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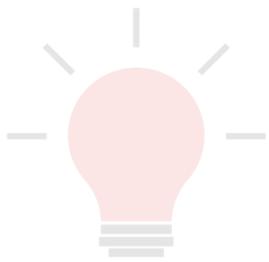
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We hope you will make the best of use of this PDF and perform well in MockDrill Tests at Testzone.

All the best!

Regards

Team Smartkeeda

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आभार,

टीम स्मार्टकीड़ा

### 301. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

India became the world's 9th largest recipient of the foreign direct investment in 2019 scoring deals worth \$51 billion, according to the "World Investment Report 2020" by the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). The ranking was topped by the USA. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- India – 9th largest recipient of FDI – according to UNCTAD (topped by – USA)
- UNCTAD HQs – Geneva, Switzerland | UNCTAD Secretary-General – Mukhisa Kituyi

### 302. Current GK

The Vienna-based International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) expressed "serious concern" in a report earlier in June that Iran has been blocking inspections at the sites. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- IAEA – expressed serious concern over blocking of inspections at the sites
- HQs of IAEA – Vienna, Austria | DG – Rafael Grossi

### 303. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

Two Indian startups – Stellapps and Zestmoney are in the list of "Technology Pioneers of 2020" by the World Economic Forum. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Stellapps + Zestmoney = in the list of "Technology Pioneers of 2020" by WEF
- HQs of WEF – Cologny, Switzerland | Executive Chairman & Founder – Klaus Schwab

### 304. International Affairs

The new government commission in UK on racial inequalities is being set up by a No 10 adviser who has cast doubt on the existence of institutional racism. Munira Mirza, the head of the No 10 policy unit. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- A new government commission on Racial Inequalities – to be set up in UK
- Munira Mirza – the head of the No 10 policy unit
- UK – London – Pound Sterling | PM of UK – Boris Johnson

### 305. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

Hyderabad-based Deccan Development Society has won the “Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation Award” (Grant of 40000 Euros), one of the most coveted environmental awards in the world for the contribution of DDS women in rehabilitation of degraded lands and to promote biodiversity. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Deccan Development Society – won “Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation Award”
- HQs of DDS – Hyderabad, Telangana | Director – PV Satheesh

### 306. International Affairs

India has joined leading nations of the world including USA, UK, EU, Australia among others as a founding member of a league of nations which has launched a Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI or Gee-Pay). GPAI will be supported by a Secretariat, to be hosted by Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in Paris, France. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- India – joined as a founding member of a league of nations which has launched “GPAI or Gee-Pay”
- Secretariat of GPAI – to be hosted by OECD
- HQs of OECD – Paris, France | Secretary-General – Angel Gurría | Member countries in OECD – 37

### 307. Obituaries

Lieutenant General (retd) Raj Mohan Vohra, who was a 1971 war hero and a Maha Vir Chakra awardee, has died due to COVID-19. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Leut. Gen. Raj Mohan Vohra – passed away – Army Personnel (Maha Vir Chakra awardee)

### 308. Persons in News

Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh launched the “Feedback Call Centres on Public Grievances” and interacted live with citizens whose grievances have been successfully redressed on the COVID-19 National Monitor for Public Grievances. The Call centre is operated in 14 languages. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Dr. Jitendra Singh – launched “Feedback Call Centres on Public Grievances”
- Jitendra Singh – MoS of DoNER, MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space
- Call centre is operated in – 14 languages

### 309. Obituaries

Samir Bangara, the co-founder and chief executive of digital music platform Qyuki Digital Media, passed away following a motorcycle accident. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Samir Bangara – passed away - Co-Founder And Chief Executive of “Qyuki” Digital Media Company
- HQs of Qyuki – Mumbai, MH

### 310. Persons in News

Anmol Narang has made history by becoming the first Sikh woman to graduate from the prestigious United States Military Academy at West Point. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Anmol Narang – first Sikh woman – to graduate from the US Military Academy at West Point

### 311. Persons in News

The RBI has constituted a 5-member Internal Working Group (IWG), headed by RBI Central Board Director P K Mohanty, to review the extant guidelines on ownership and corporate structure for Indian private sector banks. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- RBI – constituted – 5-member Internal Working Group (IWG)
- The group is headed by – P K Mohanty (RBI Central Board of Director)
- RBI: HQs – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th)

### 312. National & States Affairs

An ancient temple believed to be 500 years old has reportedly been found in Mahanadi River in Odisha. The 60-foot temple, believed to be built in the late 15th or early 16th century. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- 500 years old ancient temple – Mahanadi River – Odisha
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

### 313. Banking & Economic Affairs

The RBI has proposed an upper age limit of 70 years for CEOs and whole-time directors of banks and a maximum term of 10 years for those belonging to the promoter group, as part of the exercise to improve governance in the banking sector. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- RBI – proposed – upper age limit of 70 years – for CEOs and whole-time directors
- Maximum Term of – 10 years
- RBI: HQs – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th)

### 314. Current GK

The Kerala government has decided to cancel the “Sabarimala Festival” this year due to the risk involved in the prevailing Covid-19 scenario. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Kerala – cancelled – “Sabarimala Festival”
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

### 315. Persons in News

Attorney General K K Venugopal has agreed for extension of one more year as a top law officer of the country. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- K K Venugopal – extended for 1 year as the – Attorney General of India

### 316. Banking & Economic Affairs

India’s third largest lender Bank of Baroda is set to completely digitise it’s lending operations including home, agriculture, MSME, personal and auto loans . [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- BOB – to completely digitise it’s Lending Operations
- BOB HQs – Vadodara, Gujarat | CEO – Sanjiv Chadha

### 317. International Affairs

The European Union's powerful competition authority (antitrust authority) opened a series of cases against Apple, in a sign that Brussels was not backing down in its efforts to rein in US-based tech giants. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- European Union's antitrust authority – opened a series of cases against – Apple
- Apple HQs – California, United States | CEO – Tim Cook

### 318. Appointments & Resignations

UTI Asset Management Company (AMC) has appointed Imtaiyazur Rahman as the company's chief executive officer (CEO), after the position remained vacant for nearly two years. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Imtaiyazur Rahman – appointed as the CEO of – UTI AMC
- HQs of UTI AMC – Mumbai, MH | CEO – Imtaiyazur Rahman

### 319. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

In a bid to fight child exploitation online, Facebook joined Google, Microsoft and 15 other tech companies to announce the formation of Project Protect to combat child sexual abuse on its platforms. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Facebook + Google + Microsoft = formed – a Project Protect to combat child sexual abuse
- Facebook: HQs – California, USA | CEO – Mark Zuckerberg
- Microsoft: HQs – Washington, USA | CEO – Satya Nadella
- Google: HQs – California, USA | CEO – Sundar Pichai

### 320. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

The Maharashtra government signed 12 major memorandums of understanding (MoUs) with foreign and Indian companies with investment worth Rs 16,100 Cr. It is a part of the Magnetic Maharashtra 2.0 initiative. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Maharashtra – signed 12 major MoUs – worth Rs 16,100 Cr
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

### 321. Current GK

PM Modi highlighted India's historic and cultural links with Laos and expressed satisfaction at being involved in the restoration of the World Heritage Site at "Vat Phou" during the telephonic conversation with Prime Minister of Lao People's Democratic Republic Dr Thongloun Sisoulith on the health and economic challenges due to Covid-19 crisis. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- The UNESCO World Heritage Site "Vat Phou" – in Laos
- Laos – Vientiane – Lao kip | PM – Dr Thongloun Sisoulith

### 322. Obituaries

Former Goa minister Achyut Kashinath Sinai Usgaonkar died following age-related ailments. He was 92. He served as a cabinet minister from August 13, 1977 to April 27, 1979 in the then Shashikala Kakodkar government of Goa, Daman and Diu. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Achyut Kashinath Sinai Usgaonkar – passed away – Politician (Minister of Goa, Damna & Diu)

### 323. Amount & Agreements

PepsiCo Foundation will invest USD 3 million to provide safe water access to agricultural communities, and help women in high water-risk areas in West Bengal and Maharashtra in association with WaterAid. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- PepsiCo + WaterAid = to invest USD 3 million – to provide safe water access in West Bengal + Maharashtra
- PepsiCo HQs – Harrison, New York, USA | CEO – Ramon Laguarta
- West Bengal: Capital – Kolkata | CM – Mamta Banerjee | Governor – Jagdeep Dhankar
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

### 324. Important Days & Dates

"Global Wind Day" was recently observed on 15th June. It was inaugurated in 2007 as Wind Day and it only came to be known by the current name in 2009. It was organised by the European Wind Energy Association (EWEA). [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- June 15 – "Global Wind Day"
- Inaugurated in – 2007 | organised by – EWEA

### 325. Persons in News

Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Steel Dharmendra Pradhan launched the Indian Gas Exchange (IGX), first nationwide online delivery-based gas trading platform. The exchange will provide 6 market products. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Dharmendra Pradhan – launched – IGX 1st online delivery-based gas trading platform
- The exchange will provide – 6 market products
- Dharmendra Pradhan – Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Minister of Steel
- Constituency – RS MP from Madhya Pradesh

### 326. Acquisitions & Mergers

Jio Platforms is set to raise another Rs 6441.3 Cr by selling a combined 1.32% to US private equity firms TPG and L Catterton where TPG is set to invest Rs 4,546.80 Cr in Jio Platforms for a 0.93% stake, L Catterton will invest another Rs 1,894.50 Cr to pick up 0.39%. These are the eighth and ninth investors, respectively. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Jio Platforms – sold 1.32% stake – worth Rs 6441.3 Cr
- TPG (USA) – acquired 0.93% stake – worth Rs 4,546.80 Cr
- L Catterton (USA) – acquired 0.39% stake – worth Rs 1,894.50 Cr
- HQs of Reliance – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Mukesh Ambani

### 327. Banking & Economic Affairs

The RBI came up with some changes to the monitoring structure of Financial Markets Infrastructure (FMI) and Retail Payment Systems (RPSs) with the aim to ensure the security and stability of the payment structure. National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), the umbrella organisation for RPSs in the country, has emerged as a System Wide Important Payment System (SWIPS). [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- RBI – made some changes in – FMI (Financial Markets Infrastructure) & RPSs (Retail Payment Systems)
- NPCI – emerged as the SWIPS (System Wide Important Payment System)
- HQs of NPCI – Mumbai | Chairman – Biswamohan Mahapatra | MD&CEO – Dilip Asbe
- RBI: HQs – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th)

### 328. Schemes & Initiatives

In Uttar Pradesh, the State Government has decided to adopt the scheme of “Flatted Factory Model” which will ensure easy availability of land for industries, and in turn, generate employment also. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Uttar Pradesh – adopted – the scheme of “Flatted Factory Model”
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

### 329. Appointments & Resignations

Diplomat Shambhu S Kumaran has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Philippines. Kumaran is presently Ambassador of India to the Kingdom of Morocco. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Shambhu S Kumaran – appointed as the next Ambassador of India to – Philippines (Manila – Peso)
- Presently Ambassador of India to – Morocco (Rabat – Dirham)

### 330. International Affairs

The government of Myanmar has decided to scrutinize the Muse-Mandalay railway project connecting Mandalay with the capital city of Yunnan province in China. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Myanmar – to scrutinize the “Muse-Mandalay railway project”
- It connects – Mandalay with Yunnan (China)
- Myanmar – Naypyitaw – Kyat | President – Win Myint
- China – Beijing – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping

### 331. Persons in News

Astronaut and oceanographer Kathy Sullivan, who was the first American woman to walk in space in 1984, became the first woman and the fifth person in history to descend to the deepest known spot in the world's oceans, called the "Challenger Deep" in the Mariana Trench. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Kathy Sullivan – became the 1st woman & 5th person to reach "Challenger Deep"
- "Challenger Deep" – in Mariana Trench – Western Pacific Ocean



### 332. National & States Affairs

The Uttar Pradesh government has engaged 57.13 lakh workers under the MGNREGS, thereby emerging as the top state in the country to give employment under the rural employment guarantee scheme. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Uttar Pradesh – Topped – by engaging 57.13 lakh workers – under MGNREGS
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

### 333. Sports & Games

The Asian Paralympic Committee (APC) announced that Bahrain will host the fourth edition of the “Asian Youth Para Games” from December 1 to 10 next year. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Bahrain – to host the 4th “Asian Youth Para Games” in 2021
- Bahrain – Manama – Dinar
- HQs of APC – Abu Dhabi, UAE | President – Majid Rashed

### 334. National & States Affairs

Two youngsters have been arrested from Bikaner and Jhunjhunu districts of Rajasthan allegedly for working as spies for Pakistan's intelligence agency ISI. The operation that nabbed the culprits was jointly carried out by the Army, UP ATS, and Rajasthan Police, and was named Operation “Desert Chase”. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Operation “Desert Chase” – conducted in Rajasthan
- Two youngsters arrested from – “Bikaner” & “Jhunjhunu” districts of Rajasthan
- Rajasthan: Capital – Jaipur | CM – Ashok Gehlot | Governor – Kalraj Mishra

### 335. Current GK

In Odisha, Raja Parba Festival is celebrated for three days during the mid of June, preferably starts from 14th June and ends in 16th. During this period, the state remains in a state of jubilation and celebration. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- “Raja Parba Festival” – Odisha
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal



### 336. National & States Affairs

Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray & Dr. Harsh Vardhan jointly inaugurated the new Integrated Flood Warning System "IFLOWS" developed for Mumbai, calling it "boon" for the city. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Uddhav Thackeray + Dr. Harsh Vardhan = inaugurated "IFLOWS" in Mumbai
- IFLOWS – Integrated Flood Warning System
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari
- Dr. Harsh Vardhan – Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Ministry of Sci. & Tech, Ministry of Earth Science
- Constituency – Chandni Chowk, New Delhi

### 337. Obituaries

Actor Sushant Singh Rajput, 34, was committed suicide in Mumbai at his home. He was born on 16th January 1986 in Patna, Bihar. The actor was known for his performances in films such as Chhichhore, MS Dhoni: The Untold Story and Detective Byomkesh Bakshy! [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Sushant Singh Rajput – passed away – Actor
- He was born in – Patna, Bihar



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### 338. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

Cricket legend and Chennai Super Kings Coach Stephen Fleming announced "Chef Angad Singh Rana" as the winner of New Zealand's first 'Virtual' Chef competition – the "Quality NZ Culinary Cup" held in India. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Chef Angad Singh Rana – won "Quality NZ Culinary Cup" (New Zealand's first 'Virtual' Chef competition)
- New Zealand – Wellington – Dollar (NZD)

### 339. Books & Authors

Kazuo Ishiguro's first novel since he won the Nobel prize for literature named "Klara and the Sun" will be published in March 2021. It is about an 'Artificial Friend' who wants to find a human owner. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- "Klara and the Sun" Novel – authored by "Kazuo Ishiguro"



### 340. Banking & Economic Affairs

ICICI Bank launched of a facility called 'Insta Flexicash' enabling its salary account customers to get approvals for overdraft (OD) instantaneously and in a paperless manner. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- ICICI Bank – launched – 'Insta Flexicash' facility
- ICICI Bank: HQs – Mumbai | MD & CEO – [Sandeep Bakhshi](#)

### 341. Appointments & Resignations

Prime minister of Kyrgyzstan, Mukhammedkalyi Abylgaziev has resigned, citing an ongoing criminal investigation into the assignment of national radio frequencies. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Mukhammedkalyi Abylgaziev – PM of Kyrgyzstan – resigned
- Kyrgyzstan – Bishkek – Som

### 342. Obituaries

Noted folk singer of Uttarakhand Heera Singh Rana died at the age of 78 due to a heart attack. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Heera Singh Rana (Uttarakhand) – passed away – Folk Singer



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### 343. National & States Affairs

The Agriculture Ministry proposed to ban 27 pesticide formulations, several of which are highly toxic and have been linked to farmer deaths, and have also been banned in other countries. It includes Malathion that was extensively used by the government during the recent locust attack. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- "Malathion" – a Pesticide – used by India during the recent locust attack

### 344. National & States Affairs

In Uttar Pradesh, the State Government has successfully installed "Tru NAAT" machines in all 75 districts for rapid coronavirus testing. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Uttar Pradesh – installed "Tru NAAT" machines in all 75 districts
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel



### 345. Important Days & Dates

“World Elder Abuse Awareness Day” observed every year on June 15, was started by the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (INPEA) in 2006. In 2011, the United Nations adopted it as a designated day for prevention of abuse of the older people. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- June 15 – “World Elder Abuse Awareness Day”
- Started by – INPEA – in 2006 | Adopted by UN – in 2011

### 346. Obituaries

Former New Zealand Test cricketer Matt Poore, who is remembered for catching a stray dog during a match in Bengaluru in 1955 and subsequently taking 12 anti-rabies injections, has died at the age of 90. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Matt Poore (New Zealand) – passed away – Cricketer
- New Zealand – Wellington – Dollar (NZD)

### 347. Amount & Agreements

The country's Foreign Exchange Reserves crossed the \$500 billion mark for the first time ever. The reserves expanded by \$8.2 billion in the week ended June 5. In the nine-month period between September 20, 2019 and June 5, 2020, foreign exchange reserves have grown \$73 billion. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- India's FER – crossed the \$500 billion (for the first time)
- Expanded by – \$8.2 billion in the week & have grown – \$73 billion in last 9 months

### 348. Appointments & Resignations

Trustees of the PM CARES Fund have appointed "SARC & Associates" as auditor of the fund for three years. The firm, headed by Sunil Kumar Gupta, was appointed auditors of the PM's National Relief Fund (PMNRF) in 2019. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- SARC & Associates – appointed as the Auditor of – PM CARES Fund
- HQs of S & A – New Delhi | Chairman – Sunil Kumar Gupta

### 349. Current GK

Karnataka's Hubballi railway station is set to get the world's longest railway platform with dimensions of 1,400 metres length and 10 metres width. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Hubballi railway station (Karnataka) – set to get the world's longest railway platform
- Length – 1400m | Width – 10m

### 350. International Affairs

Syrian President Bashar Al Assad dismissed Imad Khamis as prime minister and appointed Water Minister Hussein Arnous in his place. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Bashar Al Assad (Syrian President) – dismissed Imad Khamis (Syrian PM)
- Syria – Damascus – Syrian Pound | President – Bashar al-Assad | PM – Hussein Arnous

### 351. Books & Authors

Biography of Dadabhai Naoroji, who internationalised freedom struggle, is to hit store shelves. Dinyar Patel is the author of the book "Naoroji-Pioneer of Indian Nationalism". It was published by the Harvard University Press in May 2020. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- "Naoroji-Pioneer of Indian Nationalism" book – Dinyar Patel
- Published by – Harvard University Press

### 352. Obituaries

Atul Srivastava, Director (Personnel), Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) passed away recently at Apollo Hospital, New Delhi following a cardiac arrest. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Atul Srivastava – passed away – Director of SAIL
- HQs of SAIL – New Delhi | CEO – Anil Kumar Chaudhary

### 353. Amount & Agreements

Exim Bank of India has extended a nearly \$216-million (1,640 crore) line of credit to Malawi to execute drinking-water-supply schemes and other development projects. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Exim Bank – extended \$216-million (1,640 crore) LoC to – Malawi
- HQs of EXIM Bank – Mumbai | Chairman & MD – TC Venkat Subramanian
- Malawi – Lilongwe – Malawian kwacha

### 354. International Affairs

India rejected a 2019 “International Religious Freedom Report” of US government that raised concerns over alleged attacks and discrimination against religious and ethnic minorities in the country. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- India – rejected “International Religious Freedom Report” of – US Government
- US Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) – Washington DC, USA
- USA – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | President – Donald Trump

### 355. Important Days & Dates

Marking the “International Day of Family Remittances” which falls on June 16 annually, the UN chief released a message appealing for people everywhere to support migrants. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- June 16 – “International Day of Family Remittances”
- Theme – “Building resilience in times of crisis”

### 356. International Affairs

The Trump administration has launched an economic and legal offensive on the International Criminal Court in response to the court’s decision to open an investigation into war crimes in Afghanistan carried out by all sides, including the US. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- The US Administration – targeted – the ICC with sanctions
- HQs of ICC – Hague, Netherlands



### 357. National & States Affairs

A new species of fish named "Schizothorax sikusirumensis" has been discovered in Arunachal Pradesh recently. This fish was collected from the junction of River Siku and Sirum near Gakang area of East Siang District. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- "Schizothorax sikusirumensis" fish – discovered – in Arunachal Pradesh
- Arunachal Pradesh: Capital – Itanagar | CM – Pema Khandu | Governor – B D Mishra

### 358. Acquisitions & Mergers

The Competition Commission of India has approved the acquisition of certain stakes in 91Streets Media Technologies, Ascent Health and Wellness Solutions, and API Holdings by MacRitchie Investments. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- MacRitchie Investments (Singapore) – acquired some stake in = 91Streets Media Technologies + Ascent Health and Wellness Solutions + API Holdings
- CCI HQs – New Delhi | Chairman – Ashok Kumar Gupta

### 359. National & States Affairs

The Indian state, Uttarakhand would produce the high-quality Australian sheep wool in the hills and cater to the country's textile industry. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Uttarakhand – to produce the high-quality Australian sheep wool
- Uttarakhand: Capital – Dehradun & Gairsain
- CM – Trivendra Singh Rawat | Governor – Baby Rani Maurya

### 360. National & States Affairs

The Madhya Pradesh government has given status of "Corona Warriors" to the Anganwadi workers. They are playing an important role in the state during the ongoing Corona crisis by distributing nutritious food from house to house of the beneficiaries. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Madhya Pradesh – given status of "Corona Warriors" – to the "Anganwadi workers"
- MP: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Lalji Tandon



### 361. Appointments & Resignations

Vice Admiral Biswajit Dasgupta took charge as the Chief of Staff of Eastern Naval Command (ENC), Visakhapatnam recently. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Biswajit Dasgupta – took charge as the Chief of Staff of – ENC
- HQs of ENC – Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh | FOC-in-C – Vice Admiral Atul Kumar Jain

### 362. Current GK

Ghumura dance is a folk dance of Kalahandi district of the Indian state Odisha. It is classified as folk dance as the dress code of Ghumura resembles more like a tribal dance.

#### Key Points:

- “Ghumura” folk dance – Odisha
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

### 363. Appointments & Resignations

In a bid to encourage the consumption of khadi products, the Bihar government recently appointed Pankaj Tripathi as the brand ambassador of the Bihar’s Khadi (Khadi Mall) in Patna. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Pankaj Tripathi – appointed as the brand ambassador of – Bihar’s Khadi (Khadi Mall)
- Bihar: Capital – Patna | CM – Nitish Kumar | Governor – Phagu Chauhan

### 364. Important Days & Dates

“World Blood Donor Day” is observed on every 14 June worldwide to create awareness about the need for safe blood and blood products. The theme for the Blood donor day 2020 is “Safe Blood Saves Lives”. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- June 14 – World Blood Donor Day
- Theme – “Safe Blood Saves Lives”

### 365. Science & Technology

Minister of State for Home Affairs G Kishan Reddy launched "GermiBAN" a robot that carries essentials products to frontline COVID-19 workers. It was developed by AIC ALEAP - WEHub. It kills surface and air microbes and could be used in isolation wards, quarantine centres, hospitals and public spaces. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- "GermiBAN" robot – launched by G Kishan Reddy (MoS for Home Affairs)
- Developed by – AIC ALEAP - WEHub (Hyderabad, Telangana)

### 366. National & States Affairs

The Karnataka government's plan to establish a monkey park, on the uninhabited islands in the Sharavathi backwaters region, has been opposed by environmentalists. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Karnataka – to establish a "Monkey Park" – in Sharavathi backwaters region
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – BS Yediyurappa | Governor – Vajubhai Vala

### 367. National & States Affairs

The NCLT has allowed Jet Airways to sell its premises in Bandra Kurla Complex (BKC) to settle Rs 360 crore dues of mortgage lender HDFC, clear overseas debt and cover corporate insolvency resolution process costs. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- NCLT – allowed "Jet Airways" – to sell its premises in "Bandra Kurla Complex (BKC)"
- HQs of NCLT – New Delhi | Chairman – Bansi Lal Bhat

### 368. International Affairs

The Government of Bangladesh has launched an online network named 'Shohojodha' to facilitate plasma exchange between recovered patients of COVID-19 and those undergoing treatment for Corona infection in the country. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Bangladesh – launched "Shohojodha" an online initiative to facilitate Plasma Exchange
- Bangladesh – Dhaka – Taka | PM – Sheikh Hasina | President – Abdul Hamid

### 369. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

India continued to remain ranked 43rd on an annual “World Competitiveness Index” compiled by Institute for Management Development (IMD). [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- “World Competitiveness Index-2020” – compiled by IMD
- India – 43rd | Topped by – Singapore

### 370. Persons in News

The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) reconstituted an advisory panel on corporate insolvency resolution and liquidation process by inducting four new members. The committee is chaired by noted banker Uday Kotak (Vice Chairman and MD of Kotak Mahindra Bank) and it was constituted in August 2017. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- IBBI – reconstituted an advisory panel on corporate insolvency resolution and liquidation process
- Added 4 new members | Chaired by – Uday kotak
- HQs of Kotak Mahindra Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Uday Kotak
- HQs of IBBI – New Delhi | Chairperson – M S Sahoo

### 371. National & States Affairs

To scan passengers for COVID-19 symptoms and to ensure contactless entry, body-screening facility "FebriEye thermal cameras" have been set up at Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus and Lokmanya Tilak Terminus in Mumbai, Maharashtra, Central Railway Zone. It is developed by Vehant Technologies. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- "FebriEye" thermal cameras– set up at Central Railway Zone (Mumbai)
- Developed by – Vehant Technologies (Noida, UP)

### 372. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

The Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) launched the findings of “SIPRI Yearbook 2020”, which assesses the current state of armaments, disarmament and international security. The nine nuclear-armed states - US, Russia, UK, France, China, India, Pakistan, Israel and North Korea - together possessed an estimated 13,400 nuclear weapons at the start of 2020. India stood at the 6th spot with 150 nuclear warheads. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- “SIPRI Yearbook 2020” related to armaments, disarmament and international security
- Ranks based on number of nuclear warheads present – topped by USA (5800)
- 2nd – Russia (6375) | 3rd – UK (215) | 6th – India (150)



### 373. National & States Affairs

In Manipur, State Chief Minister N. Biren Singh inaugurated three projects undertaken by State Public Health Engineering Department (PHED) through video conferencing from the Chief Minister's Secretariat Imphal. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- N. Biren Singh – inaugurated – 3 projects undertaken by PHED
- Manipur: Capital – Imphal | CM – N. Biren Singh | Governor – Najma Heptulla

### 374. Important Days & Dates

“World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought” is a United Nations observance day held on June 17 each year. This year, the theme was "Food. Feed. Fibre." [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- June 17 – World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought
- Theme – "Food. Feed. Fibre."

### 375. Appointments & Resignations

Former Supreme Court judge D K Jain will continue as BCCI's ethics officer and ombudsman after getting a one-year extension from the cricket Board. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- D K Jain – got an extension of 1 year as the – BCCI's Ethics Officer and Ombudsman
- HQs of BCCI – Mumbai, MH | Chairman – Sourav Ganguly

### 376. Amount & Agreements

The government infused equity share capital of Rs 5,297.60 Cr in India Infrastructure Finance Company (IIFCL). This infusion has increased the paid-up equity share capital of IIFCL to Rs 9,999.92 Cr against the authorized share capital of Rs 10,000 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Government – infused Equity Share Capital of Rs 5,297.60 Cr – in IIFCL (HQs – Chennai, TN)

### 377. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Indian software major, Infosys along with US telecommunication conglomerate Verizon and British consumer goods company Reckitt Benckiser, signed on to The Climate Pledge, an initiative by Amazon founder and Global Optimism founder to become Net-Zero carbon by 2040. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Infosys + Verizon + Reckitt Benckiser = signed on to The Climate Pledge
- To become Net-Zero carbon by – 2040
- HQs of Infosys – Bengaluru, Karnataka | CEO – Salil Parekh

### 378. National & States Affairs

The EPFO has launched a “Multi-Location Claim Settlement Facility” to expedite member claims, moving away from the existing system of geographical jurisdiction for claim processing. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- EPFO – launched – “Multi-Location Claim Settlement Facility”
- EPFO works under – Ministry of Labour and Employment
- EPFO HQs – New Delhi | CEO – Shri Sunil Barthwal

### 379. Obituaries

Famous Urdu Poet Pandit Anand Mohan Zutshi ‘Gulzar’ Dehlavi, who had recovered from COVID-19 recently, passed away. He was 94. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Pandit Anand Mohan Zutshi ‘Gulzar’ Dehlavi – passed away – Urdu Poet

### 380. Amount & Agreements

Jai Kisan, a Mumbai-based fintech platform has raised Rs 30 Cr funding from Arkam Ventures with the participation of a fund backed by NABARD. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- NABARD – invested Rs 30 Cr – in “Jai Kishan” fintech platform (Mumbai)
- HQs of NABARD – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Chintala Govinda Rajulu



### 381. Persons in News

Chief minister Mamata Banerjee has launched a web portal "Karmabhumi" for the IT professionals who have returned to the state following the Covid-19 outbreak to help them find jobs. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Mamata Banerjee (WB) – launched "Karmabhumi" web portal – for the IT professionals
- West Bengal: Capital – Kolkata | CM – Mamta Banerjee | Governor – Jagdeep Dhankar

### 382. Current GK

The first population estimation exercise of the Indian gaur carried out in the Nilgiris Forest Division in recent years, which was conducted in February of this year, has revealed that more than an estimated 2,000 Indian gaurs inhabit the entire division. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- 1st Population Estimation Exercise of "Indian gaur" – carried out in – "Nilgiris Forest Division" (Tamil Nadu)
- Estimation: "2,000 Indian Gaurs" inhabit the entire division
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai
- CM – Thiru Edappadi K. Palaniswami | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit

### 383. National & States Affairs

Shri M. Ajit Kumar, Chairman, Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) launched the "e-Office" application in over 500 CGST and Customs offices across India. It is developed by the National Informatics Centre (NIC). The "e-Office" is a Mission Mode Project (MMP) under the National e-Governance of India. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- CBIC – launched – "e-Office" application – developed by NIC
- MMP – Mission Mode Project
- HQs of CBIC – New Delhi | Chairperson – M. Ajit Kumar

### 384. Current GK

On World Environment Day 2020, Bangalore International Airport Limited – operator of Kempegowda International Airport, announced the deployment of a weather-based Smart Automatic Irrigation System to manage its sprawling 100-acre landscape. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Kempegowda International Airport (Karnataka) – 1st airport in India to deploy a tech-enabled SAIS
- SAIS – Smart Automatic Irrigation System
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – BS Yediyurappa | Governor – Vajubhai Vala



### 385. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

The 40th meeting of the GST Council, headed by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and comprising state counterparts, was held via video conferencing. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- 40th meeting – of the GST Council – headed by Nirmala Sitharaman (FM Minister – Karnataka)
- GST council formed under – “Article 279A” of Indian Constitution

### 386. National & States Affairs

“Aarogyapath”, a CSIR National Healthcare Supply Chain Portal that aims to provide real-time availability of critical healthcare supplies has been launched by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare recently. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- “Aarogyapath” – a CSIR National Healthcare Supply Chain Portal
- Launched by – Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (Dr. Harsh Vardhan – Chandni Chowk, Delhi)

### 387. National & States Affairs

Jammu and Kashmir has launched J&K Poultry Policy 2020. The Policy is expected to create employment avenues for youth and shall be a big step for making the UT self-sufficient in poultry production besides supplementing income of farmers. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Jammu and Kashmir – launched “J&K Poultry Policy 2020” – to create employment + poultry production
- J &K Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – G C Murmu

### 388. Schemes & Initiatives

India, along with 12 other countries, has led an initiative called "VERIFIED" aimed at spreading fact-based content to counter misinformation on the coronavirus. The initiative is launched by United Nations to provide information on three themes: Science, Solidarity, Solution. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- India +12 countries = led "VERIFIED" initiative – to spread fact-based content
- launched by UN | The themes: Science, Solidarity, Solution
- HQs of UN – New York, United States | Director – Antonio Guterres



### 389. National & States Affairs

In a first, Indian Railways' Central Railway zone has installed a newly innovated "ATMA - Automated Ticket Checking & Managing Access" machine at the Nagpur railway station. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Central Railway zone – installed – "ATMA" machine
- ATMA – Automated Ticket checking & Managing Access
- HQ of Central Railway Zone – Mumbai, MH

### 390. Current GK

The Kanha National Park in Madhya Pradesh, which was shut since March-end due to COVID-19 outbreak, has reopened for tourists after a gap of over two- and-a-half months. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Kanha National Park (Madhya Pradesh) – has reopened for tourists after two and a half months
- MP: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Lalji Tandon

### 391. Obituaries

India's oldest First Class Cricketer Vasant Raiji passed away recently. He was 100. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Vasant Raiji – passed away – Cricketer

### 392. National & States Affairs

Punjab launched mobile app "Ghar Ghar Nigrani" to undertake house-to-house surveillance in the state as an ongoing process, till the elimination of the pandemic. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Punjab – launched mobile app "Ghar Ghar Nigrani"
- Punjab: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Captain Amarinder Singh | Governor – V. P. Singh Badnore

### 393. Current GK

The opening of the "Grand Anicut Dam", near Trichy, in Tamil Nadu has been postponed. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- "Grand Anicut Dam" – Tamil Nadu
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai
- CM – Thiru Edappadi K. Palaniswami | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit



### 394. National & States Affairs

Airtel Payments Bank has recently launched "Suraksha Salary Account" designed specifically for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME). [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Airtel Payments Bank – launched – "Suraksha Salary Account"
- HQs of APB – New Delhi | CEO – Anubrata Biswas

### 395. Current GK

Manipur's Ministerial team inspected largest freshwater lake " Loktak Lake" in Northeast, Keibul Lamjao National Park (KLNP) which is country' only floating park. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Loktak Lake + Keibul Lamjao National Park = Manipur
- Manipur: Capital – Imphal | CM – N. Biren Singh | Governor – Najma Heptulla

### 396. Important Days & Dates

June 13 marked "International Albinism Awareness Day" around the globe to educate everyone about the rights of people with albinism and celebrate them. The theme of the 5th anniversary of International Albinism Awareness Day is "Made To Shine." [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- June 13 – "International Albinism Awareness Day" (5th anniversary)
- Theme – "Made To Shine"

### 397. International Affairs

The UK announced "Jet Zero" plan to drive down aviation emissions. The U.K. is chasing a target to make the country a net-zero economy by 2050, and transport emissions are proving among the toughest to get down. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- UK – launched "Jet Zero" plan to reduce aviation emissions
- UK's plan to make the country a net-zero economy – by 2050
- UK – London – Pound Sterling | PM of UK – Boris Johnson



### 398. Science & Technology

Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has developed a sanitizing chamber named 'GermiKlean' to sanitise uniforms of security forces. The sanitizing chamber has been set up at Parliament Street Police Station. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- DRDO – developed – “GermiKlean” a sanitizing chamber to sanitise uniforms of security forces
- DRDO: HQs – New Delhi | Chairman – G. Satheesh Reddy

### 399. National & States Affairs

Central Railway Zone, Railway Protection Force, Pune launched "CAPTAIN ARJUN" (Always be Responsible and Just Use to be Nice) a robot to screen passengers while they board trains. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- RPF (Pune) – at Central Railway Zone – launched - "CAPTAIN ARJUN" robot to screen passengers
- ARJUN – Always be Responsible and Just Use to be Nice
- HQ of Central Railway Zone – Mumbai, MH

### 400. Current GK

Harike Wetland also known as "Hari-ke-Pattan", with the Harike Lake in the deeper part of it, is the largest wetland in northern India in the border of Tarn Taran Sahib district and Ferozepur district of the Punjab.

#### Key Points:

- Harike Wetland – "Hari-ke-Pattan" – Punjab
- Punjab: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Captain Amarinder Singh | Governor – V. P. Singh Badnore





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