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All the best!

Regards

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मत्रों! 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 सद्ध करना चाहते हैं तो आपके लिए हर सूचना को पढना, समझना और उसे याद रखना भी अति आवश्यक है क्योंकि क MockDrill में शा मल कए गए प्रश्न PDF में दी गयी सूचना या जानकारी पर ही आधारित होंगे।

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National & States Affairs

101. On February 2, on the occasion of 'World Wetlands Day', the Aravalli Biodiversity Park in Gurugram, Haryana was declared India's 1st "other effective area-based conservation measures" (OECM) site. The OECM tag is given by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) to areas that are not protected but support rich biodiversity. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Aravalli Biodiversity Park (Gurugram, Haryana) – declared India's 1st OECM site
- Haryana: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Manohar Lal Khattar | Governor – Bandaru Dattatraya
- HQs of IUCN – Gland, Switzerland | President – Xincheng Zhang | CEO – Bruno Oberle | Founded in – 1948

102. On February 7, the West Bengal government launched "Paray Shikshalaya", an open-air classroom in the neighbourhood programme for students from class 1 to 7. The aim of this initiative is to encourage students who dropped out of schools during the Covid-19 pandemic to continue their education. Arrangements for mid-day meals were also made for the students taking neighbourhood classes. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- West Bengal – launched "Paray Shikshalaya", an open-air classroom programme for students from class 1 to 7
- West Bengal: Capital – Kolkata | CM – Mamta Banerjee | Governor – Jagdeep Dhankar

103. On February 6, for the first time, the National Commission for Indian System of Medicine - National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NCISM-NEET), conducted an entrance test to Bachelor of Sowa Rigpa Medicine and Surgery (BSRMS). Sowa Rigpa is one of the oldest and well documented systems of traditional medicine in the world, and is one of the seven Ayush systems. Sowa-Rigpa received UGC recognition in October 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NCISM-NEET – conducted an entrance test to Bachelor of 'Sowa Rigpa' Medicine & Surgery for the first time

104. On February 9, Jammu & Kashmir became the first Union Territory to launch the 'Single Window Clearance System' integrated with "National Single Window System (NSWS)". The NSWS is a digital platform that serves as a guide for investors to identify and apply for approvals as per their business requirements. The platform was soft launched in September 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- J & K – became the 1st UT to launch the 'Single Window Clearance System' integrated with NSWS
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha

105. On February 8, ReNew Power set up Gujarat's first wind-solar hybrid project at Vilayat, Bharuch. The first phase of the hybrid project, with 17.6 MW commercial-scale wind-solar, commenced operations and is expected to generate 80 million units of renewable energy every year. The partnership will expand further with an additional 16.68 MW as part of the second phase. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ReNew Power – set up Gujarat's first 17.6 MW 'Wind-Solar Hybrid Project' at Bharuch
- HQs of ReNew Power – Gurugram, Haryana | MD & Chairman – Sumant Sinha



Banking, Finance, Insurance & Economic Affairs

106. On February 9, DBS Bank India partnered with Stellapps Digital Network, a leading dairy-tech startup, as its banking partner to promote digitisation amongst small dairies across India. The partnership is expected to indirectly benefit 20,000 farmers at present and around 100,000+ dairy farmers in the near future. As a partner to Stellapps, DBS will digitally help organise the highly fragmented dairy sector. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- DBS Bank India + Stellapps = partnership to promote digitisation amongst small dairies across India
- HQs of DBS Bank India – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Surojit Shome
- HQs of DBS Bank – Singapore | CEO – Piyush Gupta
- Stellapps – IIT-Madras incubated dairy-tech startup | HQs of Stellapps – Bangalore, Karnataka

107. On February 8, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) extended the restrictions on Karnataka's Millath Co-Operative Bank by three months till May 7, 2022. Withdrawals were capped at ₹1,000 from any account. The directions include no new loans, new investments or taking on any new liabilities, including withdrawals capped at ₹1,000 from any account. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI – extended the restrictions on Karnataka's Millath Co-Operative Bank by 3 months
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – Basavaraj Bommai | Governor – Thaawarchand Gehlot
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April, 1935

108. On February 8, HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company launched “Cyber Sachet Insurance Policy” for individual customers to keep them internet insured. Customers can be internet insured with a pocket-sized insurance cover at a premium of less than ₹2 per day. The sum insured ranges from ₹10K to ₹5 Cr. According to the latest report by the National Crime Records Bureau, India recorded 50,035 cases of cyber-crime in 2020 i.e., an 11.8% surge in such offences over the previous year. This new digitally enabled policy provides protection against online fraud, email spoofing, phishing, identity theft, online shopping, and reputation restoration. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- HDFC ERGO General Insurance – launched “Cyber Sachet Insurance Policy” for customers
- HQs of HDFC ERGO General Insurance – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Ritesh Kumar

109. On February 7, RBL Bank partnered with Creditas Solutions, a global technology company, for its “Neo Collections” platform to offer its customers a convenient, seamless and a non-intrusive repayment experience. RBL Bank will utilise this SaaS-based (software as a service) platform to accelerate efficiency in collections across the loan cycle. ‘Neo Collections’ platform is powered by AI and ML technology. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBL Bank + Creditas Solutions = partnered for “Neo Collections” platform to accelerate efficiency in repayment of loans
- HQs of RBL Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Rajeev Ahuja (interim) | Chairman – Prakash Chandra



Defence Affairs

110. On February 4, India offered a one-year training programme for 80 Afghan cadets following completion of their courses in various Indian military academies. They will be given training under the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation Programme (ITEC) of the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – to provide training to 80 Afghan cadets under the 'ITEC Programme' of Ministry of External Affairs
- HQs of Indian Army – New Delhi | Chief – Gen. Manoj Mukund Naravane | Vice Chief – Lt. Gen. Manoj Pande
- Ministry of External Affairs: S. Jaishankar | Constituency – Gujarat
- MoS in Ministry of External Affairs: Rajkumar Ranjan Singh, V. Muraleedharan & Meenakashi Lekhi

111. Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL), under the Ministry of Ports, Ships and Waterways, successfully delivered the second lot of 3 Floating Border Out-Post (FBOPs) vessels to the Border Security Force (BSF). In March 2019, Ministry of Home Affairs had placed orders to CSL for design, construction and supply of 9 FBOPs for the BSF. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CSL – successfully delivered the second lot of 3 Floating Border Out-Post (FBOPs) vessels to the BSF
- HQs of Cochin Shipyard – Kochi, Kerala | Chairman & MD – Madhu S. Nair
- HQs of BSF – New Delhi | DG – Pankaj Kumar Singh | Established on – Dec 1, 1965 | Motto – “Duty Unto Death”
- BSF – functions under Ministry of Home Affairs



Sports & Games

112. On February 5, India U-19 cricket team defeated England by four wickets and won the record fifth “U-19 Cricket World Cup 2022” title and extended the record of most tournament wins. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – defeated England & won “U-19 Cricket World Cup 2022” (5th time)
- HQs of BCCI – Mumbai, MH | Chairman – Sourav Ganguly | Secretary – Jay Shah | Founded in – 1928
- UK – London – Pound Sterling | PM – Boris Johnson

113. On February 5, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot and BCCI President Sourav Ganguly virtually laid the foundation stone of the World’s third-largest Cricket Stadium in Jaipur, Rajasthan. It will be the second largest cricket stadium in India and will be built by the Rajasthan Cricket Academy (RCA). The stadium will have seating capacity of 75,000 spectators. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ashok Gehlot + Sourav Ganguly = laid the foundation stone of the World’s third-largest Cricket Stadium in Jaipur
- It will be the second largest cricket stadium in India | Seating capacity – 75,000 spectators
- Rajasthan: Capital – Jaipur | CM – Ashok Gehlot | Governor – Kalraj Mishra



114. On February 6, China PR defeated Korea Republic (South Korea) in the AFC Women's Asian Cup 2022. The final was played at the DY Patil Stadium in Navi Mumbai. It was 20th edition of the AFC Women's Asian Cup which was hosted by India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- China PR – defeated Korea Republic (South Korea) to win the 20th “AFC Women's Asian Cup 2022” (hosted by - India)
- China – Beijing – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping
- South Korea – Seoul – Korean Republic won | President – Moon Jae-in

115. Senegal won its first “African Cup of Nations (AFCON) Championship” title by beating Egypt. AFCON 2021, the 33rd edition, is also known as ‘TotalEnergies 2021 Africa Cup of Nations’ and this football tournament was hosted by Cameroon from January 9 to February 6, 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Senegal – won “African Cup of Nations (AFCON) Championship 2021” – hosted by Cameroon (defeating - Egypt)
- Senegal – Dakar – CFA franc | President – Macky Sall

Science & Technology

116. On February 2, two perfectly preserved flowers were discovered in Burmese amber. According to a new study by Rober Spicer, these flowers are estimated to be 99-million-years-old (9.9 Crore-year-old). The flowers are named ‘Eophylca priscatellata’ & ‘Phylca piloburmensis’. These flowers bloomed at the feet of dinosaurs in what is now Myanmar. The amber containing the flowers was acquired from some local sellers before 2016. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 99 million-year-old (9.9 Crore-year-old) perfectly preserved flowers – discovered in Burmese Amber, Myanmar
- Myanmar – Naypyitaw – Kyat | President – Myint Swe | PM – Min Aung Hlaing

117. On February 1, Chinese scientists from Suzhou in China's Jiangsu province developed an AI system called “AI nanny” that can monitor and take care of embryos as they grow into fetuses in an artificial womb. The AI helps the machine observe minutest changes on the embryos and finely tune the CO₂, nutrition and environmental inputs. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- China – built “AI Nanny” to look after baby Embryos in artificial womb
- China – Beijing – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping

118. The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) decommissioned its communication satellite “Insat-4B” through 11 manoeuvres after over 14 years of service. The satellite has undergone post mission disposal (PMD) at the end of its life followed by decommissioning on January 24, 2022. ‘INSAT-4B’ was launched on March 12, 2007 for DTH and other communication services. INSAT-4B is the 21st Indian GEO satellite to undergo PMD. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ISRO – decommissioned its communication satellite “Insat-4B”
- HQs of ISRO – Bengaluru, Karnataka | Director – S. Somanath | Formed on – August 15, 1969

119. On February 7, IIT Madras established an Inter-disciplinary Water Management & Policy Centre called “AquaMAP” to solve water problems in India. AquaMAP will provide smart solutions for challenging water problems by designing scalable models by using innovative technologies. AquaMap has a governing body chaired by Director IIT Madras. AquaMAP will collaborate with other IIT Madras water research centers in this initiative. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IIT Madras – established an Water Management & Policy Centre “AquaMAP” to solve water problems in India
- Director of IIT Madras – V. Kamakoti

Appointments & Resignations

120. On February 4, Dinesh Prasad Saklani was appointed as the director of the NCERT for 5 years. He succeeded Hrushikesh Senapaty. Prof Sridhar Srivastava was holding the position as acting NCERT Director after Senapaty’s retirement. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dinesh Prasad Saklani – appointed as the Director of the NCERT (succeeding - Hrushikesh Senapaty)
- HQs of NCERT – New Delhi | Director – Dinesh Prasad Saklani | Founded in – 1961

121. On February 8, Peruvian President Pedro Castillo swore in his 4th Cabinet since he took office in July, 2021. His third Cabinet lasted just 3 days. Castillo named Anibal Torres, his former justice minister, as the new Prime Minister to replace Hector Valer. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Anibal Torres – appointed as the PM of Peru
- Peru – Lima – Sol | President – Pedro Castillo | PM – Anibal Torres

122. On February 8, Santishree Dhulipudi Pandit, a political science professor at Savitribai Phule Pune University, was appointed as the 1st women Vice Chancellor of Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) for the next 5 years. She was appointed by President Ram Nath Kovind, who is the University’s Visitor. She succeeds M. Jagadesh Kumar, who is appointed chairperson of the University Grants Commission. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Santishree Dhulipudi Pandit – appointed as the 1st women Vice Chancellor of JNU (succeeding - M. Jagadesh Kumar)
- Vice Chancellor of JNU – Santishree Dhulipudi Pandit (1st woman)

123. On February 8, Dr S Unnikrishnan Nair was appointed as the new director of the Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC). He replaced S Somanath, who took over as chairman of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- S. Unnikrishnan Nair – appointed as the new Director of ‘Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre’ (succeeding - S Somanath)
- HQs of VSSC – Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala | Director – S. Unnikrishnan Nair



Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

124. On February 8, Sarvajanik Vachnalay (SaVaNa), Nashik conferred the 18th “Karyaksham (efficient) MP Award” or “Madhavrao Limaye Award” to Minister for Road Transport and Highways, Nitin Gadkari. The award is presented in the memory of renowned socialist leader late Madhavrao Limaye, the former member of Maharashtra legislative council, social worker and author. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Nitin Gadkari – conferred 18th “Karyaksham (efficient) MP Award” or “Madhavrao Limaye Award” by SaVaNa
- Sarvajanik Vachnalay (SaVaNa) – located in Nashik, Maharashtra

Schemes & Initiatives

125. On February 4, Government decided to continue the Scheme of “Rashtriya Yuva Sashaktikaran Karyakram” for another 5 years from 2021-22 to 2025-26 at an outlay of Rs 2,710.65 Cr. The primary objective of the RYSK Scheme is to motivate the youth to strive for excellence in their respective fields and to bring them to the forefront of the development process. The RYSK Scheme is the flagship Central Sector Scheme of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports. The Scheme beneficiaries are the youth in the age-group of 15-29 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Government extended the Scheme of “Rashtriya Yuva Sashaktikaran Karyakram” for another 5 years upto 2025-26
- Outlay of ‘RYSK’ scheme – Rs 2,710.65 Cr | Age group of beneficiaries – 15-29 years
- ‘RYSK’ Scheme – the flagship Central Sector Scheme of Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports

126. On February 5, Indian Footwear and Leather Development Programme (IFLDP) was approved by the Union Cabinet for continuation from 2021-22 to March 2026 with a financial outlay of Rs 1700 Cr. IFLDP aims at development of infrastructure, environmental concerns & investment related to Leather Sector. Moreover, the detail about IFLDP’s sub-schemes is mentioned below. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Government extended the “Indian Footwear and Leather Development Programme” for 5 years upto March 2026
- Financial outlay of IFLDP – Rs 1700 Cr
- The following sub-schemes were approved under IFLDP during 2021-26:
 - Sustainable Technology and Environmental Promotion (proposed outlay Rs 500 Cr)
 - Integrated Development of Leather Sector (IDLS) sub-scheme (proposed outlay Rs 500 Cr)
 - Establishment of Institutional Facilities (proposed outlay Rs 200 Cr)
 - Mega Leather Footwear and Accessories Cluster Development (MLFACD) sub-scheme (proposed outlay Rs 300 Cr)
 - Brand Promotion of Indian Brands in Leather and Footwear Sector (proposed outlay Rs 100 Cr)
 - Development of Design Studios (proposed outlay Rs 100 Cr)



127. On February 7, the food processing ministry extended its flagship scheme 'Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY)' for a period of 2021-22 to 2025-26 with an allocation of Rs 4,600 Cr from the Central government. In May 2017, the Centre launched SAMPADA (Scheme for Agro-Marine Processing and Development of Agro-Processing Clusters) with an allocation of Rs 6,000 Cr. The scheme was renamed as PMKSY in August 2017. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Food Processing Industries – extended PMKSY till 2026 with the allocation of Rs 4,600 Cr from Central Govt
- Ministry of Food Processing Industries: Pashu Pati Kumar Paras | Constituency – Hajipur, Bihar
- MoS in Ministry of Food Processing Industries: Prahalad Singh Patel

128. On February 7, Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya launched the largest Universal Immunisation Programme "Intensified Mission Indradhanush (IMI) 4.0" for children & pregnant women. It will have 3 rounds and will be conducted in 416 districts. 'Mission Indradhanush' was also identified as one of the flagship schemes under 'Gram Swaraj Abhiyan' and 'Extended Gram Swaraj Abhiyan'. He also launched the 'IMI 4.0' portal and released the Operational Guidelines for IMI 4.0 - "Strengthening Immunisation in Urban Areas-A framework for Action" - a handbook for 'Mahila Arogya Samiti on Urban Immunisation' and awareness material developed as part of the campaign. 'Mission Indradhanush' was launched in 2014. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mansukh Mandaviya – launched "Intensified Mission Indradhanush (IMI) 4.0" for children & pregnant women
- Ministry of Health & Family Welfare: Mansukh L. Mandaviya | Constituency – Palitana, Gujarat
- MoS in Ministry of Health & Family Welfare: Bharati Pravin Pawar



129. Relatives of those killed on "Bloody Sunday" have been remembering their loved ones on the 50th anniversary. Thirteen people were shot dead when soldiers opened fire on civil rights demonstrators in Derry, Northern Ireland on 30 January, 1972. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- January 30 – 50th anniversary of "Bloody Sunday" event commemorated in Northern Ireland
- 13 civil rights demonstrators were shot dead by soldiers in Derry, Northern Ireland on 30 January, 1972
- Northern Ireland – Belfast – Pound Sterling | President – Michael D. Higgins

130. On 8 February 2022, the 19th edition of Safer Internet Day (SID) was observed with the goal of providing safer & better internet for everyone. The day is observed every year on the second day of the second week of February. Once again, the theme of the day is "Together for a Better Internet" which has been the same since 2019. The day was first observed in 2004. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- February 8 – 19th edition of Safer Internet Day (since 2004) | Theme – "Together for a Better Internet"
- It is observed on – 2nd day of the 2nd week of February



Meetings, Conferences & Summits

131. The “ASEAN-India High Level Conference on Renewable Energy” was organized on 7-8 February, 2022 by the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE) and the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) in collaboration with The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI). The High Level Conference focused on the theme - “Experience and Innovations for Integrated Renewables Market”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

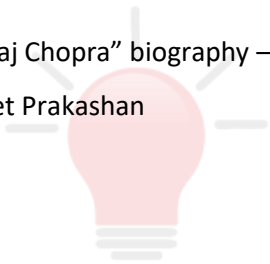
- “ASEAN-India High Level Conference on Renewable Energy” – organized by MNRE & MEA + TERI
- Theme – “Experience and Innovations for Integrated Renewables Market”
- Chairmanship of ASEAN 2022 – Cambodia | Secretariat of ASEAN – Jakarta, Indonesia | Members – 10

Books & Authors

132. On February 3, a short biography “Golden Boy Neeraj Chopra” penned by sports author Navdeep Singh Gill was released. It is the 7th book written by Navdeep and the 6th placing focus on the sports as well as the sportspersons. The book was published by Lokgeet Prakashan. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Golden Boy Neeraj Chopra” biography – authored by Navdeep Singh Gill
- Publisher – Lokgeet Prakashan



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Obituaries

133. On February 6, Legendary singer & India’s Nightingale, Lata Mangeshkar passed away. She was also called ‘Swar Kokila’. She was conferred with 3 National Awards, and was awarded the ‘Dadasaheb Phalke Award’ in 1989. In 2001, she was awarded the ‘Bharat Ratna’ for her contribution to the arts, thereby becoming the 2nd vocalist to receive this honour after late Carnatic music giant M. S. Subbulakshmi. She was also honoured with the ‘Padma Vibhushan’ (1999) and ‘Padma Bhushan’ (1969). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Lata Mangeshkar – Legendary singer & India’s Nightingale – passed away
- Awards: Dadasaheb Phalke Award (1989), Bharat Ratna (2001), Padma Vibhushan (1999) & Padma Bhushan (1969)

134. On February 9, Actor Praveen Kumar Sobti, popular for essaying the role of ‘Bheem’ in BR Chopra’s Mahabharat, passed away at the age of 75. Before he became an actor, Praveen was a hammer and discus throw athlete. A four-time Asian Games medallist, he also represented India in 1968 Mexico and 1972 Munich Olympics. He was also honoured with ‘Arjuna Award’. He worked as the Deputy Commandant in the Border Security Force (BSF) as well. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Praveen Kumar Sobti – Actor, Athlete, Soldier & Politician – passed away (4 Asian Games medals & Arjuna Award)



Ranks, Reports & Surveys

135. By the end of January, garbage collection directly from rural households of Andhra Pradesh reached 61.50% from 22% by the end of November. Andhra Pradesh CM Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy had flagged off 4,097 garbage collecting vehicles to kick off the Clean Andhra Pradesh (CLAP) or Jagananna Swachha Sankalpam programme which was started on October 2, 2021. The program was started with an aim to clean up rural areas, improve sanitation conditions and waste management with public participation. Now, the state government has targeted to achieve 100% rural household garbage collection under CLAP programme by October, 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Garbage collection directly from rural households under 'CLAP' programme by Jan 2022 – 61.50%
- Andhra Pradesh – had started "CLAP" (Clean Andhra Pradesh) or "Jagananna Swachha Sankalpam" programme
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amravati | CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan

136. On February 8, According to the "Bloomberg Billionaires Index", 59-year old Gautam Adani's net worth reached \$88.5 billion overtaking Mukesh Ambani's \$87.9 billion. With this, Gautam Adani became Asia's richest person and 10th richest person in the world, due to an almost \$12 billion jump in his personal wealth. While Elon Musk topped the list globally, followed by Jeff Bezos and Bernard Arnault. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Bloomberg Billionaires Index" – as on February 8, 2022 | 1st - Elon Musk, 2nd - Jeff Bezos, 3rd - Bernard Arnault
- Gautam Adani (\$88.5 Bn) – overtook Mukesh Ambani (\$87.9 Bn) & became Asia's richest person (10th richest globally)

137. India is the 5th largest exporter of millets in the world, according to 2020 data released by the Ministry of Commerce & Industry. The exports continuously increased at around 3% CAGR in last 5 years ending with 2020. In 2020-21, India exported millets worth \$26.97 million against \$28.5 million in 2019-20. The top three importers of millets from India in 2020-21 were Nepal, UAE & Saudi Arabia respectively. Ukraine is the largest exporter of millet in the world. The other major exporters of millet are Russia, the US, France & India. While Indonesia is the largest importer of millet in the world. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Commerce & Industry: India – 5th largest exporter of millets in the world | Top – Ukraine
- India exported millets worth \$26.97 million in 2020-21
- Indonesia – the largest importer of millet in the world

138. A report titled "Reimagining Healthcare in India through Blended Finance" released by NITI Aayog stated that about 65% of hospital beds in India cater to almost 50% of the population concentrated in 7 states. The report stressed that the number of beds must be increased by at least 30% to ensure equitable access to healthcare facilities for people. According to the report, the hospital sector in India accounts for 80% of the total healthcare market. The market size for telemedicine in India (\$830 million in 2019) is projected to increase to \$5.5 billion by 2025, growing at a CAGR of 31% during 2020-25. The report also pointed out that India's healthcare spending is 3.6% of GDP, including out-of-pocket and public expenditure. Brazil spends the most (9.2%), followed by South Africa (8.1%), Russia (5.3%) and China (5%). 'Blended finance' is defined as the strategic use of development finance and philanthropic funds to mobilize private capital flows to emerging and frontier markets. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

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- India’s healthcare spending – 3.6% of GDP | Brazil (9.2%), South Africa (8.1%), Russia (5.3%)

139. On February 6, according to a report by CRISIL, LIC offers the highest return on equity (RoE) at 82%. Apart from being the 3rd largest in terms of life insurance premium, LIC’s market share is 64.1% which is highest in the world with a gross written premium of \$56.405 billion in fiscal 2021. 2nd largest life insurer is SBI Life. Chinese market is dominated by Ping whereas Japanese market is dominated by Nippon Life. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CRISIL: LIC offers the highest RoE (82%) and has highest (64.1%) market share in the world
- HQs of CRISIL – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Amish Mehta | Established in – 1987

Amount & Agreements

140. On February 6, the Asian Development Bank committed a \$4.6 billion in sovereign lending to India in 2021 for 17 loans, including \$1.8 billion for the India’s coronavirus (COVID-19) response. Of this \$1.8 billion, \$1.5 billion was towards vaccine procurement and \$300 million to strengthen primary health care in urban areas and India’s future pandemic preparedness. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ADB – committed a \$4.6 billion in sovereign lending to India in 2021 (including \$1.8 billion for coronavirus response)
- HQs of ADB – Mandaluyong, Philippines | President – Masatsugu Asakawa | Members – 68 | Established in – 1966
- ADB Country Director for India – Takeo Konishi

Acquisitions & Mergers

141. On February 8, Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved the acquisition of US-based athenahealth Group by funds managed and advised by Hellman & Friedman LLC (H&F), Bain Capital, GIC Special Investments (GICSI) and Minerva Holdco Inc. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CCI approved the acquisition of athenahealth Group (US) – by H&F, Bain Capital, GICSI & Minerva Holdco
- HQs of CCI – New Delhi | Chairman – Ashok Kumar Gupta | Established in – 2003



MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

142. On February 6, Bangladesh Railways signed an agreement with Hindustan Engineering and Industries Ltd (HEIL) to procure 420 broad-gauge wagons from India. These are high speed bogies with automatic air brake systems. The agreement worth Tk 231 Cr will be implemented within 27 months. This project is being implemented with the joint funding of the Government of Bangladesh and Asian Development Bank (ADB) under the 'Rolling Stock Operation Improvement Project'.

[{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bangladesh Railways + HEIL = an agreement worth Tk 231 Cr to procure 420 broad-gauge wagons from India
- Joint funding for the project = Bangladesh Govt + ADB
- 'Rolling Stock Operation Improvement Project' – belongs to ADB
- HQs of HEIL – Kolkata, West Bengal | Chairman – Vikram Aditya Mody
- HQs of ADB – Mandaluyong, Philippines | President – Masatsugu Asakawa | Members – 68 | Established in – 1966
- Bangladesh – Dhaka – Taka | PM – Sheikh Hasina | President – Abdul Hamid

143. On February 5, IIT Hyderabad and Suzuki Motor Corporation signed a 3-year contract to start "Suzuki Innovation Centre (SIC)" with the vision of 'creating innovations for India and Japan' The SIC will be operated as a platform for open innovation among Industries, Academia, and Startups. It will also support skill development and exchange of human resources between India & Japan. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IIT Hyderabad + Suzuki Motor Corp = a 3-year contract to start "Suzuki Innovation Centre"
- Director of IIT Hyderabad – B. S. Murty

144. On February 6, the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) signed an MoU with Maharashtra to support its "Majhi Vasundhara" (My Earth) campaign. It is an initiative of the Maharashtra's Environment and Climate Change Department to empower citizens with knowledge on the impacts of climate change and environmental issues. UNEP will support the state in educating and mobilising youth on plastic pollution and marine litter through its "Tide Turner Challenge" across all educational institutes in the state. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- UNEP + Maharashtra = an MoU to support state's "Majhi Vasundhara" campaign through UNEP's 'Tide Turner Challenge'
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari
- HQs of UNEP – Nairobi, Kenya | Executive Director – Inger Andersen | Founded in – 1972

145. On February 5, the Rajasthan government signed MoUs/Lols with major companies in the renewable energy sector capturing investment of Rs 3.05 lakh Cr under the 'Invest Rajasthan Campaign'. With this investment, more than 90,000 MW of renewable energy will be produced in the state. The companies included 5 PSUs - NTPC, NHPC, SJVN Limited, THDC India Ltd and SECI - and private players such as Reliance, Axis and SAEL. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rajasthan – signed MoUs/Lols worth Rs 3.05 lakh Cr in RE sector under 'Invest Rajasthan Campaign'
- Rajasthan: Capital – Jaipur | CM – Ashok Gehlot | Governor – Kalraj Mishra



146. On February 8, To promote weavers and artisan business through digital platform and startup enterprises, the Odisha-based Indian Institute of Management, Sambalpur (IIM-S) signed an MoU with the e-commerce marketplace, Flipkart. As part of this MoU, IIM Sambalpur will identify clusters of artisans and weavers within Odisha to onboard them with Flipkart's 'Samarth' program. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IIM Sambalpur + Flipkart = an MoU to promote Odisha's weavers & artisan business
- HQs of Flipkart – Bangalore, Karnataka | Chairperson – Binny Bansal | CEO – Kalyan Krishnamurthy
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

147. Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog, and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) announced a new partnership under the "Sustainable Access to Markets and Resources for Innovative Delivery of Healthcare (SAMRIDH)" initiative. The partnership will improve access to affordable and quality healthcare for vulnerable populations in tier-2 and tier-3 cities, and rural and tribal regions. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- AIM (NITI Aayog) + USAID = partnership under the "SAMRIDH" initiative for affordable & quality healthcare
- SAMRIDH – Sustainable Access to Markets and Resources for Innovative Delivery of Healthcare
- AIM – a flagship of NITI Aayog (HQs of AIM – New Delhi | Director – Chintan Vaishnav)
- HQs of USAID – Washington D.C., US | Administrator – Samantha Power | Founded in – 1961

148. On February 7, Larsen & Toubro (L&T) and Microsoft India signed a pact to empower customers with the cloud computing and infrastructure services. L&T and Microsoft will co-engage to develop architectures and road maps to modernise their traditional data centres goals. Under the MoU, they will set up a joint governance group to define future platform designs, investments, and commercial/business models to service the regulated sectors' emerging technology requirements. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- L&T + Microsoft India = signed a pact to empower customers with the cloud computing & infrastructure services
- HQs of L&T – Mumbai, MH | CEO & MD – SN Subrahmanyam
- HQs of Microsoft – Washington, US | Chairman & CEO – Satya Nadella | Founded in – 1975

149. On February 7, Union Minister for Power R K Singh launched Powerthon-2022. Renewable Energy Corporation (REC) signed an MoU with Society for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (SINE) under IIT Bombay for organizing Powerthon-2022. It is a hackathon competition under Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) to find technology driven solutions to solve the complex problems in power distribution and to ensure quality and reliable power supply. The hackathon will task participants to find innovative solutions based on advanced emerging technologies like AI/ML, Blockchain, IoT, VR/AR etc on 9 themes. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- R K Singh launched – "Powerthon-2022" to find technology driven solutions to solve the problems of power distribution
- REC + SINE (IIT Bombay) = an MoU to organize "Powerthon-2022"
- Director of IIT Bombay – Prof. Subhasis Chaudhuri
- Ministry of Power and Ministry New & Renewable Energy: Raj Kumar Singh | Constituency – Arrah, Bihar
- MoS in Ministry of Power: Krishan Pal



150. On February 9, the Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode (IIM-K) and Development Monitoring and Evaluation Office (DMEO) attached to NITI Aayog, signed a Statement of Intent (SoI) on institutional partnership to strengthen the overall monitoring and evaluation environment with special focus on building a data monitoring and evaluation stack in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IIM Kozhikode + DMEO = a SoI on institutional partnership to build a data monitoring & evaluation stack in India
- Director of IIM Kozhikode – Debashis Chatterjee





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