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We hope you will make the best of use of this PDF and perform well in MockDrill Tests at Testzone.

All the best!

Regards

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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 फ़रवरी 2022 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।

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National & States Affairs

551. National Stock Exchange (NSE) and Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) launched the T+1 settlement rules from February 25, 2022. The settlement marks the official transfer of shares to the buyer's account and cash to the seller's account. Indian stock exchanges currently follow T+2 days settlement i.e. settlement of funds & securities happens on two business days after the order is executed. Before the SEBI introduced the T+2 settlement system in April 2003, India followed the T+3 settlement system. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NSE & BSE – launched the T+1 settlement rules from February 25, 2022
- HQs of NSE – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Girish Chandra Chaturvedi | MD & CEO – Vikram Limaye
- HQs of BSE – Mumbai, MH | Chairman – Justice Vikramajit Sen | MD & CEO – Shri Ashishkumar Chauhan
- BSE – Asia's 1st Stock Exchange Company

552. In February 2022, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) announced to start “Health Star” rating system for packaged foods just like the bureau of energy efficiency has for electronic appliances. As per the rating system, packaged foods will display the number of stars on the front of the pack, indicating how healthy or unhealthy it is depending upon the amount of salt, sugar and fat it has. It will be rolled out in the next few months. The authority is bringing in the regulation based on a report from IIM Ahmedabad. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- FSSAI – to start “Health Star” rating system for packaged foods
- HQs of FSSAI – New Delhi | Chairperson – Rita Teaotia | CEO – Shri Arun Singhal

553. On February 26, the Union Cabinet approved a proposal to allow foreign direct investment (FDI) up to 20% in LIC through the automatic route. The FDI policy reform will further enhance Ease of Doing Business in the country, leading to larger FDI inflows. Current FDI policy which permits 74% foreign investment under the automatic route in the insurance sector does not apply for the LIC, as it is established and governed under the ‘LIC Act, 1956’. While current FDI policy allows FDI in the insurance sector is not covered under either “Insurance Company” or “Intermediaries or Insurance Intermediaries”. The decision is expected to open doors for foreign investors who are keen to participate in the upcoming initial public offering (IPO) of LIC, India's largest public offering. LIC filed draft papers with SEBI for the sale of 5% stake for an estimated Rs 63,000 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Union Cabinet approved proposal to allow FDI up to 20% in LIC through the automatic route

HQs of LIC – Mumbai | Chairman – M. R. Kumar | Founded in – 1956 | Tagline – “Yogakshemam Vahamyaham”

554. On February 27, the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved offering of dry-fuel (coal) by coal companies through a common e-auction window of Coal India Limited (CIL) instead of sector specific auctions. This e-auction will cater to all the sectors, namely power sector and non-regulated sector (NRS), including traders. CIL also has ambitious coal productions plans for the future with an aim of producing 1 billion tonnes of the dry fuel by 2023-24. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CCEA approved offering of dry-fuel (coal) by coal companies through a common e-auction window of CIL
- CIL aims to produce 1 billion tonnes of the dry fuel by 2023-24
- HQs of CIL – Kolkata, West Bengal | CMD – Pramod Agrawal

555. In February 2022, Tamil Nadu government decided to set up a wing called “Marine Elite Force” under the forest department to protect the biodiversity in the Gulf of Mannar and Palk Bay. It will also protect endangered and vulnerable species which succumb to illegal fishing methods. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tamil Nadu – decided to set up “Marine Elite Force” to protect the biodiversity in the Gulf of Mannar & Palk Bay
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin | Governor – Ravindra Narayan Ravi

556. The Cochin International Airport Limited (CIAL), the world’s first airport fully powered by solar energy, is to become power-positive with the commissioning of its new solar power plant near Payyannur in Kannur district of Kerala. Chief Minister of the State Pinarayi Vijayan would inaugurate the 12 MWp solar power plant in March. The airport became the first in the world in 2015 to be fully powered by solar energy. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Cochin International Airport – to become power-positive with new 12 MWp solar power plant from March
- Cochin International Airport ([Kerala](#)) – world’s first airport fully powered by Solar Energy

557. On February 28, Delhi Police Commissioner Rakesh Asthana launched 3 new digital initiatives - Anubhuti (a QR code-based feedback system), a refurbished Delhi Police website and e-Chittha portal. It aims to add a new dimension in digitising and modernising the Delhi Police. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Delhi Police – launched 3 new digital initiatives - Anubhuti, e-Chittha portal & a refurbished Delhi Police website
- Delhi Police Commissioner – Rakesh Asthana

558. On February 28, Delhi government will come up with a “Science Innovation Hub” at a school run by it in Kautilya Enclave that will have all the modern and latest facilities. The facility will be ready with a cost of over Rs 5 Cr in the next two-and-a-half years. It will aim to promote a scientific culture and inculcate a scientific temper for nurturing talent in science and technology. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Delhi government will come up with a “Science Innovation Hub” at a school run by it in 2.5 years (cost - Rs 5 Cr)
- New Delhi: CM – Arvind Kejriwal | Lt. Governor – Anil Bajjal | Chief Secretary – Vijay Dev

559. On February 28, Google started its “Google Play Pass”, a subscription service which provides access to apps and games without ads, in-app purchases, and upfront payments, available in India. Already operational in 90 countries, Google Play Pass was rolled out to Android devices in India. Users can get started with a one-month trial and subscribe for Rs 99 per month or Rs 889 for a year. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Google – started “Play Pass” subscription service in India to provides access to apps & games without ads
- HQs of Google – California, US | CEO – SundarPichai | Founded in – 1998



International Affairs

560. The world's first plant-based Covid-19 vaccine was licensed for use in Canada for adults aged 18 to 64. It was found that the vaccine was 71% effective at preventing Covid-19. The vaccine, named 'Covifenz', was jointly developed by Medicago Inc and GlaxoSmithKline Plc. With this, Canada became the first country to approve the use of the plant-based COVID-19 vaccine. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- World's first plant-based Covid-19 vaccine named 'Covifenz' was licensed for use in Canada for adults aged 18 to 64
- [Canada – Ottawa – Canadian Dollar](#) | [PM – Justin Trudeau](#)

561. On February 28, Ukraine filed an application instituting proceedings against the Russian Federation before the International Court of Justice (ICJ), the principal judicial organ of the United Nations. The application was filed concerning "a dispute relating to the interpretation, application and fulfilment of the 1948 Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ukraine – filed an application instituting proceedings against 'Russia' in the International Court of Justice (ICJ)
- [Location of ICJ – Hague, Netherlands](#) | [President – Joan E. Donoghue \(US\)](#)
- [Ukraine – Kyiv – Ukrainian hryvnia](#) | [President – Volodymyr Zelensky](#)

Banking, Finance, Insurance & Economic Affairs

562. On February 28, India's economy (GDP) expanded by 5.4% during the 3rd quarter (Q3FY22), as per the Quarterly Estimates of GDP for the 3rd quarter (October-December) of FY2021-22. The growth in GDP during 2021-22 is estimated at 8.9% as compared to a contraction of 6.6% in 2020-21, as per the data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO) in its Second Advance Estimates (SAE) of National Income. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Second Advance Estimates of National Income & Quarterly Estimates of GDP for Q3 – released by NSO
- India's GDP grew at 5.4% during the Q3FY22 (Oct-Dec)
- GDP growth during 2021-22 is estimated at 8.9%
- [NSO comes under – Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation \(MoS I/C – Rao Inderjit Singh\)](#)
- [HQs of NSO – New Delhi](#) | [Chairperson – Bimal Kumar Roy](#)

563. Japan and India renewed the Bilateral Swap Arrangement (BSA) of up to \$75 billion with effect from February 28, 2022. BSA is a two-way arrangement where both authorities can swap their local currencies in exchange for the US Dollar. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Japan + India = renewed the Bilateral Swap Arrangement (BSA) of up to \$75 billion
- [Japan – Tokyo – Yen](#) | [PM – Fumio Kishida](#)

564. On February 22, the bank Reserve of India cautioned public against car-pooling app “sRide Tech Private Limited” because the firm was operating a semi-closed pre-paid instrument without authorization from the central bank under the provisions of the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI – cautioned public against car-pooling app “sRide Tech” as it was operating without authorization from RBI
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April, 1935

565. On February 27, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) proposed to assess the impact of the multi-media awareness campaigns launched by it to promote financial literacy and also safe banking practices. RBI invited the request for proposal (RFP) from certain shortlisted entities for the same. The RBI runs the ‘RBI Kehta Hai’ campaign to educate and empower the public about banking regulations, and also to make them aware of good and safe banking practices. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI – proposed to assess impact of its financial literacy campaigns
- RBI runs the ‘RBI Kehta Hai’ campaign to educate the public about banking regulations & safe banking practices
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April, 1935

566. On February 25, as the Russia-Ukraine conflict intensifies, the Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India (ECGC) changed the insurance cover category for Russia from ‘Open Cover’ to ‘Restricted Cover Category – I’ (RCC-I), under which revolving limits (normally valid for a year) are approved specifically on a case-to-case basis. The ECGC also clarified that the coverage on export transactions to Moscow has not been withdrawn. In FY21, India’s exports to Russia stood at \$2.6 billion, while imports stood at \$5.5 billion. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ECGC changed the insurance cover category for Russia from ‘Open Cover’ to ‘Restricted Cover Category - I’
- HQs of ECGC – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman & MD – M. Senthilnathan
- Russia – Moscow – Russian Ruble | PM – Mikhail Mishustin | President – Vladimir Putin

Sports & Games

567. Sadia Tariq won the gold medal in the “Moscow Wushu Stars Championship” which was held in Moscow from February 22 to 28. Sadia is from Srinagar and recently secured a Gold medal in the 20th Junior National Wushu Championship at Lovely Professional University, Jalandhar, in which Jammu and Kashmir Wushu team remained overall 3rd in the Medal Tally. She had recently bagged Gold medals in the 19th and 20th Junior National Championship which was held in Haryana and Jalandhar respectively. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sadia Tariq (Srinagar) – won the gold medal in the “Moscow Wushu Stars Championship”
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha

568. On February 26, Rafael Nadal defeated Cameron Norris & won the ‘Mexican Open’ which was held in Acapulco. It is his 91st ATP title of his career and third title in 2022, including the Australian Open for his record 21st Grand Slam singles title. Also, it was his 4th title in Acapulco. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Rafael Nadal ([Spain - Tennis](#)) – won the ‘Mexican Open’ as 91st ATP title of his career (defeating – Cameron Norris)
- [Mexico – Mexico City – Peso](#) | [President – Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador](#)

569. On February 25, the 26-year-old Russian Daniil Medvedev became the 27th player to reach No. 1 in the ATP Rankings. Daniil (8,615 points) passed Serbian Novak Djokovic (8,465), who held the top spot in men’s tennis for a record 361 total weeks. Daniil celebrated his rise to the world No. 1 ranking with victory over Yoshihito Nishioka in the quarter-finals of the ATP Mexico Open. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Daniil Medvedev ([Russia](#)) – became the 27th player to reach No. 1 in the ATP Rankings

570. On February 27, 24-year-old Rookie para archer from Gurugram, Pooja Jatyan created history becoming the first Indian to win Silver medal in an individual section of the “Para World Championships” held in Dubai. Pooja lost to Italian Petrilli Vincenza. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Pooja Jatyan ([Haryana - Archer](#)) – became the first Indian to win Silver medal at the “Para World Championships”

571. On February 27, the International Judo Federation announced the suspension of Vladimir Putin’s status as Honorary President and Ambassador of the International Judo Federation, due to Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Putin, an accomplished judoka who was awarded an 8th dan in 2014, one of the highest levels in the sport, has been Honorary President since 2008. Early in his life, Putin was fascinated with martial arts. He learnt Judo and sambo as he became a top fighter in Leningrad (Saint Petersburg). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IJF announced the suspension of Vladimir Putin’s status as Honorary President & Ambassador of the IJF
- [HQs of IJF – Budapest, Hungary](#) | [President – Marius Vizer](#)

572. On February 28, Ladakh Scouts won the 15th Chief Executive Councillor (CEC) Cup in Men’s Ice Hockey Championship defeating ITBP. The final match was held at the Ice hockey rink in the NDS Sports Complex in Leh. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ladakh Scouts – won the 15th Chief Executive Councillor (CEC) Cup in Men’s Ice Hockey Championship

573. On February 27, Indian weightlifters Vikas Thakur and Venkat Rahul Ragala qualified for the Commonwealth Games by winning Gold and Bronze medals respectively in the men’s 96kg category at the “Singapore Weightlifting International 2022”. Thus, India ended in the competition with 8 medals, including 6 Gold, 1 Silver & 1 Bronze. The Singapore Weightlifting International was a qualifying event for the 2022 Commonwealth Games to be held in Birmingham. Apart from these 8 weightlifters, 4 more Indian weightlifters (total 12) have been qualified for 2022 Commonwealth Games. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Vikas Thakur & Venkat Rahul Ragala ([weightlifters](#)) – won Gold & Bronze at the “Singapore Weightlifting International”
- India now has 12 weightlifters qualified for the ‘2022 Commonwealth Games’ in Birmingham, UK

Science & Technology

574. On February 27, China launched a Long March-8 rocket to place 22 satellites in space and set a domestic record for the most spacecraft launched by a single rocket. The rocket was launched from the Wenchang Spacecraft Launch Site in south China's Hainan Province. These satellites will mainly be used for commercial remote sensing services, marine environment monitoring, forest fire prevention and disaster mitigation. The mission marked the 409th flight of the Long March carrier rockets. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- China – placed 22 satellites in space & set a domestic record for the most spacecraft launched by a single rocket
- [China – Beijing – Renminbi](#) | [President – Xi Jinping](#)

575. On February 27, A team of researchers from IIT Kanpur developed a novel Nanoparticle-based Bio-Degradable-Carbenoid-Metabolite (BioDCM) that can protect agricultural crops from fungal and bacterial infections. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IIT Kanpur – developed a novel Nanoparticle-based Bio-Degradable-Carbenoid-Metabolite (BioDCM)
- [Director of IIT Kanpur – Abhay Karandikar](#)

576. On February 27, PM Narendra Modi addressed a webinar on Gatishakti National Master Plan. The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI) organized its first Post Budget Webinar on a vision of 'GatiShakti' titled "Creating Synergies for Accelerated Economic Growth". This session will focus on the GatiShakti national master plan portal that has been developed by the Bhaskaracharya Institute of Space Application Geo-informatics. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Modi – addressed a webinar on 'Gatishakti National Master Plan'
- DPIIT – organized a Webinar on a vision of 'GatiShakti' titled "Creating Synergies for Accelerated Economic Growth"
- 'Gatishakti National Master Plan' portal – developed by Bhaskaracharya Institute of Space Application Geo-informatics

Appointments & Resignations

577. The World Bank's India head & Bangladeshi Economist Junaid Kamal Ahmad was appointed as Vice President of operation side of the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA). MIGA is an international financial institution which offers political risk insurance and credit enhancement guarantees. Ahmad will assume his new role from April 16, 2022. Junaid Kamal Ahmad is the second Bangladeshi national after Faisal Chaudhary to become the Vice President of the international lending institution. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Junaid Kamal Ahmad ([Bangladesh](#)) – appointed as Vice President of operations at the MIGA
- [HQs of MIGA – Washington, D.C., U.S.](#)



578. On February 28, Former banker Madhabi Puri Buch was appointed as the new Chairperson of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) for a 3-year term. She is the first-ever woman to head the capital markets regulator. She succeeded Ajay Tyagi. She is the founder-director of Agora Advisory Pvt. Ltd. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Madhabi Puri Buch – appointed as the first-ever woman Chairperson of the SEBI for 3 years (succeeding - Ajay Tyagi)
- HQs of SEBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Madhabi Puri Buch | Established in – 1992

579. On February 24, Samiran Gupta was named the new head of policy for microblogging platform Twitter in India. He will lead the company's public policy and philanthropy efforts in India and South Asia. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Samiran Gupta – named the new head of policy for Twitter in India
- HQs of Twitter – San Francisco, California, US | CEO – Parag Agrawal | Founded in – 2006

580. On February 27, EdTech platform upGrad roped in legendary actor Amitabh Bachchan as the official brand ambassador. The actor will promote the importance of life-long learning. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Amitabh Bachchan – appointed as the Brand Ambassador of 'upGrad'
- HQs of upGrad – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Arjun Mohan

581. On February 28, Pune-based leading Academician and former Vice-Chairman of the University Grants Commission (UGC), Dr. Bhushan Patwardhan was nominated as the new Chairperson of the Executive Committee of the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), an autonomous body funded by the UGC. He is currently the chairman of the interdisciplinary AYUSH R&D task force on Covid-19. While, M. Jagadesh Kumar is the President of the General Council of the NAAC. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dr. Bhushan Patwardhan – appointed as the new Chairperson of the Executive Committee of the NAAC
- HQs of NAAC – Bangalore, Karnataka | Director – S. C. Sharma

Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

582. Union Minister of State for Education Smt. Annpurna Devi presented "National ICT Awards" for 2020 & 2021 to 49 teachers across India. ICT Award 2020 was given for 'School Teachers'. From 2021, two new categories of awards have been added for 'Teacher Educators' & for the 'Best Practicing States & UTs'. The National ICT Awards are instituted by the Central Institute of Educational Technology (CIET), a constituent unit of the NCERT. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Annpurna Devi – presented "National ICT Awards" for 2020 & 2021 to 49 teachers across India (instituted by CIET)
- ICT Award's categories: 'For School Teachers', 'For Teacher Educators' & 'For Best Practicing States & UTs' (newly added)

583. On February 25, Prof Deepak Dhar from Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Pune (IISER Pune) became the first Indian to receive the prestigious 'Boltzmann Medal' for the year 2022. The award was declared for his contribution in the field of 'Statistical Physics'. He shared the award with American scientist John Hopfield. This medal is awarded in every three years by the Commission on Statistical Physics of the International Union of Pure and Applied Physics (IUPAP). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Prof Deepak Dhar – became the first Indian to receive the prestigious 'Boltzmann Medal'
- He shared the award with American scientist John Hopfield

Schemes & Initiatives

584. On February 26, the Union Cabinet approved the national roll-out of Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, with a budget of ₹1,600 Cr for 5 years. The National Health Authority (NHA) is the implementing agency of the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM). Under the ABDM, citizens can create their ABHA (Ayushman Bharat Health Account) numbers and link their digital health records. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Cabinet approved the roll-out of "Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM)" with a budget of ₹1,600 Cr for 5 years
- Implementing agency of the 'ABDM' – National Health Authority (NHA)
- HQs of NHA – New Delhi | CEO – Ram Sevak Sharma | Founded in – 2018
- Ministry of Health & Family Welfare: Mansukh L. Mandaviya | Constituency – Palitana, Gujarat
- MoS in Ministry of Health & Family Welfare: Bharati Pravin Pawar

585. On February 27, the compensation to the kin of hit-and-run victims will be increased to Rs 2 lakh from Rs 25,000 in case of death from April 1, according to a notification issued by the Road Transport and Highways Ministry. The solatium to a person sustaining grievous injuries in a hit-and-run case will increase to Rs 50,000 from the current Rs 12,500 under the "Compensation to Victims of Hit and Run Motor Accidents Scheme, 2022". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- According to "Compensation to Victims of Hit and Run Motor Accidents Scheme, 2022":
 - Compensation increased from Rs 12,500 to Rs 50,000 for grievous hurt
 - Compensation increased from Rs 25,000 to Rs 2,00,000 for death

Important Days & Dates

586. National Science Day is celebrated every year on February 28 in India to celebrate the discovery of the 'Raman Effect'. India's great scientist, CV Raman, invented the 'Raman Effect' on this day and won a Nobel Prize for the same. The first National Science Day was celebrated on February 28, 1987. In 2022, the theme is "Integrated Approach in Science and Technology for a Sustainable Future". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- February 28 – National Science Day (since - 1987)
- 2022's theme – “Integrated Approach in Science and Technology for a Sustainable Future”

587. Every year February 27 is observed as the World NGO day to acknowledge and honour non-governmental and nonprofit organisations for their significant contributions to society around the globe. In 2014, for the first time “World NGO Day” was observed by the United Nations. In India, NGOs are established under the provisions of “Article 19” of the Indian Constitution. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- February 27 – “World NGO Day”
- NGOs are established under “Article 19” of the Indian Constitution

588. International Protein Day is observed on February 27 every year. It is a public health initiative launched to educate people on the benefits of consuming protein-rich foods. This year marks the 3rd year of National Protein Day celebration in India. India has been observing its National Protein Day on February 27 since 2020. According to WHO, our body needs 0.66 gm protein per kg of bodyweight every day. In 2022, the theme is “Food Futurism”. Indian health professionals came up with a ‘Right to Protein’ initiative to educate Indians on the importance of protein intake. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- February 27 – International Protein Day (3rd National Protein Day)
- 2022's Theme – “Food Futurism”

589. Anosmia Awareness Day is observed on February 27 every year. It is a day to spread awareness about anosmia, which is the loss of the sense of smell, or as some people call it, nose blind. The medical term for the loss of smell is known as anosmia. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- February 27 – Anosmia Awareness Day
- ‘Anosmia’ means the loss of the sense of smell

590. “Marathi Bhasha Din” was celebrated on February 27 to honour Marathi literature and mark the birth anniversary of Marathi poet Vishnu Vaman Shirwadkar. He was popularly known as ‘Kusumagraj’. He was the recipient of several state awards and national awards including the ‘1974 Sahitya Akademi Award’ in Marathi for Natsamrat, Padma Bhushan in 1991 and the Jnanpith Award in 1987. He also served as the president of the Akhil Bharatiya Marathi Sahitya Sammelan held at Margao in 1964. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- February 27 – “Marathi Bhasha Din” to honour Marathi literature (birth anniversary of Vishnu Vaman Shirwadkar)

591. The “Polio National Immunization Day 2022” (NID) was organized across India on February 27, 2022. Mansukh Mandavia, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare launched the “National Polio Immunization Drive for 2022” by administering polio drops to children below 5 years of age. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- February 27 – “Polio National Immunization Day 2022”

Books & Authors

592. On February 25, Bhajan Samrat Anup Jalota released the book “Udaan Ek Majdoor Bachhe Ki”. The author of this book is Mithilesh Tiwari. This book highlights the life journey of Captain AD Manek, founder of “The Skyline Aviation Club”. The family of Captain AD Manek is also known as the ‘Flying Family of India’ because all 6 members of this family are serving in the Indian Aviation Industry. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Udaan Ek Majdoor Bachhe Ki” book – authored by Mithilesh Tiwari (about the life of Captain AD Manek)

593. On February 26, Former army captain Deepam Chatterjee authored a book that mixes mysticism and music. The book is published by Penguin Random House. The book is titled “The Millennial Yogi: A modern-day parable about reclaiming one’s life”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “The Millennial Yogi: A modern-day parable about reclaiming one’s life” book – authored by Deepam Chatterjee
- Publisher – Penguin Random House

594. On February 28, Senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi released Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M. K. Stalin’s autobiography in Tamil titled “Ungalil Oruvan” (One Among You). Stalin’s book released on Feb 28, written in Tamil, is the first of a reported three-volume autobiography, capturing the first 23 years of his life. The book was published by Poompuhar Pathippagam. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rahul Gandhi – released M. K. Stalin’s autobiography titled “Ungalil Oruvan” (One Among You)
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin | Governor – Ravindra Narayan Ravi

Obituaries

595. On February 28, Legendary West Indies spinner Sonny Ramadhin passed away. He was a part of the series that won its first away series in England in 1950. He was 92. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sonny Ramadhin – West Indies spinner (Cricketer) – passed away

596. In February 2022, the 1956 Olympic bronze medallist, former world 1500m and mile record-holder John Landy died at the age of 91. Australia’s John is best known for becoming the second man in history to break four minutes for the mile. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- John Landy ([Australia](#)) – an Athlete – passed away (Bronze in 1956 Olympic Games in 1500m)

Meetings, Conferences and Summits

597. On February 22, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras and National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT), Chennai organized the Bi-annual Conference 'OCEANS 2022' from February 21-24, 2022 for Global Marine Researchers, technologists and engineers, students, and policymakers. This conference was organized in India for the first time. The key theme of this event was 'Inspire-Innovate-Sustain'. This event is for global maritime professionals to learn, innovate, and lead in the protection and utilization of the world's largest natural resource Oceans. The conference also highlighted how the 'UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development' is attempting to reduce the impacts of climate change through renewable energies. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IIT Madras + NIOT = organized the Bi-annual 'OCEANS 2022' Conference for the 1st time in India
- [Director of IIT Madras – V. Kamakoti](#)

Ranks, Reports & Surveys

598. On February 28, Ministry of Commerce and Industry informed that export of guavas from India received a growth of 260% since 2013. Exports grew from \$0.58 Million in April-January 2013-14 to \$2.09 Million in April 2021-22. Fresh Grapes were the largest exported items among all fresh food category during 2020-21. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Commerce & Industry informed:
 - Export of guavas from India received a growth of 260% since 2013
 - Fresh Grapes was the largest exported items among all fresh food category during 2020-21
- [Ministry of Commerce & Industry: Piyush Goyal | Constituency – Maharashtra](#)
- [MoS in Ministry of Commerce & Industry: Anupriya Singh Patel & Som Parkash](#)

599. On February 28, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) published the second part of its Sixth Assessment Report (AR6) titled "Climate Change 2022: Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability". It focuses on the effects of climate change on ecosystems and society. According to the report, there will be a rise in the water level of The Indus, Ganga and Brahmaputra river basins by 2050 and 2100. The report warned of multiple Climate Change-induced disasters in the next two decades even if strong action is taken to reduce the emissions of greenhouse gas emissions. The first part report was released in August, 2021. The third and final part of the report is expected to come out in April, 2022. While the first 'Assessment Report' had come out in 1990. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sixth Assessment Report titled "Climate Change 2022: Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability" – published by the IPCC
- [HQs of IPCC – Geneva, Switzerland | Chair – Hoesung Lee](#)

MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

600. On February 28, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL) and Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) signed an MoU for cooperation and collaboration in the field of renewable energy, electric mobility, and alternative fuels including the development of ESG Projects. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- HPCL + SECI = an MoU for cooperation and collaboration in the field of RE, Electric Mobility & Alternative Fuels
- HQs of HPCL – Mumbai, MH | CEO & Chairperson – Mukesh Kumar Surana (till April, 2022) | Founded in – 1974
- HQs of SECI – New Delhi | Chairman – Jatindra Nath Swain | MD – Suman Sharma | Founded on – Sep 9, 2011





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