

Friends!

We used **TESTZONE** and cracked Bank Exams

बैंक परीक्षाओ के लिए निश्चित रूप से
सर्वश्रेष्ठ मॉक टेस्ट सीरीज



Karishma Pradhan
SBI Clerk 2021



Sai Kiranmai
IBPS PO 2021



Mayank Jain
IBPS Clerk 2021



Aarvi Pareek
IBPS PO 2021



Manjali Sahu
RRB Clerk 2021



Abhishek Sinha
IBPS Clerk 2021



Preeti Kumari
IBPS PO



Sazid Laskar
RRB Clerk 2021



Rahul Raj
IBPS PO 2021



Anjali Mangal
IBPS Clerk 2021



Jyoti Tanwani
SBI Clerk 2021



Manisha Arora
SBI Clerk 2021



Smartkeeda
The Question Bank

It's **Your Turn** Now
Take A **FREE** Mock Test

Warning: Smartkeeda possesses all copyrights on its content. This doesn't allow anyone to use its content for commercial purposes. If any infringement is found, legal action will be taken against the individual or entity. If you want to use the content for commercial purposes, kindly write to us at admin@smartkeeda.com.



SCAN TO
DOWNLOAD APP

Smartkeeda प्रस्तुत करता है

भारत का पहला

EGS

Education-Gaming-Social-Platform



Play Quizzes in

QUANT | REASONING | ENGLISH | GS | CURRENT AFFAIRS | LAW

Useful for Exams

- BANK & INSURANCE
- SSC & RAILWAYS
- TEACHING EXAMS
- LAW EXAMS
- UPSC
- DEFENCE EXAMS
- STATE EXAMS
- CUET

इस खेल में कोई वित्तीय जोखिम नहीं है और इसकी आदत लग जाए तो अच्छा है।

www.smartkeeda.com | testzone.smartkeeda.com

SBI | RBI | IBPS | RRB | SSC | NIACL | EPFO | UGC NET | LIC | Railways | CLAT | RJS



Join us

Testzone presents
Full-Length Current Affairs Mock
Test Series Month-wise

March
MockDrill
PDF No. 7
(PDF in English)



Smartkeeda

Test Launch Date: 8th April 2022

[Attempt Test No. 7 Here!](#)



An important message from Team Smartkeeda

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 March 2022 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.

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

All the best!

Regards

Team Smartkeeda

स्मार्टकीड़ा टीम की ओर से एक महत्वपूर्ण सन्देश!

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 मार्च 2022 माह में Testzone पर होने वाले MockDrill Test में आपकी तैयारी को बेहतर करने के लिए उपलब्ध करायी जा रही है। इस PDF में हमने कुछ अति आवश्यक 'Key-Points' के माध्यम से आपको सम-सामयिकी (Current Affairs) सूचनाओं से अवगत कराया है और अगर आप MockDrill में अपनी योग्यता सिद्ध करना चाहते हैं तो आपके लिए हर सूचना को पढ़ना, समझना और उसे याद रखना भी अति आवश्यक है क्योंकि MockDrill में शामिल किए गए प्रश्न PDF में दी गयी सूचना या जानकारी पर ही आधारित होंगे।

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

आभार,

टीम स्मार्टकीड़ा



INDEX

National & States Affairs	6
International Affairs	8
Banking, Finance, Insurance & Economic Affairs	9
Sports & Games	11
Science & Technology	11
Appointments & Resignations	12
Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes	13
Schemes & Initiatives	13
Important Days & Dates	13
Books & Authors	14
Obituaries	15
Meetings, Conferences & Summits	15
Ranks, Reports & Surveys	16
Acquisitions & Mergers	17
MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships	17



National & States Affairs

301. On March 14, Karnataka IT Minister C N Ashwath Narayan launched India's first ever digital water data bank 'AQVERIUM', formed by AquaKraft Group Ventures in Bengaluru. The Digital water data bank is a curated list of water data from all institutions and sources, that will help tackle some common development challenges and aims to enhance water management system. AquaKraft Group offers a unique social franchising model to create 'water entrepreneurs' with an objective to make India 'Water Positive' by 2030. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- AquaKraft Group Ventures – launched India's first ever digital water data bank 'AQVERIUM' – in Bengaluru, Karnataka
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – Basavaraj Bommai | Governor – Thaawarchand Gehlot

302. On March 12, Maharashtra announced to set up India's first medical city in the Pune district's rural area. It will be named 'Indrayani Medicity'. It will be developed through a public-private partnership (PPP) with an investment of over Rs 10,000 Cr. It will not only provide medical education and research facilities, but also all kinds of specialty treatment under one roof. A 300-acre land parcel in Pune's Khed taluka has been identified for the same. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Maharashtra – to set up India's first medical city named 'Indrayani Medicity' in Pune's rural area
- It will be developed through a PPP with an investment of over Rs. 10,000 Cr
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

303. On March 13, Odisha government proposed to ban movement of mechanised fishing boats in Mangalajodi area on the banks of Chilika lake, an important bird area (IBA), in order to provide the birds an undisturbed ecosystem for six months ever year. Mangalajodi is recognised as globally important for the conservation of bird population. The area is used for roosting and nesting by migratory birds. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Odisha – proposed to ban movement of mechanised fishing boats in Mangalajodi area on the banks of Chilika lake
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

304. On March 13, Union Minister of State for Electronics & Information Technology, Rajeev Chandrasekhar visited the Gallium Nitride Ecosystem Enabling Centre and Incubator (GEECI) facility at the Indian Institute of Sciences (IISc), Bengaluru. The facility was jointly set up by Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology and IISc Bengaluru aimed at establishing Gallium Nitride (GaN) based Development Line Foundry facility. Gallium Nitride Technology is of strategic importance with its application to 5G, space and defense application. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rajeev Chandrasekhar – visited the 'GEECI facility' at the IISc, Bengaluru
- GEECI – jointly set up by MeitY + IISc Bengaluru
- Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology: Ashwini Vaishnaw | Constituency – Odisha
- MoS in Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology: Rajeev Chandrasekhar



305. On March 16, MV Ram Prasad Bismil became the longest vessel ever to sail on the river Brahmaputra and completed its pilot run of heavy cargo movement from Haldia Dock in Kolkata to Pandu port in Guwahati Brahmaputra. The 90 meters long vessel is 26 meters wide, loaded with a draft of 2.1 meters. The Government of India along with Government of People's Republic of Bangladesh funded the dredging of this stretch with 80:20 ratios respectively for seamless navigation. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MV Ram Prasad Bismil – became the longest vessel ever to sail on the river Brahmaputra
- Pilot run: from Haldia Dock (Kolkata) to Pandu Port (Guwahati)
- HQs of IWAI – Noida, Uttar Pradesh | Chairman – Sanjay Bandopadhyay

306. On March 16, Sales of affordable quality generic medicines under the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) stood at Rs 814.21 Cr in the ongoing fiscal FY2021-22, leading to an estimated savings of about Rs 4,800 Cr to the citizens. Under the scheme, till February 28, 2022, about 8,689 Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras (PMBJKs) have been opened, covering all districts of India. The product basket of PMBJP presently comprises 1,616 medicines and 250 surgical items covering all major therapeutic groups such as cardiovascular, anti-cancers, anti-diabetics, anti-infectives, anti-allergic, gastro-intestinal medicines and nutraceuticals. Nutraceuticals products were recently added in it. The government has set a target to have about 10,500 PMBJKs by March 2025 across the country. The target for the year 2022-23 is to have about 9,300 PMBJKs across the country. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sales of affordable quality generic medicines under 'PMBJP' stood at Rs 814.21 Cr in FY22 (saved about Rs 4,800 Cr)
- 'Nutraceuticals' products were recently added in the product basket of 'PMBJP'
- 8,689 PMBJKs have been opened till Feb, 2022 | Targets: 10,500 PMBJKs by FY25 & 9,300 PMBJKs by FY23
- PMBJP was launched by Dept. of Pharmaceuticals in Nov 2008

307. On March 14, Ministry of Tourism has formulated a "National Strategy and Roadmap for Medical and Wellness Tourism" in order to create a robust framework and synergy amongst the Central Government Ministries, State Governments and Private Sector for promoting India as a Medical and Wellness Tourism destination. 'Medical Visa' has been introduced, which can be given for specific purpose to foreign travellers coming to India for medical treatment. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Tourism – formulated a "National Strategy and Roadmap for Medical and Wellness Tourism"
- Ministry of Tourism: G. Kishan Reddy | Constituency – Secunderabad, Telangana
- MoS in Ministry of Tourism: Shripad Yesso Naik & Ajay Bhatt

308. On March 14, Haryana CM Manohar Lal Khattar announced that as a part of celebrations dedicated to the 400th Prakash Gurburb (4th centenary birth anniversary) of the 9th Sikh Guru, the state government will establish a Chair in the name of Guru Teg Bahadar at Kurukshetra University (KU). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- A Chair in the name of Guru Teg Bahadar (9th Sikh Guru) will be established at Kurukshetra University (Haryana)
- Haryana: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Manohar Lal Khattar | Governor – Bandaru Dattatraya



309. On March 14, Maharashtra CM Uddhav Thackeray launched the 240-page Mumbai's Climate Action Plan (MCAP) which is India's first Climate Action Plan, to set short, medium and long-term climate goals aimed towards a net-zero (zero emission of greenhouse gas) target for 2050. The plan aims to serve as a 30-year road map for the city to tackle the challenges of climate change by adopting inclusive and robust mitigation and adaptation strategies. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Uddhav Thackeray launched a 240-page Mumbai's Climate Action Plan (MCAP) - India's first Climate Action Plan
- The plan aims to serve as a 30-year road map for Mumbai

310. On March 11, Bihar government announced to launch doorstep delivery of digitized land documents, including khatian and map. Khatian is a document for identification of land for determining possession. Bihar will be the first state in India where people will get the facility of doorstep delivery of digitized land documents. Bihar will launch an intensive drive in April to remove encroachments both in commercial and residential areas. The drive will begin from Muzaffarpur and it will be carried out in other parts of the state. The encroachments will be removed by March 2023. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bihar – to be the first state in India to launch doorstep delivery of digitized land documents
- Bihar – to start a drive from Muzaffarpur to remove encroachments by March 2023
- Bihar: Capital – Patna | CM – Nitish Kumar | Governor – Phagu Chauhan

International Affairs

311. In March 2022, International Criminal Court (ICC) launched an investigation into the alleged war crimes committed following Russia's invasion of Ukraine. The ICC operates independently and can prosecute individuals for 4 primary offences: war crimes, crimes against humanity, genocide, and the crime of aggression. The court tries individuals and not countries. Any individual accused of a crime from a country that falls under the ICC's jurisdiction can be tried. Russia pulled out of the court in 2016 after the ICC's verdict on Russia's occupation of Crimea in 2014. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ICC – launched an investigation into the alleged war crimes committed following Russia's invasion of Ukraine
- Russia pulled out of the ICC in 2016 after the its verdict on Russia's occupation of Crimea in 2014
- Russia – Moscow – Russian Ruble | PM – Mikhail Mishustin | President – Vladimir Putin
- HQs of ICC – Hague, Netherlands | President – Judge Piotr Hofmanski | Established in – 2002

312. On March 13, Google announced to add Air Strike alerts for its Ukrainian Android users amid the ongoing Russia-Ukraine crisis at the request of the Ukrainian government. The feature is supposed to be supplemental to the already existing raid alert systems. Google has used the same low-latency system that it uses for detecting earthquakes. Google had earlier announced to disable some of its Google Maps features in Ukraine such as traffic information and crowd data as the data could be used as military intelligence. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Google – to add Air Strike alerts for its Ukrainian Android users amid the Russia-Ukraine crisis
- HQs of Google – California, US | CEO – Sundar Pichai | Founded in – 1998



313. On March 13, United States President Joe Biden approved a \$200-million arms package for Ukraine, which would include US-made Stinger Missiles, which are a type of shoulder-fired Man-Portable Air-Defence Systems (MANPADS). In the first week of March itself, more than 17,000 anti-tank weapons and 2,000 Stinger missiles had been sent by the US and NATO. MANPADS have a maximum range of 8 kilometres and can engage targets at altitudes of 4.5 km. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- US approved a \$200-million arms package for Ukraine including 'MANPADS'
- US & NATO had sent 17,000 anti-tank weapons & 2,000 Stinger missiles to Ukraine (in 1st week of March)
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46th President – Joe Biden | 49th VP – Kamala Harris
- HQs of NATO – Brussels, Belgium | Secretary General – Jens Stoltenberg | Member Countries – 30

314. On March 13, a senior Ukrainian police officer accused the Russian forces of using phosphorous bomb attacks in the separatist-controlled Lugansk. Nazis used to call it a 'flaming onion'. According to international laws, the usage of white phosphorus shells are banned in the extremely populated civilian areas, but are allowed to be used in open spaces. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- A senior Ukrainian police officer accused the Russian forces of using 'Phosphorous bomb' attacks in Lugansk
- Ukraine – Kyiv – Ukrainian hryvnia | President – Volodymyr Zelensky
- Russia – Moscow – Russian Ruble | PM – Mikhail Mishustin | President – Vladimir Putin

Banking, Finance, Insurance & Economic Affairs

315. On March 15, ICICI Bank tied-up with Emirates Skywards to launch a range of co-branded credit cards on Visa platform. ICICI is the first Indian bank to partner with Emirates Skywards to offer an exclusive range of credit cards in India. Emirates Skywards is a loyalty programme of Emirates and flydubai. The co-branded credit cards are available in three variants: 'Emirates Skywards ICICI Bank Emerald Credit Card', 'Emirates Skywards ICICI Bank Sapphire Credit Card', and 'Emirates Skywards ICICI Bank Ruby Credit Card'. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ICICI Bank + Emirates Skywards = launched a range of 'Emirates Skywards ICICI Bank Credit Card' on Visa platform
- The cards are launched in 3 variants : Emerald, Sapphire & Ruby
- HQs of ICICI Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – [Sandeep Bakhshi](#) | Taglines – "Hum Hain Na!" & "Khayal Apka"

316. On March 11, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman addressed the IIT Bombay Alumni Association virtually. She mentioned that India's digital economy is expected to witness exponential growth to \$800 billion by 2030 on the back of rising internet penetration and increasing income. A 10% rise in internet penetration results in an increase of 3.9% in GDP per capita. India has over 6,300 fintechs, of which 28% are into investment technology, 27% into payments, 16% into lending and 9% into banking infrastructure, while over 20% are into other fields. She also mentioned that the combined valuation of India's fintech industry is set to surge to \$150 billion in next three years. The total number of retail investor accounts has almost doubled, from about 45 million as of March 2016 to 88.2 million by March 31 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Nirmala Sitharaman – addressed the IIT Bombay Alumni Association
- According to her address:
 - India’s digital economy is expected to witness exponential growth to \$800 billion by 2030
 - India has over 6,300 fintechs
 - Combined valuation of India’s fintech industry is set to surge to \$150 billion in next 3 years
 - Total number of retail investor accounts increased from 45 million (March 2016) to 88.2 million (March 31 2021)
- [Ministry of Finance: Nirmala Sitharaman | Constituency – Karnataka](#)
- [MoS in Ministry of Finance: Pankaj Chowdhary & Bhagwat Kishanrao Karad](#)

317. On March 15, Union Minister of State for Finance Dr. Bhagwat Kisanrao Karad informed that ‘PSB Loans in 59 minutes’ recorded significant growth in disbursing credits across India. 2,01,863 loans proposals were made on the psbloansin59minutes.com portal amounting to ₹39,580 Cr in the business category since its inception, September 25, 2018 and February 28, 2022. Through the portal, an MSME can avail business loan from a minimum of ₹1 lakh to a maximum of ₹5 Cr post-in-principle approval. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ‘PSB Loans in 59 minutes’ portal – recorded significant growth in disbursing credits across India
- 2,01,863 loans proposals worth ₹39,580 Cr were made on the portal between Sep 25, 2018 & Feb 28, 2022
- [Ministry of Finance: Nirmala Sitharaman | Constituency – Karnataka](#)
- [MoS in Ministry of Finance: Pankaj Chowdhary & Bhagwat Kishanrao Karad](#)

318. On March 17, the Banks Board Bureau (BBB) has recommended some names for the positions of MD & CEO in Union Bank of India (UBI), Indian Overseas Bank (IOB), Punjab & Sind Bank (PSB) and State Bank of India (SBI). A Manimekhalai was recommended as the MD & CEO of UBI, Ajay Kumar Srivastava for IOB, Swaroop Kumar Saha for PSB & Alok Kumar Choudhary for the SBI. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- BBB recommended some names for the positions of MD & CEO in 4 different banks:
 - A. Manimekhalai – for UBI
 - Ajay Kumar Srivastava – for IOB
 - Swaroop Kumar Saha – for PSB
 - Alok Kumar Choudhary – for SBI
- [HQs of BBB – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairperson – Bhanu Pratap Sharma](#)

319. On March 7, Larsen & Toubro (L&T) launched an e-commerce platform titled as “L&T-SuFin” for B2B industrial products and services. The platform will provide working capital to MSMEs from a large array of banks and other financial institutions at attractive interest rates. The company has partnered with Banks including Axis Bank, ICICI Bank and Deutsche bank along with Public Sector Bank and NBFCs who will help the MSMEs to get the funding. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- L&T – launched an e-commerce platform called “L&T-SuFin” for B2B industrial products & services
- [HQs of L&T Investment Management Ltd – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Kailash Kulkarni](#)

Sports & Games

320. On March 15, All India Chess Federation (AICF) announced that India will host the 44th World Chess Olympiad 2022 at Chennai. This will be the 2nd major world event to be held in India after the World Championship match in 2013 between Viswanathan Anand and Magnus Carlsen. The Chess Olympiad is a biennial team event, in which teams from 190 countries compete for honours over a two-week period. The 'Chess Olympiad 2022' was supposed to take place in Moscow from July 26 July to August 8. However, FIDE decided to move the Chess Olympiad and all other official competitions planned from Russia in the wake of the Russia's invasion of Ukraine. The other events that are moved away from Russia are the first chess Olympiad for people with disabilities and the 93rd FIDE Congress. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – to host the 44th World Chess Olympiad 2022 at Chennai (FIDE moved the event from Moscow, Russia)
- FIDE also moved first Chess Olympiad for PwDs & 93rd FIDE Congress from Russia
- HQs of AICF – Chennai, Tamil Nadu | President – Sanjay Kapoor | Secretary – Bharat Singh Chauhan
- HQs of FIDE – Lausanne, Switzerland | President/Chairman – Arkady Dvorkovich | Founded on – July 20, 1924

321. On March 13, Kunlavut Vitidsarn of Thailand defeated Indian badminton player Lakshya Sen in the Men's Singles finals of German Open 2022. Women's singles was won by China's He Bingjiao. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kunlavut Vitidsarn (Thailand) – won men's singles at "German Open 2022" (defeating - Lakshya Sen)
- He Bingjiao (China) – won women's singles at "German Open 2022"
- HQs of BWF – Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia | President – Poul-Erik Hoyer Larsen

322. The International Cricket Council (ICC) announced Shreyas Iyer and Amelia Kerr as ICC Men's and Women's Players of the Month respectively for February 2022. Amelia Kerr is 21-year-old all-rounder from New Zealand. Shreyas Iyer is India's star all-format batter. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Shreyas Iyer (India) – named as ICC Men's Players of the Month for February 2022
- Amelia Kerr (New Zealand) – named as ICC Women's Players of the Month for February 2022
- HQs of ICC – Dubai, UAE | Chairman – Greg Barclay | CEO – Geoff Allardice | Members – 106 countries

Science & Technology

323. On March 14, An Artificial Intelligence and Robotics Technology Park (ARTPARK) with seed money of Rs 230 Cr was launched at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) in Bengaluru. Of the Rs 230 Cr, Rs 170 Cr would be borne by the Centre and the rest by the Karnataka government. The ARTPARK has the objective of channelising innovations to create a societal impact by executing ambitious mission-mode R&D projects in healthcare, education, mobility, infrastructure, agriculture, retail, and cyber-security aiming to solve problems unique to India. AI is expected to touch \$15.7 trillion by 2030. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ARTPARK – was launched at the IISc, Bengaluru with seed money of Rs 230 Cr (170 Cr by Centre & 60 Cr by Karnataka)
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – Basavaraj Bommai | Governor – Thawarchand Gehlot



Appointments & Resignations

324. On March 14, Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) selected Ranjit Rath to be appointed as Chairman and Managing Director of Oil India Ltd, India's second largest state oil and gas producer. He is currently Chairman and Managing Director of Mineral Exploration Corporation Ltd (MECL). Oil India's current Chairman and Managing Director Sushil Chandra Mishra will superannuate on June 30, 2022. Rath is a recipient of the prestigious National Geosciences Award 2016 from the President of India. He has co-authored a book titled 'Underground Storage Technologies'. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ranjit Rath – selected as CMD of Oil India Ltd by PESB (replacing - Sushil Chandra Mishra)
- HQs of OIL – Noida, Uttar Pradesh | CMD – Sushil Chandra Mishra (till June 30, 2022 | Later - Ranjit Rath)

325. On March 11, Gabriel Boric sworn in as Chile's youngest ever President. He is 36. He is associated with Social Convergence party. Boric was the president of the University of Chile Student Federation from 2011 to 2012. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Gabriel Boric – sworn in as the youngest ever President of Chile
- Chile – Santiago – Peso | President – Gabriel Boric

326. On March 16, Aam Aadmi Party leader Bhagwant Mann was sworn in as Chief Minister of Punjab at the ancestral village of freedom fighter Bhagat Singh in Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar district. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bhagwant Mann (AAP) – sworn in as Chief Minister of Punjab
- Punjab: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Bhagwant Mann | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit

327. On March 17, Suchitra K. Ella (Co-Founder & Joint MD of Bharat Biotech International Ltd) was elected as Chairperson of Confederation of Indian Industry-Southern Region for 2022-23. Kamal Bali (President & MD of Volvo Group India) was elected as Deputy Chairman of CII Southern Region for 2022-23. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Suchitra K. Ella – elected as Chairperson of CII-Southern Region for 2022-23
- Kamal Bali – elected as Deputy Chairman of CII-Southern Region for 2022-23

328. On March 1, Commodore P. R. Hari, Director (Personnel), Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Limited (GRSE) was appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- P. R. Hari – appointed as the Chairman & MD of the GRSE
- HQs of GRSE – Kolkata, India | Chairman & MD – P. R. Hari | Founded in – 1884



Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

329. On March 13, the “British Academy of Film and Television Awards (BAFTA) 2022” were declared in London at the Royal Albert Hall and was live streamed in India on the streamer SonyLIV. “Dune” film won the maximum number of awards at the ‘BAFTA 2022’. The Power of the Dog scooped the top prizes for best film and best director for Jane Campion. The other awards were as given below. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- BAFTA Awards:
 - Best Actor – USA’s Will Smith (King Richard)
 - Best Actress – UK’s Joanna Scanlan (After Love)
 - Best Film – The Power of the Dog
 - Best Documentary – Summer of Soul
 - Best Animated Film – Encanto
 - Best Director – Jane Campion (The Power of the Dog)

Schemes & Initiatives

330. On March 14, the MSME Ministry extended the Rs 20,000-Cr Credit Guarantee Scheme for Subordinate Debt (CGSSD) till March 31, 2023. The scheme was launched in June 2020 and initially it was valid till March 31, 2021, but was later extended till March 31, 2022. The scheme provides credit facility via banks to the promoters of stressed MSMEs including special mention accounts (SMA)-2 and non-perform asset (NPA) accounts that are eligible for restructuring as per the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) guidelines. SMAs indicate incipient stress in the business that can result in defaults in debt servicing by the promoter. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of MSMEs – extended the Rs 20,000-Cr Guarantee Scheme for Subordinate Debt (CGSSD) till March 31, 2023
- Ministry of MSME: Narayan Rane | Constituency – Ratnagiri-Sindhudurg, Maharashtra
- MoS in Ministry of MSME: Bhanu Pratap Singh Verma

Important Days & Dates

331. National Vaccination Day or National Immunisation Day is celebrated on 16 March every year to raise awareness about vaccination and its importance. In 2022, the theme is “Vaccines Work for All”. It was on March 16 that the first dose of oral polio vaccine was given in India in the year 1995. So, the national immunisation day or Vaccination Day celebrates the Pulse Polio Programme of the government. The last case of polio was recorded in Bengal in the year 2011. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- March 16 – National Vaccination Day or National Immunisation Day (since 1995)
- 2022’s theme – “Vaccines Work for All”
- First dose of oral polio vaccine given in India – in 1995 | Last case of polio recorded in India – in 2011 (in Bengal)



Books & Authors

332. Penguin Random House announced to launch the first authorised biography of the late iconic industrialist and former chairman of Bajaj group Rahul Bajaj on March 21. The biography titled “Rahul Bajaj: An Extraordinary Life” is written by noted business historian Gita Piramal. Rahul Bajaj was a Padma Bhushan recipient and he died on February 12 at the age of 83. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Rahul Bajaj: An Extraordinary Life” first authorised biography of Rahul Bajaj – authored by Gita Piramal
- Publisher – Penguin Random House

333. Rupa Publications will launch a book titled “Modi@20: Dreams Meet Delivery”. The book is a compilation of chapters authored by eminent intellectuals and domain experts. Union home Minister Amit Shah, minister of external affairs S. Jaishankar, National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval, actor Anupam Kher, Olympic athlete P.V Sindhu and singer Lata Mangeshkar are among the many who have contributed to this special book to commemorate the 20 years of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in public life. On October 7, 2021, BJP marked 20 years since PM Modi took public office as the chief minister of Gujarat. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Modi@20: Dreams Meet Delivery” book – launched to commemorate the 20 years of Narendra Modi in public life
- Publisher – Rupa Publications

334. On March 12, Sahitya Akademi published a book-length poem “Monsoon” by Indian poet-diplomat Abhay Kumar on the occasion of its 68th anniversary. His poem “Earth Anthem” has been translated into over 150 languages. He received ‘SAARC Literary Award 2013’. His translations of Kalidasa’s & Ritusamhara from Sanskrit, have won ‘KLF Poetry Book of the Year Award 2020-21’. Sahitya Akademi was established on 12th March in 1954. Its logo was designed by Satyajit Ray himself and Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru was its first President. The first book published by the Academy was Bhagwan Buddha by D.D. Koshambi in 1956. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Monsoon” a book-length poem – authored by Abhay Kumar
- Published by – Sahitya Akademi (on its 68th anniversary)
- Sahitya Akademi – established on March 12, 1954 | Logo designed by – Satyajit Ray | 1st President – Jawaharlal Nehru

335. “More Than Just Surgery: Life lessons beyond the O.T.” book is authored by Padma Awardee Dr. Tehemton Erach Udwadia. Laparoscopic surgery forms an important part of this book, which has been written for a general readership. Dr. Tehemton Erach Udwadia is an Indian surgeon and gastroenterologist, considered by many as the ‘Father of Laparoscopic Surgery’ in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “More Than Just Surgery: Life lessons beyond the O.T.” book – authored by Tehemton Erach Udwadia

336. On March 17, Indian-origin UK-based author, actress, playwright and screenwriter, Manjeet Mann was shortlisted for her children's book “The Crossing” for the UK’s prestigious “Yoto Carnegie Medal”. “The Crossing” is a tale of a little girl's friendship with an Eritrean refugee. “The Crossing” is her second novel and recently won the “2021 Costa Children’s Book Award” also. Her debut (first) children's novel was “Run, Rebel”. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- “The Crossing” novel (authored by Manjeet Mann) – shortlisted for the UK’s “Yoto Carnegie Medal 2022”
- “The Crossing” novel – also won the “2021 Costa Children’s Book Award”
- Manjeet Mann’s debut novel – “Run, Rebel”

Obituaries

337. On March 15, former Andhra Pradesh Governor and former Union Minister Kumudben Joshi passed away. She was known for her contribution in the field of women empowerment and public service. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kumudben Joshi – former Andhra Pradesh Governor and former Union Minister – passed away
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amravati | CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan

338. On March 15, Eugene Parker, a physicist who theorized the existence of solar wind and became the first person to witness the launch of a spacecraft bearing his name, has died at the age of 94. Eugene Newman Parker was an American solar physicist and plasma physicist. In the 1950s he proposed the existence of the solar wind. Initially, Eugene Parker was mocked for his findings on gigantic eruptions from the sun. And today, NASA’s Parker Probe will pass through the sun’s outer atmosphere. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Eugene Parker (US) – an American Solar Physicist & Plasma Physicist – passed away

Meetings, Conferences & Summits

339. On March 11, Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) organised third edition of ‘Gender Samwaad’ under the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) to generate greater awareness on the mission’s interventions across India. The Gender Samvaad is organized in collaboration with the Initiative for What Works to Advance Women and Girls in the Economy (IWWAGE). The theme for this edition was “Promotion of Food & Nutrition Security through Women’s Collectives”. The event was organized as a part of Ministry’s Iconic Week celebration theme “Naye Bharat ki Naari” under Amrit Mahotsava. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MoRD + IWWAGE = organized 3rd edition of ‘Gender Samwaad’ under the ‘DAY-NRLM’
- Theme – “Promotion of Food & Nutrition Security through Women’s Collectives”
- Ministry of Rural Development: Giriraj Singh | Constituency – Begusarai, Bihar
- MoS in Ministry of Rural Development: Faggan Singh Kulaste & Sadhvi Niranjana Jyoti



Ranks, Report & Surveys

340. According to “Trends in International Arms Transfers, 2021” report by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), India remains the largest importer of arms globally. However, according to the report, India’s total volume of imports fell by 21% from 2012-16. It is because of India’s push to manufacture arms and weapons systems indigenously under Atmanirbhar Bharat. As per the report, most of India’s defence imports come from Russia. The five largest arms importers in the 2017-21 period were India, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Australia, and China, while the five biggest exporters of arms in the same period were the United States, Russia, France, China, and Germany. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Trends In International Arms Transfers, 2021” report – released by SIPRI
- India remains the largest importer of arms globally however India’s total volume of imports fell by 21% from 2012-16
- The five largest arms importers during 2017-21: India, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Australia & China
- The five biggest arms exporters during 2017-21: US, Russia, France, China & Germany
- HQs of SIPRI – Stockholm, Sweden | Chair – Jan Eliasson

341. India’s maternal mortality ratio (MMR) improved to 103 in 2017-19, from 113 in 2016-18, according to the special bulletin on maternal mortality ratio (MMR) released by the Registrar General of India on March 14, 2022. Seven Indian states (Rajasthan, UP, MP, Chhattisgarh, Bihar, Odisha & Assam) have 'Very high' MMR. 'Very high' MMR means 130 or more maternal deaths per 100,000 live births. Three states (Punjab, Uttarakhand & WB) have 'High' MMR. 'High' MMR means 100-130 maternal deaths per 100,000 live births. While Two states (Haryana & Karnataka) have 'Low' MMR. 'Low' MMR means 71-100 maternal deaths per 100,000 live births. Overall, Assam has the highest MMR which 205, followed by Uttar Pradesh (167) & Chhattisgarh (160). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Bulletin on Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) in India (2017-19)” – released by Registrar General of India
- 'Very high' MMR – 7 states | 'High' MMR – 3 states | 'Low' MMR – 2 states
- Overall, Assam has the highest MMR (205) | 2nd Highest – UP (167) | 3rd Highest – Chhattisgarh (160)

342. On March 16, Research and luxury publishing group Hurun India released 2022’s Global Rich List, in association with realty firm M3M. Reliance Industries Chairman Mukesh Ambani achieved the ‘Richest Man in India and Asia’ title, with a jump of whopping 24% in his wealth. Ambani became the only Indian to feature in the Top 10 “2022 M3M Hurun Global Rich List”, with a \$103 billion net worth at 9th rank globally. He also earned the 'Richest Telecom Entrepreneur' title. While, with \$26 billion, Serum Institute of India founder Cyrus S. Poonawalla was named the ‘Richest Healthcare Billionaire’ in the world at the 55th rank. At the 60th position with \$25 billion net worth, ArcelorMittal Executive Chairman Lakshmi N. Mittal became the second ‘Richest Metals & Mining Entrepreneur’ in the world. Tesla's Elon Musk topped the list for the 2nd consecutive year. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “2022 M3M Hurun Global Rich List” – published on March 16 | Top – Elon Musk (2nd consecutive year)
- Mukesh Ambani (9th globally) – achieved the ‘Richest Man in India and Asia’ title
- Cyrus S. Poonawalla (55th globally) – named the ‘Richest Healthcare Billionaire’ in the world
- Lakshmi N. Mittal (60th globally) – named the second ‘Richest Metals & Mining Entrepreneur’ in the world



Acquisitions & Mergers

343. On March 16, the Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved acquisition of Micro Life Sciences Private Limited by South Elm Investments B.V (SEI). SEI is an investment holding company incorporated under the laws of Netherlands. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CCI – approved acquisition of Micro Life Sciences Private Limited – by South Elm Investments B.V ([Netherlands](#))
- HQs of CCI – New Delhi | Chairman – Ashok Kumar Gupta | Established in – 2003
- [Netherlands](#) – Amsterdam – Euro | PM – Mark Rutte

344. On March 16, Torrent Power signed a Share Purchase Agreement (SPA) and Shareholders Agreement (SHA) to acquire 51% equity of Dadra-Nagar Haveli and Daman-Diu Power Distribution Corporation Ltd. This acquisition will significantly strengthen Torrent's position as the leading Power Distribution Company in the country with a presence in 12 cities spread across 3 states and 1 Union Territory. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Torrent Power – to acquire 51% equity of Dadra-Nagar Haveli & Daman-Diu Power Distribution Corporation Ltd
- HQs of Torrent Power – Ahmedabad, Gujarat | Chairman – Samir Mehta

MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

345. On March 11, Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) signed an MoU with Bengaluru-based company SASMOS to work together on advanced electronics, electrical and fibre optic interconnections in the aerospace domain. HAL's subsidiary Naini Aerospace Limited (NAEL) was also a signatory to the MoU. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- HAL + SASMOS = MoU to work on advanced electronics, electrical & fibre optic interconnections in aerospace domain
- HQs of HAL – Bengaluru, Karnataka | CEO – Amitabh Bhatt | Chairma & MD – R. Madhavan

346. On March 10, Infosys and the International Tennis Hall of Fame announced a multi-year transformational collaboration making Infosys the ITHF's Official Digital Innovation Partner and title sponsor of the organization's annual ATP Tour tournament, the "Infosys Hall of Fame Open". The collaboration will help the ITHF amplify its efforts in preserving and celebrating tennis history through digital advances while also identifying and acting on opportunities to enhance fan experience. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ITHF – made Infosys as its Official Digital Innovation Partner & title sponsor of the its annual ATP Tour tournament
- HQs of Infosys – Bengaluru, Karnataka | MD & CEO – Salil Parekh | Founded in – 1981
- HQs of ITHF – Rhode Island, United States | CEO – Todd Martin

347. On March 15, Welspun One Logistics Parks (WOLP) signed an MoU with the Haryana government for building Grade A warehousing facilities. It will develop around 5 million sq ft over 3-4 years which will help generate more than 4500 jobs. It will invest around ₹1500 Cr. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- WOLP + Haryana = an MoU for building Grade A warehousing facilities
- Haryana: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Manohar Lal Khattar | Governor – Bandaru Dattatraya

348. On March 15, Border Roads Organisation (BRO) and Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE) Ltd signed an MoU for fabrication, supply, erection and launching of 27 carriageway double lane galvanised modular bridges of 7.5 meters with Indian Road Congress (IRC) Load Class 70. The double-lane Modular Steel Bridge developed by the GRSE is the only one-of-its-kind bridge available in India and is 100% indigenous. The bridge was constructed on “Flag Hill-Dokala” Road in Sikkim at an altitude of 11,000 feet by Karamyogis of Project Swastik in February 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- BRO + GRSE = an MoU for 27 carriageway double lane galvanised modular bridges of 7.5 meters **with IRC load class 70**
- HQs of BRO – New Delhi | Director General – Major Gen Rajeev Chaudhary | Founded on – May 7, 1960
- HQs of GRSE – Kolkata, India | Chairman & MD – Commodore P R Hari | Founded in – 1884

349. On March 16, JSW Cement signed an MoU with Punjab Renewable Energy Systems Pvt Ltd (PRESPL) to use agricultural waste as biomass energy in its cement-manufacturing operations. The company is also planning to reduce its carbon emissions intensity by almost half in 11 years (from FY'15 to FY'26). The biomass-based fuel model will help JSW Cement address 3 key aspects of Sustainability i.e. Environment, Social and Economic. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- JSW Cement + Punjab Renewable Energy Systems = an MoU to use agricultural waste as Biomass Energy
- HQs of JSW Cement – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Nirmal Kumar Jain | MD – Parth Jindal

350. On March 16, Mumbai-based Tata Communications and Formula 1 (F1) announced a multi-year strategic collaboration. With the collaboration, Tata Communications returned to the sport of racing as the Official Broadcast Connectivity Provider of Formula 1 (F1). Tata Communications will deliver and enhance fan experience globally and provide global end-to-end managed network services for video contribution. The company will facilitate the transfer of over 100 video feeds and over 250 audio channels, which will be transmitted between the Grand Prix venue and F1's Media and Technology Centre in the UK every race weekend in under 200 milliseconds. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tata Communications – announced multi-year strategic collaboration as Official Broadcast Connectivity Provider for F1
- HQs of TCL – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Amur Swaminathan Lakshminarayanan





Smartkeeda

The Question Bank

Presents

Testzone

India's least priced Test Series Platform

All Banks Exams

2022-2023

12 Months Plan

@Just

Rs. **593**

To get 10% Off use code **FEST22**

- ✓ Brilliant Test Analysis
- ✓ Excellent Content
- ✓ Unmatched Explanation

Buy Now



www.smartkeeda.com | testzone.smartkeeda.com

SBI | RBI | IBPS | RRB | SSC | NIACL | EPFO | UGC NET | LIC | Railways | CLAT | RJS



Join us