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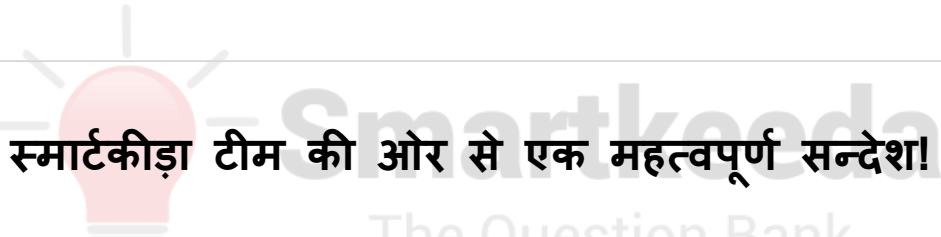
Hi Folks! We hope you all are doing well. We would like to state here that this PDF is meant for preparing for the upcoming MockDrill Test of July 2021 Month at Testzone. In this Current Affairs PDF we have added all the important Current Affairs information in form of 'Key-points' which are crucial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

हम आशा करते हैं की आप इस PDF का भरपूर लाभ उठाते हुए आने वाले MockDrill Test में बेहतर अंक प्राप्त करेंगे।

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National & States Affairs

101. Indian Oil Corp has made its first purchase of Guyana's Liza light sweet crude. India, the world's third biggest oil importer and consumer, ships in more than 80% of its oil needs from overseas and relies heavily on the Middle East. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian Oil Corp – became India's 1st Public sector refinery to buy crude oil from Guyana's Liza light sweet crude
- Guyana – Georgetown – Guyanese Dollar | President – Irfaan Ali
- HQs of IOCL – New Delhi | Chairperson – Shrikant Madhav Vaidya | Founded in – 1959

102. On July 5, The SEBI has imposed penalties of Rs 26 Cr on IL&FS Securities Services Ltd (IISL) and Rs 3 Cr on Allied Financial Services Pvt Ltd (AFSPL) for lapses in connection with alleged fraudulent transfer of mutual fund units of three companies. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SEBI imposed penalties of Rs 26 Cr on IL&FS & Rs 3 Cr on AFSPL – for fraudulent transfer of MFs from client's a/c
- HQs of SEBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Ajay Tyagi | Established in – 1992
- HQs of IISL – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Priya Shetty

103. On July 5, PM Narendra Modi has addressed the "CoWin Global Conclave 2021" as India offered CoWIN platform as a digital public good to the world to combat COVID19. India will offer an open-source version of CoWIN app to Global forum. The Conclave was jointly organized by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, National Health Authority (NHA) and Ministry of External Affairs. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Modi addressed the "CoWin Global Conclave 2021"
- Conclave was organized by = Ministry of Health & Family Welfare + NHA + Ministry of External Affairs
- India – offered "CoWIN platform" as a digital public good to the world to combat COVID19

104. On July 1, Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has introduced a Financial Literacy Textbook for students of Class VI. As per the release, National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has curated the book. This book will be used for a newly introduced elective subject 'Financial Literacy'. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CBSE introduced a 'Financial Literacy Textbook' for students of Class VI (NPCI curated the book)
- HQs of CBSE – New Delhi | Chairman – Manoj Ahuja | Formed in – 1962
- HQs of NPCI – Mumbai | Chairman – Biswamohan Mahapatra | MD&CEO – Dilip Asbe | Established in – 2008



105. Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) has concluded the first fintech cohort of “AIM-iLEAP” as major step to accelerate Tech Start-ups across India. It was organised AIM (NITI Aayog) in partnership with Startup Reseau and Visa. The objective of the AIM-iLEAP program is to invite technology start-ups across a broad range of functions. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The first fintech cohort of “AIM-iLEAP” organised by = AIM + Startup Reseau + Visa
- AIM – a flagship of NITI Aayog (HQs of AIM – New Delhi | Director – Chintan Vaishnav)
- HQs of Startup Reseau – Mumbai, MH | CEO – Ajay Ramasubramaniam
- HQs of Visa – Foster City, California | CEO – Alfred F. Kelly | Founded in – 1958

106. The 52nd edition of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) will be held in Goa on November 20, 2021, as per the announcement by the Information and Broadcasting Ministry. The Directorate of Film Festivals will organise the mega event in a hybrid format, virtual and physical, in collaboration with the Goa government and the Indian Film Industry. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 52nd edition of the International Film Festival of India – to be held in “Goa” from November 20 to 28
- Goa: Capital – Panaji | CM – Pramod Sawant | Governor – P. S. Sreedharan Pillai

107. On July 6, The Manipur-based insurgent group, Kuki Revolutionary Army (KRA), has announced Cash Rewards to the first 3 villages in Kangpokpi district that achieve the target of fully vaccinating their population against coronavirus. The first fully vaccinated village will be given Rs 1 lakh, the second Rs 60,000 and third Rs 40,000. Earlier, Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh had announced a reward of Rs 20 lakh to the first fully vaccinated assembly constituency in the state. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kuki Revolutionary Army (Manipur) – announced Cash Rewards to fully vaccinated villages
- Rewards: Rs 1 lakh – for the 1st | Rs 60,000 – for the 2nd | Rs 40,000 – for the 3rd
- Manipur: Capital – Imphal | CM – N. Biren Singh | Governor – Najma Heptulla

108. On July 5, The Supreme Court has issued a notice to the Centre on the use of ‘Section 66A’ of the IT Act that was scrapped in 2015. The plea is based on data collated by the Internet Freedom Foundation, which has been tracking cases under the ‘Zombie provisions’. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The SC issued a notice to the Centre on the use of ‘Section 66A’ of the IT Act that was scrapped in 2015
- Present Chief of Justice of the Supreme Court of India – Justice N. V. Ramana (48th)



109. Jammu and Kashmir administration has put an end to 149-year-old tradition known as the “Darbar Move”. The Darbar Move was a biannual practice in which the government functions for 6 months each in the two capitals of Srinagar and Jammu. This tradition was started by Maharaja Ranbir Singh in 1872. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- J & K administration – put an end to 149-year-old tradition known as the “Darbar Move”
- This tradition was started by Maharaja Ranbir Singh – in 1872
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha

110. On July 3, Uttar Pradesh government is planning to establish “Health ATMs” to provide better health facilities to the people in state. Through most advance health ATMs machines people would be able to get measured their Body Mass Index, Blood Pressure, Metabolic Age, Body Fat, Hydration, Pulse Rate, Height, Mussel Mass, Body Temperature, Weight and Oxygen level parameters. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Uttar Pradesh – to establish “Health ATMs” to provide better health facilities to the people
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

111. On July 6, The Delhi Metro Railway Corporation in partnership with National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has launched India’s 1st FASTag/UPI-based cashless Parking Facility at Kashmere Gate metro station in the national capital. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Delhi Metro + NPCI = launched India’s 1st FASTag/UPI-based cashless Parking Facility – at Kashmere Gate, Delhi
- HQs of NPCI – Mumbai | Chairman – Biswamohan Mahapatra | MD&CEO – Dilip Asbe | Established in – 2008

112. On July 5, Minister of Ayush Shri Kiren Rijiju has launched 5 Important Portals - CTRI, AMAR, CCRAS-RMIS, SAHI and e-Medha on Ayush sector. He also released 4 publications related to the Traditional Indian Medicine System. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kiren Rijiju – launched 5 Important Portals - CTRI, AMAR, CCRAS-RMIS, SAHI & e-Medha
 - CTRI – Clinical Trial Registry of India
 - AMAR – Ayush Manuscripts Advanced Repository
 - CCRAS-RMIS – CCRAS-Research Management Information System
 - SAHI – Showcase of Ayurveda Historical Imprints
 - e-Medha – electronic-Medical Heritage Accession
- Kiren Rijiju – also launched 4 publications related to the Traditional Indian Medicine System



113. On July 6, The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has set up a 9-member panel to suggest measures to design an Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) that aims to curb monopolistic tendencies of e-commerce platforms. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- DPIIT set up a 9-member panel to suggest measures to design an Open Network For Digital Commerce (ONDC)
- DPIIT works under – Ministry of Commerce & Industry (Piyush Goyal – Maharashtra)
- HQs of DPIIT – New Delhi

114. On July 5, The Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI) has signed an agreement with the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) to safeguard consumers against misleading claims in food and beverage (F&B) advertisements. It will also set up a 3-member expert panel to evaluate F&B advertising identified by the ASCI monitoring team. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ASCI + FSSAI = to safeguard consumers against misleading claims in food and beverage (F&B) advertisements
- HQs of ASCI – Mumbai, MH | Chairman – Subhash Kamath | General Secretary – Manisha Kapoor
- HQs of FSSAI – New Delhi | Chairperson – Rita Teatota | CEO – Shri Arun Singhal

115. On July 5, The National Commodity Derivatives Exchange (NCDEX) has launched two agriculture-focused commodity indices “NCDEX Guarex” and “NCDEX Soydex”. Guarex will track price movement in the futures contracts of its underlying Guar Seed and Guar Gum Refined Splits on a real-time basis. Similarly, Soydex will follow the price changes in futures contracts of Soybean and Refined Soy Oil. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NCDEX – launched two agriculture-focused commodity indices “Guarex” & “Soydex”
- HQs of NCDEX – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Arun Raste

116. On July 2, Maharashtra has become the 5th Indian state after Chhattisgarh, Jammu & Kashmir, Telangana and West Bengal to join the Under2 Coalition, which brings together 125 states from across the globe to combat climate change. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Maharashtra – became the 5th Indian state to join “Under2 Coalition” | after Chhattisgarh, J&K, Telangana & WB
- “Under2 Coalition” – brings together 125 states from across the globe to combat Climate Change

117. On July 5, Indian government has decided to set up two additional Drug Testing Laboratories in Hyderabad and Pune to facilitate expedited testing, along with the pre-release certification of the vaccines. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:



- Indian government will set up two additional Drug Testing Laboratories – in Hyderabad & Pune

118. On July 6, Karnataka's first and India's second, 'school of mining' will come up in Ballari to offer training in management of mines (for owners) and technical skills (for workers). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Karnataka's 1st & India's 2nd 'school of mining' will come up in – Ballari
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – BS Yediyurappa | Governor – Thaawarchand Gehlot

119. On July 6, The Odisha State Co-operative Handicrafts Corporation Ltd has filed an application seeking Geographical Indication (GI) tag for the famous Cuttack's "Silver Filigree" (Chandi Tarakasi). The applicants have pointed out that silver filigree as a craft has been linked to Cuttack as far back as the reign of Anangabhimadeva III in the early 13th Century. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Silver Filigree (Chandi Tarakasi) of Cuttack, Odisha – seeking GI tag
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

120. On July 3, Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has given its nod to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Education to provide technical assistance for satellite TV classrooms in India to bridge the learning gap due to COVID-induced lockdown. The panel is led by Vinay Sahastrabudde. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ISRO – gave its nod to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Education – led by Vinay Sahastrabudde
- HQs of ISRO – Bengaluru, Karnataka | Director – Kailasavadivoo Sivan | Formed in – 1969

121. On July 6, Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has launched a fellowship programme titled "Lieutenant Governor's Sustainable Development Fellowship (LGSDF)" for engineering, management and other graduates. Under the programme, 10 scholars and graduates from IIT Jammu, IIM Jammu, NIT Srinagar, and other national institutes shall be selected every year. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- J & K – launched a fellowship programme titled "Lieutenant Governor's Sustainable Development Fellowship (LGSDF)"
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha

122. On July 7, Union Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Minister Giriraj Singh has launched a mobile app "Matsya Setu" to disseminate the latest freshwater aquaculture technologies to India's aqua farmers. The app has been developed by the ICAR-Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture (ICAR-CIFA), Bhubaneswar, with the funding support of the National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB), Hyderabad. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Giriraj Singh launched a mobile app “Matsya Setu” for Indian Aqua Farmers
- The app is developed by – ICAR-CIFA (Bhubaneswar, Odisha) | Funding support from – NFDB (Hyderabad)
- Shri Giriraj Singh – Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying (Begusarai, Bihar)

123. On July 1, PVSLN Murty has joined as the new Chairman & Managing Director of North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd (NEDFi). Prior to joining NEDFi, Murty was posted as Chief Strategy Officer at SBI. [{Read more}](#)

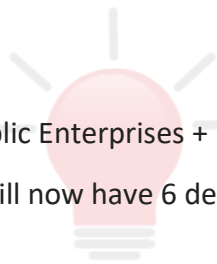
Key Points:

- PVSLN Murty – joined as the new Chairman & MD of North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd (NEDFi)
- HQs of NEDFi – Guwahati, Assam | Chairman & MD – PVSLN Murty

124. On July 7, The government has merged the Department of Public Enterprises (DPE) with the Finance Ministry to give it a better control over state-owned firms. Finance Ministry will now have 6 departments. Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises will now be called the ‘Ministry of Heavy Industries’. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Department of Public Enterprises + Finance Ministry = merger for better control
- Finance Ministry will now have 6 departments



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125. On July 7, The Union government has created a new Ministry of Cooperation to provide a separate administrative, legal and policy framework for strengthening the cooperative movement in India. This new ministry has been created for realizing the vision of ‘Sahkar se Samridhhi’. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Government created a new “Ministry of Cooperation” to provide separate administrative, legal & policy framework
- Vision: ‘Sahkar se Samridhhi’

126. On July 7, A first commercial shipment of ‘Mishri’ variety of cherries from Kashmir valley has been exported to Dubai from Srinagar. Jammu and Kashmir produce more than 95% of India’s commercial varieties of cherries, including Double, Makhmali, Mishri and Italy. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ‘Mishri’ a variety of cherry from Kashmir – exported to Dubai
- Varieties of Cherry: Double, Makhmali, Mishri & Italy
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha



127. On July 6, Indian Army has named one of its military firing ranges after Vidya Balan as a way to recognise her contribution to cinema. She was recently invited to join the board of the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences. The Vidya Balan Firing Range is located in Gulmarg, Kashmir. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian Army – named one of its military firing ranges after ‘Vidya Balan’
- Vidya Balan Firing Range is located in – Gulmarg, Kashmir

128. On July 3, A Model Anti-Rabies Clinic (Animal Bite Clinic) has been made operational in Government Medical College, Doda in Jammu & Kashmir for prevention and management under National Programme for Rabies Control (NRCP). The aim of this Model Anti-Rabies Clinic is to ensure zero deaths due to Rabies by 2030. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Model Anti-Rabies Clinic (Animal Bite Clinic) – made operational in Doda, J & K under “NRCP”
- Aim: To ensure Zero deaths due to Rabies by 2030
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha

129. On July 6, Health Ministry has launched “COVID GuruKool”, an informational video series on its social media platforms. It is aimed at disseminating authentic information on COVID-19 pandemic and its vaccination program. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Health Ministry launched an informational video series “COVID GuruKool” on its social media platforms
- Ministry of Health and Family Welfare – Dr. Harsh Vardhan (Constituency – Chandni Chowk, Delhi)

130. The 8.5 km all-weather Hi-tech tunnel connecting Qazigund and Banihal in Jammu & Kashmir is expected to open for public this year. The tunnel was built at a cost of Rs 2,100 Cr. Work on the project was started in June 2011. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 8.5 km all-weather Hi-tech tunnel connecting Qazigund & Banihal in J & K – to open for public this year
- Work on this tunnel project was started – in June, 2011
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha

131. On July 7, Jammu and Kashmir, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has launched the Web Portal of Electrical Inspection Wing at Jammu. A time-bound procedure has also been established wherein approval/denial shall be conveyed to the applicant through the website within 12 days. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- J & K – launched a Web Portal of Electrical Inspection Wing at Jammu
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha



International Affairs

132. Army Chief Gen. Manoj Naravane has inaugurated an “Indian Army Memorial” in Italy during an official visit to U.K. and Italy from July 5 to 8. Italy has pushed for a central role for India in the European Union’s Indo-Pacific Initiative. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Manoj Naravane – inaugurated an “Indian Army Memorial” in Italy
- Italy – Rome – Euro | President – Sergio Mattarella | PM – Mario Draghi
- HQs of Indian Army – New Delhi | Chief – Gen. Manoj Mukund Naravane | Vice Chief – Chandi Prasad Mohanty

133. On July 1, Turkey has exited from Istanbul Convention on Violence against Women. It’s a landmark international treaty signed by 45 countries and the European Union in May 2011 to prevent and prosecute violence against women. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Turkey – exited from “Istanbul Convention” on Violence against Women (Treaty was negotiated in 2011)
- Turkey – Ankara – Lira | President – Recep Tayyip Erdogan

134. On July 2, India has started work on building “Mega ISRO Ground Station” for ASEAN countries in Vietnam. The estimated cost of the project is 86 billion Vietnamese dollars and work is expected to be completed in 18 months. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India started work on building “Mega ISRO Ground Station” for ASEAN countries in Vietnam
- Vietnam – Hanoi – Vietnamese dong | PM – Pham Minh Chinh | President – Nguyen Xuan Phuc
- HQs of ISRO – Bengaluru, Karnataka | Director – Kailasavadivoo Sivan | Formed in – 1969

Banking & Economic Affairs

135. On July 5, Paytm in partnership with Aditya Birla Finance Ltd (ABFL), has launched “Postpaid Mini”, an extension of its “Buy Now, Pay Later” service, to drive affordability amongst those new to credit. With this service, Paytm Postpaid is offering a period of up to 30 days for repayment of loans at 0% interest. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Paytm + Aditya Birla Finance Ltd = launched “Postpaid Mini” a small-ticket instant loans service
- HQs of Paytm – Noida, Uttar Pradesh | CEO – Vijay Sekhar Sharma
- HQs of ABFL – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Rakesh Singh



136. On July 4, SIDBI has rolled out multiple measures to further support small businesses in India. The SIDBI has lowered the interest rate for its existing customers of Timely Working Capital Assistance to Revitalise Industries in Times of Corona Crisis (TWARIT) scheme under ECLGS from 8.25% to 6%. The scheme provides a working capital loan of maximum Rs 25 Cr at 6%. SIDBI is also considering launching a Swavalamban Challenge Fund and a Swavalamban Facilitation Center under its “PRAYAAS” scheme. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SIDBI lowered the interest rate for its existing customers of “TWARIT” scheme under ECLGS – to 6% (from 8.25%)
- The scheme provides a working capital loan of maximum Rs 25 Cr at 6%
- SIDBI – will also launch Swavalamban Challenge Fund & Swavalamban Facilitation Center
- HQs of SIDBI – Lucknow, UP | MD & Chairman – Sivasubramanian Ramann | Established in – 1990

137. On July 6, HDFC Bank has partnered with Creditas Solutions to offer a guided and customised Debt Management Solution for its loan and credit card customers. The platform’s robust technology architecture is fully compliant on data security and customer privacy norms. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- HDFC Bank + Creditas Solutions = to offer a guided and customised Debt Management Solution
- HQs of HDFC Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Sashidhar Jagdishan | Tagline – “We understand your world”
- HQs of Creditas Solutions – Gurugram, Haryana

138. On July 6, FlexiLoans has collaborated with Google Pay to offer fast and flexible loans to their merchant base. FlexiLoans is aiming at disbursing loans to over 50,000 small businesses in the next 12 months from this collaboration. FlexiLoans is the first lender to go live on the Google Pay platform. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- FlexiLoans + Google Pay = to offer fast & flexible loans to their merchant base
- HQs of FlexiLoans – Mumbai, MH | CEO – Manish Lunia
- HQs of Google – California, US | CEO – Sundar Pichai | Founded in – 1998

139. On July 6, To cater to Indian students gearing up for admissions in the U.S., Aeldra Financial Inc., a Silicon-valley based pioneering ‘digital neo bank’, is offering a unique U.S. bank account with a Mastercard Global Debit Card that can be opened and operated from India, even before students get an F-1 visa. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Aeldra Financial Inc + Mastercard = to allow Indian Students to open a Free Bank account in the US
- HQs of Aeldra Financial Inc. – California, US | CEO – Sukeert Shanker
- HQs of Mastercard – New York, US | CEO – Michael Miebach | Founded in – 1966



140. On July 2, Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) has become the second most-valued listed public sector bank (PSB) with a market capitalisation of over Rs 51,887 Cr surpassing its peers Punjab National Bank (PNB) which was valued at Rs 46,356 Cr. While State Bank of India (SBI) remains the most-valued PSB of India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian Overseas Bank – became the 2nd most-valued PSB with m-cap of Rs 51,887 Cr (1st – SBI | 3rd – PNB)
- HQs of IOB – Chennai, TN | MD & CEO – Partha Pratim Sengupta | Tagline – “Good people to grow with”

141. On July 6, The RBI has launched the 54th round of its quarterly “Order Books, Inventories and Capacity Utilisation Survey (OBICUS)” of the manufacturing sector for Q1 FY22. The RBI has been conducting the OBICUS since 2008. Its results are used in monetary policy formulation. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI launched the 54th “Order Books, Inventories & Capacity Utilisation Survey (OBICUS)” of the ‘manufacturing sector’
- RBI has been conducting the OBICUS – since 2008
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April 1935

142. On July 8, Razorpay has partnered with Mastercard to launch “MandateHQ”, a new recurring payment interface that will help banks comply with the new RBI guidelines on recurring payments. Banks can adopt this MandateHQ solution in as little as 7 days. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Razorpay + Mastercard = partnership to launch a new recurring payment interface “MandateHQ”
- HQs of Razorpay – Bengaluru, Karnataka | CEO – Harshil Mathur
- HQs of Mastercard – New York, US | CEO – Michael Miebach | Founded in – 1966

143. On July 8, Drip Capital has partnered SBM Bank India to offer trade financing solutions customized for small and medium-sized exporters in India. Under to this partnership, MSME exporters will be able to avail collateral-free working capital at competitive rates. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Drip Capital + SBM Bank India = partnership to offer trade financing solutions customized for MSME exporters
- HQs of Drip Capital – California, US | CEO – Pushkar Mukewar

144. On July 7, Bajaj Allianz General Insurance and Bank of India have entered into a corporate agency agreement to make available a range of insurance products to the bank’s customers. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bajaj Allianz General Insurance + Bank of India = corporate agency agreement
- HQs of Bajaj Allianz Life – Pune, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Tarun Chugh
- HQs of BOI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Shri Atanu Kumar Das



145. On July 5, The RBI has amended the rules regarding how banks will pay interest on overdue, unclaimed fixed deposits (FDs). RBI made this amendment to section 9 (b) of the “Master Direction - Reserve Bank of India (Interest Rate on Deposits) Directions, 2016”, that governs the way interest is paid by banks on these FDs. If a Term Deposit (TD) matures and proceeds are unpaid, the amount left unclaimed with the bank shall attract rate of interest as applicable to savings account or the contracted rate of interest on the matured TD. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI amended the rules regarding how banks will pay interest on overdue unclaimed FDs
- RBI made this amendment to section 9 (b) of “Master Direction - RBI (Interest Rate on Deposits) Directions, 2016”
- Interest Rate of savings a/c or Contracted Interest rate on the matured TD – set by RBI for unclaimed TDs
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April 1935

146. On July 6, FREO, India’s Neobank, formerly known as MoneyTap, has partnered with HDB Financial Services (HDBFS) to provide customers with two innovative credit products: “Credit Line” and “High-ticket Personal Loan” across multiple cities in India. Under “High-ticket Personal Loan”, personal loans are provided up-to Rs 10 lakh. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- FREO or MoneyTap + HDB Financial Services = to provide “Credit Line” & “High-ticket Personal Loan” to customers
- HQs of MoneyTap – Bangalore, Karnataka | CEO – Bala Parthasarathy
- HQs of HDB Financial Services – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD – Ramesh G.

Defence Affairs

147. On July 3, Indian Army has inducted the first production lot of 12 Short Span Bridging System (SSBS)-10m, designed and developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) in association with Larsen & Toubro Limited. The fully decked roadway will ensure faster movement of troops. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian Army inducted the 1st production lot of 12 Short Span Bridging System (SSBS)-10m
- It is designed and developed by = DRDO + Larsen & Toubro
- HQs of Indian Army – New Delhi | Chief – Gen. Manoj Mukund Naravane | Vice Chief – S K Saini
- HQs of DRDO – New Delhi | Chairman – G. Satheesh Reddy | Established in – 1958
- HQs L&T – Mumbai, MH | CEO – S. N. Subrahmanyam



Schemes & Initiatives

148. On July 2, Sun Pharmaceutical Industries unveiled a special initiative called “Sunkalp” of pledging Rs 100 Cr for the welfare of doctors, their families, and the medical community. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sun Pharmaceutical – launched a special initiative called “Sunkalp” for the welfare of doctors (pledging Rs 100 Cr)
- HQs of Sun Pharmaceutical – Goregaon, Mumbai, MH | Chairman – Israel Makov | MD – Dilip Shanghvi

Sports & Games

149. India has won 4 Medals (1 Gold, 1 Silver & 2 Bronze) and stood at the 10th in the ISSF World Cup 2021. India’s Rahi Sarnobat won Gold medal in women’s 25 metres Pistol Event. The list was topped by Russia followed by Italy & Germany. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “ISSF World Cup 2021” – topped by Russia | India – 10th (total 4 medals - 1 Gold, 1 Silver & 2 Bronze)
- Rahi Sarnobat – won Gold medal in women’s 25 metres Pistol Event
- HQs of ISSF – Munich, Germany | President – Vladimir Lisin

150. On July 4, Red Bull’s Max Verstappen has won the “Austrian Grand Prix” to consolidate his world championship lead over Lewis Hamilton who came in fourth. It was his 3rd consecutive win and 5th win in 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Max Verstappen – won the “Austrian Grand Prix” (3rd consecutive win)
- Max Verstappen (Belgian-Dutch) – Red Bull team

151. On July 3, The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has given a financial grant of Rs. 100 Cr to the Rajasthan Cricket Association (RCA) to build India’s 2nd largest & world’s 3rd largest Cricket Stadium in Jaipur. There will be 40,000 spectator capacity in the first phase. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- BCCI granted Rs 100 Cr to build India’s 2nd largest & world’s 3rd largest Cricket Stadium – in Jaipur, Rajasthan
- Spectator capacity – 40,000 | World’s biggest Motera Stadium (Narendra Modi Stadium) – in Gujarat
- Rajasthan: Capital – Jaipur | CM – Ashok Gehlot | Governor – Kalraj Mishra
- HQs of BCCI – Mumbai, MH | Chairman – Sourav Ganguly | Secretary – Jay Shah | Founded in – 1928



152. Germany midfielder Toni Kroos has announced his retirement from international football after his team's exit from the European Championship. The 2014 World Cup winner, Toni has earned 106 caps for Germany, contributing 17 goals and 19 assists. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Toni Kroos ([Germany](#)) – retirement from International Football
- [Germany](#) – Berlin – Euro | President – Frank-Walter Steinmeier

153. Norway's Karsten Warholm has broken Kevin Young's 29-year-old 400m hurdles world record when he completed the race in 46.70 seconds. Warholm beat 1992 Olympic champion Young's mark of 46.78 seconds. [{Read more}](#)

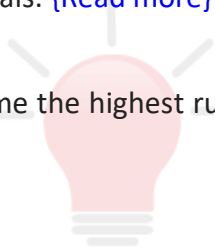
Key Points:

- Karsten Warholm – broke Kevin Young's 29-year-old 400m hurdles world record
- Karsten Warholm ([Norway](#)) - 46.70 seconds | Kevin Young ([US](#)) - 46.78 seconds

154. On July 3, India captain Mithali Raj has become the highest run-getter in women's cricket across formats, overtaking former England skipper Charlotte Edwards. Mithali now became the world's most prolific batter in women's internationals. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mithali Raj – became the highest run-getter in women's cricket across formats (overtook England's Charlotte Edwards)



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155. MC Mary Kom, the six-time world boxing champion, and Manpreet Singh, the men's hockey team skipper, will be India's flag-bearers at the opening ceremony of the Tokyo Olympics. Bajrang Punia, a silver medallist at the 2018 World Wrestling Championships, will be the flag-bearer at the closing ceremony on August 8. The contingent comprises 56% male and 44% female athletes. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MC Mary Kom + Manpreet Singh = will be India's flag-bearers at the opening ceremony of the Tokyo Olympics
- Bajrang Punia – will be the flag-bearer at the closing ceremony on August 8

156. On July 5, World No. 9 Harika Dronavalli has finished runner-up in online Women's Speed Chess Championship after losing to China's Hou Yifan. Now, she is travelling to Russia for the World Cup. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Harika Dronavalli – finished runner-up (2nd) in online Women's Speed Chess Championship
- [Harika Dronavalli – World No. 9 Chess Player](#)



157. On July 6, Asian Football Confederation has changed the venue of “AFC Women’s Asian Cup 2022” from Bhubaneswar and Ahmedabad to now Mumbai and Pune from January 20 to February 6. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Venue of “AFC Women’s Asian Cup 2022” from January 20 to February 6 – Mumbai & Pune
- HQs of AFC – Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia | President – Salman Bin Ibrahim Al-Khalifa

158. On July 5, The ICC Anti-Corruption Tribunal has found former Sri Lanka Cricket performance analyst Sanath Jayasundara guilty of breaching the ICC Anti-Corruption Code. Jayasundara has been banned from all forms of Cricket for 7 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sanath Jayasundara – Sri Lanka Cricket performance analyst – banned for 7 years by the ICC Anti-Corruption Tribunal
- HQs of ICC – Dubai, UAE | Chairman – Greg Barclay | CEO – Manu Sawhney

Important Days & Dates

159. “International Fruit Day” is observed on July 1 every year. First time, the International Fruit Day was commemorated on July 1, 2007 at the Mauerpark in Berlin, Germany. United Nations also announced 2021 as “International Year of Fruits and Vegetables”. United Nations has declared ‘Watermelon’ as the “Fruit of The Year 2021” with the motto to “Create Change Together”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 1 – “International Fruit Day” (since 2007) | Motto – “Create Change Together”
- UN declared Year 2021 as “International Year of Fruits and Vegetables”
- UN declared ‘Watermelon’ as the “Fruit of The Year 2021”

160. On July 6, World Zoonoses Day is celebrated every year to bring the problem into people’s consciousness and remind them to take action. The day is observed to commemorate the administration of the first anti-rabies vaccination by Louis Pasteur in 1885. Zoonoses are diseases and infections which are naturally transmitted between vertebrate animals and man. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 6 – “World Zoonoses Day”
- First anti-rabies vaccination was discovered by Louis Pasteur in 1885



161. On July 4, Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu has paid tributes to iconic freedom fighter and designer of national flag, Pingali Venkayya on his Death Anniversary. He was a multifaceted genius - an educationist, agriculturist, geologist and polyglot. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 4 – Death Anniversary of Pingali Venkayya (Iconic freedom fighter & designer of National Flag)

162. Prime Minister Narendra Modi & Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu have paid tributes to Syama Prasad Mookerjee on his birth anniversary on July 6. Mookerjee founded the Bharatiya Jana Sangh in 1951. He was born in Kolkata in 1901. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 6 – Birth anniversary of Syama Prasad Mookerjee (founded the Bharatiya Jana Sangh in 1951)

163. “World Chocolate Day” or “International Chocolate Day” is celebrated around the world on July 7. The Day was first celebrated in the year 2009. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 7 – “World Chocolate Day” (since 2009)



Meetings, Conferences and Summits

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164. The 2nd India-Ghana Foreign Office Consultations (FOC) were held on 2nd July 2021 in Accra. Mr. Rahul Chhabra, Secretary (ER) co-chaired the Meeting from Indian side. An MoU was signed for Cooperation between India’s Global Centre for Nuclear Energy Partnership (GCNEP) and Ghana Atomic Energy Commission (GAEC). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rahul Chhabra – chaired the 2nd India-Ghana Foreign Office Consultations (FOC) – in Accra
- Ghana – Accra – Cedi | President – Nana Akufo-Addo

165. Vice President Venkaiah Naidu has addressed the 19th Meeting of the Governing Council of Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA) that took place in Hyderabad. He also chaired the 20th meeting of the governing body of the ICWA. Naidu also unveiled a book, “Sapru House: A Story of Institutions Building in World Affairs” during the meeting. The book is authored by Dr. TCA Raghavan (DG of ICWA). Vijay Thakur Singh was appointed as the next Director General of ICWA at the meeting as the term of incumbent TCA Raghavan ends on July 23. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Venkaiah Naidu – addressed the 19th Meeting of the Governing Council of ICWA – in Hyderabad, Telangana
- Venkaiah Naidu – also chaired the 20th meeting of the governing body of the ICWA

- Venkaiah Naidu released “Sapru House: A Story of Institutions Building in World Affairs” – authored by TCA Raghavan
- Vijay Thakur Singh – appointed as the next Director General of ICWA (replacing TCA Raghavan)
- HQs of ICWA – New Delhi | Director General – Vijay Thakur Singh

166. On July 6, The 8th meeting of BRICS Education Ministers was held as part of the 13th BRICS Summit being hosted by India. Union Minister of State for Education Sanjay Dhotre chaired the meeting. BRICS countries resolve to enhance academic collaboration in higher education and Vocational Education and Training (TVET). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sanjay Dhotre – chaired the 8th meeting of BRICS Education Ministers
- BRICS Member Countries – 5 – Brazil, Russia, India, China & South Africa | Chairmanship in 2021 – India

Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

167. On July 5, Korean Air was selected as the “2021 Airline of the Year” called the ‘Oscar in the Aviation Industry’ by Air Transport World (ATW). The selection of ATW is due to the dedication and sacrifice of its executives and employees who endured the worst situation under COVID-19. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Korean Air – selected as the “2021 Airline of the Year” by Air Transport World
- HQs of Korean Air – Seoul, South Korea | CEO – Cho Won-tae

168. On July 4, Zilla Parishad school teacher from Osmanabad in Maharashtra has been chosen for the prestigious National ICT Award 2018 instituted by the Central Institute of Educational Technology (CIET), a constituent unit of the NCERT. Six teachers, each from Maharashtra & Tamil Nadu, were selected for the Awards for 2018 and 2019. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CIET (NCERT) – presented “National ICT Award for 2018 & 2019” to 6 teachers each from Maharashtra & TN
- HQs of CIET (NCERT) – New Delhi

169. Actress-turned-filmmaker Deepti Pillay Sivan is elated as her documentary “Decoding Shankar” has won “Best Biographical Film Award” at the Toronto International Women Film Festival, 2021. This documentary is on singer Shankar Mahadevan. The documentary also won a “Special Jury Award” at the Indo French International Film Festival. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- “Decoding Shankar” documentary – won “Best Biographical Film Award” at Toronto Int. Women Film Festival 2021
- “Decoding Shankar” documentary – also won “Special Jury Award” at Indo French International Film Festival 2021
- The documentary is on – Shankar Mahadevan | The documentary is directed by – Deepti Pillay Sivan

170. On July 3, Bengaluru’s Kempegowda International Airport has been inducted into the prestigious Airports Council International (ACI) Director General’s Roll of Excellence for the year 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kempegowda International Airport (Bengaluru) – inducted into the ACI’s DG’s Roll of Excellence for 2020
- HQs of ACI – Montreal, Canada | DG – Luis Felipe de Oliveira

171. On July 6, Indian Economist Kaushik Basu has been awarded the “Humboldt Research Award for Economics” for 2021. Basu is also a recipient of the Padma Bhushan, the third-highest civilian award in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kaushik Basu – awarded the “Humboldt Research Award for Economics” for 2021
- Kaushik Basu – Indian Economist from Kolkata (also recipient of the Padma Bhushan)

Appointments & Resignations

172. On July 3, Jim Whitehurst has decided to step down as President of the company just 14 months after joining in that role. He has played a pivotal role in the \$34 billion IBM and Red Hat integration announced in 2018. He will continue to work as senior advisor to Arvind Krishna, Chairman and CEO of IBM. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Jim Whitehurst – decided to step down from the post of President of “IBM”
- He will continue to work as Senior Advisor to – Arvind Krishna (Chairman & CEO of IBM)
- HQs of IBM – Armonk, New York, US | CEO – Arvind Krishna | Founded in – 1911

173. On July 6, Uttarakhand chief minister, Pushkar Singh Dhami has appointed senior IAS officer and former National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) chairman Sukhbir Singh Sandhu as the 17th Chief Secretary of the state. Sandhu will replace incumbent Om Prakash. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Sukhbir Singh Sandhu – appointed as 17th Chief Secretary of Uttarakhand (replacing - Om Prakash)
- Uttarakhand: Capital – Dehradun & Gairsain | CM – Pushkar Singh Dhami | Governor – Baby Rani Maurya

174. On July 6, Union MSME Minister Nitin Gadkari would be the Brand Ambassador of “Khadi Prakritik Paint” and would promote it across India so as to encourage young entrepreneurs to take up the manufacturing of the cow dung paint. Khadi Prakritik Paint is India’s first and only paint made from cow dung. The new plant for this paint has been set up in the campus of Kumarappa National Handmade Paper Institute, Jaipur. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Nitin Gadkari – would be the Brand Ambassador of “Khadi Prakritik Paint”
- “Khadi Prakritik Paint” – India’s first and only paint made from cow dung

175. On July 6, In a major reshuffle, President Ram Nath Kovind has appointed 8 new governors giving them charge of administration of new states. The Governor of a State is appointed by the President under ‘Article 155’ of the Indian Constitution. The appointment & reshuffle was done as given below. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The Governor of a State is appointed by the President under ‘Article 155’ of the IC

Person	Governor of	Transferred to
P. S. Sreedharan Pillai	Mizoram	Goa
Satyadev Narayan Arya	Haryana	Tripura
Ramesh Bais	Tripura	Jharkhand
Bandaru Dattatraya	Himachal Pradesh	Haryana
Thaawarchand Gehlot	-	Karnataka
Hari Babu Kambhampati	-	Mizoram
Mangubhai Chhaganbhai Patel	-	Madhya Pradesh
Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar	-	Himachal Pradesh

176. On July 5, Jeff Bezos has officially stepped down from his role as Amazon CEO. Bezos was replaced by Andy Jassy, the current CEO of AWS. He left on the same day when Amazon was incorporated in 1994. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Jeff Bezos – officially stepped down from his role as Amazon CEO
- Andy Jassy – appointed as new CEO of Amazon
- HQs of Amazon – Seattle , USA | CEO – Andy Jassy | Incorporated in – 1994

177. On July 7, Neha Parikh has been appointed as the new CEO of Waze, a crowd-sourced navigation app and a subsidiary of tech giant Google. She is the former Indian-American president of the travel website Hotwire. She replaced Noam Bardin. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Neha Parikh – appointed as the new CEO of Waze (a subsidiary of Google)
- HQs of Waze – California, US | CEO – Neha Parikh

Amount & Agreements

178. On July 6, NABARD has sanctioned loan worth Rs 2891.15 lakh (or Rs 28.91 Cr) under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) to the Government of Goa for 'Construction of Phase II Building of Goa Dental College and Hospital in Bambolim, Goa. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NABARD – sanctioned loan worth Rs 2891.15 lakh (Rs 28.91 Cr) to Goa under "RIDF"
- HQs of NABARD – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Chintala Govinda Rajulu | Founded in – 1982
- Goa: Capital – Panaji | CM – Pramod Sawant | Governor – P. S. Sreedharan Pillai

Ranks, Reports & Surveys

179. On July 5, The "OECD-FAO Agricultural Outlook 2021-2030" is a collaborative effort of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation Development (OECD) and the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) of the United Nations. It provides a consensus assessment of the 10-year prospects for agricultural commodity, fish and biofuel markets at national, regional and global levels. As per the report, the global targets on reducing hunger and CO₂ emissions are unlikely to be met by 2030. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "OECD-FAO Agricultural Outlook 2021-2030" – released by the OECD + FAO
- Global targets on reducing hunger & CO₂ emissions are unlikely to be met by 2030
- HQs of OECD – Paris, France | Secretary-General – Mathias Cormann | Member countries – 37
- HQs of FAO – Rome, Italy | DG – QU Dongyu | Formation – 16th October, 1945

180. On July 6, Jammu & Kashmir has topped the list under National Initiative for School Heads and Teachers Holistic Advancement (NISHTHA) scheme by training 80,600 Elementary School Teachers through online mode using DIKSHA portal. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- J & K – topped the list under "NISHTHA" scheme by training 80,600 School Teachers using 'DIKSHA' portal
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha



181. On July 4, India's total coal production has registered a marginal decline of 2.02% to 716.084 million tonnes during FY 2020-21. In FY 2020-21, Chhattisgarh registered highest coal production of 158.409 MT, followed by Odisha and Madhya Pradesh. Coal India Ltd alone accounts for 83.26% of coal production in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India's total coal production registered a marginal decline of 2.02% to 716.084 MTs during FY 2020-21
- Highest coal production: 1st - Chhattisgarh | 2nd - Odisha | 3rd - Madhya Pradesh

Acquisitions & Mergers

182. On July 5, The Central government proposes to sell 4% stake worth ₹3,621 Cr in National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) through an Offer for Sale to non-retail investors. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Central government plans to sell 4% stake worth ₹3,621 Cr in National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC)
- HQs of NMDC – Hyderabad, Telangana | CMD – Sumit Deb



MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

183. On July 5, PayU has partnered with WooCommerce to enable WooCommerce merchants with digital payments infrastructure, and end-to-end digitalization of business processes. With a powerful business dashboard, merchants can monitor transactions, settlements, and cash flow across all payment methods on the PayU platform. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- PayU + WooCommerce = to enable WooCommerce merchants with digital payments infrastructure
- HQs of PayU – Netherlands | CEO – Laurent le Moal
- HQs of WooCommerce – San Francisco, US | CEO – Paul Maiorana

184. On July 5, PhonePe has partnered with Flipkart to launch contactless 'Scan and Pay' feature for the e-commerce major's pay-on-delivery orders. With this facility, customers will just need to scan the PhonePe QR code to make contactless payments from home for deliveries from Flipkart. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- PhonePe + Flipkart = to launch contactless 'Scan and Pay' feature
- HQs of PhonePE – Bangalore, Karnataka | MD & CEO – Sameer Nigam | Founded in – 2015
- HQs of Flipkart – Bangalore, Karnataka | Chairperson – Binny Bansal | CEO – Kalyan Krishnamurthy



185. On July 5, NTPC and ONGC have planned to boost the development of Offshore Wind Energy in India. The pact also provided that they shall also explore opportunities in the fields of sustainability, storage, E-mobility and ESG (Environmental, Social and Governance) compliant projects. The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has set a target of 5 GW of offshore wind installations by 2022 and 30 GW by 2030. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NTPC + ONGC = planned to boost the development of Offshore Wind Energy in India
- MNRE's target of 5 GW of offshore wind installations by 2022 & 30 GW by 2030
- HQs of NTPC – New Delhi | CMD – Gurdeep Singh | Founded in – 1975
- HQs of ONGC – New Delhi | CMD – Subhash Kumar (additional charge)

186. On July 6, IT major Tech Mahindra has partnered with StaTwig, a Singapore and Hyderabad-based digital supply chain solution provider, to implement vaccine traceability platform “VaccineLedger” globally. VaccineLedger is an open source platform and designed to perform end-to-end traceability at vial level for vaccines in the global supply chain. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tech Mahindra + StaTwig = partnership to implement vaccine traceability platform “VaccineLedger”
- HQs of Tech Mahindra – Pune, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Chander Prakash Gurnani
- HQs of StaTwig – Hyderabad, Telangana | CEO – Sid Chakravarthy

187. On July 2, Indian Economic Trade Organization (IETO) has signed a Memorandum of Cooperation with the Libyan African Business council in Tunisia during the Financial Investment Trade Africa (FITA 2021) held in Tunis. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IETO + Libya = an MoC during the Financial Investment Trade Africa (FITA 2021) – held in Tunis, Tunisia
- Libya – Tripoli – Libyan dinar | Prime Minister – Abdul Hamid Dbeibeh
- HQs of IETO – Bengaluru, Karnataka | President – Asif Iqbal

188. On July 6, A “Joint Communication” was signed between Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEFCC) and Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA) in New Delhi for more effective implementation of the Forest Rights Act, 2006. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MoEFCC + MoTA = a “Joint Communication” for more effective implementation of the Forest Rights Act, 2006
- Prakash Javadekar – Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (Constituency – Maharashtra)
- Ministry of Tribal Affairs – Arjun Munda (Constituency – Khunti, Jharkhand)



189. On July 5, The Ministry of Tourism has signed an MoU with Yatra.Com to strengthen the Hospitality and Tourism Industry. The primary objective of this MoU is to provide extensive visibility to accommodation units, which have self-certified themselves on System for Assessment, Awareness and Training for the Hospitality Industry - SAATHI on the OTA platform. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Tourism + Yatra = an MoU to strengthen the Hospitality & Tourism Industry
- Prahlad Singh Patel – Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of Culture (Constituency – Damoh, Madhya Pradesh)
- HQs of Yatra – Gurugram, Haryana | CEO – Dhruv Shringi

190. On July 6, Multi Commodity Exchange of India (MCX) and European Energy Exchange AG (EEX) have signed an MoU with the objective of knowledge sharing and exchanging of expertise on electricity derivative products. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MCX + EEX = an MoU to share knowledge and expertise on Electricity Derivative Products
- HQs of MCX – Mumbai, MH | Chairperson – Mr. Saurabh Chandra | CEO – P. S. Reddy
- HQs of EEX – Leipzig, Germany | CEO – Peter Reitz



Books & Authors

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191. “Operation Khukri: The untold story of Indian Army’s bravest peacekeeping mission abroad”, published by Penguin Random House India (PRHI), is the story of the Indian Army’s successful rescue mission of over 200 India peacekeepers who were sent to Sierra Leone in year 2000 by United Nations to help the government there. July 13 marks the 21st anniversary of the Operation Khukri. The book is co-written by Major General Rajpal Punia and his daughter Damini Punia. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Operation Khukri: The untold story of Indian Army’s bravest peacekeeping mission abroad” – authored by Rajpal Punia & Damini Punia (co-author)
- Publisher – Penguin Random House India (PRHI)
- July 13 – 21st anniversary of the “Operation Khukri” (conducted in 2000)

192. A new book series titled “EekS” released by the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) and Penguin Random House India (PRHI) will introduce children to a vast variety of insects including bees, mosquitoes, ants and cockroaches. The series comprises 4 books authored by Arthy Muthanna Singh and Mamta Nainy. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “EekS” - a new book series (comprising 4 books) – authored by Arthy Muthanna Singh + Mamta Nainy
- Publisher – WWF India & Penguin Random House India



193. On July 2, Kavitha Rao has recently authored a book titled “Lady Doctors: The Untold Stories of India’s First Women in Medicine”. The book contains the story of Rukhmabai Raut who is best known for being one of the first practicing women doctors in colonial India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Lady Doctors: The Untold Stories of India’s First Women in Medicine” – authored by Kavitha Rao
- The book contains the story of – Rukhmabai Raut (one of the first practicing women doctors in colonial India)

Obituaries

194. On July 6, Filmmaker Richard Donald Schwartzberg popularly known as ‘Richard Donner’, the director of 1978 ‘Superman’ movie & ‘Lethal Weapon’ movie series, has died. He was 91. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Richard Donner – American Filmmaker – passed away
- He was the director of 1978 ‘Superman’ movie & ‘Lethal Weapon’ movie series

195. On July 7, Two-time Olympics Gold medallist & Hockey legend Keshav Chandra Datt passed away. He was 95. Datt was part of the 1948 Olympics squad. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Keshav Chandra Datt – a Hockey player – passed away (part of the 1948 Olympics squad)

196. On July 7, Legendary actor Mohammed Yousuf Khan, better known by his stage name Dilip Kumar, who was popularly known as the ‘Tragedy king of Bollywood’, passed away. He was 98. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dilip Kumar (Mohammed Yousuf Khan) – an Actor – passed away (popularly known as ‘Tragedy king of Bollywood’)

Science & Technology

197. On July 2, The Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises has launched 6 Technology Innovation Platforms that will focus on development of technologies for the globally competitive manufacturing in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises – launched 6 Technology Innovation Platforms
- Minister of Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises – Prakash Javdekar (Constituency – Maharashtra)



198. On July 5, China has successfully launched world's first meteorological satellite for civil services called "Fengyun-3E (FY-3E)" with 11 remote sensing payloads, which will monitor global snow coverage and sea surface temperatures. The satellite was launched into planned orbit from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre in northwest China. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- China – launched world's 1st meteorological satellite called "Fengyun-3E (FY-3E)" with 11 remote sensing payloads
- China – Beijing – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping

199. On July 3, The Odisha Institute of Maritime and South East Asian Studies (OIMSEAS) has discovered a 4,000-year-old settlement and ancient artifacts belonging the Chalcolithic period in Balasore district. Archaeologists encounter distinct traces of 3 cultural phases at the excavation site at Durgadevi village. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- A 4,000-year-old settlement & ancient artifacts discovered in Balasore, Odisha (belonging the Chalcolithic period)
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

200. On July 6, Researchers from Mizoram University discovered a new Snake species of the 'Stoliczka' genus and only the 3rd species of 'Stoliczka' from India. The team named it "Stoliczka Vanhnuailianai", in honour of Vanhnuailiana, a famous Mizo warrior. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Stoliczka Vanhnuailianai" a new species of Snake – discovered in Mizoram (3rd species of 'Stoliczka' from India)
- Mizoram: Capital – Aizawl | CM – Zoramthanga | Governor – Hari Babu Kambhampati





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