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All the best!

Regards

Team Smartkeeda

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

टीम स्मार्टकीड़ा



1. Obituaries

Ramniklal Solanki, a giant of Gujarati journalism and the pioneer of the British Asian media, passed away in India after a brief illness. He was 88 years old. <u>Click here for more details</u>

Key Points:

• Ramniklal Solanki – giant of Gujarati journalism – passed away in India

2. Persons in News

Abu Dhabi-based Indian retail tycoon M A Yusuff Ali has become the first Indian to receive Saudi Arabia's premium residency (Green card). Yusuff Ali, 64, is the chairman of the LuLu Group, who was ranked the richest expat in the UAE by the Forbes magazine last year. <u>Click here for more details</u>

Key Points:

• Abu Dhabi-based Indian retail tycoon – M A Yusuff Ali – become – first Indian – receive Saudi Arabia's Green card

• Saudi Arabia – Riyadh – Riyal

3. National & States Affairs

The state government of Uttarakhand has announced that "Gairsain" will be the summer capital of Uttarakhand. Gairsain is a tehsil located in Chamoli district. <u>Click here for more details</u>

Key Points:

- Uttarakhand govt announced Gairsain tehsil summer capital of Uttarakhand
- Uttarakhand: CM Trivendra Singh Rawat | Governor- Baby Rani Maurya

4. Appointments & Resignations

Indian-American Seema Verma has been appointed as one of the key members of the White House Coronavirus Task Force constituted by US President Donald Trump <u>Click here for more details</u>

Key Points:

• Indian-American Seema Verma – appointed – the key members of the White House Coronavirus Task Force

5. Appointments & Resignations

Major General Madhuri Kanitkar was promoted to the rank of lieutenant general -- becoming the third woman officer in the Indian Army and first woman pediatrician to achieve the second-highest post in the force. <u>Click here for more details</u>

Key Points:

• Madhuri Kanitkar – promoted – rank of lieutenant general – textiles requirement from KVIC or handloom clusters

• Indian Army: Hq – New Delhi | Founded – 1 April 1895 | Chief of the Army Staff – Manoj Mukund Naravane



6. Important Days & Dates

The 8th foundation day of the Land Port Authority of India was celebrated on March 2, 2020. <u>Click here for</u> <u>more details</u>

Key Points:

- 8th foundation day of the Land Port Authority of India March 2, 2020
- Land Port Authority of India: Hq New Delhi | Chairman Aditya Mishra(Senior IPS officer)

7. Appointments & Resignations

Senior diplomat Sanjay Kumar Panda has been appointed as India's Ambassador to Turkey. <u>Click here for</u> <u>more details</u>

Key Points:

- Sanjay Kumar Panda India's Ambassador to Turkey
- Turkey Ankara Turkish Lira

8. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

The First South Asian Conference on Sustainability in Textile and Apparel Industry held at the C.D. Deshmukh Auditorium, India International Centre, in New Delhi, India. The conference was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Minister for Textiles and Women and Child Development Smriti Z Irani. <u>Click here for more details</u>

Key Points:

• The 1st South Asian Conference on Sustainability in Textile and Apparel Industry – held – in New Delhi, India

• Minister for Textiles and Women and Child Development – Smriti Z Irani

9. Defence Affairs

India will supply four Swathi Weapon Locating Radars developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and manufactured by the Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) to Armenia in Europe. <u>Click here for more details</u>

Key Points:

• India – supply four Swathi Weapon Locating Radars – developed by DRDO & manufactured by BEL – to Armenia

- BEL: Hq Bengaluru | CMD M V Gowtama
- DRDO: Hq New Delhi | Chairman Dr G Satheesh Reddy



10. Sports & Games

India has pulled out of the upcoming shooting World Cup in Cyprus, citing the novel Corona virus threat there. The shotgun world cup, recognised by the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF), is scheduled to be held from March 4 to 13. <u>Click here for more details</u>

Key Points:

- Indian pulled out upcoming shooting World Cup to be held in Cyprus
- ISSF: Hq Munich, Germany | President Vladimir Lisin
- Cyprus Nicosia Euro

11. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

The country's premier agri-research body ICAR signed an agreement with Hardiwar-based Patanjali Bio Research Institute (PBRI) to undertake research work as well as training and education. <u>Click here for more details</u>

Key Points:

- ICAR + Patanjali undertake research work as well as training and education
- Chief of ICAR Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra
- Patanjali Ayurved Hq Haridwar
- ICAR Hq New Delhi

12. International Affairs

Luxembourg became the first country to provide free public transport across its entire territory. <u>Click here</u> for more details

Key Points:

- Luxembourg first country provide free public transport across its entire territory
- Luxembourg Luxembourg City Euro

13. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

A 3-day long 11th National Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Conference -2020 based on the theme 'Empowering Youth for Technology Led Farming' was held in New Delhi. It was inaugurated by Union Minister for Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Rural Development & Panchayati Raj, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar. <u>Click here for more details</u>

- 11th KVK Conference 2020 held in New Delhi Inaugurated by Union Agriculture Minister
- Theme 'Empowering Youth for Technology Led Farming'
- Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare: Hq New Delhi | Founded 1947
- Union Agriculture Minister- Narendra Singh Tomar | Constituency Morena, Madhya Pradesh



14. Obituaries

Former India hockey player Balbir Singh Kullar, who was a part of the 1968 Olympics bronze-winning team, died at the age of 77 after suffering a heart attack at his home in Punjab. <u>Click here for more details</u>

Key Points:

• Balbir Singh Kullar (Punjab) – died – at the age of 77 – former Indian hockey player

15. Persons in News

Bob Weighton, who was born on 29 March 1908, is expected to be named as the new record-holder following the death of 112-year-old Chitetsu Watanabe.He is former teacher and engineer from Hampshire,UK is set to be confirmed as the world's oldest man. <u>Click here for more details</u>

Key Points:

• Bob Weighton (Hampshire,UK) – former teacher& engineer – born on 29 March 1908 – the oldest man in the world

• UK – London – Pound sterling

16. Books & Authors

Susan Daniel won Sahitya Akademi prize. Susan Daniel, is from Ooty, has been conferred with the Sahitya Akademi's translation prize, 2019. He won the prize for translating Padma Shri Devenoora Mahadeva's critically acclaimed Kannada novel 'Kusumabale' into English. <u>Click here for more details</u>

Key Points:

• Susan Daniel (Ooty) – won – Sahitya Akademi's translation prize 2019 – for translation of Kannada novel Kusumabale into English

• Sahitya Akademi Award – for literary | First awarded: 1954

17. National & States Affairs

Financial assistance to the tune of Rs 1.51 crore has been sanctioned to Kaziranga National Park (Assam) during the financial years 2018-19 and 2019-2020 under Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA). <u>Click here for more details</u>

- MoEFCC sanctioned Rs 1.51 crore to Kaziranga National Park under CAMPA
- Environment & Forest minister Shri Prakash Javadekar



18. Appointments & Resignations

Malaysia's king named Former Deputy Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin took oath as the 8th Prime Minister of Malaysia. <u>Click here for more details</u>

Key Points:

- Muhyiddin Yassin appointed as the PM of Malaysia
- Malaysia Kuala Lumpur ringgit

19. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

IIT Mandi and Enabling Women of Kamand (EWOK) Society have signed a tripartite pact with the National Bank For Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) for setting up 3 Farmer Producer Organisation (FPOs) in Himachal Pradesh's Mandi district. NABARD has sanctioned an amount of Rs 35 lakhs to IIT Mandi and EWOK Society for 3 FPOs to be established in the next three years. <u>Click here for more details</u>

Key Points:

• IIT Mandi + EWOK Society – tripartite pact – with NABARD – setting up 3 FPOs – in Himachal Pradesh's Mandi district.

- NABARD sanctioned Rs 35 lakhs IIT Mandi + EWOK Society to establish 3 FPOs in next 3 years.
- NABARD : Formation-July 12, 1982 | HQ- Mumbai | Chairman- Dr. Harsh Kumar Bhanwala
- Himachal Pradesh : CM Jai Ram Thakur | Governor Bandaru Dattatreya

20. National & States Affairs

The Local Area Development Fund for Uttar Pradesh MLAs has been increased from Rs 2 crore a year to Rs 3 crore each. <u>Click here for more details</u>

Key Points:

- Local Area Development Funds for Uttar Pradesh MLAs increased from Rs 2 crore to Rs 3 crore
- Uttar Pradesh: CM Yogi Adityanath | Governor- Anandiben Patel

21. Sports & Games

The 1st edition of the 2020 Khelo India University Games (KIUG 2020) was held at KIIT University in Bhubaneswar, Odisha. The official mascots of KIUG 2020 was 'Jay and Bijay'. Panjab University, champion of the 1st edition of the Khelo India University Games. <u>Click here for more details</u>

Key Points:

- 1st edition KIUG 2020 held KIIT University in Bhubaneswar, Odisha
- Official Mascots 'Jay and Bijay'
- Panjab University topped 1st edition of the Khelo India University Games



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22. International Affairs

China has taken over as president of the UN Security Council for the month of March 2020, pledging to promote solidarity and coperation in this capacity. China's permanent representative to the UN, Zhang Jun said his country attaches great importance to the work during its presidency and will act responsibly and constructively. <u>Click here for more details</u>

Key Points:

- China has taken over as president of the UN Security Council for the month of March 2020
- UNSC: Hq New York, United States

23. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

Forest Man of India Jadav Payeng has been awarded Swami Vivekananda Karmayogi Award 2020 in New Delhi. He was awarded the 6th Karmayogi Award for his consistent efforts in creating a real man-made forest through massive reforestation. <u>Click here for more details</u>

Key Points:

• Jadav Payeng (Assam) – awarded – Swami Vivekananda Karmayogi Award 2020 – for creating a real manmade forest through massive reforestation

- Swami Vivekananda Karmayogi Award organized by My Home India
- The award was conferred for the first time in 2013.
- Jadav Payeng known as Forest Man of India

24. Defence Affairs

Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh inaugurated the new Light Combat Helicopter Production Hangar at Helicopter Division in Hindustan Aeronautics (HAL) Complex at Bengaluru, Karnataka. <u>Click here for more details</u>

Key Points:

• Rajnath Singh (Defence Minister) – inaugurated – Light Combat Helicopter Production Hangar – in HAL – at Bengaluru

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh | Constituency Lucknow
- Karnataka: CM B. S. Yediyurappa | Governor- Vajubhai Vala

25. National & States Affairs

The Bihar government raised the country's first tribal women police battalion named the 'Bihar Police Swabhiman Vahini' with a strength of 675 constables. <u>Click here for more details</u>

Key Points:

• Bihar govt – raised – country's first tribal women police battalion – named 'Bihar Police Swabhiman Vahini' – with 675 constables

• Bihar: CM - Nitish Kumar | Governor- Phagu Chauhan



26. Appointments & Resignations

Additional Secretary at the Department of Commerce Sudhanshu Pandey has assumed additional charge as Chairman and Managing Director of Metals & Minerals Trading Corporation (MMTC) Ltd, India's largest trading company. His predecessor Ved Prakash superannuated last month-end. <u>Click here for more details</u>

Key Points:

- Sudhanshu Pandey additional charge as CMD of MMTC Ltd
- MMTC Ltd: Hq New Delhi | Founded 26 September 1963

27. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

108th Indian Science Congress in 2021 to be held in Pune. Pune will host the 108th Indian Science Congress in January 2021, the Indian Science Congress Association (ISCA) has announced. This will be the fourth time that the city will host the prestigious meet in the last 100 years. Focal Theme – Science and Technology for "Sustainable Development with Women Empowerment". <u>Click here for more details</u>

Key Points:

- 108th Indian Science Congress 2021 will host in Pune
- Theme Science and Technology for "Sustainable Development with Women Empowerment"
- ISCA: Hq Kolkata | Founded 1914 | General President Dr. (Mrs.) Vijay Laxmi Saxena

28. Obituaries

Veteran athletics coach and Dronacharya awardee Joginder Singh Saini died at the age of 90, due to agerelated problems. <u>Click here for more details</u>

Key Points:

• Joginder Singh Saini (Punjab) - passed away - at the age of 90 - Veteran athletics coach

29. Current GK

Environment Minister Aaditya Thackeray, while talking on river rejuvenation in the Council said the floodplain of the Mithi river is inside Aarey colony. <u>Click here for more details</u>

- Mithi river Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Maharashtra : CM Uddhav Thackeray | Governor- Bhagat Singh Koshyari



30. Amount & Agreements

Tamil Nadu CM Edappadi K Palaniswami has launched the Tamil Nadu Health System Reform Programme (TNHSRP) in Chennai. The total cost of programme is Rs 2,857.03 crore will be implemented with funding support of Rs 1999.90 crore from the World Bank via loan. It is a 5 year programme. <u>Click here for more details</u>

Key Points:

• Tamil Nadu CM – launched – TNHSRP – 5 year programme – in Chennai – total cost – Rs 2,857.03 crore – with funding support Rs 1999.90 crore from World Bank

- Tamil Nadu : CM Edappadi K Palaniswami | Governor Banwarilal Purohit
- WB : Hq Washington, D.C., United States | President David Malpass (13th President)

31. National & States Affairs

The historic City Chowk of Jammu & Kashmir has renamed as 'Bharat Mata Chowk'. <u>Click here for more</u> <u>details</u>

Key Points:

- J&K historic City Chowk renamed 'Bharat Mata Chowk'
- J&K: Lieutenant Governor Girish Chandra Murmu

32. Arts & Cultural Affairs

The 35th edition of AAHAR - the Food and Hospitality fair began in New Delhi. This five-day-long fair is being organized by India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO) with support of the Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Agriculture and Processed Food Products Development Authority (APEDA) and several apex industry associations. <u>Click here for more details</u>

Key Points:

- 35th edition AAHAR organized by ITPO + APEDA in New Delhi
- ITPO: Hq New Delhi | Chairman & Managing Director Shri L C Goyal
- APEDA: Hq New Delhi | Chairman Shri Asit Tripathy

33. Defence Affairs

The Indian Navy postponed a multi-nation mega naval exercise 'Milan 2020' which was scheduled to be held off the coast of Visakhapatnam as part of precautionary measures against coronavirus infection. <u>Click here for more details</u>

- Indian Navy postponed 'Milan 2020' was scheduled to be held in Visakhapatnam
- Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Karambir Singh



34. Science & Technology

Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) agency of the Government of India, under the Ministry of Power, has launched star rating programme for Light Commercial Air Conditioners (LCAC) and Deep Freezers, in its 19th foundation day in New Delhi. <u>Click here for more details</u>

Key Points:

- BEE 19th foundation day Ministry of Power launched star rating programme Deep Freezer + LCAC in New Delhi
- BEE : Founded March 1, 2002 | HQ– New Delhi | Director General Abhay Bakre
- Ministry of Power Under R K Singh

35. National & States Affairs

NITI Aayog has selected Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir for first pilot project among all States and UTs on Sustainable Developmental Goals. It would get a chance to work with United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). This was informed by Principal Secretary Rohit Kansal in a meeting at Jammu. <u>Click here for more details</u>

Key Points:

- NITI Aayog selected J&K for first pilot project on Sustainable Development Goals
- NITI Aayog: Hq New Delhi | Formed 1 January 2015 | Chairperson Narendra Modi
- J&K : Lieutenant Governor Girish Chandra Murmu

36. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

Assam CM Sarbananda Sonowal has been honored with the prestigious Dr. Syama Prasad Mukherjee award 2020 for Politics at the 6th India Ideas Conclave in Gujarat. <u>Click here for more details</u>

- 6th edition India Ideas Conclave held at Tent City Narmada, Gujarat
- Sarbananda Sonowal honored prestigious Dr. Syama Prasad Mukherjee award 2020
- Award instituted by India Foundation + MEA Minister + Speaker of People's Majlis of Maldives
- MEA Minister S Jaishankar | Speaker of People's Majlis of Maldives Mohamed Nasheed
- Assam : CM Sarbananda Sonowal | Governor Jagdish Mukhi



37. Banking & Economic Affairs

RBL Bank Ltd. and Zomato, Online food ordering and delivery app has launched a co-branded credit card, powered by Mastercard, in a bid to tap the potential of the online food delivery market. <u>Click here for</u> <u>more details</u>

Key Points:

- RBL + Zomato launched co-branded credit card powered by Mastercard
- RBL Bank: Hq Mumbai | Founded August 1943 | CEO Vishwavir Ahuja
- Zomato: Hq Gurugram | Founded July 2008 | Founder(s) Deepinder Goyal (CEO), Pankaj Chaddah

38. Sports & Games

The Indian Railways kabaddi teams retained their national honours by defeating Himachal Pradesh (women) and Services (men) in the respective final matches of the 67th Senior National Kabaddi Championship held at Jaipur's Poornima University in Rajasthan. <u>Click here for more details</u>

Key Points:

- 67th Senior National Kabaddi Championship held in Jaipur, Rajasthan
- Men's team & Women's team Winner Indian Railways

39. Arts & Cultural Affairs

An international yoga festival began in Rishikesh, Uttarakhand with yoga teachers and practitioners from eleven countries taking part in the week-long event. <u>Click here for more details</u>

Key Points:

- International yoga festival Rishikesh (Uttarakhand)
- Uttarakhand: CM Trivendra Singh Rawat | Governor- Baby Rani Maurya

40. National & States Affairs

Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar, Labour minister launched 'Humsafar' mobile application in New Delhi, which delivers diesel to doorstep of bulk users. <u>Click here for more details</u>

Key Points:

• Santosh Kumar - launched - 'Humsafar' - Mobile App - New Delhi - delivery of diesel to doorstep

• Minister for Labour & Employment – Santosh Kumar Gangwar | Constituency - Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh (UP)

• Ministry of Labour & Employment: Hq - New Delhi



41. National & States Affairs

Union Health Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan and Tamil Nadu CM Edappadi Palaniswami laid the foundation stone for a new government medical college in Ramanathapuram ,TN . <u>Click here for more details</u>

Key Points:

• Union Health Minister + Tamil Nadu CM – laid – foundation stone – for new govt medical college – Ramanathapuram, TN

- Union Health Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan
- Tamil Nadu: CM Edappadi Palaniswami | Governor- Banwarilal Purohit

42. National & States Affairs

Bihar Agriculture Minister Prem Kumar said the state government will develop an "organic corridor" that will pass through 13 districts and assist in keeping the Ganga clean. <u>Click here for more details</u>

Key Points:

• Bihar govt – develop – an "organic corridor" – will pass through 13 districts and assist in keeping the Ganga clean

• Bihar: CM - Nitish Kumar | Governor- Phagu Chauhan

43. Sports & Games

The Azlan Shah Cup hockey tournament became the latest sporting event to be affected by the novel coronavirus outbreak, pushed from April to September in the wake of the deadly disease which is spreading across the world. <u>Click here for more details</u>

Key Points:

- 2020 Sultan Azlan Shah Cup Host country Malaysia
- Malaysia Kuala Lumpur ringgit

44. Obituaries

Uttar Pradesh MLA from Bulandshahr Virendra Singh Sirohi passed away at the age of 73 in New Delhi. <u>Click here for more details</u>

Key Points:

• Virendra Singh (UP) – passed away – at the age of 73 – MLA from Bulandshahr, UP



45. Banking & Economic Affairs

State Bank of India has switched to "Cash Budget Based Assessment (CBBA)" from "Projected Balance Sheet (PBS)" method of Fund Based Working Capital (FBWC) limits for assessment of the working capital requirement for corporates or large advances. <u>Click here for more details</u>

Key Points:

• SBI – switched to – CBBA – from – PBS – method of Fund Based Working Capital – limits working capital for Corporates.

• SBI: Hq – Mumbai | Founded – 1 July 1955 | Chairperson – Rajnish Kumar

46. Banking & Economic Affairs

State Bank of India (SBI) has started Risk Intel, an email service, advising the business units of rating actions in respect of units it has funded.

Key Points:

- SBI started Risk Intel an email service advising the business units.
- SBI: Hq Mumbai | Founded 1 July 1955 | Chairperson Rajnish Kumar

47. Important Days & Dates

Hindustan Zinc celebrated 49th National Safety Day on 4th March 2020 with Flag Hoisting and Safety Pledge followed by National Safety Week with the theme "Enhance Safety & Health Performance By Use of Advanced Technologies" <u>Click here for more details</u>

Key Points:

- 49th National Safety Day 4th March
- Theme: "Enhance Safety & Health Performance By Use Of Advanced Technologies"

48. Defence Affairs

The National Security Guard (NSG) Regional Hub campus was inaugurated at Kolkata by Union Minister for Home Affairs, Amit Shah. <u>Click here for more details</u>

- NSG Regional Hub campus inaugurated at Kolkata by Union Minister for Home Affairs
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah | Constituency Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- NSG: Hq New Delhi | Founded 1986 | Director General Anup Kumar Singh



49. National & States Affairs

State Environment Minister Aaditya Thackeray reiterated in his pledge to make Maharashtra single-use plastic free by May 1. The government had banned the use of disposable plastic, including plastic bags, cups, spoons, plates and tiffin containers among others, in March 2018. <u>Click here for more details</u>

Key Points:

- State Environment Minister Aaditya Thackeray said Maharashtra single-use plastic free May 1
- Maharashtra : CM Uddhav Thackeray | Governor- Bhagat Singh Koshyari

50. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

A workshop on "Enabling Procedures for Increase of Steel Usage for the Growth of Economy" was organised by the Ministry of Steel in partnership with the Government of Japan and Confederation of Indian Industries (CII). Minister of steel Dharmendra Pradhan said with Japan as the partner country, he is looking forward to making Odisha, the nerve centre of Purvodaya in steel sector. <u>Click here for more details</u>

Key Points:

- Union Ministry of Steel + Government of Japan + CII + Odisha Mission Purvodaya
- Union Minister of Petroleum and Steel Dharmendra Pradhan | Constituency Odisha
- Japan Tokyo Japanese yen

51. Current GK

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) is an intergovernmental economic organisation with 37 member countries, founded in 1961 to stimulate economic progress and world trade.

Key Points:

• OECD: Hq – Paris, France | Founded – 30 September 1961 | Secretary-General – José Ángel Gurría

52. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

According to the first edition of NCAER Land Record Services Index (N-LRSI), Madhya Pradesh is the best performing state in in terms of digitising land records, followed by Odisha, according to the NCAER Land Records and Services Index. <u>Click here for more details</u>

Key Points:

• 1ST edition – NCAER Land Record Services Index (N-LRSI) in India – Madhya Pradesh – top – followed by Odisha – in terms of digitising land records

- National Council of Applied Economic Research NCAER
- NCAER: Hq New Delhi | Founded 1956 | Director General Dr. Shekhar Shah



53. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

The 70th edition of Berlin International Film Festival (Berlinale) 2020 was held in Berlin, Germany. The Opening film of the festival was 'My Salinger Year'& the Closing film was 'There Is No Evil'. Golden Bear Award for Best Film won by "There Is No Evil". <u>Click here for more details</u>

Key Points:

- 70th edition Berlin International Film Festival held in Berlin, Germany
- Opening film 'My Salinger Year' | Closing film 'There Is No Evil'
- Golden Bear award 'There Is No Evil' Iranian director Mohammad Rasoulof's

54. Appointments & Resignations

Ministry of Home Affairs has given additional charge of Delhi Commissioner of Police to Senior IPS officer S.N. Shrivastava effect from March 1, 2020. <u>Click here for more details</u>

Key Points:

- Ministry of Home Affairs additional charge of Delhi Commissioner of Police S.N. Shrivastava
- Present Union Home Minister Amit Shah Constituency Gandhi Nagar (Gujarat)

55. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

World Productivity Congress, the world's largest convention for productivity development. The 19th edition of World Productivity Congress (WPC) will be held on May 6 to May 8, 2020, at the Bangalore International Exhibition Centre, Bengaluru, Karnataka. Theme: "Industry 4.0: Innovation and Productivity" <u>Click here for more details</u>

Key Points:

• 19th edition – World Productivity Congress – held – at the Bangalore International Exhibition Centre, Bengaluru

• Theme: "Industry 4.0: Innovation and Productivity"

56. Important Days & Dates

Janaushadhi week is being celebrated across the country from 1st of this month through more than 6200 Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras. Jan Aushadhi Kendra owners are organising different types of activities for making awareness about health and hygiene. <u>Click here for more details</u>

- Janaushadhi week is being celebrated (1-7 March)
- The first "Pradhan Mantri Janaushadhi Kendra" opened on 25th Nov 2008 at Amritsar in Punjab



57. National & States Affairs

Prime Minister Narendra Modi distributed Assistive Aids and Devices to senior citizens and differentlyabled at a camp in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh. <u>Click here for more details</u>

Key Points:

• PM Narendra Modi – distributed – Assistive Aids and Devices to senior citizens and differently-abled – Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh

• Uttar Pradesh: CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor- Anandiben Patel

58. Arts & Cultural Affairs

In a first-of-its-kind unique initiative "Nimad Chilli Festival 2020" has being organised in Kasravad, Khargone district of Madhya Pradesh from 29 February to 1 March 2020. The two-day festival is aimed at promoting Chilli production and Chilli based industries in the state. The state government has unveiled a mascot named "chilli chacha" for better marketing of the popular spice. <u>Click here for more details</u>

Key Points:

- "Nimad Chilli Festival 2020" organized in Kasravad, Khargone district of Madhya Pradesh
- Mascot "chilli chacha"

59. National & States Affairs

The Bihar Assembly unanimously has passed a resolution requesting the Centre to hold the 2021 census on the basis of caste. <u>Click here for more details</u>

Key Points:

- Bihar Assembly passed resolution to hold the 2021 census on the basis of caste
- Bihar: CM Nitish Kumar | Governor- Phagu Chauhan

60. Important Days & Dates

Word Civil Defense Day (WCDD) is celebrated annually on 1st March, to create awareness on the selfprotection & preventive measures to be taken in the event of disasters or accidents and pay tribute to the efforts, sacrifices of the national services responsible for the fight against disasters. Theme of the WCDD 2020: "Civil Defence and a first aider in every home". <u>Click here for more details</u>

- Word Civil Defense Day (WCDD) 1ST March
- Theme WCDD 2020 "Civil Defence and a first aider in every home"



61. Banking & Economic Affairs

Paytm subsidiary Paytm Insurance Broking has secured a brokerage licence from sector regulator Insurance Regulatory and Authority of India (IRDAI). <u>Click here for more details</u>

Key Points:

- Paytm subsidiary Paytm Insurance Broking secured brokerage licence from IRDAI
- Paytm : Hq Noida, UP | Founder & CEO Vijay Shekhar Sharma
- IRDAI : Hq Hyderabad | Founded 1999 | Chairperson Subhash Chandra Khuntia

62. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

Mukesh Ambani is the iconic business leader of the decade at IBLA 2020. Click here for more details

Key Points:

- Iconic business leader of the decade IBLA 2020 Mukesh Ambani
- CEO of Reliance Industries Limited Mukesh Ambani
- Hq of RIL Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman Mukesh Ambani

63. Appointments & Resignations

Nokia Chief Executive Rajeev Suri will step down in September and is to be replaced by Pekka Lundmark, until now the CEO of energy group Fortum. <u>Click here for more details</u>

Key Points:

- Pekka Lundmark appointed as CEO Nokia
- Chairman of Nokia Risto Kalevi Siilasmaa
- Nokia Hq Espoo, Finland.

64. National & States Affairs

National Chambal sanctuary has been declared as an eco-sensitive zone by the central government. The decision to declare the area as an eco-sensitive zone will prohibit the construction of hotels or resorts within an area of zero to two kilometres from the sanctuary. <u>Click here for more details</u>

- Central government notified National Chambal sanctuary (Madhya Pradesh) Eco-sensitive zone
- Madhya Pradesh : CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor Lalji Tandon



65. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

President of Myanmar, U Win Myint, paid a 4 days State Visit to India.During the visit MoU for Cooperation on Combating Timber Trafficking, and Conservation of Tigers and other Wildlife was signed. <u>Click here for more details</u>

Key Points:

• Myanmar + India – signed – MoU – On Combating Timber Trafficking, and Conservation of Tigers & other wildlife

• Myanmar – Naypyitaw – kyat

66. Sports & Games

The Badminton Association of India (BAI) has been appointed top Indonesian coach Agus Dwi Santoso as India's singles coach to address the fall in the performance of India's badminton stars in the last year or so. <u>Click here for more details</u>

Key Points:

- Agus Dwi Santoso (Indonesia) appointed India's badminton singles coach
- Badminton Association of India: Hq New Delhi | Founded 1940 | President Himanta Biswa Sarma

67. Science & Technology

The research team of Sree Chitra Thirunal Institute of Medical Science and Technology (SCTIMST), has developed an innovative intracranial flow diverter stent for the treatment of aneurysms (enlargement of an artery caused by weakness in the arterial wall) of the blood vessels of the brain. It is ready for transfer and further testing in animals, followed by human trials. <u>Click here for more details</u>

Key Points:

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• SCTIMST – developed – intracranial flow diverter stent (Chitra Flow Diverter) – treatment of the blood vessels of the brain

• SCTIMST: Hq – Thiruvananthapuram

68. Schemes & Initiatives

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla launched a campaign named "Suposhit Maa Abhiyan" in the presence of Union Textile Minister Smriti Irani, aimed at providing nutritional support to pregnant women and adolescent girls. <u>Click here for more details</u>

Key Points:

• Om Birla launched – "Suposhit Maa Abhiyan" – providing nutritional support to pregnant women and adolescent girls

- Om Birla Lok Sabha Speaker
- Union Textile Minister Smriti Irani | Constituency Amethi, UP
- Rajasthan: CM Ashok Gehlot | Governor- Kalraj Mishra.



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69. Arts & Cultural Affairs

Pusa Krishi Vigyan Mela-2020 has been organized by ICAR-IARI (Indian Council of Agricultural Research-Indian Agricultural Research Institute) from March 1 to 3 in New Delhi<u>Click here for more details</u>

Key Points:

- Pusa Krishi Vigyan Mela-2020 organized by ICAR-IARI New Delhi
- ICAR-IARI: Hq New Delhi | Chairman Shri Asit Tripathy

70. Important Days & Dates

The World Wildlife Day (WWD) is celebrated every year on 3rd March. Theme for 2020: "Sustaining all life on Earth". The day aims to celebrate the beautiful and varied forms of wild fauna and flora & raises awareness for conservation of wildlife. <u>Click here for more details</u>

Key Points:

- World Wildlife Day 3rd March
- Theme of WWD 2020: "Sustaining all life on Earth"

71. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Tripura State Government and Airport Authority of India (AAI) has signed a memorandum of understanding for the construction of six equipment hiring centers in Manu Block under the Dhalai District of Tripura. <u>Click here for more details</u>

Key Points:

• Tripura + AAI – signed – MoU – for construction of six equipment hiring centers – in Manu Block, Dhalai District Tripura

- Tripura: CM Biplab Kumar Deb | Governor- Ramesh Bais
- AAI: Hq New Delhi | Founded 1 April 1995 | Chairperson Arvind Singh

72. National & States Affairs

As per the amended rule, "of all items of textiles required by the central government departments, it shall be mandatory to make procurement of at least 20 per cent, from amongst items of handloom origin, for exclusive purchase from KVIC and handloom clusters". <u>Click here for more details</u>

Key Points:

• Government departments – mandatorily – buy at least 20 percent – textiles requirement from KVIC or handloom clusters

• KVIC: Hq – Mumbai | Founded – 1956 | Chairperson – Vinai Kumar Saxena



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73. Acquisitions & Mergers

Uber sold its Indian food delivery business UberEats to Zomato for \$206 million, the US-based firm said in its annual report, filed with the US Securities and Exchange Commission. <u>Click here for more details</u>

Key Points:

- UberEats acquired by Zomato for \$206 million
- Uber: Hq San Francisco, California, US | Founded March 2009 | CEO Dara Khosrowshahi
- Zomato: Hq Gurugram | Founded July 2008 | Founder(s) Deepinder Goyal (CEO), Pankaj Chaddah

74. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

The 5th edition of India Pharma 2020 and India Medical Device 2020 organized by FICCI in collaboration with the Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers. It is being held in Gandhinagar (Gujarat) <u>Click here for more details</u>

Key Points:

- 5th edition India Pharma and India Medical Device 2020 organized by FICCI with Department of Pharmaceuticals & Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers in Gandhinagar (Gujarat)
- FICCI: Hq New Delhi | President Sangita Reddy
- Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers Shri D.V. Sadananda Gowda | Constituency Bangalore North

75. Banking & Economic Affairs

Google announced that it plans to open cloud region in New Delhi that is expected to be operational by 2021. This will be the company's second cloud region in India; the first one was in Mumbai that was launched in 2017. <u>Click here for more details</u>

Key Points:

- Google announced to open 2nd cloud region in New Delhi
- Google: Hq Mountain View, California, US | CEO Sundar Pichai

76. Obituaries

Noted Konkani writer and dramatist, Richard John Pais died after a brief illness. He was 51. <u>Click here for</u> more details

Key Points:

• Richard John Pais – died – at the age of 51 – Noted Konkani writer and dramatist



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77. National & States Affairs

In Jammu and Kashmir, Lt. Governor G.C. Murmu launched Student Health Card scheme in Jammu. In his address Lt. Gov. said that MidDay meal was launched for the needy school going children so that malnutrition can be prevented. Click here for more details

Key Points:

- Student Health Card scheme launched in Jammu and Kashmir
- J&K : Lieutenant Governor Girish Chandra Murmu

78. National & States Affairs

President Ram Nath Kovind cancelled an earlier order of the Union government that deferred the delimitation exercise in the northeastern States of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur and Nagaland. Click here for more details

Key Points:

- President Ram Nath Kovind gave nod for delimitation exercise in 4 northeastern States
- 4 northeastern States Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur and Nagaland

79. International Affairs

Fitch Ratings Inc. is an American credit rating agency and is one of the "Big Three credit rating agencies", the other two being Moody's and Standard & Poor's.

Key Points:

- Fitch Ratings Inc. headquarters New York City, New York, US
- US Washington, D.C. Dollar

80. National & States Affairs

The Punjab government scrapped the policy of granting extension in service to its employees after retirement. A press release said the decision was in line with the Budget announcement of reverting to the earlier retirement age of 58 from 60. Click here for more details

Key Points:

- Punjab government granting extension in service after retirement
- Punjab: CM Captain Amarinder Singh | Governor- V. P. Singh Badnore

81. National & States Affairs

Indian Railways has launched its first 'Restaurant on Wheels' at the circulating area of Asansol railway station for the use of passengers as well as the general public. Click here for more details

Key Points:

- Indian Railways launched 1st 'Restaurant on Wheels' Asansol railway station (West Bengal)
- West Bengal: CM Mamata Banerjee | Governor- Jagdeep Dhankhar



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82. National & States Affairs

"Entrepreneurship, Knowledge, Awareness, Marketing (EKAM) Fest" has been organised in New Delhi to promote Craftsmanship & Products of Divyang Artisans and Entrepreneurs. National Handicapped Finance Development Corporation (NHFDC) has organised the exhibition-cum-Fair under the Social Justice and Empowerment Ministry. <u>Click here for more details</u>

Key Points:

- "Entrepreneurship, Knowledge, Awareness, Marketing (EKAM) Fest" organised in New Delhi
- Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment Thaawar Chand Gehlot

83. National & States Affairs

Power Minister R K Singh dedicated to the nation 11 Renewable Energy Management Centres (REMCs) for renewable energy integration. <u>Click here for more details</u>

Key Points:

- Power Minister R K Singh dedicated 11 REMCs for renewable energy integration
- Minister of Power and renewable energy R K Singh | Constituency Arrah (Bihar)

84. Acquisitions & Mergers

The National Company Law Tribunal approved National Buildings Construction Corporation (NBCC)'s offer to take over Jaypee Infratech, which has to deliver apartments, plots and villas to nearly 21,000 homebuyers. <u>Click here for more details</u>

Key Points:

- NCLT approved NBCC to take over Jaypee Infratech
- NCLT: Hq New Delhi | Director Shri Shardul Anant Digambar

85. Obituaries

John Francis Welch Jr., former chairman & CEO of General Electric Company passed away at the age of 84, in New York, US. In 1999, Fortune named him the "Manager of the Century" and the Financial Times named him "One of the 3 most admired business leaders in the world". <u>Click here for more details</u>

Key Points:

• Jack Welch (US) – died – at the age of 84 – former chairman & CEO of General Electric Company



86. Schemes & Initiatives

The PM-KISAN scheme has completed one year (on Feb 24, 2020) which was launched on February 24, 2019.Under this scheme, benefit is provided to the eligible farmers to the total of Rs 6,000 per year as minimum income support. It is payable in three 4-monthly installments of Rs 2,000 each. <u>Click here for more details</u>

Key Points:

- PM-KISAN Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Scheme
- launched February 24, 2019
- First State by transferring the first installment of Rs 2,000 Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh

87. Sports & Games

As per the latest International Hockey Federation's (FIH) latest world rankings 2020, Indian men's team ranked 4th position which is the highest ranking position of the team since the formation of FIH rankings in 2003. Whereas, Indian Women's team is ranked at 9th . <u>Click here for more details</u>

Key Points:

- Indian men's team ranked 4th FIH World Rankings 2020
- Rank: 1st Belgium | 2n Australia | 3rd Netherlands
- International Hockey Federation (FIH): Hq Lausanne, Switzerland | President Narinder Batra

88. Important Days & Dates

World Hearing Day is observed annually on 3rd March by the Office of Prevention of Blindness and Deafness of the WHO (World Health Organization) to raise awareness on how to prevent deafness and hearing loss. The day is being observed since 2007 and before 2016 it was known as International Ear Care Day. Theme of WHD 2020: Hearing for life: Don't let hearing loss limit you. <u>Click here for more details</u>

Key Points:

- World Hearing Day 3rd March
- Theme of WHD 2020: Hearing for life: Don't let hearing loss limit you
- WHO: Hq Geneva, Switzerland | Director General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus.

89. Appointments & Resignations

New Zealand's Permanent Representative to the World Trade Organisation (WTO) Ambassador David Walker has been appointed to chair the WTO General Council. <u>Click here for more details</u>

- David Walker appointed to chair the WTO General Council
- WTO: Hq Geneva, Switzerland | Director General Roberto Azevêdo



90. Sports & Games

World No.1 Novak Djokovic of Serbia won the men's singles title at the Dubai Tennis Championships 2020 by defeating Stefanos Tsitsipas of Greece to win his 5th title at the Dubai event. <u>Click here for more details</u>

Key Points:

• Novak Djokovic (Serbia) – won – men's singles title – Dubai Championships 2020 – defeated Stefanos Tsitsipas (Greece)

• International Tennis Federation: Hq – London, UK | Founded – 1 March 1913 | President – David Haggerty

91. Science & Technology

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has said that the launch of GISAT-1 planned for March 5, has been postponed due to technical reasons. Revised launch date will be informed in due course. <u>Click here for more details</u>

Key Points:

- ISRO postponed launch of GISAT-1 planned for March 5 due to technical reasons
- ISRO: Hq Bengaluru | Director K Sivan

92. National & States Affairs

Under the Section 18(1)(a) of food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, The Punjab government's Food and Drug Administration has prohibited Online Supply Food Aggregators (OSFAs) related to those Food Business Operators (FBOs) not possessing hygiene rating. <u>Click here for more details</u>

Key Points:

- Punjab Legislative Assembly Speaker Rana Kanwar Pal Singh
- FDA Commissioner K S Pannu
- Punjab : CM Captain Amarinder Singh | Governor V. P. Singh Badnore

93. Important Days & Dates

On March 1,2020 Zero Discrimination is celebrated every year to challenge the discrimination faced by women & girls, to raise awareness & mobilize action to promote equality & empowerment for women & girls. The theme for 2020 is "Zero Discrimination against Women & Girls". The symbol for this day is Butterfly. <u>Click here for more details</u>

- Zero Discrimination Day 1ST March Symbol Butterfuly
- Theme Zero Discrimination Day 2020 'Zero Discrimination against Women & Girls'



94. Sports & Games

Shafali Verma, 16-year-old is is the youngest Indian ever to be ranked No. 1 in an ICC list. She jumped 19 places and surpassed New Zealand's Suzie Bates to grab the top spot and the 3rd highest-scorer in Women's T20 World Cup so far with 161 runs from 4 matches <u>Click here for more details</u>

Key Points:

- Shafali Verma ranked No. 1 Batswomen in ICC T20I ranking
- 2nd Rank Suzannah Wilson "Suzie" Bates (New Zealand)

95. National & States Affairs

Mysuru set to host 19th edition of National Para Athletics Championship. The 19th edition of the National Para Athletics Championship is set to be conducted at Chamundi Vihar Stadium in Mysuru from March 26 to 28. <u>Click here for more details</u>

Key Points:

• 19th edition of National Para Athletics Championship - will be held - in Mysuru

96. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

India's Ambassador to Qatar P Kumaran recently attended the signing of the landmark peace deal between the US and the Afghan Taliban in Doha, Qatar. <u>Click here for more details</u>

Key Points:

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- India's Ambassador to Qatar P. Kumaran attended the USA-Taliban peace deal in Doha
- Qatar Doha Riyal

97. National & States Affairs

The multilingual version of "Incredible India" website and mobile app has been launched by the Minister of State (IC) for Tourism & Culture, Shri Prahlad Singh Patel in New Delhi. The new version of the website and mobile app of "Incredible India" has been launched in three new languages i.e. Chinese, Arabic and Spanish. <u>Click here for more details</u>

Key Points:

• "Incredible India" (new version) – launched in 3 new languages – by Ministry of Tourism & Culture – in New Delhi

• Minister of State (IC) for Tourism & Culture - Prahlad Singh Patel | Constituency - Damoh, Madhya Pradesh



98. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

As a unique initiative of Indian Air Force, the IAF and Savitribai Phule Pune University entered into an academic collaboration by signing a Memorandum of Understanding to establish a 'Chair of Excellence' at Department of Defence & Strategic Studies. <u>Click here for more details</u>

Key Points:

- IAF + Savitribai Phule Pune University "Marshal of the Air Force Arjan Singh Chair of Excellence"
- IAF Chief Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria
- IAF Hq New Delhi.

99. Sports & Games

Rafael Nadal won the Mexican open tournament for the 3rd time and it is his 85th ATP title overall (Men's singles category). <u>Click here for more details</u>

Key Points:

- 27th edition Mexican open tournament 2020 held in Acapulco, Mexico
- Rafael Nadal won 3rd time Mexican open tournament his 85th ATP title overall

100. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

The 2nd National Workshop on Explosive Detection (NWED-2020) was held in Pune, Maharashtra which was inaugurated by Secretary, Department of Defence Research & Development and Chairman Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) Dr G Satheesh Reddy. RalDer-X is a new explosive detection device, It is co-developed by HEMRL Pune, and IISc, Bangalore, unveiled at NWED, 2020. <u>Click here for more details</u>

- 2nd NWED-2020 held in Pune, Maharashtra
- NWED-2020 inaugurated by Secretary, Department of Defence R&D and Chairman, DRDO
- Secretary of Department of Defence R&D + Chairman of DRDO Dr G Satheesh Reddy
- DRDO Hq New Delhi
- RaIDer-X explosive detection device (co-developed) by HEMRL, Pune + IISc, Bangalore



