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

All the best!

Regards

Team Smartkeeda

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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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टीम स्मार्टकीड़ा



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National & States Affairs

301. On July 7, Kerala State government has proposed to launch its own Over-The-Top (OTT) platform by November 1, 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kerala – proposed to launch its own Over-The-Top (OTT) platform by November 1, 2021
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

302. On July 10, Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has launched the “mySrinagar” mobile app, a one-stop solution catering to the needs of residents and tourists by integrating all available e-services offered by various departments and tourism-related information. The Lt Governor also e-inaugurated multiple projects of Srinagar Smart City including Variable Message Displays (VMDs) installed across the city. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- J&K Lt. Governor Manoj Sinha – launched the “mySrinagar” mobile app
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha

303. On July 11, Union Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari has inaugurated India’s First Private LNG (Liquefied Natural Gas) plant in Nagpur. The plant has been set up by Baidyanath Ayurvedic Group. LNG is a clean and cost effective fuel which is capable of decreasing the logistics cost. It has also potential of creating ample job opportunities. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Nitin Gadkari – inaugurated India’s 1st Private LNG plant in Nagpur, MH – set up by Baidyanath Ayurvedic Group
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

304. On July 13, French medical technology firm, Institut Georges Lopez (IGL), is setting up a manufacturing facility for Organ Preservation Solution at Cheyyar, Tamil Nadu. The company has given an investment commitment of about \$2.5 million (₹20 Cr). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Institut Georges Lopez (France) is setting up a manufacturing facility for Organ Preservation Solution – at Cheyyar, TN
- An investment commitment by IGL – \$2.5 million (₹20 Cr)
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit



305. On July 13, Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari has inaugurated and laid foundation stone for 16 projects. The projects include a ₹45 Cr RCC bridge over the Makru river in Tamenglong district of Manipur. The Makru bridge will improve connectivity between Assam and Manipur. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Nitin Gadkari – inaugurated & laid foundation stone for 16 projects in Manipur
- ₹45 Cr RCC bridge will be built over the Makru river – in Tamenglong, Manipur
- [Manipur: Capital – Imphal | CM – N. Biren Singh | Governor – Najma Heptulla](#)

306. Five more people tested positive for the “Zika Virus” in Kerala, taking the total number of cases of the vector-borne disease to 28 in the state. The latest Zika cases were reported from Thiruvananthapuram city. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kerala is suffering from the “Zika Virus”
- [Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan](#)

307. On July 13, Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) has incorporated National Asset Reconstruction Company (NARCL) also known as ‘Bad Banks/Asset Reconstruction Company (ARC)’ with an authorised capital of Rs 100 Cr and paid-up capital of Rs 74.6 Cr. The Indian Banks Association (IBA) is likely to approach the RBI to seek an ARC (Asset Reconstruction Company) licence. NARCL will house bad loan accounts of Rs 500 Cr or more. Padmakumar Madhavan Nair will serve as the Managing Director of the NARCL. Canara Bank would be the sponsor of NARCL and will hold 12% equity. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MCA incorporated “NARCL” or “Bad Banks/ARC” with an authorised capital of Rs 100 Cr & paid-up capital of Rs 74.6 Cr
- NARCL will house bad loan accounts of Rs 500 Cr or more
- MD of the NARCL – Padmakumar Madhavan Nair | Sponsor – Canara Bank (holds 12% equity)

308. On July 8, The construction work on much-awaited India’s first National Dolphin Research Centre (NDRC) will start in Patna, Bihar post-monsoon. Chief Minister Nitish Kumar had laid the foundation stone of the centre last year. The Gangetic river dolphin is India’s National Aquatic Animal. It is a ‘Schedule I’ animal under the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972. It has been declared an ‘Endangered’ species by the IUCN. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India’s 1st National Dolphin Research Centre (NDRC) – to come up in Patna | ‘Endangered’ species by the IUCN
- Gangetic river dolphin – a ‘Schedule I’ animal under the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972
- [Bihar: Capital – Patna | CM – Nitish Kumar | Governor – Phagu Chauhan](#)



309. On July 12, India aims for an estimated Rs 110 billion “Blue Economy” through its Deep Ocean Mission and marine resources. The mission planned by the Earth Sciences ministry will be carried out in collaboration with the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India aims for an estimated Rs 110 billion “Blue Economy” through its Deep Ocean Mission & marine resources
- Earth Sciences ministry + ISRO = will jointly carry out “Blue Economy” mission
- [MoS for Ministry of Earth Science – Dr. Jitendra Singh](#)

310. On July 15, The BCCI has formed a working group to look after Domestic Cricket. The working group includes Rohan Jaitley (North Zone), Yudhvir Singh (Central), Jaydev Shah (West), Devajit Saikia (North-East), Avishek Dalmiya (East), Santhosh Menon and Mohammad Azharuddin (South). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- BCCI – formed a 7-member working group to look after Domestic Cricket
- [HQs of BCCI – Mumbai, MH | Chairman – Sourav Ganguly | Secretary – Jay Shah | Founded in – 1928](#)

311. On July 10, The Assam Cabinet has decided to create an independent department for the preservation and promotion of indigenous faith and culture. Arunachal Pradesh was the first State in the northeast to create such department. In Assam, communities such as the Bodo and Zeme follow indigenous faiths such as ‘Bathou’ and ‘Heraka’. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Assam – to create an independent department for the preservation & promotion of indigenous faith & culture
- Indigenous faiths such as ‘Bathou’ & ‘Heraka’ – are followed by Bodo & Zeme communities in Assam
- [Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Himanta Biswa Sarma | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi](#)

312. The Karnataka state government has decided to develop a total of 46 Kempegowda Heritage sites identified in 3 circuits at a cost of ₹223 Cr for promoting tourism. A 108-foot statue of Kempegowda would be installed at Bengaluru International Airport at a cost of ₹64 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Karnataka – to develop a total of 46 Kempegowda Heritage sites identified in 3 circuits at a cost of ₹223 Cr
- 108-foot statue of Kempegowda – to be installed at Bengaluru International Airport | Cost – ₹64 Cr
- [Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – BS Yediyurappa | Governor – Thaawarchand Gehlot](#)

313. On July 13, The Board of Directors of National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) has approved the Scheme of Arrangement for Demerger between NMDC Ltd (Demerged Company) and NMDC Steel Ltd (Resulting Company). [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- NMDC – approved the Scheme of Arrangement for Demerger between NMDC Ltd & NMDC Steel Ltd
- HQs of NMDC – Hyderabad, Telangana | CMD – Sumit Deb

314. On July 14, To bring digital transformation in the way rail assets are being managed in India, the National Capital Regional Transport Corporation (NCRTC) is implementing an integrated real-time Enterprise Asset Management System (iDREAMS). iDREAMS system aims to predict, identify, rectify or remove any risks or shortcomings to the assets. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NCRTC – is implementing “iDREAM” - an integrated real-time Enterprise Asset Management System
- HQs of NCRTC – New Delhi | MD – Vinay Kumar Singh

315. On July 13, NTPC Renewable Energy Ltd (NTPC REL) has received an approval from Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) under Mode 8 (Ultra Mega Renewable Energy Power Park) of Solar Park Scheme to set up 4750 MW Renewable Energy Park at Rann of Kutch in Khavada, Gujarat. Besides, NTPC has successfully commissioned India’s largest Floating Solar of 10 MW on the reservoir of Simhadri Thermal Power Plant in Andhra Pradesh. NTPC aims to build 60 GW Renewable Energy capacity by 2032. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NTPC REL – to set up 4750 MW Renewable Energy Park at Rann of Kutch in Khavada, Gujarat
- NTPC REL – received an approval from MNRE under Mode 8 of “Solar Park Scheme” to set up this RE Park
- NTPC – commissioned India’s largest Floating Solar of 10 MW in Andhra Pradesh
- HQs of NTPC – New Delhi | CMD – Gurdeep Singh | Founded in – 1975
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat

316. On July 12, UK international trade secretary Liz Truss has hailed the export of apples from England to India, for the first time in 50 years, as a sign of the “UK-India Enhanced Trade Partnership” in action. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- UK – exported apples to India for the first time in 50 years – under “UK-India Enhanced Trade Partnership”
- UK – London – Pound Sterling | PM – Boris Johnson

317. On July 12, Under the “Maharashtra Electric Vehicle (EV) Policy-2021”, the state government will provide an incentive of Rs 10,000 to Rs 20 lakh to the buyers of e-buses and housing societies will earn rebates in property tax for setting up charging stations as part of government's big e-mobility push. The state hopes Electric Vehicles (EVs) will make up 10% of all new vehicle registrations by 2025. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Maharashtra – to provide Rs 10,000 to Rs 20 lakh to the buyers of e-buses under “Maharashtra (EV) Policy-2021”



- Maharashtra expects EVs to make up 10% of all new vehicle registrations by 2025
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

318. On July 10, Ladakh has become the first Union Territory to vaccinate all residents and ‘guest population’ consisting of migrant labourers, hotel workers and Nepalese citizens earning their livelihoods with the first dose of Covid-19 jab. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ladakh – became the 1st UT to achieve 100% Covid vaccination with 1st dose
- Ladakh: Capital – Leh | Lt. Governor – R K Mathur

319. On July 13, The newly-appointed Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan announced that medical entrance exam “NEET-UG” for the 1st time will be conducted in 13 languages with Malayalam and Punjabi as new additions. A new exam centre for the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET) has been opened in Kuwait to facilitate the Indian student community in the Middle East. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Medical Entrance exam “NEET-UG” – to conducted in 13 languages for the 1st time (New: Malayalam & Punjabi)
- A new exam centre for the NEET is opened in – Kuwait
- Kuwait – Kuwait City – Dinar | PM – Sabah Al-Khalid Al-Sabah | Emir – Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah

320. On July 15, In a bid to generate employment, bring down pollution, reduce carbon emissions and reduce dependence on private vehicles, Karnataka chief minister BS Yediyurappa has unveiled the “Karnataka Electric Bike Taxi scheme-2021” in Bengaluru. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The “Karnataka Electric Bike Taxi scheme-2021” unveiled in Bengaluru
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – BS Yediyurappa | Governor – Thaawarchand Gehlot

321. On July 14, Jammu & Kashmir Lieutenant governor Manoj Sinha has launched “Horticulture Week” by planting saplings at Akhnoor. He also laid e-foundation stone for a 100-acre Mega High Density Plantation Nursery coming up at Chakroi. Besides, he launched Jammu horticulture mobile app ‘Parvaz’ - a market linkage scheme for benefit of farmers. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Manoj Sinha – launched “Horticulture Week” by planting saplings at Akhnoor
- Manoj Sinha – laid e-foundation stone for a 100-acre Mega High Density Plantation Nursery – at Chakroi, J & K
- Manoj Sinha – ‘Parvaz’ - a Jammu horticulture mobile app
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha



322. On July 14, Fertiliser major IFFCO's arm IFFCO Kisan Sanchar Ltd is setting up 17 Farmer Producer Organisation (FPOs) in Gujarat in association with NABARD and National Co-operative Development Corporation (NCDC). A total of 5,000 farmers will get associated with these FPOs by the end of 2021 and more than 50,000 farmers by 2025. IFFCO collaborated with Bharti Airtel and Star Global Resources Ltd to set up IFFCO Kisan Sanchar Ltd. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NABARD & NCDC selected IFFCO Kisan Sanchar Ltd – to set up 17 FPOs in Gujarat
- IFFCO + Bharti Airtel + Star Global Resources Ltd = set up IFFCO Kisan Sanchar Ltd
- HQs of NABARD – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Chintala Govinda Rajulu | Founded in – 1982
- HQs of NCDC – New Delhi | MD – Sundeep Kumar Nayak (under – Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare)
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat

International Affairs

323. On July 9, Qatar Airways has become the first airline in the Middle East to join the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Turbulence Aware platform. Turbulence Aware initiative was launched as a pilot project in December 2018. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Qatar Airways – became the first airline in the Middle East to join the “IATA Turbulence Aware platform”
- HQs of IATA – Montreal, Canada | DG & CEO – Alexandre de Juniac

324. On July 10, India and Georgia have agreed to work jointly to further strengthen their ties during External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar's two-day visit. They discussed economic cooperation, tourism, trade and connectivity. He also handed over to Georgia the holy relics of 17th century Georgian Queen St. Ketevan nearly 16 years after they were found in Goa. S. Jaishankar also unveiled a statue of Mahatma Gandhi in Tbilisi Park, Georgia. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India + Georgia = to work jointly to further strengthen their ties
- S. Jaishankar – handed over to Georgia the ‘Holy Relics’ of 17th century Georgian Queen St. Ketevan found in Goa
- S. Jaishankar – also unveiled a statue of Mahatma Gandhi – in Tbilisi Park, Georgia
- Georgia – Tbilisi – Georgian lari | President – Salome Zourabichvili | PM – Irakli Garibashvili



Banking & Economic Affairs

325. On July 13, NPCI International Payments Ltd (NIPL) has announced a partnership with Royal Monetary Authority (RMA) of Bhutan for enabling and implementing BHIM UPI QR-based payments in Bhutan. With this, Bhutan will also become the 1st country to both issue & accept RuPay cards as well as accept BHIM UPI. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NIPL + RMA (Bhutan) = partnership for enabling and implementing BHIM UPI QR-based payments in Bhutan
- Bhutan – became the 1st country to issue & accept RuPay cards as well as accept 'BHIM UPI'
- Bhutan – Thimphu – Bhutanese Ngultrum | PM – Lotay Tshering
- HQs of NIPL – Mumbai, MH | CEO – Ritesh Shukla

326. On July 13, The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has introduced the “RBI Retail Direct” scheme, a one-stop solution to facilitate investment in government securities (G-secs) by individual investors. Under the scheme, retail investors (individuals) will have the facility to open and maintain the “Retail Direct Gilt Account” (RDG Account) with the RBI. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI – introduced the “RBI Retail Direct” scheme - a one-stop solution to facilitate investment in “G-secs”
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April 1935

327. On July 12, The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) has issued a framework for setting up and operating the International Trade Finance Services platform (ITFS). The IFSCA issued framework will enable exporters and importers to avail various types of trade finance facilities at competitive terms. A company should have a minimum net worth of \$1 million to set up ITFS in an IFSC. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IFSCA – issued a framework for setting up & operating the International Trade Finance Services platform (ITFS)
- A company should have a minimum net worth of \$1 million to set up ITFS in an IFSC
- HQs of IFSCA – Gandhinagar, Gujarat | Chairman – Injeti Srinivas

Defence Affairs

328. On July 13, Aircraft manufacturer Boeing has delivered the 10th long-range Maritime Reconnaissance Anti-Submarine Warfare Aircraft (Poseidon 8I) to the Indian Navy. This is the second of the four additional aircraft contracted under an optional clause in 2016. Boeing is completing construction of a 60,000 sq. ft. training support and data handling centre at INS Rajali, Arakkonam in Tamil Nadu. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Boeing – delivered the 10th long-range Maritime Surveillance Aircraft (Poseidon 8I) to the Indian Navy
- HQs of Boeing – Chicago, USA | CEO – Dave Calhoun

Schemes & Initiatives

329. On July 13, The Andhra Pradesh government has signed MoUs with 14 companies with an objective to ensure women empowerment and livelihood to 6 lakh women on a permanent basis through the “YSR Cheyutha” scheme. The government provides Rs 75,000 each to the eligible women in 4 installments. Rs 8,000 Cr has been given to 24 lakh women in two installments so far under the “YSR Cheyutha” scheme. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Andhra Pradesh – signed MoUs with 14 companies for helping women in business through “YSR Cheyutha” scheme
- Government provides Rs 75,000 each to the eligible women in 4 installments
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan

330. On July 11, The Assam government has launched “Chief Minister’s COVID-19 Widows Support Scheme” entailing a one-time financial assistance of ₹2.5 lakh to women who lost their husbands to the novel coronavirus since March-April 2020. The Scheme is for women of low-income families with a total annual income of up to ₹5 lakh. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Assam – launched “Chief Minister’s COVID-19 Widows Support Scheme”
- Financial assistance of ₹2.5 lakh to women who lost their husbands due to Covid19
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Himanta Biswa Sarma | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi

331. On July 15, Manipur has recently inaugurated Welfare Schemes to be implemented under National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD). The schemes include Comprehensive Scheme for Development of MSCB Ltd and PACS (Primary Agriculture Co-operative Societies) in Manipur, infrastructure support to 10 PACS. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Manipur – inaugurated Welfare Schemes to be implemented under NABARD
- Manipur: Capital – Imphal | CM – N. Biren Singh | Governor – Najma Heptulla



Sports & Games

332. On July 10, Ashleigh Barty has won her first Wimbledon title in women's singles by defeating Karolina Pliskova. She is the third Australian woman to win Wimbledon singles title. While, Novak Djokovic has won the Wimbledon men's singles title by defeating Matteo Berrettini. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ashleigh Barty ([Australia - Tennis](#)) – won the 134th Edition of Wimbledon Women's Singles Title in 2021
- Novak Djokovic ([Serbia - Tennis](#)) – won the 134th Edition of Wimbledon Men's Singles Title in 2021

333. On July 10, Former India pacer and veteran Rajasthan cricketer Pankaj Singh has announced his retirement from all forms of Cricket. The right-arm fast bowler has played 117 first-class games. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Pankaj Singh ([Rajasthan](#)) – retired from all forms of Cricket

334. On July 11, Argentina has won the "Copa America Football Tournament 2021" for the first time since 1993 as they beat Brazil 1-0 in the final at the historic Maracana Stadium in Rio de Janeiro. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Argentina – won the "Copa America Football Tournament 2021" for the first time (beating - Brazil)
- [Argentina – Buenos Aires – Peso | President – Alberto Fernandez](#)

335. On July 12, Former world champion Viswanathan Anand has finished 2nd in the Croatia Grand Chess Tour held at Zagreb, Croatia with an impressive performance. Maxime Vachier-Lagrave finished 1st in the Chess tournament. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Viswanathan Anand ([Indian Chess Player](#)) – finished 2nd in the Croatia Grand Chess Tour – held at Zagreb, Croatia
- [Croatia – Zagreb – Kuna | PM – Andrej Plenkovic | President – Zoran Milanovic](#)

336. On July 12, The Italy National Football Team has defeated England 1-1 (3-2 pen) in the "UEFA European Football Championship 2020" final at the Wembley Stadium in London. This was the 16th edition of the intra-continental UEFA European Championships that was first held in 1960. Besides, Cristiano Ronaldo has won the "Alipay Top Scorer Award" (Golden Boot Award) and Gianluigi Donnarumma has won the "Player of the Tournament" (Golden Ball Award). And Leonardo Bonucci has won the "Star of the Match Award". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Italy – won the 16th edition of "UEFA Euro 2020" Football Championship – held in London, UK (defeating - England)
- UEFA European Championships was first held in 1960



- Cristiano Ronaldo ([Portugal](#)) – won the “Alipay Top Scorer Award” (Golden Boot Award)
- Gianluigi Donnarumma ([Italy](#)) – won the “Player of the Tournament” (Golden Ball Award)
- Leonardo Bonucci ([Italy](#)) – won the “Star of the Match Award”
- [Italy – Rome – Euro | President – Sergio Mattarella | PM – Mario Draghi](#)

337. On July 12, Haryana government has decided to organise the 4th edition of “Khelo India Youth Games, 2021” in February 2022 in view of the possible 3rd wave of the COVID-19 pandemic. The games are to be held in the under-18 age group in which there will be a total of 25 sports competitions including 5 indigenous games. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Haryana – decided to organise 4th “Khelo India Youth Games, 2021” in February 2022
- The games are to be held in the age group – Under-18 | Mascot for 2021 – “Dhakad”
- 5 indigenous games – Yoga, Gatka, Kalaripayattu, Thang-Ta & Mallakhamb | Total games – 25
- [Haryana: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Manohar Lal Khattar | Governor – Bandaru Dattatraya](#)

338. On July 10, Bangladesh all-rounder Mahmudullah has made a sudden decision to retire from Test cricket after the ongoing match against Zimbabwe in Harare. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mahmudullah ([Bangladesh](#)) – took retirement from Test Cricket
- [Bangladesh – Dhaka – Taka | PM – Sheikh Hasina | President – Abdul Hamid](#)

339. On July 13, West Indies cricketer Chris Gayle has become the 1st ever batsman to score 14,000 runs in T20 cricket while also registering a half-century in the 3rd T20I against Australia. Gayle is also the top-scoring batsman for Windies in T20 internationals. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Chris Gayle – became the 1st ever batsman to score 14,000 runs in T20 cricket
- Chris Gayle ([Jamaica](#)) – West Indies Cricket Team (Windies)

340. On July 12, New Zealand opener Devon Conway and England spinner Sophie Ecclestone have won the “ICC Player of the Month for June 2021” in the men’s and women’s category respectively. Conway became the first New Zealand player to win the award. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Devon Conway ([New Zealand Cricketer](#)) – won the “ICC men’s Player of the Month for June 2021”
- Sophie Ecclestone ([England Cricketer](#)) – won the “ICC women’s Player of the Month for June 2021”
- [HQs of ICC – Dubai, UAE | Chairman – Greg Barclay | Acting CEO – Geoff Allardice](#)



341. On July 14, Pakistan's Babar Azam has become the fastest batsman to score 14 ODI centuries in his 81st ODI innings. He surpassed Hashim Amla, Indian captain Virat Kohli and Australian batsman David Warner. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Babar Azam (Pakistan - Cricketer) – became the fastest batsman to score 14 ODI centuries (in his 81st ODI innings)
- Pakistan – Islamabad – Pakistani Rupee | PM – Imran Khan | President – Arif Alvi

342. On July 14, India will host the BWF's World Badminton Championships in 2026. India was scheduled to organise the "Sudirman Cup" in 2023 but the Badminton World Federation decided to award the hosting rights of the world mixed team championships to China. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – to host the BWF's "World Badminton Championships" in 2026
- China – to host the "Sudirman Cup" in 2023
- HQs of BWF – Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia | President – Poul-Erik Hoyer Larsen

343. On July 14, The 33-year-old from Maharashtra, Deepak Kabra has become the first Indian to be selected for judging the Gymnastics competition of the Olympic Games. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Deepak Kabra – became the 1st Indian to be selected for judging the Gymnastics competition of the Olympic Games



Important Days & Dates

344. In honour of the young Pakistani activist for female education - Malala Yousafzai, the United Nations declared July 12, which is also her birthday as "Malala Day" to support world education. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 12 – "Malala Day" – by UN (birthday of Pakistani activist for female education - Malala Yousafzai)
- HQs of UN – New York, United States | Secretary-General – Antonio Guterres

345. "World Population Day" is observed every year on July 11. The main purpose of this day is to draw attention towards the issues arising out of rising population across the globe. India has the world's second-largest populace after China. This year, the theme is "The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on fertility". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 11 – "World Population Day"
- Theme – "The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on fertility"



346. Central Public Works Department (CPWD) under Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA), has celebrated 167th year of its establishment on July 12, 2021. The function will be held digitally in view of the pandemic. CPWD came into existence in July 1854. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 12 – 167th year of establishment of Central Public Works Department (CPWD) | Established in – 1854
- CPWD – functions under Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA)
- HQs of CPWD – New Delhi | MD – Vinit Kumar Jayaswal

347. The concept of observing July 15 as “National Plastic Surgery Day” in India has been adopted by the leaders of top bodies in the speciality across the globe as “World Plastic Surgery Day”. The decision to observe July 15 as World Plastic Surgery Day came after the APSI’s current president Rakesh Khazanchi spoke about the success of National Plastic Surgery Day in India at the World Council of Leaders. Plastic surgery originated from India and “Sushruta” is known as the “Father of Plastic Surgery”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 15 – “National Plastic Surgery Day” in India or “World Plastic Surgery Day”
- Plastic Surgery originated from – India
- “Sushruta” - an Indian Physician & Surgeon – is known as the “Father of Plastic Surgery”

348. World Youth Skills Day (WYSD) will be marked on July 15 across the globe in the challenging context of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The day was 1st observed in 2015. Sri Lanka initiated a resolution to highlight the importance of youth skills development at a global level. This year, the theme is “Reimagining Youth Skills Post-Pandemic”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 15 – World Youth Skills Day (since 2015)
- Theme – “Reimagining Youth Skills Post-Pandemic”
- “Skill India Mission” was launched on – 15th July 2015

Meetings, Conferences and Summits

349. On July 10, Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman has participated virtually in the 3rd G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors (FMCBG) Meeting under the Italian Presidency. The two-day meeting was held on July 9 and 10, 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Nirmala Sitharaman participated in the 3rd G20 Finance Ministers & Central Bank Governors Meeting – hosted by Italy
- Presidency of G20 Summit: 2021 – Italy | 2022 – Indonesia | 2023 – India | 2024 – Brazil



350. On July 9, The 21st Session of India-Italy Joint Commission for Economic Cooperation (JCEC) was held virtually. Mr. Piyush Goyal, Commerce & Industry Minister and Mr. Luigi Di Maio, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy co-chaired the Session. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Piyush Goyal – co-chaired the 21st Session of “India-Italy Joint Commission for Economic Cooperation (JCEC)”
- Italy – Rome – Euro | President – Sergio Mattarella | PM – Mario Draghi

351. On July 12, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar has addressed the inaugural session of the 16th “CII-EXIM Bank Conclave” on India & Africa Project Partnership. The theme of the conclave was “Harnessing the Africa-India Opportunity: Connect, Create and Collaborate”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- S. Jaishankar – addressed the 16th “CII-EXIM Bank Conclave” on India & Africa Project Partnership”
- Theme – “Harnessing the Africa-India Opportunity: Connect, Create and Collaborate”

Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

352. Actor Vidya Balan and producers Ekta Kapoor and Shobha Kapoor will join the new batch of Executive Members in the Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences, the governing body of the Oscars. On its website, the Academy shared its Class of 2021 comprising 395 new members from 50 countries. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Vidya Balan + Ekta Kapoor + Shobha Kapoor = to join Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences members
- Vidya Balan – the only Indian Actor among 395 new members from 50 countries

353. On July 12, Chandigarh University has honored Space Scientist Padma Shri Prof. R. S. Vasagam with “Lifetime Achievement Award” for his contribution to Indian Space Program. He was honored when Chandigarh University celebrated 40 years of India’s first Communication Satellite “APPLE Satellite”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Chandigarh University – celebrated 40 years of India’s first Communication Satellite “APPLE Satellite”
- Chandigarh University – also honored space scientist Prof. R. S. Vasagam with “Lifetime Achievement Award”
- APPLE – Ariane Passenger Payload Experiment

354. On July 10, Malayalam Journalist, playwright, novelist and poet Omchery N. N. Pillai has been selected for the “Bahrain Keraleeya Samajam (BKS)’s Literary Award” for 2021. Omchery hails from Vaikom in Kottayam and he started his public career as a journalist at ‘Malayala Rajyam’. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Omchery N. N. Pillai – selected for the “Bahrain Keraleeya Samajam (BKS)’s Literary Award” for 2021
- Omchery N. N. Pillai (Kerala) – a Malayalam Journalist, Playwright, Novelist & Poet
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

Appointments & Resignations

355. On July 11, Twitter has appointed Vinay Prakash as its Resident Grievance Officer for India. Twitter had previously appointed Dharmendra Chatur as its interim resident grievance officer for India as required by the IT rules. However, Chatur stepped down last month. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Vinay Prakash – appointed as Resident Grievance Officer for India – by Twitter
- HQs of Twitter – San Francisco, California, USA | CEO – Jack Dorsey | Founded in – 2006

356. On July 10, As part of Vietnam’s efforts to deepen cooperation with various states, Industrialist N. S. Srinivasa Murthy based in Bengaluru has been appointed as Honorary Consul General of Vietnam for Karnataka. N. S. Srinivasa Murthy will hold position in Karnataka for 3 years. He is the 1st Honorary Consul General of Vietnam from India and the 19th across the world. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- N. S. Srinivasa Murthy – appointed as Honorary Consul General of Vietnam for Karnataka – for 3 years
- He is the 1st Honorary Consul General of Vietnam from India and the 19th across the world
- Vietnam – Hanoi – Vietnamese dong | PM – Pham Minh Chinh | President – Nguyen Xuan Phuc
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – B. S. Yediyurappa | Governor – Thaawarchand Gehlot

357. On July 13, After the major reshuffle of Cabinet ministers, the government has reconstituted the powerful cabinet committees with the inclusion of new ministers. The members of the Cabinet Committee on Security are Narendra Modi, Rajnath Singh, Amit Shah, Nirmala Sitharaman and Subrahmanyam Jaishankar. The two-member Appointments Committee of the Cabinet comprises Narendra Modi & Amit Shah. Smriti Irani, Sarbananda Sonowal, Giriraj Singh, Mansukh Mandaviya and Bhupender Yadav were included into 13-member Cabinet Committee on Political Affairs. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has 9 members. Arjun Ram Meghwal and V. Muraleedharan are special invitees to the 9-member Cabinet Committee on Parliamentary Affairs. Narayan Rane, Jyotiraditya Scindia and Ashwini Vaishnaw are newly added members to the Cabinet Committee on Investment and Growth. The special invitees to the Cabinet Committee on Employment and Skill Development are Nitin Gadkari, Ramchandra Prasad Singh and G. Kishan Reddy. While, Ashwini Vaishnaw and Bhupender Yadav are the new members. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Members of the Cabinet Committee on Security: (Total members - 5)
 - Narendra Modi | Rajnath Singh | Amit Shah | Nirmala Sitharaman | S. Jaishankar
- Members of the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet: (Total members - 2)
 - Narendra Modi | Amit Shah
- Inclusion of new members to the Cabinet Committee on Political Affairs: (Total members - 13)
 - Smriti Irani | Sarbananda Sonowal | Giriraj Singh | Mansukh Mandaviya | Bhupender Yadav
- Special invitees to the Cabinet Committee on Parliamentary Affairs: (Total members - 9)
 - Arjun Ram Meghwal | V. Muraleedharan
- Inclusion of new members to the Cabinet Committee on Investment & Growth: (Total members - 9)
 - Narayan Rane | Jyotiraditya Scindia | Ashwini Vaishnaw
- Special invitees to the Cabinet Committee on Employment & Skill Development: (Total members - 10)
 - Nitin Gadkari | Ramchandra Prasad Singh | G. Kishan Reddy
- Inclusion of new members to the Cabinet Committee on Employment & Skill Development: (Total members - 10)
 - Ashwini Vaishnaw | Bhupender Yadav

358. On July 13, Sher Bahadur Deuba, leader of the Nepali Congress has sworn in as the Prime Minister of Nepal for the 5th time. Gyanendra Karki was sworn in as the Minister of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs and Bal Krishna Khand was sworn in as the Minister of Home Affairs. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sher Bahadur Deuba – sworn in as the Prime Minister of Nepal (5th time)
- Nepal – Kathmandu – Nepalese Rupee | President – Bidhya Devi Bhandari | PM – Sher Bahadur Deuba

Amount & Agreements

359. On July 12, The Export Import (Exim) Bank of India has extended a \$35.26 million loan for a power transmission project being executed by Kalpataru Power Transmission in Senegal. The buyer's credit facility was extended under the National Export Insurance Account (NEIA) scheme. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Exim Bank – extended a \$35.26 million loan for a power transmission project being executed by Kalpataru Power Transmission in Senegal
- HQs of KPTL – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Manish Mohnot
- HQs of EXIM Bank – Mumbai | MD&CEO – David Rasquinha | Founded in – 1982



360. On July 9, The International Monetary Fund's executive board has approved the Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) to issue \$650 billion worth of reserve funds to help economically vulnerable countries buy vaccines, finance health care and pay down debt. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IMF – approved the SDRs to issue \$650 billion worth of reserve funds to help economically vulnerable countries
- HQs of IMF – Washington, D.C., USA | President – Kristalina Georgieva | Member countries – 190

361. On July 15, International Finance Corporation (IFC), a member of the World Bank Group, has invested \$16.5 million (₹123 Cr) in genetic diagnostics and research company, MedGenome, to increase access to Covid-19 testing. The IFC will finance and support the manufacturing and supply of vaccines, medical equipment, and therapeutics, as well as the logistics. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IFC – invested \$16.5 million (₹123 Cr) in “MedGenome” to increase access to Covid-19 testing
- HQs of IFC – Washington D.C., US | MD – Makhtar Diop | Established in – 1956 (an arm of World Bank)
- HQs of MedGenome – Bangalore, Karnataka | Chairman & Global CEO – Sam Santhosh

Ranks, Reports & Surveys

362. On July 12, The WHO Expert Advisory Committee has issued new recommendations on Human Genome Editing Technology by releasing the two new reports namely “Human Genome Editing Recommendation” and “Human genome editing: a Framework for Governance”. Indian biologist Professor Maneesha S. Inamdar is a part of this committee. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- WHO – issued new recommendations on Human Genome Editing Technology
- WHO – released “Human Genome Editing Recommendation” & “Human genome editing: a Framework for Governance”
- Maneesha S. Inamdar – a part of WHO Expert Advisory Committee
- HQs of WHO – Geneva, Switzerland | DG – Tedros Adhanom | Member Countries – 194

363. “The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World - 2021” report was recently released by 5 UN Agencies - FAO, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), UNICEF, WFP & WHO. As per the report, 746 million people in the world faced severe food insecurity in 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “The State of Food Security & Nutrition in the World - 2021” report released by = FAO + IFAD + UNICEF + WFP + WHO
- 746 million people in the world faced severe food insecurity in 2020



364. On July 13, According to India's 2nd "Annual Lightning Report", Bihar has reported the most deaths due to lightning between April 1, 2020- March 31, 2021 (401 deaths), followed by Uttar Pradesh (238 deaths) and Madhya Pradesh (228). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India's 2nd "Annual Lightning Report": Bihar reported the most deaths due to lightning between 2020-21 (401 deaths)
- Uttar Pradesh (238 deaths) & Madhya Pradesh (228 deaths)

365. On July 9, Using NASA's "Ice, Cloud and land Elevation Satellite 2" or "ICESat-2", a team of researchers has predicted that the melting over Antarctica's floating ice shelves is predicted to increase over the decades. With the help of NASA's satellite, scientists have been able to improve their maps of the hidden lake systems under the West Antarctic ice sheet. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Ice, Cloud & land Elevation Satellite 2" or "ICESat-2" – belongs to NASA
- HQs of NASA – Washington D.C., USA | Administrator – Bill Nelson | Founded in – 1958

366. On July 13, India's Bilateral trade with China in the first half of 2021 rose by a record 62.7% to \$57.48 billion, the highest increase among China's major trade partners. India's imports reached \$42.76 billion this year, an increase of 60.4%. India's exports to China climbed 69.6% to \$14.72 billion, also the highest figure on record for the first half of any year. The trade deficit after the first 6 months stood at \$28.04 billion. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India's bilateral trade with China in the first half of 2021 – \$57.48 billion (increase of 62.7%)
- India's imports from China – \$42.76 billion (increase of 60.4%)
- India's exports to China – \$14.72 billion (increase of 69.6%)
- India's trade deficit with China – \$28.04 billion

Acquisitions & Mergers

367. On July 10, Equitas Small Finance Bank (SFB) has received Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) nod to apply for amalgamation of the promoter 'Equitas Holdings' into itself. As per the SFB licensing guidelines of RBI, a promoter of SFB can exit or to cease to be a promoter after the mandatory initial lock-in period of 5 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Equitas SFB – received RBI's nod to apply for amalgamation of the promoter 'Equitas Holdings' into itself
- HQs of Equitas SFB – Chennai, TN | MD & CEO – Vasudevan Pathangi Narasimhan



368. On July 12, The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved the acquisition of 23.5% stake in ONGC Tripura Power Company Ltd by Summit India (Tripura). Besides, the CCI also approved the acquisition of stakes in Bundl Technologies Private Limited of Swiggy, by the SVF II Songbird. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CCI – approved the acquisition of 23.5% stake in ONGC Tripura Power Company Ltd – by Summit India (Tripura)
- CCI – approved the acquisition of stakes in Bundl Technologies Pvt Ltd of Swiggy – by SVF II Songbird
- HQs of CCI – New Delhi | Chairman – Ashok Kumar Gupta | Established in – 2003
- HQs of ONGC – New Delhi | CMD – Subhash Kumar (additional charge)

369. On July 13, Thailand based Global Power Synergy Public Company Ltd (GPSP) has acquired 41.6% shareholding in Avaada Energy Pvt Ltd at an enterprise value of THB 14,825 million. Avaada has a total committed capacity of approximately 3,744 megawatts. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Global Power Synergy Public Company Ltd (Thailand) – acquired 41.6% shareholding in Avaada Energy Pvt Ltd
- Capacity – 3,744 MW
- HQs of Avaada Energy Pvt Ltd – Noida, Uttar Pradesh | Chairman – Vineet Mittal

370. On July 13, Gujarat-based Adani group has announced that its subsidiary Adani Airport Holdings Ltd (AAHL) has taken over the management and control of Mumbai International Airport Limited (MIAL) from the GVK Group. AAHL will now also control 33% of India's air cargo traffic. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Adani Airport Holdings Ltd – took over management & control of Mumbai Int. Airport Ltd – from GVK Group
- Mumbai Int. Airport – also known as “Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Int. Airport” or “Sahar Int. Airport”
- HQs of Adani Group – Ahmedabad, Gujarat | CEO – Karan Adani
- HQs of GVK Industries Ltd – Secunderabad, Telangana | Chairman – Dr. GVK Reddy

MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

371. On July 12, Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam Ltd (SJVN) and the Investment Board of Nepal have signed an MoU for the execution of 679 MW Lower Arun Hydro Electric Project in Nepal. The Lower Arun project is located in Sankhuwasabha and Bhojpur districts of Nepal. The contract has been allocated to SJVN on “Build, Own, Operate, Transfer” (BOOT) basis for 25 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SJVN + Investment Board of Nepal = an MoU for the execution of 679 MW Lower Arun Hydro Electric Project
- Lower Arun project is located in – Sankhuwasabha & Bhojpur districts of Nepal



- The contract is allocated to SJVN on “BOOT” basis – for 25 years | BOOT – **B**uild, **O**wn, **O**perate, **T**ransfer
- Nepal – Kathmandu – Nepalese Rupee | President – Bidhya Devi Bhandari
- HQs of SJVN – Shimla, Himachal Pradesh | MD & Chairman – Nand Lal Sharma

372. On July 12, An MoU was signed between the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) and Delhi University in Dhaka to set up a “Bangabandhu Chair” at Delhi University to foster better understanding of developments in Bangladesh. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ICCR + Delhi University = an MoU to set up a “Bangabandhu Chair” at Delhi University
- HQs of ICCR – New Delhi | DG – Dineshk Patnaik | Founded in – 1950
- Bangladesh – Dhaka – Taka | PM – Sheikh Hasina | President – Abdul Hamid

373. On July 12, The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) has signed an MoU with National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd (NAFED) to facilitate registered Exporters get assistance under various government schemes and help cooperatives sell their products globally and build capacities. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- APEDA + NAFED = an MoU to help registered Exporters & cooperatives sell their products globally
- APEDA – functions under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry
- HQs of APEDA – New Delhi | Chairman – Paban K. Borthakur | Established in – 1986
- HQs of NAFED – New Delhi | MD – Shri Sanjeev Kumar Chadha | Chairman – Bijender Singh

374. On July 13, NTPC Renewable Energy Ltd (NTPC REL) has signed an MoU with the Union Territory of Ladakh to set up India’s first Green Hydrogen Mobility project in Ladakh. The MoU will enable NTPC to help Ladakh develop a carbon-free economy based on renewable sources and green hydrogen. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NTPC REL + Ladakh = an MoU to set up India’s 1st Green Hydrogen Mobility project – in Leh, Ladakh
- HQs of NTPC – New Delhi | CMD – Gurdeep Singh | Founded in – 1975
- Ladakh: Capital – Leh | Lt. Governor – R K Mathur

375. On July 8, Union Territory of Ladakh and Himalayan Forest Research Institute (HFRI) have signed an MoU for forest cover development in the region. HFRI is an expertise research institute to help Ladakh towards Carbon Neutrality. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ladakh + HFRI = an MoU for forest cover development in the region
- Ladakh: Capital – Leh | Lt. Governor – R K Mathur
- HQs of HFRI – Shimla, Himachal Pradesh



376. The administration of Ladakh has signed an MoU with the Sikkim State Organic Certification Agency (SOCCA) for the implementation of “Prampragat Krishi Vikas Yojana” and “Mission Organic Development Initiative” (MODI) in the Ladakh region with the aim to convert Ladakh into organic by 2025. Sikkim is the first state that is 100% organic with all of its farmland certified organic. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ladakh + SOCCA = an MoU to implement “Prampragat Krishi Vikas Yojana” & “Mission Organic Development Initiative”
- Aim: To convert Ladakh into organic by 2025 | Sikkim – 1st state that became 100% organic
- Ladakh: Capital – Leh | Lt. Governor – R K Mathur
- Sikkim: Capital – Gangtok | CM – Prem Singh Tamang | Governor – Ganga Prasad

377. On July 13, The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) in India and the Rajasthan government have joined hands to improve the Targeted Public Distribution System (TDPS) in the state. This is a strategic partnership for creating impact at scale by taking advantage of the end-to-end computerisation of the food safety net. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- UN WFP + Rajasthan = partnership to improve the Targeted Public Distribution System (TDPS)
- HQs of UNWFP – Rome, Italy | ED – David Muldrow Beasley | Countries – 36
- Rajasthan: Capital – Jaipur | CM – Ashok Gehlot | Governor – Kalraj Mishra

378. On July 14, The Delhi Skill and Entrepreneurship University (DSEU) has signed an MoU with the HI-NO-DE Foundation and Ichishin Holdings Co. Ltd to implement the Technical Intern Training Program (TITP) to train skill and place youth of India in Japan. This partnership aims to transform the skill ecosystem through an exchange programme between students from India and Japan. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- DSEU + HI-NO-DE Foundation + Ichishin Holdings Co. = to implement the “TITP” to train skill and place youth in Japan
- HQs of Ichishin Holdings Co. – Ichikawa, Japan
- Japan – Tokyo – Yen | PM – Yoshihide Suga

379. On July 13, Diversity consulting organisation Interweave has partnered with UN Women to enable corporates implement Women’s Empowerment Principles in India. Established by UN Women and UN Global Compact in 2010, the Women’s Empowerment Principles (WEPs) provides a value chain approach to women’s empowerment through a set of 7 principles offering practical guidance to businesses on promoting gender equality. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Interweave + UN Women = to enable corporates implement Women’s Empowerment Principles (WEPs) in India
- WEPs was established in 2010 – by UN Women & UN Global Compact (through a set of 7 principles)



- HQs of Interweave Consulting Pvt. Ltd – Bangalore, Karnataka | CEO – Nirmala Menon
- HQs of UN Women – New York, USA | Executive Director – Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka

380. On July 15, The Delhi Transport ministry has collaborated with Google to launch a system to enable commuters to track bus locations, arrival and departure times, and routes on a real-time basis on their smartphones. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Delhi Transport ministry + Google = to launch Real-Time Bus Tracking
- Delhi Transport Minister – Kailash Gahlot
- HQs of Google – California, US | CEO – Sundar Pichai | Founded in – 1998
- New Delhi: CM – Arvind Kejriwal | Lt. Governor – Anil Bajjal | Chief Secretary – Vijay Dev

Books & Authors

381. The Vice President, M. Venkaiah Naidu has received the first copy of the English translation of Shri Thummeti Raghothama Reddy’s book - “Terrace Garden: Midde Thota”. The book was originally written in Telugu. The translator is Shri Koduru Sitarama Prasad and the publisher is Shri Yadlapalli Venkateswara Rao. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- M. Venkaiah Naidu – received the first copy of the English translation of “Terrace Garden: Midde Thota” Telugu book
- Author – Thummeti Raghothama Reddy | English Translator – Koduru Sitarama Prasad
- Publisher – Yadlapalli Venkateswara Rao

382. On July 9, “A New Cold War: Henry Kissinger and the Rise of China” book is edited by Sanjaya Baru and Rahul Sharma. A collection of critical essays examines the impact, consequences and legacy of the then US National Security Advisor Henry Kissinger’s secret visit to China in 1971. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “A New Cold War: Henry Kissinger and the Rise of China” book – by Sanjaya Baru & Rahul Sharma
- The book examines the legacy of Henry Kissinger’s secret visit to China in 1971

383. On July 11, Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu has released a book titled “Palleku Pattabhishekam”. The book is authored by former MP Shri Yalamanchili Sivaji at Dr. Marri Channa Reddy Human Resource Development Institute in Hyderabad. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- M. Venkaiah Naidu released a book titled “Palleku Pattabhishekam” – authored by Yalamanchili Sivaji



384. On July 13, A group of influential Indian-Americans, scholars, diplomats and entrepreneurs have come together to write an anthology named “Kamala Harris and the Rise of Indian Americans” to document the historic election of Kamala Harris as the Vice President of the United States and the rise of the small but powerful Indian diaspora in this country. The anthology is compiled and edited by veteran Indian editor Tarun Basu. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Kamala Harris & the Rise of Indian Americans” – authored by a group of Indian-American Scholars
- The anthology is compiled & edited by – Tarun Basu

385. On July 12, HarperCollins is proud to present the story of an Indian equestrian rider and his Olympic dream “Riding Free: My Olympic Journey” by Imtiaz Anees. He represented India at the Summer Olympics 2000 held in Sydney, Australia. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Riding Free: My Olympic Journey” book – authored by Imtiaz Anees
- Publisher – HarperCollins

386. On July 10, Vijay Keshav Gokhale, a former Foreign Secretary and Ambassador to China, has authored a new book “The Long Game: How the Chinese Negotiate with India”, which was published on July 19, 2021. The book examines the history of how China has negotiated with India through the lens of 6 significant moments in the relationship. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “The Long Game: How the Chinese Negotiate with India” book – authored by Vijay Gokhale

387. On July 13, Haryana chief minister Manohar Lal Khattar has launched the “Dial 112 Control Room” at state emergency response centre (SERC) in Panchkula. He also unveiled a coffee table book titled “Untold Stories” of the Haryana Police Department. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Haryana – launched the “Dial 112 Control Room” at state emergency response centre (SERC) in Panchkula
- Haryana – unveiled a coffee table book titled “Untold Stories” of the Haryana Police Department
- Haryana: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Manohar Lal Khattar | Governor – Bandaru Dattatraya

388. On July 14, Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu has called Urdu one of the most beautiful languages in the world. Recently, he received a copy of the book “Urdu Poets and Writers - Gems of Deccan” authored by senior journalist J. S. Iftekhar. Naidu also received books on former prime minister Late PV Narasimha Rao, namely “Manavottama Rama” authored by Satyakasi Bhargava and “Nallagonda Kathalu” authored by Mallikarjun. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- M. Venkaiah Naidu – received a copy of “Urdu Poets & Writers - Gems of Deccan” book – authored by J. S. Iftekhar



- M. Venkaiah Naidu – also received two books on former PM Late PV Narasimha Rao:
 - “Manavottama Rama” authored by Satyakasi Bhargava
 - “Nallagonda Kathalu” authored by Mallikarjun

Obituaries

389. On July 10, Former Indian cricketer and 1983 World Cup winner Yashpal Sharma has died of heart attack. He was 66. The former Punjab cricketer was regarded as a gifted middle-order batsman. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Yashpal Sharma (Punjab) – Former Indian Cricketer – passed away (part of India’s World Cup triumph in 1983)

390. On July 15, American Tennis Player Fry Irvin, who won 3 consecutive major titles in the 1950s to complete a career Grand Slam, has died at the age of 94. She was inducted in the International Tennis Hall of fame in 1970. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Fry Irvin – American Tennis Player – passed away (International Tennis Hall of fame in 1970)

391. On July 15, Former president of Pakistan & the senior Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) leader Mamnoon Hussain passed away after a prolonged illness. He was 80. He served as the 12th President of Pakistan between September 2013 and September 2018. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mamnoon Hussain – Former president of Pakistan – passed away (Party – Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz)
- Pakistan – Islamabad – Pakistani Rupee | PM – Imran Khan | President – Arif Alvi

Science & Technology

392. On July 7, A team of scientists from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) have reported real-world results on “SwabSeq”, a testing platform that uses sequencing to test thousands of samples at a time to detect Covid-19. SwabSeq uses sample-specific molecular barcodes to simultaneously analyse thousands of samples for the presence or absence of SARS-CoV-2. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Scientists from University of California, Los Angeles – reported real-world results on a testing platform “SwabSeq”



393. On July 11, British billionaire Richard Branson took 90-minute-long flight to the edge of space on Virgin Galactic's "Unity 22" flight. Branson boarded his company Virgin Galactic's Unity 22 flight from the Mojave Desert in New Mexico. He was accompanied by India-born Sirisha Bandla and 4 other passengers. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Virgin Galactic – launched its human commercial space flight "Unity 22" (consisting 6 passengers)
- Flight duration – 90 minutes

394. The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is set to launch Geo imaging satellite "GISAT-1" on board GSLV-F10 rocket from Sriharikota spaceport in Andhra Pradesh on August 12. GISAT-1 weighs 2,268-kg. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ISRO – to launch Geo imaging satellite "GISAT-1" on board GSLV-F10 rocket – from Sriharikota spaceport
- HQs of ISRO – Bengaluru, Karnataka | Director – Kailasavadivoo Sivan | Formed in – 1969

395. On July 7, Scientists have discovered methane gas on Saturn's 6th largest moon named "Enceladus". In 2005, NASA's Cassini Saturn orbiter discovered geysers blasting particles of water ice into space from "Tiger Stripe" fractures near Enceladus' south pole. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Scientists discovered methane gas on Saturn's 6th largest moon named "Enceladus"

396. On July 12, A team of Scientists was led by Professor Ambarish Ghosh from the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) has experimentally shown the existence of two species of Few Electron Bubbles (FEBs) in Superfluid Helium for the first time. The study was published in "Science Advances". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Scientists from the IISc – discovered the existence of 2 species of Few Electron Bubbles (FEBs) in Superfluid Helium
- The team of Scientists was led by – Prof Ambarish Ghosh

397. On July 9, Indian polar biologists from the Central University of Punjab have discovered "Bryum bharatiensis", a new species of moss or plant in Antarctica. The scientists have named the species "Bryum Bharatiensis" as a tribute to goddess Saraswati, who is also known as 'Bharati'. The discovery was made by Dr. Felix Bast, Polar and Marine Biologist at Central Punjab University. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Bryum bharatiensis" a new species of moss or plant – discovered by Central University of Punjab in Antarctica
- The discovery was made by – Dr. Felix Bast

398. On July 13, China has officially begun the construction of the world's first commercial modular small reactor "Linglong One" at the Changjiang Nuclear Power Plant in China's Hainan Province. The multipurpose small modular reactor (SMR) Linglong One also called the "ACP100" was the first such SMR which was given green signal by the International Atomic Energy Agency in 2016. The "ACP100" comes with a generation capacity of 125,000 kilowatt hours. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- China – began the construction of the world's 1st commercial modular small reactor "Linglong One" or "ACP100"
- Nuclear Power generation capacity of "ACP100" – 1,25,000 kilowatt hours (1,170 MW)
- China – Beijing – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping

399. On July 14, Tech startup incubator T-Hub in partnership with Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog, has launched "AIC T-Hub Foundation", a programme for deep tech startups focused on life sciences and healthcare sectors. Following the successful completion of the first cohort, which was undertaken as a pilot project, a second cohort has been launched under the programme for 3 months. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- T-Hub + AIM (NITI Aayog) – partnership to launch "AIC T-Hub Foundation" programme
- HQs of T-Hub – Hyderabad, Telangana | CMD – Ravi Narayan
- AIM – a flagship of NITI Aayog (HQs of AIM – New Delhi | Director – Chintan Vaishnav)

400. On July 15, The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has successfully conducted the 3rd long-duration hot test of the Liquid Propellant Vikas Engine for the "Gaganyaan programme". The test was done for the Core L110 liquid stage of the human rated 'GSLV MkIII' vehicle. The engine was tested at the engine test facility of ISRO Propulsion Complex in Mahendragiri, Tamil Nadu. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ISRO – conducted the 3rd long-duration hot test of the Liquid Propellant Vikas Engine for "Gaganyaan programme"
- Test was done for Core L110 liquid stage of the human rated 'GSLV MkIII' vehicle – in Mahendragiri, Tamil Nadu
- HQs of ISRO – Bengaluru, Karnataka | Director – Kailasavadivoo Sivan | Formed in – 1969





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