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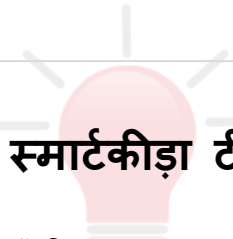
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मित्रों! हम आशा करते हैं की आप सभी स्वस्थ और कुशल होंगे। इस सन्देश के माध्यम से हम आपसे यह कहना चाहते हैं की ये PDF जून 2021 माह में Testzone पर होने वाले MockDrill Test में आपकी तैयारी को बेहतर करने के लिए उपलब्ध करायी जा रही है। इस PDF में हमने कुछ 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 पढना, समझना और उसे याद रखना भी अति आवश्यक है क्योंकि MockDrill में शामिल किए गए प्रश्न PDF में दी गयी सूचना या जानकारी पर ही आधारित होंगे।

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

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National & States Affairs

201. On June 7, New Delhi has launched a new Covid-19 vaccination campaign - "Jahan vote, wahan vaccination" - for those who are 45 years and above. Delhi has 180 vaccination centres where Covishield is being administered to people above 45 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- New Delhi – launched a new Covid-19 vaccination campaign - "Jahan vote, wahan vaccination"
- Delhi: CM – Arvind Kejriwal | Governor – Anil Baijal | Chief Secretary – Vijay Dev

202. On June 6, Punjab Government has also initiated the usage of Electronic Identity Cards (eIDs) equipped with Near Field Communication (NFC) technology for their officers/employees through one of its prominent entity viz. Punjab Mandi Board. Punjab has become the first State to launch 'Digi-Locker Facility' for Farmers. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Punjab – initiated the usage of "eIDs" equipped with Near Field Communication (NFC) technology
- Punjab – the first State to launch 'Digi-Locker Facility' for Farmers
- Punjab: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Captain Amarinder Singh | Governor – V. P. Singh Badnore

203. On June 9, The Gujarat government has launched 'e-Nirman' web portal and a mobile application to facilitate online registration of workers from the unorganized sector to enroll them for various government welfare schemes. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Gujarat – launched 'e-Nirman' web portal and a mobile application – for 'Unorganized sector'
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat

204. On June 8, The new e-filing website of the Income Tax Department was launched with a host of new features for taxpayers. This portal is an initiative by the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Income Tax Department – launched a new "e-filing portal" with new tax filing features (an initiative by CBDT)
- HQs of CBDT – New Delhi | Interim Chairman – Jagannath Bidyadhar Mohapatra | Formed in – 1944

205. On June 8, Union Minister Prakash Javadekar has launched a 2-month "Awareness Campaign on Single-Use Plastic" & "India Plastic Challenge - Hackathon 2021". The campaign was organised by GIZ, UN Environment Programme (UNEP) and FICCI along with Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Prakash Javadekar – launched "Awareness Campaign on Single-Use Plastic" & "India Plastic Challenge - Hackathon 2021"
- The campaign was organised by = GIZ, UNEP + FICCI + MoEFCC



- HQs of FICCI – New Delhi | Chairman – Sangita Reddy | Founded in – 1927
- HQs of UNEP – Nairobi, Kenya | Executive Director – Inger Andersen | Founded in – 1972

206. On June 8, The Piramal Foundation in partnership with NITI Aayog has launched “Surakshit Hum Surakshit Tum Abhiyaan” in 112 districts to provide COVID home care to 20 lakh citizens staying in rural areas. Most of these districts are in Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Odisha and Maharashtra. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Piramal Foundation (Mumbai) + NITI Aayog = launched “Surakshit Hum Surakshit Tum Abhiyaan” in 112 districts
- HQs of NITI Aayog – New Delhi | CEO – Amitabh Kant
- Chairperson – Narendra Modi | Vice Chairperson – Rajiv Kumar

207. On June 3, The Goa government has released a short film on Chhatrapati Shivaji on the occasion of the anniversary of Maratha king’s coronation day. A Konkani and Hindi version of the film, titled “Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Shivrajyabhishek Divas”, was released on social media. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Goa – released a short film titled “Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Shivrajyabhishek Divas”
- Goa: Capital – Panaji | CM – Pramod Sawant | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshiyari

208. On June 8, Weyan village in Bandipora district of Jammu and Kashmir has become the first village in India to achieve 100% vaccination of all its adult population against COVID-19. The vaccination in the village was covered under ‘J&K model’. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Weyan village (J & K) – first village in India to achieve 100% vaccination of all its adult population against COVID-19
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha

209. On June 9, The Rengma Nagas in Assam have written to Union Home Minister Amit Shah demanding an autonomous district council amid a decision by the Central and the State governments to upgrade the Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council (KAAC) into a territorial council. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rengma Nagas (Assam) – wrote to Amit Shah demanding an autonomous district council
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Himanta Biswa Sarma | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi

210. On June 9, The Rajasthan government has approved the “Mukhyamantri Kisan Mitra Urja Yojana”, under which agriculture power consumers will get Rs 1,000 every month. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rajasthan – approved the “Mukhyamantri Kisan Mitra Urja Yojana” (Rs 1,000 every month)
- Rajasthan: Capital – Jaipur | CM – Ashok Gehlot | Governor – Kalraj Mishra



211. On June 8, Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID) has commissioned Monopole-I of the \pm 320 kV, 2000 MW Voltage Source Converter (VSC) based High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) System between Kerala & Tamil Nadu. The Pugalur-Thrissur HVDC system costs Rs 5070 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- POWERGRID commissioned 2000 MW VSC based High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) System – between Kerala & TN
- HQs of POWERGRID – Gurgaon, Haryana | MD & Chairman – Kandikuppa Sreekant

212. On June 9, The government has approved allotment of 5 MHz spectrum in 700 MHz frequency band to Indian Railways for public safety and security services at stations and in trains. With this spectrum, Indian Railways has decided to provide LTE (Long Term Evolution) based “Mobile Train Radio Communication” on its route. The estimated investment in the project is more than Rs 25,000 Cr. The project will be completed in the next 5 years. In addition to this, Indian Railways has approved TCAS (Train Collision Avoidance System), an indigenously developed ATP (Automatic Train Protection) System. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Government approved allotment of 5 MHz spectrum in 700 MHz frequency band – to Indian Railways
- Indian Railways – to provide LTE (Long Term Evolution) based “Mobile Train Radio Communication” on its route
- Cost of the Project – Rs 25,000 Cr | Time duration – 5 years
- Indian Railways – approved TCAS (Train Collision Avoidance System) - an indigenously developed ATP System

213. On June 9, The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved the proposal of the Department of Fertilizers for extension of applicability of “New Investment Policy (NIP)-2012” read with its amendment dated 7th Oct 2014 for the Ramagundam Fertilizers and Chemicals Limited (RFCL). RFCL is a Joint Venture Company consisting of National Fertilizers Limited (NFL), Engineers India Limited (EIL) and Fertilizers Corporation of India Limited (FCIL). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Department of Fertilizers – extended the applicability of “NIP-2012” to Ramagundam Fertilizers & Chemicals Ltd
- Location of Ramagundam Fertilizers & Chemicals Ltd – Ramagundam, Telangana

214. On June 10, Karnataka Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa has launched a “DBT mobile application” that will help transfer funds directly to Aadhaar linked bank accounts of beneficiaries of various government welfare schemes. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Karnataka – launched a “DBT mobile application” for fund transfer to beneficiaries
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – BS Yediyurappa | Governor – Vajubhai Vala



215. On June 10, a Commemorative Postage Stamp was released by Shri Harsh Vardhan Shringla to mark its 70th anniversary of Indo-German diplomatic relations. Brandenburg Gate is mentioned on the stamp along with India Gate. The two countries are commemorating the anniversary with a number of events that are planned to be held in India and Germany through 2021-2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Harsh Vardhan Shringla – released Indian stamp to mark its 70th anniversary of “Indo-German diplomatic relations”
- India Gate & Brandenburg Gate ([Germany](#)) – are mentioned on the stamp
- [Germany – Berlin – Euro | President – Frank-Walter Steinmeier](#)

216. On June 4, Narendra Singh Tomar has released a Model Panchayat Citizens Charter/Framework for delivery of the services across the 29 sectors. The framework was prepared by Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) in collaboration with National Institute of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj (NIRDPR). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Singh Tomar – released Model Panchayat Citizens Charter/Framework for delivery of services in 29 sectors
- The framework was prepared by = MoPR + NIRDPR

217. On June 10, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin has constituted a high-level committee headed by retired judge A. K. Rajan to study the impact of NEET on admission to medical courses in Tamil Nadu. The eight-member committee has been asked to submit its recommendations to protect the welfare of socially backward students within a month. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tamil Nadu – constituted a high-level committee to study the impact of NEET on admission to medical courses
- The committee is headed by – A. K. Rajan
- [Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit](#)

International Affairs

218. On June 8, More than 1.10 lakh web links, including websites and online marketplaces, have been removed under “Operation Pangea XIV” involving the police, customs and health regulatory authorities of 92 countries against the sale of fake and illicit medicines and medical products. The operation was coordinated by Interpol. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- More than 1.10 lakh web links – removed under “Operation Pangea XIV” against illegal medical trade
- “Operation Pangea XIV” – coordinated by Interpol
- [HQs of Interpol – Lyon, France | President – Kim Jong Yang](#)



219. On June 9, El Salvador has become the first nation in the entire world to officially grant legal tender status to cryptocurrency Bitcoin. A majority of the South American country's lawmakers gave their nod to a bill presented by President Nayib Bukele. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- El Salvador – the 1st nation in the entire world to officially grant legal tender status to cryptocurrency 'Bitcoin'
- [El Salvador – San Salvador – US Dollar | President – Nayib Bukele](#)

220. China is developing “Baihetan Hydropower Project” which is a 16GW hydroelectric facility under construction on Jinsha River, a tributary of the Yangtze River in China. It will be the world's second biggest power station after the Three Gorges Dam, upon completion. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- China is developing “Baihetan Hydropower Project” - a 16GW hydroelectric facility on 'Jinsha River'
- Jinsha River – a tributary of Yangtze River ([China](#))
- [China – Beijing – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping](#)

Banking & Economic Affairs

221. On June 7, NITI Aayog has recommended divesting government stake in Central Bank of India and Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) as part of the privatisation initiative announced in the Union Budget. Nirmala Sitharaman, in her Budget speech, also announced privatising one general insurance company. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NITI Aayog – recommended privatisation of Central Bank of India & Indian Overseas Bank
- HQs of NITI Aayog – New Delhi | CEO – Amitabh Kant
- Chairperson – Narendra Modi | Vice Chairperson – Rajiv Kumar
- HQs of CBoI – Mumbai, MH | CEO – Matam Venkata Rao | Tagline – “Central to You Since 1911”
- HQs of IOB – Chennai, TN | MD & CEO – Partha Pratim Sengupta | Tagline – “Good people to grow with”

222. Rupee Co-operative Bank has been granted an extension for its Banking License by the RBI for another 3 months up to August 31, 2021. Till March 2021, the bank made total recovery of Rs 263.93 Cr and aggregate operating profit of Rs 70.70 Cr during the last 5 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rupee Co-operative Bank – granted an extension for its Banking License by RBI for another 3 months (till 31 Aug)
- HQs of Rupee Co-operative Bank – Pune, Maharashtra | Chairman – Sudhir Pandit



223. On June 8, HDFC Bank recently signed an MoU with Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board to provide a wide range of financial products and services to its customers. The bank will offer credit facilities up to 75% of the project cost to eligible companies/investors of KIADB. This MoU shall be valid for 3 years from the date of execution. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- HDFC Bank + KIADB – an MoU to offer credit facilities up to 75% of the project cost to eligible companies / investors
- HQs of HDFC Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Sashidhar Jagdishan | Tagline – “We understand your world”
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – BS Yediyurappa | Governor – Vajubhai Vala

224. On June 8, Central Bank of India (CBoI) has announced co-lending partnerships with Indiabulls Housing Finance and IIFL Home Finance. In November 2020, the RBI had announced a Co-Lending Model (CLM) scheme under which banks can provide loans along with NBFCs to priority sector borrowers based on a prior agreement. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CBoI + Indiabulls Housing Finance + IIFL Home Finance = Co-Lending Partnerships
- HQs of CBoI – Mumbai, MH | CEO – Matam Venkata Rao | Tagline – “Central to You Since 1911”

225. On June 7, The RBI has imposed penalty of Rs 4 Cr has been imposed on Bank of India and Rs 2 Cr on Punjab National Bank for breaching stipulated transaction limits and delaying transfer of unclaimed balances. The bank had also conducted a review and submitted a Fraud Monitoring Report (FMR) dated January 1, 2019 pertaining to detection of fraud in an account. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI imposed penalty of – Rs 4 Cr has been imposed on Bank of India & Rs 2 Cr on PNB
- HQs of BOI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Shri Atanu Kumar Das
- HQs of PNB – New Delhi | MD & CEO – S. S. Mallikarjuna Rao | Tagline – “The Name You Can Bank Upon”

226. On June 9, Indian Bank has partnered wealth-tech company Fisdom to offer a comprehensive suite of wealth management products and services to the bank’s 10 Cr customers. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian Bank + Fisdom = to offer a comprehensive suite of wealth management products and services
- HQs of Indian Bank – Chennai, Tamil Nadu | CEO – Padmaja Chundurur
- HQs of Fisdom – Bangalore, Karnataka | CEO – Subramanya SV

227. On June 12, Federal Bank has expanded strategic collaboration with Oracle and Infosys to provide an enhanced customer experience through “Oracle CX” (Customer Experience) platform. The bank’s mantra is ‘Digital at the fore, human at the core’. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Federal Bank+Oracle+Infosys = collaboration to provide an enhanced customer experience through “Oracle CX”
- HQs of Federal Bank – Aluva, Kerala | MD & CEO – Shyam Srinivasan | Tagline – “Your Perfect Banking Partner”
- HQs of Oracle – California, USA | Chairman – Larry Ellison
- HQs of Infosys – Bengaluru, Karnataka | CEO – Salil Parekh



Defence Affairs

228. The 6th batch of 3 Rafale fighter aircrafts landed in India after taking off from Bordeaux, France. These 3 planes will be deployed in the 101 “Falcons of Chamb” squadron at Hasimara in West Bengal. Thus, it took the total number of delivered fighter jets to 23. The IAF is expecting deliveries of all 36 fighter jets by April 2022. The planes are equipped with the ‘Hammer missiles’. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- France delivered the 6th batch of 3 Rafale fighter aircrafts to IAF – to be deployed in Hasimara, West Bengal
- Now, total number of Rafale jets in the IAF inventory = 23 [{Flexible figure}](#)
- France – Paris – Euro | President – Emmanuel Macron | New PM – Jean Castex

229. On June 3, Indian Coast Guard (ICG) has conducted “Operation Sagar Aaraksha II” to assist Sri Lankan Navy. ICG has been tirelessly engaged in fighting a major fire onboard the Chemical laden container vessel MV X-Press Pearl. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ICG – conducted “Operation Sagar Aaraksha II” to Sri Lankan Navy
- HQs of ICG – New Delhi | Director General – Krishnaswamy Natarajan | Founded in – 1977
- Sri Lanka – Colombo/Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte – Sri Lankan rupee
- PM – Mahinda Rajapaksa | President – Gotabaya Rajapaksa

230. On June 8, Russia is building its first Naval Ship that will be fully equipped with ‘Stealth Technology’ to make it hard to detect. The Mercury vessel will have a radar-absorbing coating and a special shape to minimise protrusions and crevices on its surface. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Russia – is building its first Naval Ship that will be fully equipped with ‘Stealth Technology’
- Russia – Moscow – Russian Ruble | PM – Mikhail Mishustin | President – Vladimir Putin

231. On June 9, The Indian and Thai navies have kicked off a 3-day coordinated patrol in the Andaman Sea in the backdrop of growing concern over China’s increasing maritime presence in the Indian Ocean region. The Indian Navy’s offshore patrol vessel INS Saryu participated in the 31st edition of the India-Thailand coordinated patrol (CORPAT). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India + Thailand = kicked off 31st edition of the India-Thailand coordinated patrol (CORPAT) – in Andaman Sea
- Thailand – Bangkok – Thai Baht | PM – Prayut Chan-o-cha



Schemes & Initiatives

232. On June 6, Rajasthan has launched “Chief Minister Anuprati Coaching Scheme” to help underprivileged students prepare for entrance examinations to civil services and professional courses. This scheme for underprivileged students will aim to include at least 50% girls. Underprivileged students preparing for entrance examinations in coaching institutes located outside their home cities will be given ₹40,000 annually for accommodation and food. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rajasthan – launched “Chief Minister Anuprati Coaching Scheme” for underprivileged students of CSE-UPSC
- ₹40,000 will be given annually to underprivileged students for accommodation & food
- Rajasthan: Capital – Jaipur | CM – Ashok Gehlot | Governor – Kalraj Mishra

233. On June 7, The Central Government has extended the scheme to distribute wheat & rice free of cost under “Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana” (PMGKAY) to around 80 Cr people till November, 2021. Under the PMGKAY, the Centre is distributing 5 kg foodgrains per person per month free of cost. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Government extended the scheme to distribute wheat & rice free of cost under “PMGKAY” – till Nov, 2021
- Under the PMGKAY – 5 kg foodgrains per person per month | PMGKAY – launched in March, 2020

234. On June 8, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy has launched “Jagananna Thodu” scheme with an aim to provide a helping hand to small and petty vendors across the State. Under the scheme, an interest-free loan of Rs 10,000 will be provided to 3.7 lakh small and petty vendors. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Andhra Pradesh – launched “Jagananna Thodu” scheme for Small Vendors (an interest-free loan of Rs 10,000)
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan

Sports & Games

235. On June 3, The Executive Board of the International Hockey Federation (FIH) has picked Oman to host the inaugural “Hockey5s World Cups (Men & Women)” to be played in January 2024 as India and Pakistan failed to get the nod. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Oman – to host the “FIH Hockey5s World Cups (Men & Women)” – to be played in January 2024
- Oman – Muscat – Rial | Sultan – Haitham bin Tariq Al Said
- HQs of FIH – Lausanne, Switzerland | President – Narinder Batra | CEO – Thierry Weil | Founded in – 1924



236. On June 10, India's Sunil Chhetri overtook Argentina's Lionel Messi to become the second-highest active international goalscorer with 74 goals. He helped India register a first win in the FIFA 2022 World Cup qualifiers. He is only behind Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo (103) in the active international goalscorer list. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sunil Chhetri – overtook Lionel Messi to become 2nd highest active International Goalscorer (with 74 goals)
- 1st - Cristiano Ronaldo - 103 goals (Portugal) | 2nd - Sunil Chhetri (Telangana) | 3rd - Lionel Messi (Argentina)

237. On June 9, India's star cricketer Virender Sehwag has launched an experiential learning website called "Cricuru" for cricket coaching. It is an AI-based cricket coaching platform offering a personalised learning experience for its users. The curriculum for each player has been developed personally by Sehwag along with Sanjay Bangar. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Virender Sehwag – launched an experiential learning website called "Cricuru" for cricket coaching
- The curriculum has been developed by = Virender Sehwag + Sanjay Bangar

238. On June 9, Aruna Tanwar has become India's first-ever Taekwondo entry in the Paralympics Games. She has been awarded a wild card entry for the Tokyo Paralympics to be held from August 24 to September 5. Aruna is the current World No. 4 in the women's U-49 category. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Aruna Tanwar (India - Taekwondo) – became India's first-ever Taekwondo entry in the Paralympics Games

Important Days & Dates

239. Quality Council of India (QCI) celebrates the World Accreditation Day (WAD) on 9th June every year to highlight as well as promote the role of accreditation in trade & economy. It is a global initiative established by International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) and the International Accreditation Forum (IAF) to promote the value of accreditation. This year, the theme is "Accreditation: Improving Food Safety". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 9 – World Accreditation Day – celebrated by Quality Council of India
- Theme – "Accreditation: Supporting the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)"

240. On June 10, "International Level Crossing Awareness Day" was observed for road users to practice safety measures at the level crossings. This year, the theme was is "Distraction". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 10 – "International Level Crossing Awareness Day"
- Theme – "Distraction"

Meetings, Conferences and Summits

241. The second United Nations (UN) Global Sustainable Transport Conference will take place from October 14 to 16 in Beijing, China. Themed “Sustainable transport, Sustainable development”, the conference will be held both online and offline. The first such conference was held in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan, in 2016. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The 2nd UN Global Sustainable Transport Conference – to take place in Beijing, China (from Oct 14 to 16)
- Theme – “Sustainable transport, Sustainable development”
- First such conference – in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan (in 2016)

242. The first edition of the Arab-India Energy Forum (AIEF) was held in a virtual format on 8-9 June 2021 under the co-chairship of India and the Kingdom of Morocco. The inaugural session of the Forum was addressed by R. K. Singh (Minister of State for Power, New & Renewable Energy of India). They agreed to convene the 2nd edition of the AIEF in India during the year 2023. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- First edition of “Arab-India Energy Forum (AIEF)” – co-chaired by India + Morocco (addressed by R. K. Singh)
- 2nd edition of the AIEF – to be held in India (in 2023)
- Morocco – Rabat – Dirham | PM – Saad-Eddine El Othmani

243. The first meeting of Joint Working Group (JWG) on Cyber Security Cooperation between India and Australia was held virtually on 10 June 2021. Ms. Paulomi Tripathi, Director (Oceania), Ministry of External Affairs of India led Indian delegation in the meeting. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 1st meeting of Joint Working Group (JWG) on Cyber Security Cooperation – held between India & Australia
- Australia – Canberra – Australian Dollar | PM – Scott Morrison

Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

244. On June 4, Thomas Vijayan has won the title of “Nature TTL Photographer of the Year 2021” for his photo of an orangutan clinging to a tree. The photograph is titled “The World is Going Upside Down”. Earlier, Thomas Vijayan’s photograph of a group of playful langurs was also honoured in the ‘Comedy Wildlife Photography Awards 2021’. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Thomas Vijayan (Kerala) – won the title of “Nature TTL Photographer of the Year 2021”
- His photograph is titled “The World is Going Upside Down”



245. On June 3, Delhi and Hyderabad airports have been felicitated “Asia-Pacific Green Airports Recognition 2021” by the Airports Council International (ACI) for their environment sustainable initiatives. Delhi International Airport has been awarded the Platinum Recognition in over 25 Million Passengers Per Annum (MPPA) category while, Hyderabad International Airport received the Gold Recognition in below 25 Million Passengers Per Annum (MPPA) category. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Delhi & Hyderabad airports – felicitated “Asia-Pacific Green Airports Recognition 2021” – by the ACI
- Delhi International Airport – Platinum Recognition in over 25 MPPA category
- Hyderabad International Airport – Gold Recognition in below 25 MPPA category
- [HQs of ACI – Montreal, Canada | DG – Luis Felipe de Oliveira](#)

246. On June 9, Tsitsi Dangarembga, the Booker-shortlisted Zimbabwean writer, has won the “PEN Pinter Prize in 2021”. He was also shortlisted for the 2020 Booker Prize for her work, This Mournable Body. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tsitsi Dangarembga ([Zimbabwe](#)) – won the “PEN Pinter Prize in 2021”
- [Zimbabwe – Harare – Dollar | President – Emmerson Mnangagwa](#)

247. On June 10, R. S. Sodhi (MD of Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation) has received “Asia Pacific Productivity Champion 2020” award in recognition of enhanced productivity and efficient milk supply chain. In the past 20 years, this is for the first time an Indian has received a prestigious award. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- R. S. Sodhi – received “Asia Pacific Productivity Champion 2020” award

248. Actor Tillotama Shome has won the Best Actor award at the latest edition of the “UK Asian Film Festival” for her film “Raahgir: The Wayfarers”, which is directed by Goutam Ghose. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tillotama Shome – won the Best Actor award at the “UK Asian Film Festival”
- She won this award for her film - “Raahgir: The Wayfarers” (directed by - Goutam Ghose)

Appointments & Resignations

249. On June 7, Association of National Exchanges Members of India (ANMI) has appointed K. K. Maheshwari, as new President. He takes over the office from Anup Khandelwal. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- K. K. Maheshwari – appointed as President of Association of National Exchanges Members of India (ANMI)
- [HQs of ANMI – New Delhi | President – K. K. Maheshwari](#)



250. On June 7, Vice Admiral Rajesh Pendharkar has assumed charge as Director General Naval Operations. The Flag Officer is a specialist in Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) and has served on frontline warships of the Navy as ASW Officer. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rajesh Pendharkar – assumed charge as Director General Naval Operations (DGNO)

251. On June 8, Social media giant Facebook has named Spoorthi Priya as its Grievance Officer for India on its website. Facebook-owned WhatsApp had recently named Paresh B. Lal as its grievance officer for India on its website. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Spoorthi Priya – appointed as its Grievance Officer for Facebook India on its website
- Paresh B. Lal – appointed as its Grievance Officer for WhatsApp India on its website (earlier)

252. On June 8, Arun Raste has taken charge as MD and CEO of agri-commodity bourse National Commodity and Derivatives Exchange (NCDEX) for a period of 5 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Arun Raste – took charge as MD & CEO of National Commodity and Derivatives Exchange (NCDEX)
- HQs of NCDEX – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Arun Raste

253. On June 8, President Ram Nath Kovind has appointed Anup Chandra Pandey, a retired Uttar Pradesh cadre IAS officer, to the post of Election Commissioner. Following the elevation of Sushil Chandra as the Chief Election Commissioner in April, the position of an Election Commissioner was vacant since April 13. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Anup Chandra Pandey – appointed to the post of Election Commissioner of India
- Chief Election Commissioner – Sushil Chandra | Other Election Commissioner – Rajiv Kumar (total 3 members)

254. On June 7, Mali Political Veteran Choguel Maiga has been appointed as Transitional Prime Minister of the country. While, Colonel Assimi Goita was sworn in as the new transitional President. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Choguel Maiga – appointed as Transitional Prime Minister of Mali
- Assimi Goita – appointed as Transitional President of Mali (earlier)
- Mali – Bamako – CFA franc | Transitional President – Col. Assimi Goita | Transitional PM – Choguel Maiga

255. On June 7, The RBI has granted approval for re-appointment of Chandra Shekhar Ghosh as the MD & CEO of Bandhan bank for a period of 3 years, with effect from 10 July 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Chandra Shekhar Ghosh – re-appointed as the MD & CEO of “Bandhan bank” for 3 years
- HQs of Bandhan Bank – Kolkata, WB | MD & CEO – Chandra Shekhar Ghosh | Tagline – “Aapka Bhalai, Sabki Bhalai”



256. The Central Government has re-appointed Mahesh Kumar Jain as Deputy Governor of Reserve Bank of India for a period of 2 years with effect from June 22, 2021. He was appointed as deputy governor for 3 years in June 2018. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mahesh Kumar Jain – tenure extended as Deputy Governor of the RBI for a period of 2 years
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April 1935
- Total Deputy Governors (4) – Mahesh Kumar Jain | T. Rabi Sankar | Michael D. Patra | M. Rajeshwar Rao

257. On June 6, UN General Assembly has appointed Antonio Guterres as the UN Secretary-General for a second term beginning on January 1, 2022. A few days ago, the UN Security Council had unanimously recommended his name to the 193-member body for re-election. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Antonio Guterres – appointed as the Secretary General of the UN – for the 2nd term beginning on January 1, 2022
- HQs of UN – New York, United States | Secretary-General – Antonio Guterres

258. On June 10, Former Mongolian Prime Minister Ukhnaa Khurelsukh has become the country's 6th democratically elected President. He is associated with Mongolian People's Party (MPP). He will replace incumbent Khaltmaa Battulga. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ukhnaa Khurelsukh – became 6th democratically elected President of – Mongolia
- Mongolia – Ulaanbaatar – Mongolian Togrog | President – Ukhnaa Khurelsukh

259. On June 10, The government has given a 9-month extension to Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) Chairman Mangalam Ramasubramanian Kumar till March, 2021. The government owns 100% stake in LIC. The initial public offer (IPO) of LIC would be floated in 2021-22 as part of the ambitious Rs 1.75 lakh Cr disinvestment target. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- M. R. Kumar – extension of 9 months as Chairman of the LIC (till March, 2021)
- HQs of LIC – Mumbai, MH | Chairman – M. R. Kumar | MD – Siddhartha Mohanty | Founded in – 1956

260. On June 9, Ferrari has appointed Benedetto Vigna as its new CEO. Vigna is currently a senior executive at STMicroelectronics. He replaced former CEO Louis Camilleri. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Benedetto Vigna – appointed as the CEO of Ferrari
- HQs of Ferrari – Maranello, Italy | CEO – Benedetto Vigna



261. On June 10, The Law Ministry has notified the appointment of Justice Sanjay Yadav by President Ram Nath Govind as the Chief Justice of the Allahabad High Court. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Justice Sanjay Yadav – appointed as the Chief Justice of the Allahabad High Court
- The President of India appoints a Chief Justice of State High Court – under ‘Article 223’ of Indian Constitution

262. On June 8, The RBI has approved the re-appointment of Girish Chandra Chaturvedi as the part-time Chairman of ICICI Bank for a period of 3 years starting July 1, 2021. This reappointment was earlier approved by shareholders on August 14, 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Girish Chandra Chaturvedi – re-appointed as the part-time Chairman of ICICI Bank – for 3 years
- HQs of ICICI Bank – Mumbai | MD & CEO – Sandeep Bakhshi | Tagline – “Hum Hain Na!”

Amount & Agreements

263. On June 7, Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) has signed up an investment pact Gujarat Government for adding petrochemical and lube plants to expand crude oil processing capacity at its Koyali refinery at Vadodara in Gujarat. IOC will invest total Rs 24,000 Cr in six petrochemical projects of Gujarat. The other infrastructure projects envisaged are a new flare system at the Gujarat refinery and a Hydrogen Dispensing Facility for Fuel Cell Electric Vehicles (FCEV). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IOC + Gujarat = an investment pact to invest Rs 24,000 Cr in six petrochemical projects of Gujarat
- IOC – also set up “Hydrogen Dispensing Facility” for Fuel Cell Electric Vehicles (FCEV) – in Gujarat
- IOC’s Koyali refinery – Vadodara, Gujarat
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat
- HQs of IOCL – New Delhi | Chairperson – Shrikant Madhav Vaidya

264. On June 8, The Ministry of Jal Shakti under ‘Swachh Bharat Mission - Grameen’ (SBM-G) Phase 2 is poised to support over 2 lakh villages achieve Solid and Liquid Waste Management (SLWM) arrangements through an investment of over Rs 40,700 Cr in FY 2021-22. The National Scheme Sanctioning Committee (NSSC) of SBM-G under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Jal Shakti approved the Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) of States and UTs. 4,100 Cr out of total investment will be spent through convergence with MGNREGS. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rs 40,700 Cr allocated – by Ministry of Jal Shakti under ‘SBM-G’ Phase 2
- 4,100 Cr – to be spent through convergence with MGNREGS
- Ministry of Jal Shakti will support over 2 lakh villages achieve ‘SLWM’ arrangements



Ranks, Reports & Surveys

265. Three Indian universities have ranked in the top-200 in the 18th edition of the QS World University Rankings 2022, with IIT-Bombay securing 177th position, IIT-Delhi at 185th, and IISc-Bengaluru placed on 186th position. IISc-Bengaluru has been ranked number 1 in the world for Research. The US-based Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) has been ranked number 1 university in the world, with an overall score of 100. MIT is followed by University of Oxford & Stanford University. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “18th edition of the QS World University Rankings 2022”
- 1st - Massachusetts Institute of Technology | 2nd - University of Oxford | 3rd - Stanford University
- IIT Bombay - 177th | IIT Delhi - 185th | IISc Bengaluru - 186th (No. 1 in the world for ‘Research’ category)

266. New Zealand’s Auckland has been ranked the Best due to their strong response to Covid-19 pandemic, as per the “Global Liveability Index 2021” published by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU). According to the EIU survey, 6 of the top 10 cities are in New Zealand and Australia. Japanese cities of Osaka and Tokyo grabbed second and fourth place, while Australia’s Adelaide stood at the third. Syria’s Damascus is the least liveable city in the world, followed by Lagos & Port Moresby. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Global Liveability Index 2021” – published by Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU)
- Most liveable cities: 1st - Auckland (New Zealand) | 2nd - Osaka (Japan) | 3rd - Adelaide (Australia)
- Least liveable cities: 1st - Damascus (Syria) | 2nd - Lagos (Nigeria) | 3rd - Port Moresby (Papua New Guinea)

267. On June 6, Himachal Pradesh has climbed to the third spot in the “Anemia Mukt Bharat Index 2020-21” national ranking with a score of 57.1. Madhya Pradesh is at the first position with a score of 64.1 followed by Odisha with a score of 59.3. Government of India launched the Anemia Mukt Bharat (AMB) strategy under the Prime Minister’s Overarching Scheme for Holistic Nourishment (POSHAN) Abhiyaan with the target to reduce anaemia by 3% per year. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Anemia Mukt Bharat Index 2020-21” national ranking:
- 1st – Madhya Pradesh (64.1) | 2nd – Odisha (59.3) | 3rd – Himachal Pradesh (57.1)
- POSHAN – Prime Minister’s Overarching Scheme for Holistic Nourishment

268. On June 9, For the second consecutive year, DBS Bank has been ranked No. 1 out of 30 domestic and international banks in India, as per the 3rd edition of the “World’s Best Banks 2021” list by Forbes, conducted in partnership Statista. DBS was also named “Safest Bank in Asia” for the 12th consecutive year by New York-based trade publication Global Finance in 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- DBS Bank – ranked No. 1 as per the 3rd edition of the “World’s Best Banks 2021” list by Forbes + Statista
- HQs of DBS Bank India – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Surojit Shome



- HQs of DBS Bank – Singapore | CEO – Piyush Gupta
- Amalgamation with DBS Bank – Lakshmi Vilas Bank (in 2020)

269. On June 11, According to the “Child Labour Global Estimates 2020, trends and roads forward” released by UNICEF & International Labour Organization (ILO), Child Labour has risen to 160 million worldwide for the first time in 20 years. It shows an increase of 8.4 million children in the last 4 years. [{Read more}](#)

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- An increase of 8.4 million children in the last 4 years
- HQs of UNICEF – New York, USA | Executive Director – Henrietta H. Fore | Established in – 1946
- HQs of ILO – Geneva, Switzerland | DG – Guy Ryder | Founded in – 1919

270. On June 9, NITI Aayog RMI (Rocky Mountain Institute) and RMI India’s new report, “Fast Tracking Freight in India: A Roadmap for Clean and Cost-Effective Goods Transport”, presents key opportunities for India to reduce its logistics costs. As per the report, India can save Logistics Fuel worth ₹311 Lakh Cr between 2020 and 2050. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Fast Tracking Freight in India: A Roadmap for Clean and Cost-Effective Goods Transport” – by NITI Aayog & RMI
- According to the report, India has the potential to:
 - Reduce its logistics cost by 4% of GDP
 - Achieve 10 gigatonnes of cumulative CO₂ emissions savings between 2020 and 2050
 - Reduce nitrogen oxide (NOx) and particulate matter (PM) emissions by 35% and 28%, respectively, until 2050
- HQs of RMI – Colorado, US | CEO – Jules Kortenhorst

271. On June 9, The World Health Organization (WHO) has released a handbook to help assess the burden of foodborne diseases and locate data gaps to help strengthen health infrastructure. More than 600 million people are affected by foodborne diseases every year, as per the WHO’s report of 2015 “Estimates of the global burden of foodborne diseases”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Estimates of the global burden of Foodborne Diseases” a 2015 report – released by the WHO
- 600 million people are affected by foodborne diseases every year
- WHO released a handbook to help assess the burden of foodborne diseases
- HQs of WHO – Geneva, Switzerland | DG – Tedros Adhanom | Member Countries – 194



272. The Food and Agriculture Organization's World Food Price Index (WFPI) has reached 127.1 points in May 2021. It is the highest level since September 2011. The April figure was previously given as 120.9. On a year-on-year basis, prices were up 39.7% in May. FAO released the first ever forecast of World Cereal Production this year. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

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- On a year-on-year basis, prices were up 39.7% in May 2021
- HQs of FAO – Rome, Italy | DG – QU Dongyu | Formation – 16th October, 1945

273. Coursera's "Global Skills Report 2021" found Indian women opting to upskill in STEM-related fields, bringing the share of enrollments increase to 2nd highest globally. Overall, India ranked 67th globally, with 38% proficiency, with mid-rankings globally in each domain, #55 in business and at #66 in both technology and data science. Switzerland topped the rankings followed by Luxembourg & Austria. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Global Skills Report 2021" – released by Coursera
- India – 67th | 1st - Switzerland, 2nd - Luxembourg, 3rd - Austria
- HQs of Coursera – California, USA | CEO – Jeff Maggioncalda

274. The 2021 edition of UNCTAD's "Development and Globalization: Facts and Figures" report was released on June 10, 2021. As per the report, the GDP of Small Island Developing States (SIDS) is expected to decline 9% in 2020. SIDS were also 35% more vulnerable to external economic and financial shocks than other developing countries. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

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- GDP of Small Island Developing States (SIDS) is expected to decline by 9% in 2020
- HQs of UNCTAD – Geneva, Switzerland | UNCTAD Secretary-General – Mukhisa Kituyi

275. On June 9, India may lose around 3 to 10% of its GDP annually by 2100 and its poverty rate may rise by 3.5% in 2040 due to climate change, according to a report titled "The Costs of Climate Change in India" released by the London-based Overseas Development Institute. India is already experiencing the consequences of 1°C of global warming. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "The Costs of Climate Change in India" – released by Overseas Development Institute (London, UK)
- India may lose 3 to 10% of its GDP annually by 2100 | Poverty rate may rise by 3.5% in 2040

276. On June 9, Dr. Anup Wadhawan (Secretary of Department of Commerce) has released an overview of India's Export Growth of Agriculture, Organic & Tea during FY 2020-21. India's export of Agriculture increased by 17.34% to \$41.25 billion during FY 2020-21. Spices witnessed the highest export of \$4 billion. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

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- Spices witnessed the highest export of \$4 billion during FY 2020-21

277. On June 10, The Ministry of Education has released the “All Indian Survey of Higher Education (AISHE) report 2019-20”. The report revealed that the number of Institutes of National Importance (INIs) have increased from 75 in 2015 to 135 in 2020. The number of PhDs has also increased by 60% in the last 5 years. There has been a growth of 11.4% in student enrolment. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “All Indian Survey of Higher Education (AISHE) report 2019-20” – released by Ministry of Education
- Number of Institutes of National Importance increased – to 135 in 2020 (from 75 in 2015)
- There has been a growth of 11.4% in student enrolment

Acquisitions & Mergers

278. On June 8, The Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved the proposed acquisitions. Tata Power Company’s proposed purchase of 51% stake each in 3 power utilities in Odisha - WESCO, SOUTHCO & CESCO has been approved. The CCI also approved an acquisition 75% shareholding in Mphasis Ltd by BCP Topco. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tata Power – to acquire 51% stake each in 3 power utilities in Odisha - WESCO, SOUTHCO & CESCO
- BCP Topco – to acquire 75% stake in Mphasis Ltd
- HQs of CCI – New Delhi | Chairman – Ashok Kumar Gupta | Established in – 2003
- HQs of Tata Power – Mumbai | CEO – Praveer Sinha
- HQs of Mphasis Ltd – Bangalore, Karnataka | CEO – Nitin Rakesh
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

279. On June 11, Tata Digital Ltd has entered into an agreement to acquire majority stake in 1MG Technologies Pvt Ltd, a digital health company, for an unspecified amount. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tata Digital – to acquire majority stake in 1MG Technologies Pvt Ltd
- HQ of Tata Digital – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Pratik Pal



280. On June 10, Merchant payment and lending service provider BharatPe has acquired Payback India from American Express and ICICI Investments Strategic Fund. Payback India - launched in 2010 - is a multi-brand loyalty programme with over 100 million members in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- BharatPe – acquired Payback India from American Express & ICICI Investments Strategic Fund
- HQs of BharatPe – New Delhi | Founder & CEO – Ashneer Grover
- HQs of Payback India – Gurgaon, Haryana | CEO – Rijish Raghavan

MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

281. On June 6, The CII-Indian Green Building Council (IGBC) and Indian Institute of Architects (IIA) signed an MoU to give a fillip to the Green Building Movement & Sustainable Development in the field of Architectural Design and planning. India is one of the top 3 countries in the world in terms of registered green building footprint with 6,548 Green Building projects registered. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CII-IGBC + IIA = an MoU to strengthen Green Building Movement in the field of Architectural Design & planning
- HQs of CII-IGBC – Hyderabad, Telangana
- HQs of IIA – Mumbai, MH | President – C. R. Raju

282. On June 9, PayNearby has launched an insurance solution “Poorna Suraksha” for its retail community. This cost-effective, 3-in-1 solution was created in collaboration with IndiaFirst Life Insurance Company Limited (IndiaFirst Life). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- PayNearby+IndiaFirst Life Insurance=launched an insurance solution “Poorna Suraksha” for its retail community
- HQs of PayNearby – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Anand Kumar Bajaj
- HQs of IndiaFirst Life Insurance – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – R. M. Vishakha

283. On June 10, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has signed a MoU with the Digital India Corporation (DIC) to provide location specific “Demand Based Tele Agriculture Advisories”. The objective of the MoU is to integrate the existing Interactive Information Dissemination System (IIDS) platform of DIC with the proposed Kisan Sarathi programme of ICAR. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ICAR + DIC = an MoU to provide location specific “Demand Based Tele Agriculture Advisories”
- “IIDS” – belongs to DIC | “Kisan Sarathi” programme – belongs to ICAR
- HQs of ICAR – New Delhi | DG – Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra | President – Narendra Singh Tomar



284. On June 9, NHPC Ltd has signed E-Mobility Agreements with Convergence Energy Services Ltd (CESL). NHPC will receive 25 Electric Vehicles (EVs) and 3 EV fast chargers from CESL on lease under this agreement. [{Read more}](#)

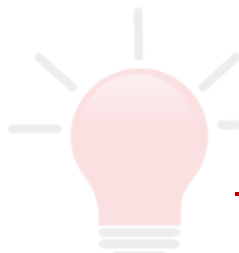
Key Points:

- NHPC Ltd + CESL = signed E-Mobility Agreements
- NHPC will receive 25 EVs & 3 EV fast chargers from CESL on lease
- HQs of NHPC – Faridabad, Haryana | MD & Chairman – Abhay Kumar Singh
- HQs of CESL – Kolkata, West Bengal | Head – Mahua Acharya

285. On June 10, The Indian Science Technology and Engineering facilities Map (I-STEM), the national web portal for sharing R&D facilities, and Sweden based COMSOL Group have collaborated for Indian academic users to access the COMSOL Multiphysics software suite at no cost. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- I-STEM + COMSOL Group = collaboration for Indian academic users to access the COMSOL Multiphysics software
- HQs of COMSOL Group – Stockholm, Sweden



Books & Authors

286. On June 8, Minister of State for Ayush (IC) Kiren Rijiju, has released the e-book on “20 Medicinal Plants for Covid-19 Care”. The book has been prepared by the National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB) to highlight important medicinal plants and their therapeutic properties. These medicinal plants are useful in the prevention & management of Covid-19 along with standard of care. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kiren Rijiju – released the e-book on “20 Medicinal Plants for Covid-19 Care”
- The book is prepared by – National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB)
- MoS of AYUSH – Kiren Rijiju (temporarily additional charge)

287. On June 10, One of the world’s leading public intellectuals of our time, Nobel laureate Amartya Sen has penned his memoir “Home in the World”. The book will be published in July by Penguin Random House. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Home in the World” – authored by Amartya Sen
- Publisher – Penguin Random House



Obituaries

288. On June 9, Buddhadeb Dasgupta passed away in Kolkata. He was 77 years old. A poet at heart and filmmaker won 5 National Awards for Best Film and two for Best Director. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Buddhadeb Dasgupta ([West Bengal](#)) – a Poet & Filmmaker – passed away (5 National Awards)

289. On June 10, Asian Games Gold medallist boxer Ngangom Dingko Singh passed away in Manipur after prolonged illness. He was 42. Legend boxer won gold medal at 1998 Asian Games Bangkok. He has been conferred country's prestigious award- Padma Shri in 2013. He holds Arjuna Award also. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ngangom Dingko Singh ([Manipur](#)) – a Boxer – passed away (Gold medal at 1998 Asian Games Bangkok)
- Awards: Padma Shri (2013) | Arjuna Award

290. On June 11, Padma Shri awardee Environmentalist and Odisha's former information commissioner Professor Radha Mohan passed away. He was 78. The Odisha government had also awarded him with "Utkal Seva Samman" for his outstanding social service. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Radha Mohan – a Former Information Commissioner & Environmentalist – passed away
- Awards: Padma Shri in 'Agriculture' (2020) | "Utkal Seva Samman" – by Odisha

Science & Technology

291. On June 3, Local wildlife enthusiasts have sighted two species of monal, a colour pheasant, together in Upper Siang district of central Arunachal Pradesh. These two species are Himalayan Monal (*Lophophorus impejanus*) and Sclater's Monal (*Lophophorus sclateri*). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 'Himalayan Monal' & 'Sclater's Monal' = sighted in Siang, Arunachal Pradesh
- [Arunachal Pradesh: Capital – Itanagar | CM – Pema Khandu | Governor – B D Mishra](#)

292. On June 10, A new plant species belonging to the coffee family spotted in the Wagamon hills in Kerala has been named "Argostemma quarantena" to commemorate the millions who have died in the COVID-19 pandemic. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Argostemma quarantena" a new species of Coffee plant – spotted in Wagamon hills, in Kerala
- [Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan](#)



293. On June 10, The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has developed 3 types of ventilators namely PRANA, VaU and SVASTA and has come forward to transfer the technology to industry for clinical usage during COVID-19 pandemic. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ISRO – developed 3 types of ventilators namely ‘PRANA’, ‘VaU’ & ‘SVASTA’
- PRANA – **P**rogrammable **R**espiratory **A**ssistance for the **N**eedy **A**id
- VaU – **V**entilation assist **U**nit
- SVASTA – **S**pace **V**entilator **A**ided **S**ystem for **T**rauma **A**ssistance
- [HQs of ISRO – Bengaluru, Karnataka | Director – Kailasavadivoo Sivan | Formed in – 1969](#)

294. On June 10, The Chimeric Antigen Receptor T-cell (CAR-T) therapy has emerged as a breakthrough in Cancer treatment. Department of Biotechnology supported First “CAR-T” cell therapy conducted at Tata Memorial Center in Mumbai. This work is partly supported by BIRAC-PACE scheme & IIT Bombay. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 1st “Chimeric Antigen Receptor T-cell (CAR-T)” therapy conducted at Tata Memorial Center – for Cancer treatment
- This work is partly supported by = BIRAC-PACE scheme & IIT Bombay
- [Location of Tata Memorial Center – Mumbai, MH](#)

295. On June 9, Researchers at IIT Kharagpur have developed a technique that could be useful in the early detection of development or strengthening of tropical cyclones in the atmospheric column prior to satellites over ocean surface in the North Indian Ocean region. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IIT Kharagpur – developed a technique for early detection of tropical cyclones – in the North Indian Ocean region

296. On June 10, Google is building an open subsea cable named “Firmina Cable” that will connect the East Coast of the US and Las Toninas, Argentina with additional landings in Brazil and Uruguay. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Google is building an open subsea cable named “Firmina Cable”
- It connects the East Coast of the US & Las Toninas, Argentina
- [HQs of Google – California, US | CEO – Sundar Pichai | Founded in – 1998](#)

297. On June 10, A new data transmission protocol called “QUIC” could replace Transmission Control Protocol (TCP), the most commonly used method to send and receive Internet traffic. The new protocol reduces the latency of Google Search responses by 8% on desktops and around 4% on mobiles. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “QUIC” a new protocol – could replace Transmission Control Protocol (TCP)
- New protocol reduces the latency of Google Search responses by – 8% on desktops & 4% on mobiles



298. On June 9, An international group of Astronomers has discovered a new temperate sub-Neptune sized exoplanet titled “TOI-1231 b” with a 24-day orbital period orbiting a nearby M dwarf star. The discovery was published in The Astronomical Journal. It was detected using photometric data from the Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite (TESS). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- A new exoplanet called “TOI-1231 b” – discovered using Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite (TESS)
- Discovery was published in – The Astronomical Journal

299. On June 12, IIT Bombay has set up the first of its kind Digital Health & Wellness Center called “Koita Centre for Digital Health” (KCDH) under the aegis of the Koita Foundation. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IIT Bombay – set up the 1st of its kind digital health & wellness center called “Koita Centre for Digital Health” (KCDH)
- HQs of Koita Foundation – Mumbai, Maharashtra

300. On June 10, Meril Diagnostics from Gujarat has announced that its self-use Rapid Antigen Test kit for COVID-19, “CoviFind”, has received approval from the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR). The CoviFind test for at-home self-testing is highly effective in individuals with mid to high viral load. The test also delivers results swiftly in 15 minutes. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ICMR approved “CoviFind” - a self-use Rapid Antigen test kit for COVID-19 (results in 15 minutes)
- “CoviFind” is developed by – Meril Diagnostics (Gujarat)





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