On December 13, the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and Tamil Nadu’s Health and Family Welfare Department signed a Record of Discussions (RoD) for prevention and control of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) in Tamil Nadu project. The death rate related to NCDs accounts for 63% of all deaths and the probability of death from NCDs between the ages of 30 to 70 is 23%, according to UNICEF. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- JICA + Tamil Nadu = signed a Record of Discussions (RoD) for prevention and control of NCDs
- Death rate related to NCDs out of all deaths – 63% | Death probability from NCDs between 30 to 70 years – 23%
- Japan – Tokyo – Yen | PM – Fumio Kishida
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin | Governor – Ravindra Narayan Ravi



Science & Technology

297. On December 12, Union space minister Jitendra Singh announced that the final crewed “Gaganyaan” mission will be launched in 2023. The minister also announced that the “Venus” mission is planned for launch in 2023, “L-1 Aditya” solar and Chandrayaan-3 missions in 2022-23 and India’s first Space Station is likely to come up by 2030. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Gaganyaan” mission will be launched in 2023
- “Venus” mission in 2023 | “L-1 Aditya” solar & Chandrayaan-3 missions in 2022-23 | India’s 1st Space Station by 2030

298. On December 13, India successfully test fired a long-range “Supersonic Missile Assisted Torpedo (SMART)” off Balasore coast in Odisha. This is a next-generation missile-based standoff torpedo delivery system. For example, a torpedo which has a range of around 50 km can be taken to a distance of 1000 km by the missile system. The weapon system was developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) for the Indian Navy. Before this, India successfully flight-tested indigenously developed helicopter-launched “Stand-off Anti-Tank (SANT)” missile in Rajasthan’s Pokhran firing ranges. ‘SANT’ missile was developed by Research Centre Imarat (RCI) and in coordination with the DRDO. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India successfully test fired a long-range “Supersonic Missile Assisted Torpedo (SMART)” off Balasore coast, Odisha
- ‘SMART’ was developed for Indian Navy – by DRDO
- India successfully flight-tested “Stand-off Anti-Tank (SANT)” missile in Pokhran, Rajasthan
- ‘SANT’ missile was developed by = RCI + DRDO



299. On December 13, China launched the “Shijian-6 (05)” group of satellites by ‘Long March 4B’ rocket marking the 400th launch of China’s Long March series of launch vehicles. The satellites will be used for space environment exploration and technology verification tests. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- China – launched the “Shijian-6 (05)” group of satellites by ‘Long March 4B’ rocket
- China – Beijing – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping

Ordinance, Bills and Acts

300. On December 10, the Parliament passed the “National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (Amendment) Bill, 2021” to accord the status of ‘Institute of National Importance’ to 6 more institutes of pharmaceutical education and research. Besides, the Bill rationalised the Board of Governors of each NIPER from its existing strength of 23 to 12 members. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Parliament passed “NIPER (Amendment) Bill, 2021” to accord the status of ‘Institute of National Importance’ to 6 more institutes of pharmaceutical Education & Research





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