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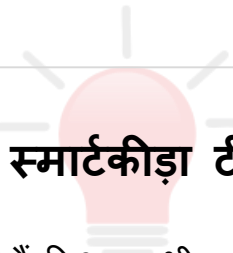
Hi Folks! We hope you all are doing well. We would like to state here that this PDF is meant for preparing for the upcoming MockDrill Test of July 2021 Month at Testzone. In this Current Affairs PDF we have added all the important Current Affairs information in form of 'Key-points' which are crucial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



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# National & States Affairs

1. On July 1, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar has launched a mobile app “Jan Sahayak-Aapka Sahayak” to ensure ‘anywhere-anytime-anybody’ delivery of Government to Citizen (G2C) and Business to Citizen (B2C) services through one-access point. Haryana also launched the first of its kind “Demand Side Management-AC Scheme” to promote energy conservation. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- Haryana – launched a mobile app “Jan Sahayak-Aapka Sahayak”
- Haryana – also launched the first of its kind “Demand Side Management-AC Scheme”
- Haryana: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Manohar Lal Khattar | Governor – Bandaru Dattatraya

2. On July 1, ‘Jamwant Jamun’ - a special variety of the Indian blackberry (Jamun) developed by the Central Institute for Subtropical Horticulture, (CISH), Lucknow, has been exported to London. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- ‘Jamwant Jamun’ - a special variety of the Indian blackberry – exported to London, UK
- ‘Jamwant Jamun’ is developed by – CISH (Lucknow, UP)

3. On July 1, Narendra Singh Tomar, Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare inaugurated a new Centre of National Horticulture Board (NHB) at Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh. The Centre of NHB at Gwalior will boost horticulture in the region and will benefit 21 districts of Northern Madhya Pradesh. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- Narendra Singh Tomar inaugurated a new Centre of National Horticulture Board (NHB) – at Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh
- HQs of NHB – Gurugram, Haryana | MD – Rajbir Singh

4. On July 2, Indian Railway Stations Development Corporation Ltd (IRSDC) in collaboration with HNi Aquatic Kingdom has opened Indian Railways first Movable Freshwater Tunnel Aquarium at the Krantivira Sangolli Rayanna (Bengaluru) Railway Station for the general public. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- IRSDC opened Indian Railways 1<sup>st</sup> Movable Freshwater Tunnel Aquarium – at Bengaluru Railway Station
- Krantivira Sangolli Rayanna Railway Station = Bengaluru Railway Station
- HQs of IRSDC – New Delhi | MD & CEO – S. K. Lohia | Chairman – Pradeep Kumar
- HQs of Indian Railways – New Delhi | Chairman & CEO – Suneet Sharma



5. On July 1, The Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) has granted permission to Cipla to import “Moderna mRNA-1273” Covid-19 vaccine for restricted emergency use in India. Moderna’s vaccine is the 4<sup>th</sup> COVID-19 vaccine to be available in India after Covishield, Covaxin and Sputnik. The Moderna vaccine has been shown to have an efficacy of approximately 94.1% in protecting against Covid-19. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- DCGI granted permission to Cipla to import “Moderna mRNA-1273” vaccine for restricted emergency use in India
- It is the 4<sup>th</sup> COVID-19 vaccine to be available in India (First three: Covishield, Covaxin & Sputnik)
- The Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) – V G Somani
- HQs of Cipla – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Umang Vohra

6. On July 1, Flipkart has launched Shopsy, an app to help individuals start online businesses without any investment, and also deepen e-commerce penetration, particularly in non-metros. With Shopsy, Flipkart aims to enable over 25 million online entrepreneurs by 2023. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Flipkart launched ‘Shopsy app’ – to help individuals start online businesses without any investment
- HQs of Flipkart – Bangalore, Karnataka | Chairperson – Binny Bansal | CEO – Kalyan Krishnamurthy

7. The Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has launched its “Saral Pension”, an Individual Immediate Annuity Plan, with effect from July 1, 2021. ‘LIC Saral Pension’ is a non-linked and non-participating plan. The minimum annuity is Rs 12,000 per annum. The plan is available for ages from 40 years to 80 years. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- LIC – launched its “Saral Pension” - an Individual Immediate Annuity Plan
- Minimum annuity – Rs 12,000/annum | available for ages – from 40-80 years
- HQs of LIC – Mumbai, MH | Chairman – M. R. Kumar | MD – Siddhartha Mohanty | Founded in – 1956

8. On July 2, Union Minister Nitin Gadkari has issued an order to revise the definition for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises by including Retailers and Wholesale Traders under the MSMEs. It will benefit 2.5 Cr Retail and Wholesale Traders. Earlier, MSME has only the manufacturing and service enterprises in its definition. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Nitin Gadkari – issued an order to revise the definition for MSMEs
- Central government included – Retailers & Wholesale Traders under the MSMEs
- Nitin Gadkari – Ministry of Road Transport and Highway, Ministry of MSMEs (Nagpur, Maharashtra)



**9.** Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Prakash Javadekar has set a target of creating additional 2 billion Carbon Sequestration by 2030. On the occasion of Van Mahotsav on July 1, the minister planted 'Parijaat' saplings at his residence. The Forest Festival or Van Mahotsav is an annual celebration of the plantation of trees in India. It is celebrated in the first week of July and was turned into a national activity in 1950. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Environment Ministry (India) – set a target of creating additional 2 billion Carbon Sequestration by 2030
- July 1 – Forest Festival or Van Mahotsav

**10.** A rare species of Black-bellied Coral Snake was spotted in Uttarakhand recently, making it the first in the state. This snake has six generations in India. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Black-bellied Coral Snake – spotted for the first time in Uttarakhand
- Uttarakhand: Capital – Dehradun & Gairsain | CM – Pushkar Singh Dhami | Governor – Baby Rani Maurya

**11.** On July 2, The government has extended the superannuation age of IPO-bound LIC Chairman to up to 62 years from 60 years by making amendment to the "Life Insurance Corporation of India (Staff) Regulations, 1960". The retirement age for the top executives of the majority of PSUs is 60 years. The changes made in the rules will be called the "Life Insurance Corporation of India (Staff) Amendment Rules, 2021". [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Central Government amended the "Life Insurance Corporation of India (Staff) Regulations, 1960"
- Central Government extended the superannuation age of IPO-bound LIC Chairman to up-to – 62 years (from 60)
- HQs of LIC – Mumbai, MH | Chairman – M. R. Kumar | MD – Siddhartha Mohanty | Founded in – 1956

**12.** On July 3, The Commerce Ministry has unveiled plans for 'Freight Smart Cities' to improve urban freight efficiency, and create an opportunity for reduction in the logistics costs. On the freight smart city initiatives, the logistics division is working closely with GIZ (Germany), Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI) and RMI India. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Commerce Ministry – unveiled plans for 'Freight Smart Cities' to improve urban freight efficiency
- Piyush Goyal – Ministry of Railways, Ministry of Commerce & Industry | Constituency – Maharashtra

**13.** Union Minister of Rural Development Narendra Singh Tomar has released a compendium on best practices gathered from all over India on how 'DAY-NRLM' is addressing gender issues through Social Action Committees of SHG federations. It was launched as "Aajeevika - NRLM" by Ministry of Rural Development in 2011 and was renamed to "DAY-NRLM" in 2015. [{Read more}](#)





**Key Points:**

- Narendra Singh Tomar – released a compendium on how 'DAY-NRLM' is addressing gender issues
- "DAY-NRLM" was launched as "Aajeevika - NRLM" in 2011 (renamed to "DAY-NRLM" in 2015)

**14.** As part of efforts to improve the mental well-being of the people of Jammu and Kashmir amid COVID-19, the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) has inaugurated "Sukoon", the J & K's first 24x7 counselling helpline number to provide mental health counselling. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- J & K – launched "Sukoon" - first 24x7 counselling helpline number to provide mental health counseling
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha

**15.** The Assam Cabinet has approved one-month compulsory leave every year for the personnel of the armed battalions of the Assam police to enable them spend time with their families. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Assam Cabinet – approved one-month compulsory leave every year for the police personnel
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Himanta Biswa Sarma | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi

**16.** Meghalaya government has announced Mairang as new and 12<sup>th</sup> district of the state. The new district would come into existence before Independence Day celebrations. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Meghalaya – announced 'Mairang' as new & 12<sup>th</sup> district of the state
- Meghalaya: Capital – Shillong | CM – Conrad Kongkal Sangma | Governor – Satya Pal Malik

**17.** On July 2, The Allahabad High Court has issued notices to the central government and director general of Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), to lab test the properties of bacteriophages (a virus that destroys harmful bacteria) found in Ganga water. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Allahabad HC – issued notices to the central gov to lab test the properties of 'bacteriophages' – found in Ganga

**18.** On July 2, Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has initiated a project named "Bamboo Oasis on Lands in Drought" (BOLD) by planting 5,000 saplings of special bamboo species in Rajasthan. The project was launched from the tribal village Nichla Mandwa in Udaipur of Rajasthan. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- KVIC – initiated "Bamboo Oasis on Lands in Drought (BOLD)" project – in Nichla Mandwa, Udaipur, Rajasthan
- Rajasthan: Capital – Jaipur | CM – Ashok Gehlot | Governor – Kalraj Mishra
- HQs of KVIC – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Vinai Kumar Saxena





**19.** “Purvanchal Expressway”, an ambitious project of the Uttar Pradesh government connecting Lucknow, Sultanpur, Azamgarh and Ghazipur will become operational by August, 2021. The Uttar Pradesh government will soon float tenders for the ₹42,000 Cr Ganga expressway connecting Meerut and Prayagraj. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- “Purvanchal Expressway” an ambitious project of the Uttar Pradesh – become operational by August, 2021
- “Purvanchal Expressway” connects – Lucknow, Sultanpur, Azamgarh & Ghazipur
- “Ganga Expressway” will connect – Meerut & Prayagraj
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

**20.** On July 3, In Madhya Pradesh, the National Institute of Mental Health and Research is being built at Sehore and a Sports Complex is being constructed for the differently-abled at Gwalior. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- National Institute of Mental Health & Research – being built at Sehore, Madhya Pradesh
- Sports Complex for the differently-abled – being constructed at Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh
- Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Mangubhai Chhaganbhai Patel

**21.** Union Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal ‘Nishank’ has launched the “National Initiative for Proficiency in Reading with Understanding and Numeracy (NIPUN Bharat) Programme” for ensuring that every child in India necessarily attains foundational literacy and numeracy by the end of Grade 3, by 2026-27. NIPUN Bharat aims to cover the learning needs of children in the age group of 3 to 9 years. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Ramesh Pokhriyal (Ministry of Education) – launched the “NIPUN Bharat” programme
- NIPUN – National Initiative for Proficiency in Reading with Understanding and Numeracy
- Aim: To ensure every child attains foundational literacy & numeracy by the end of Grade 3 – by 2026-27
- Children age group – 3 to 9 years

## **International Affairs**

**22.** On July 2, India has joined the “G20-OECD Tax Framework Deal” that seeks to reform international tax rules. A total of 130 countries agreed to an overhaul of Global Tax Norms to ensure multinationals pay taxes wherever they operate and at a minimum 15% rate. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- India joined the “G20-OECD Tax Framework Deal” | Total 130 countries agreed to this deal
- Global Minimum Corporate Tax – 15% Tax on multinationals (effective from 2023)



**23.** On July 2, The United States military has finally left Afghanistan's Bagram airfield after almost two decades. The Bagram airbase in Afghanistan has been the site of the US military's war against the Taliban and the al-Qaida terrorist outfits. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- US military – left Afghanistan's "Bagram airfield" after almost two decades
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46<sup>th</sup> President – Joe Biden | 49<sup>th</sup> VP – Kamala Harris
- Afghanistan – Kabul – Afghani | President – Ashraf Ghani

**24.** Cuba has evacuated 1,80,000 people amid fears that "Tropical Storm Elsa" could unleash heavy flooding after battering several Caribbean islands. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Cuba – evacuated 1,80,000 people amid fears of "Tropical Storm Elsa"
- Cuba – Havana – Peso | President – Miguel Diaz-Canel

## **Banking & Economic Affairs**

**25.** On July 1, ICICI Bank has launched a comprehensive banking solution for doctors, called "Salute Doctors". It provides customized banking as well as value-added services for every doctor, beginning from a medical student to a senior medical consultant to an owner of a hospital or a clinic. The solution is powered by ICICI STACK. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- ICICI Bank – launched a comprehensive banking solution for doctors, called "Salute Doctors"
- The solution is powered by – ICICI STACK
- HQs of ICICI Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Sandeep Bakhshi | Tagline – "Hum Hain Na!"

**26.** On July 3, Eroute Technologies Private Ltd has launched its maiden product offering "OmniCard" - India's First Omni-channel Pre-paid Card exclusively for Young Generation. Powered by RuPay, OmniCard will also be enabled with National Common Mobility Program to access mass transit systems in the country using Tap & Pay. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Eroute Technologies – launched "OmniCard" India's 1<sup>st</sup> Prepaid Card exclusively for Young Generation
- The card is powered by – RuPay
- HQs of Eroute Technologies – Noida, Uttar Pradesh | MD & CEO – Sanjeev Pandey



**27.** On July 1, The RBI has extended the “Interest Equalization Scheme for Pre and Post Shipment Rupee Export Credit” for 3 months till September 2021. The Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) also requested the government to provide stability of the scheme by extending it for 3 years. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- RBI – extended the “Interest Equalization Scheme for Pre and Post Shipment Rupee Export Credit” for 3 months
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25<sup>th</sup>) | Established in – 1<sup>st</sup> April 1935

**28.** On July 1, The RBI has released the 23<sup>rd</sup> issue of its bi-annual “Financial Stability Report (FSR) 2021”. Macro stress tests indicate that the Gross Non-Performing Asset (GNPA) ratio of scheduled commercial banks (SCBs) may increase to 9.80% by March 2022 from 7.48% previous year. The capital to risk-weighted assets ratio (CRAR) of SCBs increased to 16.03%. Second Half of FY21 has witnessed a GNPA of 9.5% among Public Sector Banks. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- RBI – released the 23<sup>rd</sup> issue of its bi-annual “Financial Stability Report (FSR) 2021”
- GNPA ratio of SCBs is expected to increase to 9.80% by March 2022
- Capital to risk-weighted assets ratio (CRAR) of SCBs increased to 16.03% in 2021
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25<sup>th</sup>) | Established in – 1<sup>st</sup> April 1935

**29.** On July 1, HDFC Bank has launched the “Salaam Dil Sey” initiative to pay tribute to doctors across India. It is a national platform for general public to show gratitude to doctors for their tireless service during the pandemic. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- HDFC Bank – launched the “Salaam Dil Sey” initiative to pay tribute to doctors across India
- HQs of HDFC Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Sashidhar Jagdishan | Tagline – “We understand your world”

**30.** On July 3, The RBI has imposed a penalty of Rs 25 lakh on Punjab and Sind Bank for non-compliance with certain provisions of directions on ‘Cyber Security Framework in Banks’. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- RBI imposed a penalty of Rs 25 lakh on Punjab & Sind Bank
- HQs of Punjab & Sind Bank – New Delhi | MD & CEO – S. Krishnan
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25<sup>th</sup>) | Established in – 1<sup>st</sup> April 1935

**31.** On July 1, The RBI has issued directions related to the appointment of Managing Director (MD) and Whole-Time Director (WTD) of primary Urban Cooperative Banks (UCBs) and barred MPs and MLAs from these posts. The issued directions are given below. [{Read more}](#)



### Key Points:

- RBI – issued directions related to the appointment of MD & Whole-Time Director of primary UCBs
- RBI – also barred MPs & MLAs from these posts
- Directions:
  - Education: Chartered/Cost accountant, MBA (finance) or diploma in banking or cooperative business management
  - Age: Should not be below 35 years or more than 70 years
  - Experience: At least 8 years at the middle/senior management level in the banking sector
  - Minimum period to hold the post: 3 years
  - Maximum Tenure to hold the post: 15 years
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25<sup>th</sup>) | Established in – 1<sup>st</sup> April 1935

**32.** On July 2, NABARD has sanctioned an assistance of Rs 388 Cr for Odisha under the Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) for setting up 4 mega piped drinking water supply projects. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- NABARD – sanctioned an assistance of Rs 388 Cr for Odisha under RIDF to set up 4 drinking water projects
- HQs of NABARD – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Chintala Govinda Rajulu | Founded in – 1982
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal



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## Defence Affairs

**33.** The 7<sup>th</sup> edition of Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS), a biennial event, was hosted by the French Navy at La Reunion from 28 June to 1 July 2021. Admiral Karambir Singh, Chief of the Naval Staff participated virtually in the inaugural session of the event. IONS was initiated by the Indian Navy in 2008. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- French Navy – hosted the 7<sup>th</sup> edition of Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS)
- IONS was initiated by Indian Navy – in 2008 | Members – 24 | Observers states – 8
- France – Paris – Euro | President – Emmanuel Macron | PM – Jean Castex

**34.** On July 2, U.S. 6<sup>th</sup> Fleet and the Ukrainian Navy are cohosting the annual naval exercise “Sea Breeze 2021” (SB21) in the Black Sea region. SB21 kicked off on June 28 and ran through July 10. The first Sea Breeze exercise took place in 1997. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- “Sea Breeze 2021” - annual naval exercise – between US & Ukraine
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46<sup>th</sup> President – Joe Biden | 49<sup>th</sup> VP – Kamala Harris
- Ukraine – Kyiv – Ukrainian hryvnia | President – Volodymyr Zelensky



## Schemes & Initiatives

**35.** On July 1, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has launched the “Students Credit Card” scheme where an education loan up to ₹10 lakh will be made available for higher studies in India and abroad. The period of repayment will be 15 years and persons till the age of 40 years can avail themselves of the benefits of the scheme. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- West Bengal – launched the “Students Credit Card” scheme
- Education loan up to ₹10 lakh for higher studies | Period of repayment – 15 years | Beneficiary age – till 40 years
- West Bengal: Capital – Kolkata | CM – Mamta Banerjee | Governor – Jagdeep Dhankar

**36.** On July 1, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy has formally re-launched the “YSR Bima” scheme with new guidelines. The State government has allocated ₹750 Cr for the scheme for the year 2021-22. Under the scheme, an insurance amount of ₹1 lakh will be paid if the beneficiary aged between 18 to 50 years, who is a breadwinner of the family, succumbs to natural death. A sum of ₹5 lakh will be paid if the beneficiary in the age group of 18 to 70 years dies in an accident. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- Andhra Pradesh – re-launched the “YSR Bima” scheme with new guidelines (₹750 Cr for the scheme for 2021-22)
- ₹1 lakh will be paid if the beneficiary dies naturally | ₹5 lakh will be paid if the beneficiary dies in an accident
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan

**37.** On July 1, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar has launched the “Mukhyamantri Shehri Nikay Svamita Yojana”. Under this scheme, if someone has constructed more than the floor or area of the allotted building of the Municipality, then he will have to deposit an additional amount that is Rs. 1000 as per the additional constructed area. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- Haryana – launched the “Mukhyamantri Shehri Nikay Svamita Yojana”
- Haryana: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Manohar Lal Khattar | Governor – Bandaru Dattatraya



## Sports & Games

**38.** On July 2, Abhimanyu Mishra started playing chess when he was just 2. Now, at the age of 12, he has broken one of the oldest records in the game to become the youngest grandmaster in history. The previous record was held by the Russian former chess prodigy Sergey Karjakin. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Abhimanyu Mishra ([New Jersey, US](#)) – became the youngest Grandmaster in the history of Chess (age - 12 years)
- The previous record was held by – Sergey Karjakin ([Russia](#))

**39.** On July 2, The Ministry of Youth affairs & Sports has decided to grant recognition to WAKO India Kickboxing Federation as National Sports Federation (NSF) for promotion and development of the Kickboxing sport in India. The full recognition of WAKO will be finally decided by the IOC Session in Tokyo in July 2021. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Ministry of Youth affairs & Sports – to grant recognition to WAKO India Kickboxing Federation as ‘NSF’
- HQs of WAKO India Kickboxing Federation – Faridabad, Haryana | President – Santosh Agrawal
- HQs of World Association of Kickboxing Organizations (WAKO) – Italy

**40.** On July 2, India’s Maana Patel has become the first female and only the third swimmer from India to qualify for the Tokyo Olympics 2021. She joins Srihari Nataraj and Sajan Prakash to have qualified for the event and secured a direct entry. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Maana Patel – become the 1<sup>st</sup> female & only the 3<sup>rd</sup> swimmer from India to qualify for the “Tokyo Olympics 2021”
- Maana Patel + Srihari Nataraj + Sajan Prakash ([Indian Swimmers](#)) = qualified for the “Tokyo Olympics 2021”

**41.** Nihal Sarin has won the “Silver Lake Open” chess tournament in Serbia. In the final round, he defeated Branko Damljanovic. The second and third places were also taken by Indians, as Raunak Sadhwani and Abhimanyu Puranik. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Nihal Sarin ([Chess](#)) – won the “Silver Lake Open” chess tournament in Serbia
- Raunak Sadhwani + Abhimanyu Puranik + Raja Harshit = Indian Chess Players

**42.** On July 2, Top para high-jumper Mariyappan Thangavelu has been named as the flag-bearer of the Indian contingent in the Tokyo Paralympics, which will begin on August 24. Mariyappan was conferred with the ‘Khel Ratna’ - India’s highest sporting award, in 2020. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Mariyappan Thangavelu (Para High-Jumper) – named as the flag-bearer of Indian contingent in Tokyo Paralympics



**43.** On July 2, United World Wrestling (UWW) has imposed 2-year ban on wrestler Sumit Malik for doping. Malik is Commonwealth Games -2018 Gold medalist. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Sumit Malik – a Wrestler – banned for 2 years by the United World Wrestling
- HQs of UWW – Corsier-sur-Vevey, Switzerland | President – Nenad Lalovic

**44.** On July 2, Ace athlete of the Indian Navy, Jabir Madari Pillyalil (M. P. Jabir), has qualified for the Tokyo Olympics in 400m hurdles after he clocked 49.78s to win gold at the recently concluded Inter-State Athletics Championships in Ratiala. He hails from Malappuram, Kerala. He is currently ranked 34<sup>th</sup> in the World Athletics' Road to Olympics rankings. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- M. P. Jabir ([Indian Athlete](#)) – qualified for the Tokyo Olympics in 400m hurdles

## Important Days & Dates

**45.** The Indian Medical Association (IMA) celebrates July 1 as “National Doctors’ Day”, every year. The day marks the birth and to honour the contributions of renowned physician and former West Bengal chief minister Dr Bidhan Chandra Roy. The day was first celebrated in 1991. This year, the theme is “Save the Saviours”. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- July 1 – “National Doctors’ Day” (since 1991)
- The day marks the birth anniversary of renowned physician – “Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy” (West Bengal’s former CM)
- Theme – “Save the Saviours”

**46.** India has marked the 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on July 1. “GST Day” is observed every year by the Central Board of Indirect Tax and Customs (CBIC) to mark the roll-out of the historic tax reform. The day was first observed in 2018. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- July 1 – 4<sup>th</sup> “GST Day” – by CBIC (since 2018)
- HQs of CBIC – New Delhi | Chairperson – M. Ajit Kumar | Founded in – 1964

**47.** “Chartered Accountants’ (CA) Day” is celebrated on July 1 every year to commemorate the establishment of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI). Established in 1949 by the Parliament of India, ICAI is the second largest accounting and a statutory body in the world. On the occasion of CA day, ICAI will launch a mobile app “ICAI-BOS” for CA aspirants. [{Read more}](#)





**Key Points:**

- July 1 – “Chartered Accountants’ (CA) Day”
- ICAI launched a mobile app “ICAI-BOS” for CA aspirants
- HQs of ICAI – New Delhi | President – Nihar N Jambusaria | Established in – 1949

**48.** Digital India, a flagship initiative that was launched with a vision to transform India into a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy, has completed 6 years of its journey since its launch on 1 July, 2015. Digital India is a Rs 1,13,000 Cr flagship programme of the Government of India. While, the National e-Governance Plan (NeGP) was initiated in 2006. BharatNet, also known as Bharat Broadband Network Limited (BBNL) is the custodian of Digital India (DI) project. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- A flagship initiative “Digital India” – completed 6 years (launched on - 1 July, 2015 | Outlay - Rs 1,13,000 Cr)
- Custodian of Digital India Project – BharatNet (also known as BBNL)
- National e-Governance Plan (NeGP) was initiated in 2006

**49.** On July 1, Around 2.50 lakh employees of State Bank of India (SBI) have donated a sum of Rs 62.62 Cr to the PM CARES Fund on the occasion of 66<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day of SBI. Early last year, SBI had committed 0.25 per cent of its annual profit to support the fight against COVID-19. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- July 1 – 66<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day of SBI (Established in 1955)
- Around 2.50 lakh employees of SBI donated a sum of Rs 62.62 Cr to the ‘PM CARES Fund’
- HQs of SBI Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Dinesh Kumar Khara
- MD – Challa Sreenivasulu Setty | Ashwani Bhatia | Ashwini Kumar Tewari | Swaminathan Janakiraman

**50.** National Postal Worker Day is celebrated every year on July 1 across the globe. The day was first commemorated by a Seattle-area postal carrier. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- July 1 – “National Postal Worker Day”

**51.** On July 1, “Mumbai Samachar”, India’s oldest newspaper which was once known as the ‘Bombay Samachar’, entered its 200<sup>th</sup> year. It was founded in 1822 by Fardoonji Murazban, a Parsi scholar. It is published in Gujarati and English. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- India’s oldest newspaper “Mumbai Samachar” – entered its 200<sup>th</sup> year on July 1
- It was founded in 1822 – by Fardoonji Murazban (a Parsi scholar)



**52.** Every year July 2 is celebrated as “World Sports Journalists Day” and it is dedicated to all the sports journalists across the world. It marks the anniversary of the International Sports Press Association (AIPS), established in 1924. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- July 2 – “World Sports Journalists Day”
- HQs of AIPS – Lausanne, Switzerland | President – Gianni Merlo | Established in – 1924

**53.** Union Minister Shri Narendra Singh Tomar has flagged off Crop Insurance Week from July 1 to 7, 2021. Crop Insurance Day was observed on July 1 by the State Agriculture Department of Kerala. Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) achieved milestone of Rs 95,000 Cr claims paid to farmers. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- July 1 to 7 – “Crop Insurance Week”
- July 1 – “Crop Insurance Day” – by the State Agriculture Department of Kerala
- **Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan**

**54.** The International Day of Cooperatives is celebrated across the world every year on the first Saturday of July, with an aim to increase awareness about cooperatives. This year, it is being observed on July 3. This will be the 27<sup>th</sup> year of the International Day of Cooperatives recognized by the UN and the 99<sup>th</sup> International Cooperative Day. The theme for 2021 is “Rebuild better together”. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- July 3 (1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of July) – UN’s International Day of Cooperatives (since 1923)
- Theme – “Rebuild better together”

**55.** On July 3, The International Plastic Bag Free Day was observed across the globe to eradicate the use of single-use plastic bags, which have proven to be extremely detrimental to the environment. The Day was started by Zero Waste Europe, a Brussels based non-governmental organisation (NGO). [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- July 3 – “International Plastic Bag Free Day” – by Zero Waste Europe ([Brussels, Belgium](#))

**56.** “American Independence Day” is observed on July 4. This year marks the 245<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the freedom of the thirteen American colonies from British colonial rule. The US became independent in 1776. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- July 4 – 245<sup>th</sup> “American (US) Independence Day” (US became independent in 1776)
- **US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46<sup>th</sup> President – Joe Biden | 49<sup>th</sup> VP – Kamala Harris**



**57.** This year, July 4 has marked the 118<sup>th</sup> death anniversary of Swami Vivekananda. Swami Vivekananda was a simple boy from an aristocratic family of North Calcutta born on January 12, 1863. He was originally called 'Narendra Nath Datta'. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- July 4 – 118<sup>th</sup> death anniversary of Swami Vivekananda (originally called 'Narendra Nath Datta')
- He was born on January 12, 1863 – in Calcutta (Kolkata today)

## Meetings, Conferences and Summits

**58.** A two day Regional Conference on the theme “Replication of Good Governance Practices” was held in Srinagar on July 01 and 02, 2021. The Conference was organised by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) under the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions in collaboration with Jammu and Kashmir Administration. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- “Replication of Good Governance Practices” – held in Srinagar, J & K
- The Conference was organised by = DARPG + J & K
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha

**59.** On July 2, Dr. Harsh Vardhan has addressed 17<sup>th</sup> World Congress for Cervical Pathology and Colposcopy. Event is being organised for the first time in Asia. The event organised by Indian Society of Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology was inaugurated by Vice President Shri Venkaiah Naidu. The theme of the World congress “Eliminating Cervical Cancer: Call for Action” is aligned to the WHO call for Elimination of Cervical Cancer by 2030. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Dr. Harsh Vardhan addressed – 17<sup>th</sup> World Congress for Cervical Pathology and Colposcopy – hosted by India
- Theme – “Eliminating Cervical Cancer: Call for Action”
- Location of Indian Society of Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology – New Delhi

**60.** On July 2, The Minister of State (I//C) for Culture and Tourism, Shri Prahlad Singh Patel has chaired the 6<sup>th</sup> BRICS Culture Ministers’ Meeting through video conference. The meeting was held under the theme “Bonding and Harmonizing Cultural Synergy”. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Prahlad Singh Patel – chaired the 6<sup>th</sup> BRICS Culture Ministers’ Meeting
- Theme – “Bonding and Harmonizing Cultural Synergy”



## Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

**61.** On July 2, International Monetary Fund Chief Economist Gita Gopinath and NASA Scientist Kamlesh Lulla are among the 34 “Great Immigrants 2021” honourees named by the Carnegie Corporation of New York, a non-profit organisation. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- Gita Gopinath + Kamlesh Lulla = among the 34 “Great Immigrants 2021” honourees – by Carnegie Corp of New York

**62.** On July 3, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal and Information and Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar have congratulated Invest India, which has been awarded the “world’s most Innovative Investment Promotion Agency 2021” by OCO Global. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- Invest India – awarded the “world’s most Innovative Investment Promotion Agency 2021” by OCO Global
- HQs of Invest India – New Delhi | MD & CEO – Deepak Bagla | Established in – 2009

**63.** Odia poet Dr. Rajendra Kishore Panda has been selected for the “Kuvempu Rashtriya Puraskar for 2020”. The award carries a cash award of ₹5 lakh, a silver medal and a citation. The award is given annually to a writer who has contributed in any of the languages recognised by the Constitution of India. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- Rajendra Kishore Panda ([Odia Poet](#)) – selected for the “Kuvempu Rashtriya Puraskar for 2020”

## Appointments & Resignations

**64.** On July 1, Swapan Kumar Gorai has been assigned Additional Charge as Chairman & Managing Director of the KIOCL Ltd (formerly known as Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Ltd). He will succeed M. V. Subba Rao. Swapan was Director (Finance) of KIOCL Ltd. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- Swapan Kumar Gorai – assigned Additional Charge as Chairman & MD of the KIOCL Ltd
- HQs of KIOCL Ltd – Bangalore, Karnataka | Chairman & MD – Swapan Kumar Gorai

**65.** The U.S. State Department announced the appointment of Atul Keshap as Charge D’affaires (CDA) ad interim, in New Delhi, to replace Daniel Smith. Mr. Keshap was formerly the U.S. Ambassador to Sri Lanka and the Maldives. [{Read more}](#)



**Key Points:**

- U.S. State Department – appointed Atul Keshap as Charge D'affaires (CDA) ad interim, in New Delhi
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46<sup>th</sup> President – Joe Biden | 49<sup>th</sup> VP – Kamala Harris

**66.** N. Venudhar Reddy has taken charge as Director General of All India Radio. Currently Working as Principal DG of News Services Division, All India Radio, he was already given additional charge of AIR, upon the approval of the Appointments committee of the cabinet. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- N. Venudhar Reddy – took charge as Director General of All India Radio
- HQs of AIR – New Delhi

**67.** BJP leader Pushkar Singh Dhami, a two-term MLA from Khatima, is elected as the new Chief Minister of Uttarakhand. He replaces Tirath Singh Rawat who resigned recently. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Pushkar Singh Dhami – elected as the new Chief Minister of Uttarakhand (replacing - Tirath Singh Rawat)
- Uttarakhand: Capital – Dehradun & Gairsain | CM – Pushkar Singh Dhami | Governor – Baby Rani Mauryax

**68.** On July 1, Air Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari has taken charge as Vice Chief of the Air Staff, while Lt. Gen. Sanjeev Kumar Sharma assumed office as Deputy Chief of the Army Staff (Strategy). Air Marshal B. R. Krishna took over as the new AOC-in-C of the Western Air Command and Air Marshal P. M. Sinha assumed office as DG Air Operations. Lt. Gen. Sunil Puri Goswami assumed office as the 13<sup>th</sup> DG of Army Air Defence. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Vivek Ram Chaudhari – took charge as Vice Chief of the Air Staff
- Sanjeev Kumar Sharma – took charge as Deputy Chief of the Army Staff (Strategy)
- B. R. Krishna – took charge as new AOC-in-C of the Western Air Command
- P. M. Sinha – took charge as DG Air Operations
- Sunil Puri Goswami– took charge as the 13<sup>th</sup> DG of Army Air Defence

**69.** On July 2, Satish Agnihotri, retired IRSE officer of 1982 batch has taken charge as Managing Director of National High Speed Rail Corporation Ltd (NHSRCL). He was conferred the distinguished Alumnus Award in 2013 by IIT Roorkee. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Satish Agnihotri – took charge as Managing Director of National High Speed Rail Corporation Ltd (NHSRCL)
- HQs of NHSRCL – New Delhi | MD – Satish Agnihotri



## Amount & Agreements

**70.** On July 1, The World Bank has added \$8 billion more for Covid-19 vaccines, totaling \$20 billion, for developing countries over the next 18 months. Further, the Bank also provided over \$4 billion for the purchase and deployment of Covid vaccines for 51 developing countries. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- World Bank – added \$8 billion more for Covid-19 vaccines for developing countries – totaling \$20 billion
- HQs of World Bank – Washington D.C., USA | Member Countries – 189
- President – David Malpass | MD & CFO – Anshula Kant

## Ranks, Reports & Surveys

**71.** On July 2, The World Health Organisation (WHO) has released a first comprehensive report titled “Ethics and Governance of Artificial Intelligence for Health” for the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the healthcare sector. It has been curated by over twenty global experts over the course of two years. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- “Ethics and Governance of Artificial Intelligence for Health” report – released by the WHO
- The report is released for the use of AI in the Healthcare Sector
- HQs of WHO – Geneva, Switzerland | DG – Tedros Adhanom | Member Countries – 194

**72.** The Indian men’s and women’s hockey teams remained unchanged at 4<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> spot respectively in the International Hockey Federation (FIH) rankings. Australia and Netherlands topped in men’s and women’s hockey teams respectively. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- FIH rankings: In men’s hockey teams: India – 4<sup>th</sup> | Topped by – Australia
- In women’s hockey teams: India – 10<sup>th</sup> | Topped by – Netherlands

**73.** On July 1, A new report titled “Global Estimates on International Migrant Workers: Results and Methodology” by the International Labour Organisation (ILO) has highlighted that the number of international migrant workers has risen globally to 169 million in 2019, an increase of 3% since 2017. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- “Global Estimates on International Migrant Workers: Results and Methodology” – released by the ILO
- The number of International Migrant Workers increased globally in 2019 – to 169 million
- HQs of ILO – Geneva, Switzerland | DG – Guy Ryder | Founded in – 1919



**74.** On July 1, As per the “Hydropower Special Market Report - Analysis and forecast to 2030” report, the International Energy Agency (IEA) has expected India to add 26,000 MW (26 GW) of hydropower projects by 2030. Currently, the installed capacity of the 207 hydropower projects running in India is 46,209 MW. Besides, the Global hydropower capacity is expected to increase by 17% or 230 GW by 2030. [{Read more}](#)

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- Currently, the installed capacity of the 207 hydropower projects in India – 46,209 MW
- Global hydropower capacity is expected to increase by – 17% or 230 GW (by 2030)
- HQs of IEA – Paris, France | Executive Director – Dr. Fatih Birol | Member countries – 30

**75.** On July 1, Union Education Minister, Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal ‘Nishank’ has released the “Report on United Information System for Education Plus (UDISE+) 2019-20” which depicts the status of School Education in India. Pupil Teacher Ratio (PTR) has improved at all levels of school education. In 2019-20, the PTR for primary has become 26.5, PTR for upper primary and secondary has become 18.5 and PTR for higher secondary has become 26.1. In 2019-20, only 39% of schools in India had computers, while 22% of schools had internet connection. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

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- Pupil Teacher Ratio (PTR) – improved at all levels of School Education
- In 2019-20: Only 39% of schools in India had Computers | 22% of schools had Internet Connection

**76.** On July 2, Union Minister for Commerce & Industry Piyush Goyal has marked the achievements of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry in Q1 of 2021-22. India has set a target of \$400 billion merchandise exports for 2021-22. The highest ever Merchandise exports of \$95 billion were achieved in Q1 of 2021-22 despite the severity of the second wave of COVID-19. India also aims to achieve \$350 billion Service Sector Exports by 2025. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- The highest ever Merchandise exports achieved in Q1 of 2021-22 – \$95 billion
- India’s target of merchandise exports for 2021-22 – \$400 billion
- India aims to achieve \$350 billion Service Sector Exports by 2025

**77.** On July 2, Women Principal Investigators (PIs) participation in research that received Extramural Research (EMR) support was 28% during 2018-19, as compared to 24% during 2016-17, according to the “Directory of Extramural Research & Development (R&D) Project 2018-19” report released by the Centre for Human and Organisational Resource Development (CHORD), a division of the Department of Science & Technology (DST). [{Read more}](#)





### Key Points:

- “Directory of Extramural Research & Development (R&D) Project 2018-19” report – released by the CHORD
- Women Principal Investigators (PIs) participation in research increased to – 28% in 2018-19 (increase of 4%)

## Acquisitions & Mergers

**78.** On July 3, Edelweiss Financial Services has exited the insurance broking business by selling its entire stake in Edelweiss Gallagher Insurance Brokers Ltd for ₹307.60 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Edelweiss Financial Services – sold its entire stake in Edelweiss Gallagher Insurance Brokers Ltd – for ₹307.60 Cr
- HQs of Edelweiss Financial Services – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Rashesh Shah

## MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

**79.** On July 1, The Arun Jaitley National Institute of Financial Management (AJNIFM) and Microsoft signed an MoU for a strategic partnership to build an AI and emerging technologies Centre of Excellence at AJNIFM. This partnership will focus on capacity building of government officials, skilling them in emerging technologies, like AI and machine learning. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- AJNIFM + Microsoft = a strategic partnership to build an AI & Emerging Technologies Centre of Excellence
- Location of AJNIFM – Faridabad, Haryana
- HQs of Microsoft – Washington, USA | Chairman – Satya Nadella | Founded in – 1975

**80.** On July 2, India’s first operational smart city and International Financial Service Centre (IFSC), GIFT City has collaborated with the BIL Ryerson Technology Startups Incubator Foundation (BRTSIF) to accelerate fintech innovation. BRTSIF is a joint venture among BSE Institute Mumbai, Ryerson University and Simon Fraser University, Canada. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- GIFT City + BRTSIF = to accelerate fintech innovation
- BSE Institute Mumbai + Ryerson University + Simon Fraser University = BRTSIF
- HQs of IFSCA – Gandhinagar, Gujarat | Chairman – Injeti Srinivas



**81.** On July 2, A Memorandum of Association (MoA) was signed between Central Mine Planning & Design Institute (CMPDI) and Central Coalfields Ltd (CCL) for development of Solar Power Projects. This MoA will open a new path for Coal India Ltd (CIL) in becoming a Net Zero Energy company. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- CMPDI + CCL = an MoA for development of Solar Power Projects
- HQs of CMPDI – Ranchi, Jharkhand | MD & Chairman – Manoj Kumar
- HQs of CCL – Ranchi, Jharkhand | CMD – P. M. Prasad

**82.** On July 3, The Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) has signed an MoU with logistics service provider Aramex India to support micro, small and medium enterprise (MSME) exporters in India. Aramex will provide preferential pricing to FIEO members, as well as access to online services for cross-border express shipments. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- FIEO + Aramex India = an MoU to support MSME exporters in India
- HQs of FIEO – New Delhi | President – A. Sakthivel

**83.** On July 3, The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) has signed a 5-year MoU with Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) to train the manpower of the force in advanced technologies and undertake joint projects. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- CRPF + C-DAC = an MoU to train the manpower of the force in advanced technologies
- HQs of CRPF – New Delhi | DG – Kuldip Singh | Formed – 1939 | Motto – Service & Loyalty
- ‘C-DAC’ functions under – Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY)
- HQs of C-DAC – Pune, Maharashtra | Senior Director – Mahesh Kulkarni

## **Books & Authors**

**84.** On July 1, HarperCollins has announced the release of “The Struggle Within: A Memoir of the Emergency” by Ashok Chakravarti. The book describes about the Emergency (1975-1977) which was one of independent India’s darkest hours. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- “The Struggle Within: A Memoir of the Emergency” book – authored by Ashok Chakravarti
- Publisher – HarperCollins



**85.** On July 1, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has released a book “Janaksuta Sut Shaurya” penned by Dr Gauri Shankar Sharma. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- “Janaksuta Sut Shaurya” book – authored by Gauri Shankar Sharma (released by - Shivraj Singh Chouhan)

**86.** On July 1, A book titled “Nathuram Godse: The True Story of Gandhi’s Assassin” written by Mumbai-based journalist Dhaval Kulkarni. It will be published by Pan Macmillan India in 2022. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- “Nathuram Godse: The True Story of Gandhi’s Assassin” – authored Dhaval Kulkarni
- Publisher – Pan Macmillan India

**87.** A new book titled “Policymaker’s Journal: From New Delhi to Washington D.C. (Simon and Schuster India)” authored by Kaushik Basu, is a diary covering two spells in policy realms. He joined the Ministry of Finance in India for 3 years as Chief Economic Adviser (CEA) starting in 2009. From there he moved to the World Bank as chief economist (and senior vice president) during 2012-16. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- “Policymaker’s Journal: From New Delhi to Washington D.C.” book – authored by Kaushik Basu

**88.** On July 3, a new children’s book titled “India To The Rescue” has been authored by Journalist Sushant Singh and writer Shruthi Rao. The book features the rescue operation “Operation Cactus” related to Maldives crisis in 1988. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- “India To The Rescue” book – authored by Sushant Singh & Shruthi Rao

## **Obituaries**

**89.** On July 1, Filmmaker Raj Kaushal passed away due to a heart attack. He was 49. He made movies such as Pyaar Mein Kabhie Kabhie (1999), Shaadi Ka Ladoo (2004) and Anthony Kaun Hai (2006). [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Raj Kaushal – a Hindi Filmmaker – passed away

**90.** On July 1, Former international footballer M. Prasannan passed away in Mumbai. He was 73. Prasannan was part of the Indian team coached by P. K. Banerjee and captained by Inder Singh in the Merdeka Cup in 1973. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- M. Prasannan – Former International Footballer – passed away



**91.** On July 1, Donald Rumsfeld, former U. S. Defense Secretary has passed away at the age of 88. Mr. Rumsfeld was Defense Secretary during 1975-1977, during the Gerald Ford administration, and then in the George W. Bush administration, during 2001-2006. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Donald Rumsfeld – former U. S. Defense Secretary – passed away

## **Person in News**

**92.** On July 3, Google has shared a doodle celebrating birth anniversary of German-born, British neurologist Professor Sir Ludwig Guttman. Known as the “Founder of the Paralympic movement”, this year marks his 112<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- July 3 – 112<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of German-British Neurologist “Sir Ludwig Guttman” (Google shared a doodle)
- Sir Ludwig Guttman – known as the “Founder of the Paralympic movement”



## **Science & Technology**

**93.** On July 1, Researchers have discovered a new genus and two new species of land mollusc (snail) - “Varadia amboliensis” & “Snail of Sahyadri” in the northern Western Ghats, from Amboli village in Sindhudurg district of Maharashtra. The discovery was published in the European Journal of Taxonomy. ‘Perrottetia Rajeshgopali’, the newest chronicled member of the global snail family, is named after one of India’s top tiger conservationists - Rajesh Gopal (Secretary-General of the Global Tiger Forum). [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Researchers discovered two new species of land mollusc (snail) - “Varadia amboliensis” & “Snail of Sahyadri”
- They were discovered in northern Western Ghats (Sindhudurg, Maharashtra) | ‘Perrottetia Rajeshgopali’ – a snail
- Rajesh Gopal – Secretary General of the Global Tiger Forum (HQs – New Delhi)
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

**94.** On July 1, OneWeb has launched 36 satellites into orbit by Soyuz rocket from the Soyuz launch complex in Vostochny Cosmodrome, a Russian spaceport. With this, OneWeb will achieve its ‘Five to 50’ goal. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- OneWeb launched 36 satellites into orbit by Soyuz rocket – from Siberia, Russia
- HQs of OneWeb – London, UK | CEO – Adrian Steckel | Executive Chairman – Sunil Bharti Mittal
- OneWeb – co-owned by Bharti Global & the UK



**95.** On July 1, A teacher-student duo in Trichy, Tamil Nadu has discovered 3 new asteroids as part of an International Astronomical Search Collaboration (IASC) Citizen Science Programme, organised by the NASA. The three asteroids identified by them have been temporarily named BBM2101, BBM2102 and BBM2103. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Teacher-student from TN – discovered 3 new asteroids as part of “IASC Citizen Science Programme” – by NASA
- 3 asteroids: BBM2101, BBM2102 & BBM2103
- [Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit](#)

**96.** On July 1, Richard Branson’s Virgin Orbit has delivered 7 satellites into space from 3 countries (US, Netherlands & Poland). It is Virgin's second successful rocket launch using its modified Boeing 747 aircraft. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Virgin Orbit – delivered 7 satellites into space from 3 countries (US, Netherlands & Poland)
- [HQs of Virgin Orbit – California, USA | President & CEO – Dan Hart | Founder – Richard Branson](#)

**97.** Grene Robotics has developed an indigenous autonomous drone defence dome called “Indrajaal”. Indrajaal is capable of protecting a large area of 1,000-2,000 sq km per system against threats. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Grene Robotics – developed an indigenous autonomous drone defence dome called “Indrajaal”
- [HQs of Grene Robotics – Hyderabad, Telangana | CEO – Kiran Raju](#)

**98.** The Department of Space (DoS) has recently launched its draft “National Space Transportation Policy 2020”. The draft policy allows Indian Private Companies to establish and operate rocket launch sites. Indian National Space Promotion & Authorization Center (IN-SPACe) is the nodal agency for all approvals related to this. The ISRO is working on green fuel through hydrogen peroxide in its rocket that would take Indians into space under its ‘Gaganyaan’ mission. ISRO has also developed “ISROSENE”, which is a rocket-grade version of kerosene as an alternative to conventional hydrazine rocket fuel. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Department of Space – recently launched its draft “National Space Transportation Policy 2020”
- ISRO is working on Green Fuel in its rocket to take Indians into space under its ‘Gaganyaan’ mission
- ISRO also developed “ISROSENE” - a rocket-grade version of kerosene
- [HQs of ISRO – Bengaluru, Karnataka | Director – Kailasavadivoo Sivan | Formed in – 1969](#)



**99.** Sirisha Bandla has become the second Indian-born woman to fly into space. She was one of the five people alongside Virgin Galactic's billionaire founder Richard Branson to travel to space. Bandla will be the 4<sup>th</sup> Indian-origin person to fly to space. [{Read more}](#)

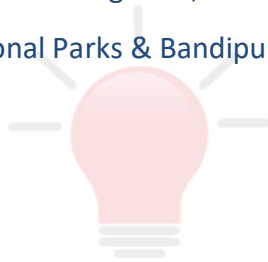
**Key Points:**

- Sirisha Bandla – became the 2<sup>nd</sup> Indian-born woman to fly into space after Kalpana Chawla (4<sup>th</sup> Indian-origin person)
- Sirisha Bandla was one of the five people in Virgin Galactic's 4<sup>th</sup> crewed test space flight
- HQs of Virgin Galactic – Mojave, California, US | CEO – Michael Colglazier

**100.** On July 3, The researchers used their field data from 2009-2014 based on observations made at Karnataka's Nagarhole and Bandipur National Parks, and found that the social structure of Asian elephants differs from that of African elephants. The studies were conducted by the members of the Evolutionary and Integrative Biology Unit of the Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR), Bengaluru. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- According to Researchers: The social structure of Asian elephants differs from that of African elephants
- Location of JNCASR – Bengaluru, Karnataka
- Nagarhole National Parks & Bandipur National Park – located in Karnataka



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