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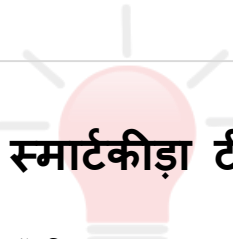
Hi Folks! We hope you all are doing well. We would like to state here that this PDF is meant for preparing for the upcoming MockDrill Test of June 2021 Month at Testzone. In this Current Affairs PDF we have added all the important Current Affairs information in form of 'Key-points' which are crucial if you want to score a high rank in Current Affairs Mocks at Testzone. Therefore, we urge you to go through each piece of information carefully and try to remember the facts and figures because the questions to be asked in the Current Affairs MockDrill will be based on the information given in the PDF only.

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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

701. On June 24, Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) has launched a new centralized web-based work-flow-based IT platform, “e-PGS”, for its group business operations. The new technology platform is designed to provide for centralized collection and payment accounting with high level of bank integration. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- LIC – launched a new centralized web-based work-flow-based IT platform, “e-PGS”
- HQs of LIC – Mumbai, MH | Chairman – M. R. Kumar | MD – Siddhartha Mohanty | Founded in – 1956

702. On June 25, Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Shri Prakash Javadekar in a virtual event has released the Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) of Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) based survey of forest areas in 10 states namely Assam, Bihar, Chhatisgarh, Goa, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Nagaland, and Tripura. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Prakash Javadekar – released the Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) of ‘LiDAR’ based survey of forest areas in 10 states
- LiDAR – Light Detection and Ranging

703. On June 23, Maharashtra government has decided to increase fixed honorarium of over 70,000 Accredited Social Health Activist (ASHA) workers by ₹1,000 and additional ₹500 for Covid duty per month from July 1. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Maharashtra – decided to increase fixed honorarium of ASHA workers by ₹1,000 & additional ₹500 for Covid duty
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

704. On June 22, Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani has released “Gujarat Electric Vehicle Policy 2021” with an aim to witness 2 lakh electric vehicles on the roads of Gujarat in next 4 years. Under this policy, subsidy up to Rs 20,000 for 2 wheelers, Rs 50,000 for 3 wheelers and up to Rs 1.5 lakh for 4 wheelers will be directly credited to bank accounts through DBT. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Vijay Rupani – released “Gujarat Electric Vehicle Policy 2021”
- Aim: To witness 2 lakh electric vehicles on the roads of Gujarat in next 4 years
- Subsidies: Rs 20,000 for 2 wheelers | Rs 50,000 for 3 wheelers | Rs 1.5 lakh for 4 wheelers
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat



705. On June 26, A proposal has been sent to the Tamil Nadu government to declare the Kadavur Reserve Forest in Karur district as a sanctuary for Slender Loris. According to a census taken in 2016-17 by the Forest Department, the Kadavur Reserve Forest has a population of 3,500 Slender Loris. The current population is estimated to be around 5,000. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kadavur Reserve Forest is set to become a Sanctuary for Slender Loris (in Tamil Nadu)
- Population of Slender Loris in Kadavur Reserve Forest in 2016-17 – 3,500 | Current estimated population – 5,000
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit

706. On June 25, A giant barking deer “Giant Muntjac” has been spotted in Virachey National Park of Cambodia for the first time. It is scientifically known as Muntiacus vuquangensis and it is on the red list of the IUCN as ‘Critically Endangered’. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Giant Muntjac” - a giant barking deer – spotted in Virachey National Park (Cambodia)
- Its status on IUCN’s red list – ‘Critically Endangered’
- Cambodia – Phnom Penh – Riel | PM – Hun Sen

707. On June 26, Uttarakhand’s Forest and Environment Minister Harak Singh Rawat recently announced that Corbett and Rajaji Tiger Reserves will now remain open for visitors throughout the year. Wildlife experts in Uttarakhand have strongly opposed the State government’s decision. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Uttarakhand – announced to open Corbett Tiger Reserve & Rajaji Tiger Reserve
- Uttarakhand: Capital – Dehradun & Gairsain | CM – Tirath Singh Rawat | Governor – Baby Rani Maurya

708. On June 25, NITI Aayog in partnership with United Nations has convened the “National Convention on Prevention of Maternal, Adolescent and Childhood Obesity” in New Delhi under the Chairmanship of Dr. V. K. Paul. NITI Aayog has described obesity as a “silent epidemic”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NITI Aayog – convened the “National Convention on Prevention of Maternal, Adolescent and Childhood Obesity”
- Chairmanship of the Convention – Dr. V. K. Paul
- HQs of NITI Aayog – New Delhi | CEO – Amitabh Kant
- Chairperson – Narendra Modi | Vice Chairperson – Rajiv Kumar
- HQs of UN – New York, United States | Secretary-General – Antonio Guterres



709. On June 23, The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) has rescued 9 Crew from sinking vessel “Ganga-I” off Cinque Island located in Andaman & Nicobar. ICG ship C-146 and ICG ship C-412 on routine deployment were immediately diverted for assistance. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ICG – rescued 9 Crew from sinking vessel “Ganga-I” – off ‘Cinque Island’ located in Andaman & Nicobar
- HQs of ICG – New Delhi | Director General – Krishnaswamy Natarajan | Founded in – 1977

710. On June 25, Kerala Fisheries Department has constituted a 7-member committee headed by P. Sahadevan to study and submit a report on methods to resolve issues pertaining to safety at sea, coastal security and vessel monitoring systems (VMS) and illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kerala Fisheries Department – constituted a 7-member committee for safety of fishers – headed by P. Sahadevan
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

711. On June 25, Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani has virtually inaugurated India’s first Fenton Catalytic Reactor, an advanced industrial wastewater treatment plant, at Vatva industrial area of the city. It has been set at a cost of Rs 70 Cr. At present, Gujarat has 35 common effluent treatment plants (CETPs) having a combined capacity to treat 750 million litres of industrial wastewater per day. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Gujarat – inaugurated India’s first Fenton Catalytic Reactor – at Vatva, Gujarat | Cost – Rs 70 Cr
- Currently, Gujarat has 35 common effluent treatment plants (CETPs)
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat

712. On June 26, The Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment Shri Thawarchand Gehlot has launched website for “Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan” on the occasion of International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. The ministry also organized a 6-day “Nasha Mukh Bharat Summit”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment – launched website for “Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan”
- Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment – organized a 6-day “Nasha Mukh Bharat Summit”
- Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment – Thawar Chand Gehlot (Shajapur, Madhya Pradesh)

713. On June 24, The Ministry of Corporate Affairs has expanded the definition of Small and Medium Companies (SMC), raising their turnover and borrowing limits. Under the “Companies (Accounting Standards) Rules, 2021”, the turnover limit has been increased from Rs 50 Cr to not exceeding Rs 250 Cr. While, borrowing limit has been increased from Rs 10 Cr to not exceeding Rs 50 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MCA expanded the definition of SMCs, raising their turnover and borrowing limits
- Turnover limit: increased from Rs 50 Cr to not exceeding Rs 250 Cr
- Borrowing limit: increased from Rs 10 Cr to not exceeding Rs 50 Cr



714. On June 27, NTPC Ltd has set a target to install 60 GW of renewable energy capacity by 2032. NTPC has become India's first energy company to declare its energy compact goals as part of the UN High-level Dialogue on Energy (HLDE). NTPC is also aiming 10% reduction in net energy intensity by 2032. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NTPC – set a target to install 60 GW of renewable energy capacity by 2032
- NTPC – became India's 1st energy company to declare its energy compact goals as part of the 'UN HLDE'
- NTPC – also aims 10% reduction in Net Energy Intensity by 2032
- HQs of NTPC – New Delhi | CMD – Gurdeep Singh | Founded in – 1975

715. On June 27, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated a Zen Garden and Kaizen Academy in Gujarat's Ahmedabad. It has been supported by Japan's Hyogo International Association (HIA). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Modi – inaugurated a Zen Garden & Kaizen Academy – in Ahmedabad, Gujarat (supported by Japan)
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat

716. On June 29, Ministry of Law and Justice has launched a web portal which seeks to be a source of comprehensive information on legislative and policy reforms being undertaken on the "Enforcing Contracts" regime for Ease of Doing Business in India. Secretary (Justice) Barun Mitra has launched the exclusive "Enforcing Contracts Portal". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Law & Justice – launched "Enforcing Contracts Portal" to improve Ease of Doing Business in India

717. On June 28, Commercial Bank of Kuwait has selected Tata Consultancy Services Ltd's "BaNCS for Treasury" solution to manage risk better, enhance asset class coverage, and drive future growth. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Commercial Bank of Kuwait – selected TCS's "BaNCS for Treasury" solution to manage risk better
- HQs of TCS – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Rajesh Gopinathan

718. On June 28, Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh has dedicated 63 bridges to the nation, built by Border Roads Organisation (BRO), in 6 States and 2 Union Territories (UTs). With the inauguration of 63 bridges in one go, BRO has surpassed its own record of 44 bridges launched in 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rajnath Singh – inaugurated 63 bridges in 6 States & 2 UTs – built by the BRO
- HQs of BRO – New Delhi | Director General – Major Gen Rajeev Chaudhary | Founded in – 1960



719. The forest department of Odisha busted an organised trafficking racket recently and seized 7 'Bengal monitor' lizards, 5 dead and 2 alive. The team seized all the Bengal monitors from them and arrested two persons under the provisions of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 (WPA). The 'Bengal monitor' or 'Common Indian monitor' (*Varanus bengalensis*) is a large lizard. The species is listed under the 'Least Concern' category on the IUCN red list. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 'Bengal monitor' or 'Common Indian monitor' (*Varanus bengalensis*) – a species of large lizard
- Odisha forest department – organised trafficking racket & seized 7 'Bengal monitor' lizards
- The species is listed under 'Least Concern' category on the IUCN red list
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal
- HQs of IUCN – Gland, Switzerland | President – Xincheng Zhang | CEO – Bruno Oberle | Founded in – 1948

720. In another attempt to tap India's agriculture export potential, especially from the North-East, a consignment of Burmese grapes, known as "Leteku" in Assamese language, has been shipped to Dubai from Guwahati by air. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Leteku" Burmese grapes – exported to Dubai (UAE) from Guwahati, Assam
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Himanta Biswa Sarma | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi
- UAE – Abu Dhabi – Dirham | President – Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan

721. On June 29, President Ram Nath Kovind has laid the foundation stone for a Memorial and Cultural Centre dedicated to B. R. Ambedkar in Lucknow. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ram Nath Kovind – laid the foundation stone of "Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar Cultural Centre" – in Lucknow, UP
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

722. On June 29, Indian Ambassador to China Vikram Misri has presented English, Russian and Chinese translations of 10 classic works of modern literature written by prominent Indian authors in different languages to the headquarters of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – presented English, Russian & Chinese translations of 10 Modern Indian Literatures to the SCO
- Indian Ambassador to China – Vikram Misri
- HQs of SCO – Beijing, China | 8 Countries: China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, India, Pak

723. On June 29, The SEBI has approved some amendments and frameworks. The SEBI has decided to reduce the minimum subscription amount and trading lot size for such publicly issued emerging investment vehicles. The minimum application value will be in the range of Rs 10,000-15,000 and trading lot will be of one unit for REITs and InvITs. The minimum number of unit holders, other than sponsor, its related parties and its associates shall be 5 together holding not less than 25% of the total unit capital of the InvIT. While making an



initial public offer and follow-on offer, minimum subscription should not be less than Rs 1 lakh for InvITs and Rs 50,000 for REITs under the current rules. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SEBI decided to reduce the minimum subscription amount in the range of – Rs 10,000-15,000
- The minimum number of unit holders shall be 5 together holding not less than 25% of the total unit capital of InvIT
- While making an IPO: Minimum Subscription should not be less than Rs 1 lakh for InvITs & Rs 50,000 for REITs
- HQs of SEBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Ajay Tyagi | Established in – 1992

International Affairs

724. On June 28, According to a research paper titled “Bearing the cost of Global politics - the impact of FATF Grey-listing on Pakistan’s Economy”, Pakistan has been hit with massive losses to its GDP worth \$38 billion because of the FATF’s decision to retain the country on its grey list since 2008. Pakistan was retained on the grey list, or list of countries under ‘increased monitoring’ by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF). While Ghana was removed from the FATF Grey List. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Bearing the cost of Global politics - the impact of FATF Grey-listing on Pakistan’s Economy” – by Tadadlab (Pak)
- Pakistan was retained on the ‘Grey List’ or list of countries under ‘increased monitoring’ by FATF
- Pakistan has been hit with massive losses to its GDP worth \$38 billion because of the FATF’s decision
- Ghana was removed from the FATF ‘Grey List’
- Pakistan – Islamabad – Pakistani Rupee | PM – Imran Khan | President – Arif Alvi
- HQs of FATF – Paris, France | President – Marcus Pleyer | Member Countries – 39

725. In a bid to boost the start-up ecosystem and promoting the transition to a Low Carbon Lifestyle in the Asia Pacific, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in collaboration with Massive Earth Foundation (MEF) has launched 4-month long program “LowCarbon.Earth”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- UNEP + Massive Earth Foundation = launched 4-month long program “LowCarbon.Earth” – for Asia Pacific region
- HQs of UNEP – Nairobi, Kenya | Executive Director – Inger Andersen | Founded in – 1972
- Location of Massive Earth Foundation – New Delhi



726. On June 28, China has launched two units of World's largest Hydropower Station "Baihetan Hydropower Station" in the country's southwest. It is under construction and costs about \$34 billion. The hydropower station is located on the Jinsha River. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- China – launched two units of World's largest Hydropower Station "Baihetan Hydropower Station"
- The Hydropower Station is located on – 'Jinsha River' | Cost – \$34 billion
- China – Beijing – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping

Banking & Economic Affairs

727. On June 24, The RBI has imposed a total penalty of Rs 8 lakh on 3 Maharashtra-based co-operative banks for deficiencies in regulatory compliance. A penalty of Rs 4 lakh has been imposed on Excellent Co-operative Bank, Mumbai, and Rs 2 lakh each on Janseva Sahakari Bank Limited, Pune and The Ajara Urban Co-operative Bank, Ajara (Kolhapur). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI – imposed a total penalty of Rs 8 lakh on 3 Maharashtra-based co-operative banks
 - Excellent Co-operative Bank, Mumbai – Rs 4 lakh
 - Janseva Sahakari Bank Limited, Pune – Rs 2 lakh
 - Ajara Urban Co-operative Bank, Kolhapur – Rs 2 lakh
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April 1935

728. On June 26, The RBI has extended the regulatory restrictions on Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative (PMC) Bank by another 6 months till December 2021 to enable the completion of its takeover by Centrum Financial Services. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI – extended the regulatory restrictions on PMC Bank – by 6 months (till December 2021)
- HQs of PMC Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Administrator – A. K. Dixit
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April 1935

729. On June 28, Nitin Gadkari has launched Indian Bank's flagship Business Mentoring Program "MSME Prerana" in the state of Maharashtra. 'MSME Prerana' is a novel, unique and innovative business mentoring program, first of its kind to empower MSME Entrepreneurs. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Nitin Gadkari – launched Indian Bank's "MSME Prerana" program – in Maharashtra
- HQs of Indian Bank – Chennai, Tamil Nadu | CEO – Padmaja Chundurur | Tagline – "Your Own Bank"
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari



Defence Affairs

730. On June 25, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has reviewed the ongoing works at the “Project Seabird” Phase II-A site at the Karwar Naval Base. It is India’s largest naval infrastructure project which aims at providing fleet support and maintenance of warships. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Project Seabird” Phase II-A site – at Karwar Naval Base (It is India’s largest naval infrastructure project)

731. On June 28, INS Tabar has been deployed to participate in Russian Navy Day celebrations from July 22 to 27 and joint exercises with friendly navies in Africa and Europe. INS Tabar is a Talwar-class stealth Frigate built for the Indian Navy in Russia. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- INS Tabar – deployed to participate in ‘Russian Navy Day’ celebrations from July 22 to 27
- Russia – Moscow – Russian Ruble | PM – Mikhail Mishustin | President – Vladimir Putin

Schemes & Initiatives

732. On June 25, The government has extended the Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Electric Vehicles in India Phase II (FAME-II) scheme for 2 years up-to March 31, 2024 to allow the electric vehicle (EV) industry more time to extend the benefits to customers. The phase-II scheme was implemented for 3 years from April 1, 2019. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Government extended the “FAME India Phase II” scheme for 2 years up-to March 31, 2024
- “FAME India Phase II” was launched in 2019 – with an outlay of Rs 10,000 Cr

Sports & Games

733. On June 25, Cristiano Ronaldo has become joint all-time international top-scorer with 109 goals and Portugal advanced to the round of 16 at the European Championship after a 2-2 draw with France. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Cristiano Ronaldo ([Portugal](#)) – became joint all-time international top-scorer with 109 goals



734. On June 27, Formula One championship leader Max Verstappen has won the “Styrian Grand Prix” held in Austria. In MotoGP, Yamaha’s Fabio Quartararo has won the “Dutch MotoGP 2021” held in Netherlands. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Max Verstappen ([Belgium - Red Bull](#)) – won the “Styrian Grand Prix 2021” held in Austria
- Fabio Quartararo ([France - Yamaha](#)) – won the “Dutch MotoGP 2021” held in Netherlands

735. On June 27, Sajan Prakash has become the first swimmer from India to qualify for the Tokyo Olympic Games by clearing ‘A’ standard of international swimming. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sajan Prakash ([Kerala](#)) – became the 1st swimmer from India to qualify for the Tokyo Olympic Games
- He cleared ‘A’ standard of international swimming

736. On June 28, The T20 World Cup scheduled to be held in India was shifted to the UAE & Oman owing to the health safety concerns posed by COVID-19. The mega-event is to be held in October-November, 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- T20 World Cup (scheduled to be held in India) – shifted to the UAE & Oman
- UAE – Abu Dhabi – Dirham | President – Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan
- Oman – Muscat – Rial | Sultan – Haitham bin Tariq Al Said

737. On June 30, Jharkhand State Cricket Association (JSCA) has decided to construct an International Cricket Stadium on the outskirts of the city of Bokaro. Bokaro Steel Plant (an arm of SAIL) will transfer 20 acres of land for this purpose. The stadium will be constructed with a 25,000-seat facility. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Jharkhand State Cricket Association – to construct an International Cricket Stadium – in Bokaro city
- Capacity of the stadium – 25,000 seats
- Jharkhand: Capital – Ranchi | CM – Hemant Soren | Governor – Draupadi Murmu

738. On June 28, Olympic-bound archer Deepika Kumari has won 3 Gold medals in the Archery World Cup Stage-3 held in Paris, France. India took the top honour in women’s team, mixed team and women’s individual events. While Abhishek Verma has won Gold medal in individual compound Archery at Archery World Cup Stage-3. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Deepika Kumari ([Indian Archer](#)) – won 3 Gold medals in the Archery World Cup Stage-3 – in Paris, France
- Abhishek Verma ([Indian Archer](#)) – won Gold medal in individual compound Archery at Archery World Cup Stage-3



739. On June 27, Shafali Verma has become the youngest Indian Cricketer to make debut across all 3-cricket formats. The Haryana girl took 17 years and 150 days to make her debut across format, making her the 5th youngest Cricketer overall in the list, headed by Afghanistan's Mujeeb Ur Rahman. Rahman had made his all format debut at 17 years and 78 days. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Shafali Verma ([Haryana](#)) – became the youngest Indian Cricketer to make debut across all 3-cricket formats
- She is the 5th youngest Cricketer overall in the list | Topped by – Mujeeb Ur Rahman (Afghanistan)

740. On June 28, India's shooter Rahi Sarnobat has won Gold medal in "Women's 25 metres Pistol Event" at the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup in Croatia. Rahi shot 39 out of 50 in the 25m pistol final to win the first gold for India in the ongoing World Cup. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rahi Sarnobat ([Maharashtra](#)) – won Gold medal in "Women's 25 metres Pistol Event" – at 'ISSF World Cup' in Croatia
- HQs of ISSF – Munich, Germany | President – Vladimir Lisin

Important Days & Dates

741. On June 26, The deadline to link PAN with Aadhaar has been extended by 3 months to September 30, 2021 from the current deadline of June 30, 2021. If your PAN is not linked with Aadhaar by the new deadline, then not only will your PAN become inoperative, but you will also be liable to pay a penalty of up to Rs 1,000 if the linking is done after the expiry of the deadline. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Deadline to link PAN with Aadhaar has been extended by 3 months – to September 30, 2021 (from earlier - June 30)

742. Each year, June 25 is observed as the "Day of the Seafarer". On this day, people pay respect to Seafarers and recognize the invaluable contribution they make to international trade and the world economy. The Day of the Seafarer was first celebrated in 2011. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 25 – "Day of the Seafarer" (since 2011)

743. On June 28, National Insurance Awareness Day was observed with a motive to make people more and more aware about the insurance benefits and different plans. In the time of the pandemic, the IRDAI has introduced several policies and rule changes in Life, Health and Motor cover for the benefit of policyholders. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 28 – "National Insurance Awareness Day"



744. The World Allergy Organization has announced that “World Allergy Week 2021” was observed between 13-19 June 2021 and will focus on the topic of “Anaphylaxis”. This year, the theme is “Anaphylaxis: Be Aware. Be prepared. Save lives”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 13-19 – “World Allergy Week 2021” | Topic of focus – “Anaphylaxis”
- Theme – “Anaphylaxis: Be Aware. Be prepared. Save lives”
- [HQs of World Allergy Organization – Wisconsin, US | President – Motohiro Ebisawa](#)

745. “Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSMEs) Day” is celebrated every year on June 27 to recognise the contribution of these industries in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The contribution of MSME to GDP worldwide is 50%. In 2021, the theme is “MSME 2021: Key to an inclusive and sustainable recovery”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 27 – “MSMEs Day”
- Theme – “MSME 2021: Key to an Inclusive and Sustainable Recovery”

746. National Statistics Day is celebrated on June 29 on the birth anniversary of late Professor Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis referred to as the ‘Father of Indian Statistics’. This year, the theme is “End Hunger, Achieve Food Security and Improved Nutrition and Promote Sustainable Agriculture (SDG 2)”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 29 – National Statistics Day
- June 29 – Birth anniversary of Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis (‘Father of Indian Statistics’)
- Theme – “End Hunger, Achieve Food Security & Improved Nutrition and Promote Sustainable Agriculture (SDG 2)”

747. The “International Day of the Tropics” is observed every year on June 29 to celebrate the extraordinary diversity of the tropics while highlighting unique challenges and opportunities nations of the Tropics face. The Tropics host nearly 95% of the world’s mangrove forests by area and 99% of mangrove species. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 29 – “International Day of the Tropics”

748. On 30 June, the “International Day of Parliamentarism” is celebrated every year. The Day was established in 2018 through a United Nations General Assembly Resolution. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 30 – “International Day of Parliamentarism” (since 2018)



749. On June 30, 2021, International Asteroid Day marked the 113th anniversary of the largest recorded asteroid impact that took place near the Tunguska River in Russia's Siberia. In December 2016, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) adopted a resolution declaring June 30 as the International Asteroid Day. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 30 – “International Asteroid Day” (since 2016)
- 113th anniversary of the largest recorded asteroid impact – took place in Siberia, Russia

Meetings, Conferences and Summits

750. On June 24, Union Minister Santosh Gangwar has represented India in the “Declaration and Employment Working Group Priorities” at G20 Labour and Employment Ministers’ Meeting held in Italy. India is making collective efforts to reduce gender gaps in labour force participation. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Santosh Gangwar – represented India in the “Declaration and Employment Working Group Priorities” at G20 Labour and Employment Ministers’ Meeting – held in Italy
- Italy – Rome – Euro | President – Sergio Mattarella | PM – Mario Draghi

751. On June 23, Defence Secretary Dr Ajay Kumar has represented India in the 9th Moscow Conference on International Security on the topic ‘Role of Military Agencies in fighting against COVID-19’, in Moscow, Russia. The conference, held annually since 2012. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ajay Kumar – represented India in the 9th Moscow Conference on International Security on the topic ‘Role of Military Agencies in fighting against COVID-19’ – in Russia
- Russia – Moscow – Russian Ruble | PM – Mikhail Mishustin | President – Vladimir Putin

752. On June 24, R. K. Singh has addressed the event on “Accelerating Citizen Centric Energy Transition”, organized by The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), in collaboration with the Permanent Mission of India (PMI) to the United Nations and the Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW). The virtual event was organized on the side-lines of the Ministerial Thematic Forums week (21-25 June 2021) for the UN High Level Dialogue on Energy to be convened on 20th September 2021. India has been designated as a Global Champion for “Energy Transition”, one of the five themes at the Dialogue. R K Singh has released “The India Story”, a booklet on Energy Transition. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- R. K. Singh – addressed the event on “Accelerating Citizen Centric Energy Transition”
- June 21-25 – “Ministerial Thematic Forum” for the UN High Level Dialogue on Energy
- India – designated as a Global Champion for “Energy Transition”
- R. K. Singh – released “The India Story” - a booklet on Energy Transition



753. On June 28, The 3rd “India - Bhutan Development Cooperation Talks” were held in a virtual mode. The Indian Delegation was led by Mr. Rahul Chhabra, Secretary (Economic Relations), Ministry of External Affairs. India has committed Rs 4500 Cr for the implementation of development projects and Rs 400 Cr for the transitional Trade Support Facility during Bhutan’s 12th Five Year Plan (2018 - 2023). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rahul Chhabra – represented India in the 3rd “India - Bhutan Development Cooperation Talks”
- India committed Rs 4500 Cr to implement development projects & Rs 400 Cr for the transitional Trade Support
- Bhutan – Thimphu – Bhutanese Ngultrum | PM – Lotay Tshering
- Ambassador of India to Bhutan – Mrs. Ruchira Kamboj

Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

754. On June 27, Japan Society of Civil Engineers (JSCE) has awarded the Delhi Metro’s Phase I, II, and III projects with the prestigious “Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement Award” for the year 2020. The Delhi Metro project was dubbed a ‘High-Quality Infrastructure Development Project’ by the JSCE. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Delhi Metro’s project – awarded with the “Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement Award” – by JSCE
- Delhi Metro’s project name – ‘High-Quality Infrastructure Development Project’
- Japan – Tokyo – Yen | PM – Yoshihide Suga

755. French author Emmanuel Carrere has been granted this year’s Spanish Princess of Asturias Literature Award. The award is one of the 8 prestigious prizes by the foundation named after the heir to the Spanish throne, Princess Leonor. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Emmanuel Carrere ([French Author](#)) – granted “Spanish Princess of Asturias Literature Award 2021”

756. On June 28, Noted journalist P. Sainath has been selected as one of the three recipients of the “Fukuoka Prize for 2021”. Mr. Sainath will receive the ‘Grand Prize’ of the Fukuoka Prize while the ‘Academic Prize’ will go to Prof. Kishimoto Mio of Japan and the ‘Prize for Arts and Culture’ will go to filmmaker Prabda Yoon of Thailand. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- P. Sainath ([India](#)) – received ‘Grand Prize’ of the “Fukuoka Prize for 2021”
- Kishimoto Mio ([Japan](#)) – received ‘Academic Prize’ of the “Fukuoka Prize for 2021”
- Prabda Yoon ([Thailand](#)) – received ‘Prize for Arts & Culture’ of the “Fukuoka Prize for 2021”



757. Mongolian President Khaltmaagiin Battulga has conferred the most prestigious and highly distinguished Mongolian State Award - "The Order of the Polar Star" to Prof. Shashibala and to R. K. Sabharwal. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Shashibala & R. K. Sabharwal – conferred with the Mongolian State Award - "The Order of the Polar Star"
- Mongolia – Ulaanbaatar – Mongolian Togrog | President – Ukhnaa Khurelsukh

Appointments & Resignations

758. On June 25, National Dairy Development Board (NDDB)'s executive director, Meenesh Shah has been assigned the additional charge of the post of Chairman of the dairy body for six months. Shah has taken after Varsha Joshi's tenure ended on May 31, 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Meenesh Shah – assigned the additional charge of the post of Chairman of NDDB – for 6 months
- HQs of NDDB – Anand, Gujarat | Chairman – Meenesh Shah | Established in – 1965

759. On June 23, Former Infosys CEO S. D. Shibu Lal was appointed as Chairperson of a 3-member task force formed to help the government in bringing major bureaucratic reforms through its ambitious "Mission Karmayogi". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- S. D. Shibu Lal – appointed as Chairperson of a 3-member task force created for "Mission Karmayogi"

760. On June 26, Vigilance Commissioner Suresh N. Patel has been appointed as the Central Vigilance Commissioner (CVC) in the Central Vigilance Commission. He is replacing Sanjay Kothari. The commission is headed by the CVC and can have a maximum of two vigilance commissioners. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Suresh N. Patel – appointed as the Central Vigilance Commissioner (CVC) (replacing - Sanjay Kothari)
- CVC is appointed by – The President of India

761. On June 28, The Centre has extended the tenure of Andhra Pradesh Chief Secretary Aditya Nath Das by 3 months. A 1987 batch IAS officer, Das took charge as the Chief Secretary from Nilam Sawhney on December 31, 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Aditya Nath – tenure extended as Chief Secretary of Andhra Pradesh – by 3 months
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan



762. On June 28, The government has extended the tenure of Attorney General K. K. Venugopal by 1 year till June 30, 2022. The 89-year-old took over as the 15th Attorney General in July 2017. Attorney General is the chief legal adviser of Government of India and it is appointed by the President of India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- K. K. Venugopal – tenure extended as Attorney General – by 1 year (till June 30, 2022)
- He took over as the 15th Attorney General in July 2017 | AG is appointed by the President of India

763. On June 28, Usha Natesan has been appointed as the Director of the National Institute of Technical Teachers' Training and Research (NITTTR). She will hold the post for a period of 5 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Usha Natesan – appointed as the Director of the NITTTR – for a period of 5 years

764. On June 28, Justice Ravi Vijaykumar Malimath has been appointed as the acting Chief Justice of the Himachal Pradesh High Court. He replaced Chief Justice Narayana Swamy. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ravi Vijaykumar Malimath – appointed as the acting Chief Justice of Himachal Pradesh High Court
- Retirement age of Chief Justices & Judges of HC – 62 years | Chief Justice of India & judges of the SC – 65 years

765. On June 29, The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the extension for Umesh Sinha as Deputy Election Commissioner in the Election Commission of India on contract basis for another year up-to July, 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Umesh Sinha – tenure extended as Deputy Election Commissioner in the ECI – for 1 year (July, 2022)
- HQs of ECI – New Delhi | Chief Election Commissioner – Sushil Chandra (24th) | Formed on – 25th Jan, 1950

766. On June 28, Swedish Prime Minister Kjell Stefan Lofven has resigned from his post after the Social Democrat leader lost a vote of no-confidence. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Stefan Lofven – resigned from the post of Prime Minister of Sweden
- Sweden – Stockholm – Krona

767. On June 28, Twitter has appointed its global legal policy director Jeremy Kessel as new Grievance Officer for users in India. Recently, Twitter also lost its intermediary status in India making the company liable for any unlawful user-generated content. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Jeremy Kessel – appointed as new Grievance Officer for Twitter's users in India
- HQs of Twitter – San Francisco, California, USA | CEO – Jack Dorsey | Founded in – 2006



768. On June 30, The Central Government has extended for another 1 year the tenure of Amitabh Kant, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of National Institution for Transforming India (NITI Aayog) till June 2022. It is the third extension since he took charge of NITI Aayog in 2016. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Central Government extended the tenure of Amitabh Kant as CEO of NITI Aayog – for 1 year (till June, 2022)
- HQs of NITI Aayog – New Delhi | CEO – Amitabh Kant
- Chairperson – Narendra Modi | Vice Chairperson – Rajiv Kumar

Amount & Agreements

769. On June 25, Japan will provide India a \$9.3 million assistance to build cold chain facilities for safe storage of vaccines. This assistance will provide India with cold chain equipment including medical equipment such as cold-storage facilities, as ‘Last One Mile Support’ through UNICEF. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Japan – to provide India a \$9.3 million assistance to build cold chain facilities for safe storage of vaccines
- Japan – Tokyo – Yen | PM – Yoshihide Suga

770. On June 24, The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) has sanctioned ₹1,860 Cr for implementation of Supporting Andhra’s Learning Transformation (SALT) programme. It aims at improving learning outcomes, quality of teaching practices and school management in basic education by transforming government schools into vibrant and competitive institutions. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IBRD sanctioned ₹1,860 Cr for implementation of “Supporting Andhra’s Learning Transformation (SALT) programme”
- “SALT programme” will benefit – Andhra Pradesh
- HQs of IBRD – Washington, D.C., U.S. (a lending arm of World Bank)
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan

771. On June 29, The US has announced an additional \$41 million assistance to help India respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and strengthen the country's preparedness for the future health emergencies, taking the total aid to more than \$200 million. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- US – announced an additional \$41 million assistance to strengthen India’s health Infrastructure
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | President – Joe Biden (46th) | VP – Kamala Harris (49th)



772. On June 29, Union Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has announced an 'Economic Relief from Pandemic' stimulus package worth Rs 6,28,993 Cr post second Covid wave to support the Indian Economy. She also unveiled a fresh loan guarantee facility of ₹1.1 lakh Cr for healthcare investments in non-metropolitan areas and sectors such as tourism. An additional fund over Rs 19000 Cr has been allocated to BharatNet program to extend Broadband connectivity in rural villages. Rs 7,500 Cr have been allocated for the New Credit Guarantee Scheme for Micro Finance Institutions (MFI). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Nirmala Sitharaman – announced an 'Economic Relief from Pandemic' stimulus package worth Rs 6,28,993 Cr
- A fresh loan guarantee facility of ₹1.1 lakh Cr for healthcare investments
- Rs 19000 Cr – allocated to BharatNet program
- Rs 7,500 Cr – allocated for the New Credit Guarantee Scheme for MFIs
- [Nirmala Sitharaman – Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Corporate Affairs | Constituency – Karnataka](#)

Ranks, Reports & Surveys

773. On June 25, China replaced the UAE as the second largest Export destination for India in fiscal 2021, with outbound shipments to China rising 27.53% to \$21.18 billion in the pandemic year. The US remained the India's top export partner. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- China – became the second largest Export destination for India in fiscal 2021 (replacing the UAE)
- US – India's top Export partner | 3rd – UAE
- [China – Beijing – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping](#)
- [US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | President – Joe Biden \(46th\) | VP – Kamala Harris \(49th\)](#)

774. On June 24, The RBI has launched the 2020-21 round of its annual survey on "Computer Software and Information Technology Enabled Services (ITES) Exports". The RBI has been conducting this annual survey since 2002-03. The RBI has also launched the 2020-21 round of the annual survey on "Foreign Liabilities and Assets of Mutual Funds and Asset Management Companies". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI – launched FY21 round of its annual survey on "Computer Software & ITES Exports"
- RBI – also launched FY21 round of its annual survey on "Foreign Liabilities and Assets of Mutual Funds and Asset Management Companies"
- [HQs of RBI – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das \(25th\) | Established in – 1st April 1935](#)

775. Turkmenistan's capital city Ashgabat has become the world's most expensive city for foreign workers, according to this year's "Mercer Cost of Living Survey". Ashgabat was followed by Hong Kong & Beirut (Lebanon) respectively. Mumbai remains India's most expensive city at 78th rank. Other Indian cities on the list are New Delhi (117), Chennai (158), Bengaluru (170), and Kolkata (181). [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- “Mercer Cost of Living Survey 2021” (HQs of Mercer – New York, US)
- World’s most expensive cities: 1st - Ashgabat | 2nd - Hong Kong | 3rd - Beirut
- India’s most expensive cities: 1st - Mumbai (78th) | 2nd - New Delhi (117th) | 3rd - Chennai (158th)

Acquisitions & Mergers

776. On June 26, Life Insurance Corporation (LIC), SBI Life Insurance and Canara Bank were among the top investors picking up stakes in Indian Bank under the Qualified Institutional Placement (QIP), according to a regulatory filing. LIC picked up 17.80% of the shares while SBI Life Insurance picked 11.87% and Canara Bank picked 5.93%. Indian Bank raised a total of ₹1,650 Cr in its QIP of shares. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- LIC + SBI Life Insurance + Canara Bank = among the top investors picking up stakes in Indian Bank under ‘QIP’
- Indian Bank raised total ₹1,650 Cr in its QIP of shares | QIP – Qualified Institutional Placement
- HQs of LIC – Mumbai, MH | Chairman – M. R. Kumar | MD – Siddhartha Mohanty | Founded in – 1956
- HQs of SBI Life Insurance – Mumbai, MH | CEO – Mahesh Kumar Sharma
- HQs of Canara Bank – Bengaluru, Karnataka | CEO – Lingam Venkat Prabhakar | Tagline – “Together We Can”
- HQs of Indian Bank – Chennai, Tamil Nadu | CEO – Padmaja Chunduru | Tagline – “Your Own Bank”

777. On June 25, The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved the acquisition of the Zuarinagar plant of Zuari Agro Chemicals Ltd (ZACL) by Paradeep Phosphates Limited (PPL). This Goa unit is engaged in the manufacture, distribution, imports and sale of urea, DAP and various grades of NPK fertilisers. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CCI approved the acquisition of Zuarinagar plant of Zuari Agro Chemicals Ltd – by Paradeep Phosphates Ltd
- HQs of Paradeep Phosphates Ltd – Bhubaneswar, Odisha | Chairman – S. K. Poddar
- HQs of Zuari Agro Chemicals Ltd – Zuarinagar, Goa | Chairman – Saroj Kumar Poddar
- HQs of CCI – New Delhi | Chairman – Ashok Kumar Gupta | Established in – 2003

778. On June 28, India’s largest private sector HDFC bank and its subsidiary HDFC Securities Limited have acquired a 7.4% stake in Virtuoso Infotech Pvt. Ltd. Virtuoso Infotech specializes in product engineering and offers customized software solutions. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- HDFC Bank – acquired a 7.4% stake in Virtuoso Infotech
- HQs of HDFC Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Sashidhar Jagdishan | Tagline – “We understand your world”
- HQs of Virtuoso Infotech – Pune, Maharashtra | CEO – Preeti Nahar



779. On June 29, HDFC Life Insurance Company's promoter Standard life Mauritius Holdings has sold shares of HDFC Life Insurance worth over Rs 6,783 Cr through open market transactions. Standard life Mauritius Holdings held 8.88% stake in the firm as per March 2021 shareholding data. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Standard life Mauritius Holdings – sold 8.88% stake (Rs 6,783 Cr) in HDFC Life Insurance
- HQs of HDFC Life – Mumbai, MH | CEO – Vibha Padalkar

MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

780. On June 28, The Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) and the Global Alliance for Mass Entrepreneurship (GAME) have entered into an MoU to help the MSMEs address their challenges that were accentuated during the pandemic. The two organisations committed that at least 25% of beneficiaries from the partnership would be women entrepreneurs. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SIDBI + GAME = an MoU to help the MSMEs address their challenges
- At least 25% of beneficiaries from the partnership would be women entrepreneurs
- HQs of SIDBI – Lucknow, UP | MD & Chairman – Sivasubramanian Ramann | Established in – 1990
- HQs of GAME – Bangalore, Karnataka

781. On June 28, Mastercard has announced a strategic, undisclosed investment in Instamojo, a digital solutions provider for MSMEs. Instamojo was founded in 2012 by Sampad Swain, Akash Gehani and Aditya Sengupta. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mastercard – made a strategic equity investment in “Instamojo” to help small businesses go digital
- HQs of Mastercard – New York, USA | CEO – Michael Miebach | Founded in – 1966
- HQs of Instamojo – Bangalore, Karnataka | Co-founder & CEO – Sampad Swain

782. On June 27, Gujarat-based ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel (AMNS) India has executed India's very first “Paperless bill discounting transaction” in partnership with ICICI Bank. AMNS India is a joint venture between ArcelorMittal and Japan's largest steel producer Nippon Steel. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel + ICICI Bank = executed India's very first “Paperless bill discounting transaction”
- HQs of ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel – Hazira, Gujarat | CEO – Dilip Oommen
- HQs of ICICI Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Sandeep Bakhshi | Tagline – “Hum Hain Na!”



783. On June 29, Dvara e-Dairy Solutions Pvt Ltd in partnership with IFFCO Tokio General Insurance has launched an artificial intelligence (AI) powered digital cattle identity solution named “Surabhi e-Tag” for cattle insurance. It is an AI-powered digital tag that identifies cattle based on muzzle identity. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dvara e-Dairy Solutions + IFFCO Tokio Gen Ins. = launched “Surabhi e-Tag” for cattle insurance
- HQs of Dvara e-Dairy Solutions Pvt Ltd – Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- HQs of IFFCO Tokio Gen Ins. – Gurugram, Haryana

784. On June 30, Reliance Industries (RIL) and Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC) have signed an agreement to set up a new petrochemical complex in Ruwais, Abu Dhabi, to produce chlor-alkali, ethylene dichloride, and polyvinyl chloride (PVC). It would cost above Rs 30,000 Cr to set up the petrochemical facility. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Reliance Industries + Abu Dhabi National Oil Company = to set up petrochemical project in Ruwais, Abu Dhabi
- HQs of Reliance Industries Ltd – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Mukesh Ambani | Founded in – 1973
- UAE – Abu Dhabi – Dirham | President – Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan

785. Innoviti Payment Solutions and PhonePe have partnered to provide the pioneering facility of “Dual-Display-UPI”. This novel feature makes it safer and faster for customers to pay through UPI while shopping at Shoppers Stop's outlets pan India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- PhonePe + Innoviti Payment Solutions = partnership to provide the pioneering facility of “Dual-Display-UPI”
- HQs of Innoviti Payment Solutions – Bangalore, Karnataka | CEO – Rajeev Agrawal
- HQs of PhonePE – Bangalore, Karnataka | MD & CEO – Sameer Nigam | Founded in – 2015

Books & Authors

786. On June 25, U. S. President Joe Biden’s sister, confidante and longtime political strategist, Valerie Biden Owens has authored a book titled “Growing Up Biden”. The book will come out April 12, 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Growing Up Biden” book – authored by Valerie Biden Owens

787. On June 26, Chief Justice of India N. V. Ramana has released a book titled “Anomalies in Law and Justice” written by former Supreme Court Judge Justice (retd) R. V. Raveendran, explaining in simple terms various deficiencies in the law which needs to be overcome. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CJ N. V. Ramana released “Anomalies in Law and Justice” book – authored by R. V. Raveendran



788. Journalist Sundeep Mishra's book titled "Fiercely Female: The Dutee Chand Story" chronicles Dutee Chand's journey with a detailed narrative of the gender-identity controversy that made her an iconic figure in Indian sport. The book is published by Westland Books. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Fiercely Female: The Dutee Chand Story" book – authored by Sundeep Mishra
- Publisher – Westland Books
- Sundeep Mishra's other books:
 - "The Best of Indian Sports Writing"
 - "Forgive Me Amma: The Life and Times of Dhanraj Pillay"
 - "The Mohammed of Benares and Other Stories"

Obituaries

789. On June 24, John David McAfee passed away in a prison in Spain. He was 75. He was the founder of the antivirus software maker "McAfee". He had been indicted in Tennessee on tax evasion charges. He also was charged in a cryptocurrency fraud case in New York. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- John David McAfee – Founder of the antivirus software maker "McAfee" – passed away
- HQs of McAfee – San Jose, California, US | CEO – Peter A. Leav | Founded in – 1987

790. Pakistan's former Prime Minister Mir Hazar Khan Khoso passed away due to a cardiac arrest in Quetta, capital of Balochistan. He was 95. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mir Hazar Khan Khoso – Pakistan's former Prime Minister – passed away
- Pakistan – Islamabad – Pakistani Rupee | PM – Imran Khan | President – Arif Alvi

791. Veteran Malayalam Cinematographer & Filmmaker Sivasankaran Nair passed away. He was 89. Known as Kerala's first professional press photographer, he established the well-known "Sivan's Studio" at Statue in Thiruvananthapuram in 1959. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sivasankaran Nair (Kerala) – Malayalam Cinematographer & Filmmaker – passed away
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan



Person in News

792. On June 25, Apurva Chandra (Labour & Employment Secretary) has completed his tenure as Chairperson of Governing Body of International Labour Organization after holding the position for the period October 2020-June 2021. He has handed over the responsibility of the Chair to Ambassador Anna Jardfelt, Permanent Representative of Sweden to the United Nations Office in Geneva. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Apurva Chandra ([L&E Secretary](#)) – completed his tenure as Chairperson of Governing Body of the ILO
- HQs of ILO – Geneva, Switzerland | DG – Guy Ryder | Founded in – 1919

Science & Technology

793. On June 22, The DRDO has successfully test fired the enhanced range versions of the indigenously developed 122 mm calibre rocket as well as the extended range version of indigenously developed Pinaka rocket from a Multi-Barrel Rocket Launcher (MBRL) at integrated test range, Chandipur in Odisha. Both the Pinaka and the 122 mm rockets were developed by Armament Research and Development Establishment (ARDE) and High Energy Materials Research Laboratory (HEMRL). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- DRDO – test fired the enhanced range versions of ‘122 mm calibre rocket’ & ‘Pinaka rocket’ – from Chandipur, Odisha
- Both rockets were developed by = ARDE + HEMRL (DRDO’s labs in Pune)
- HQs of DRDO – New Delhi | Chairman – G. Satheesh Reddy | Established in – 1958

794. On June 25, Bones belonging to a ‘new type of early human’ previously unknown to science have been found in Israel. Researchers from Tel Aviv University and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem named the extraordinary discovery the “Nesher Ramla Homo type” and the study was published in the journal Science. The fossils dated between 1,40,000 and 1,20,000 years ago. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Nesher Ramla Homo type” - a ‘new type of early human’ – found in Israel
- The study was published – in the Journal Science
- Israel – Jerusalem – Israeli Shekel | President – Isaac Herzog | PM – Naftali Bennett

795. On June 25, Minister of State for Education Sanjay Dhotre has launched a COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Test kit developed by a team of researchers from IIT Delhi. The ICMR-certified kit can be used for in vitro qualitative detection of SARS-CoV-2 antigen. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sanjay Dhotre – launched a COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Test Kit – developed by IIT Delhi



796. On June 27, A team of researchers from the Jawaharlal Nehru Tropical Botanic Garden and Research Institute (JNTBGRI) identified and described a new plant species called “Sida keralensis” in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. Their findings have been published in journal Phytotaxa. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Researchers from JNTBGRI identified & described a new plant species called “Sida keralensis” – in Kerala
- The discovery is published in – ‘Phytotaxa’ Journal
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

797. On June 28, India has successfully test-fired its new generation Nuclear-capable Agni Prime (Agni-P) missile from a defence base off Odisha coast. The nuclear-capable missile has been designed and developed by the DRDO. The surface-to-surface ballistic missile has a range of 1,000 to 2,000 km. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- DRDO – test-fired its new generation Nuclear-capable Agni Prime (Agni-P) missile – from Odisha coast
- It is Surface-to-Surface Ballistic Missile | Range – 1,000 to 2,000 km
- HQs of DRDO – New Delhi | Chairman – G. Satheesh Reddy | Established in – 1958

798. On June 29, A group of scientists has discovered two new species of jumping spider from the Thane-Kalyan region. They named one of them “Icius Tukarami” after the brave police constable Tukaram Omble who lost his life in the 26/11 terror attacks. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Icius Tukarami” a species of jumping spider – discovered in Thane-Kalyan region, Maharashtra
- It is named after a brave police constable “Tukaram Omble” who lost his life in the 26/11 terror attacks

799. Microsoft has announced “Windows 11” Operating System, its first big version of Windows in over 5 years. It will support Android apps via Amazon’s app store. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Microsoft – announced “Windows 11” Operating System
- Windows 11 will support Android apps via – Amazon’s app store

800. On June 29, Prof. K. Vijay Raghavan (Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India) has launched “Atmanirbhar Krishi App” under the KisanMitr initiative. Tech Mahindra Makers Lab team has designed and built the App. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- K. Vijay Raghavan – launched “Atmanirbhar Krishi App” | Designed & developed by – Tech Mahindra
- HQs of Tech Mahindra – Pune, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Chander Prakash Gurnani





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