



Bipin Nambiar
(SBI PO 2018)



Shiraz Khan
(SBI Clerk 2018)



Kuldeep Yadav
(SBI PO 2018)



Rajat Saxena
(IBPS Clerk 2018)



Anupam Tyagi
(IBPS PO 2018)

FRIENDS!
WE USED **TESTZONE**
AND CRACKED BANK EXAMS

बैंक परीक्षाओ के लिए निश्चित
रूप से सर्वश्रेष्ठ मॉक
टेस्ट सीरीज

IT'S YOUR TURN NOW
TAKE A **FREE** MOCK TEST



Smartkeeda
The Question Bank

Testzone presents
Complete Current Affairs Mock Test Series
Month-wise

May MockDrill100

Test No 4



PDF by Smartkeeda

Smartkeeda

The Question Bank



Smartkeeda

Test Launch Date: 3rd June 2020

[Attempt Test No 4 Now!](#)

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 100 of May 2020 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 मई माह में Testzone पर होने वाले MockDrill 100 में आपकी तैयारी को बेहतर करने के लिए उपलब्ध करायी जा रही है। इसPDF 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।

आभार,

टीम स्मार्टकीड़ा

301. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

The papers published in Lancet and Eclinical Medicine note that 68% of the under-5 deaths in India can be attributed to child and maternal malnutrition and 83% of the neonatal deaths to low birth weight and short gestation. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- As per reports published in – “Lancet and Eclinical Medicine”
- 68% of the under-5 deaths in India – attributed to child and maternal malnutrition
- 83% of the neonatal deaths – attributed to low birth weight and short gestation

302. Persons in News

President Ram Nath Kovind has decided to take 30 % salary cut for himself besides announcing a slew of other austerity measures to aid the government's fight against the COVID-19 pandemic. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- President Ram Nath Kovind – to take 30 % salary cut for himself

303. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

International tourism could decline by 60-80 % in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, resulting in the revenue loss of USD 910 billion to USD 1.2 trillion and placing millions of livelihoods at risk, as per the reports of the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- UNWTO – predicted decline in International Tourism – by 60-80 %
- HQs of WTO – Madrid, Spain | Secretary-General – Zurab Pololikashvili

304. Science & Technology

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare visited the National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) and dedicated the COBAS 6800 testing machine to the nation. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dr. Harsh Vardhan – dedicated the COBAS 6800 testing machine to the nation
- Dr. Harsh Vardhan – Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Ministry of Sci. & Tec, Ministry of Earth Science
- Constituency – Chandni Chowk, New Delhi

305. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

Among the world's regions, Africa had the largest annual rate of net forest loss in 2010–2020, at 3.9 mha, followed by South America, at 2.6 mha. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Africa – the largest annual rate of net forest loss in 2010–2020

306. Current GK

The Centre has given approval to a modified detailed project report (DPR) of the Ujh Multipurpose Project (MPP) in Jammu and Kashmir at an estimated cost of ₹9,167 crore. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ujh Multipurpose Project – in J & K
- Ujh is a tributary of – Ravi river
- J & K: Capital - Srinagar | 1st Lt Governor - GC Murmu

307. Persons in News

Enabling corporatisation of agriculture, opening up EPF and ESIC for the unorganised sector, merging the MNREGA with skill development programmes, etc. proposals have been drafted by a Group of Ministers (GoM) headed by Social Justice and Empowerment Minister Thawar Chand Gehlot. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Thawar Chand Gehlot – heads the GoM drafting proposals related to Agriculture, MNREGA, EPF, ESIC, etc.
- Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment – Thawar Chand Gehlot (Shajapur, Madhya Pradesh)

308. International Affairs

The Genoa-based Italian Institute of Technology (IIT) has come up with iFeel-You, an intelligent bracelet which will help users respect social distancing rules. The bracelet has been developed as the measures for safeguarding against the coronavirus are gradually being lifted. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Italy – developed “iFeel-You” bracelet
- Italy – Rome – Euro

309. Schemes & Initiatives

The Reserve Bank said a scheme providing interest subsidy for post and pre-shipment export credit has been extended by a year till March 31, 2021, a move which would provide relief to exporters. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI extended the subsidy – for post and pre-shipment export credit – till March, 2021
- RBI: HQs – Mumbai | Governor - Shaktikanta Das(25th)

310. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

India is among 88 countries that are likely to miss global nutrition targets by 2025, according to the Global Nutrition Report 2020. It also identified the country as one with the highest rates of domestic inequalities in malnutrition. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Global Nutrition Report 2020” – released by WHO
- India – among 88 countries – likely to miss global nutrition targets by – 2025
- WHO HQs – Geneva, Switzerland | Director-General – Tedros Adhanom
- Member Countries in WHO – 194

311. National & States Affairs

The Indian government has set a target to install 175 GW of renewable energy by the financial year 2021-22 (FY22) and 275 GW by FY27. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 175 GW of renewable energy – by FY 2022
- 275 GW of renewable energy – by FY 2027

312. Important Days & Dates

May 17 is celebrated as the World Telecommunication and Information Society Day, as it marks the anniversary of the signing of the first International Telegraph Convention and the creation of the International Telecommunication Union. The theme is “Connect 2030: ICTs for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- May 17 – World Telecommunication and Information Society Day
- Theme – “Connect 2030: ICTs for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)”
- HQs of International Telecommunication Union (ITU) – Geneva, Switzerland



313. Amount & Agreements

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced Rs 1500 crore interest subvention of 2% for MUDRA-Shishu loan payees of up to Rs 50,000, for a period of at least 12 months as part of the second tranche of the Rs 20 lakh crore economic stimulus package. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Total Rs 1500 Cr Interest Subvention – of 2% for MUDRA-Shishu loan payees
- Maximum limit – Rs 50,000 | For a period of – 12 months
- Announced by Nirmala Sitharaman (FM Minister – Karnataka)

314. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

The AYUSH Ministry and the CSIR are working on 4 traditional medicine formulations to treat coronavirus infection. These four formulations include Ashwagandha, Yashtimadhu (Mulethi), Guduchi Pippali (Giloy), and AYUSH-64, which was initially created to treat malaria. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- AYUSH + CSIR – 4 traditional medicine formulations
- Ashwagandha, Yashtimadhu (Mulethi), Guduchi Pippali (Giloy), and AYUSH-64
- Shripad Yesso Naik – Minister of State (Independent charge) of Ministry of AYUSH
- HQs of CSIR – New Delhi | CSIR President – Narendra Modi | Director General – Shekhar C. Mande

315. Schemes & Initiatives

West Bengal launched a 'Matir Smristi' scheme to utilise 50,000 acres of barren land in six districts for income-generating activities like horticulture and pisciculture. It will benefit around 2.5 lakh people in rural Bengal. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- West Bengal – 'Matir Smristi' scheme – to utilise 50,000 acres of barren land in 6 districts
- West Bengal: CM – Mamata Banerjee | Governor – Jagdeep Dhankhar

316. National & States Affairs

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced the national rollout of a 'One Nation, One Ration Card' system in all states and Union Territories by March 2021. As of now, about 20 states have come on board to implement the inter-state ration card portability. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- National rollout of a 'One Nation, One Ration Card' system – by March 2021
- Announced by Nirmala Sitharaman (FM Minister – Karnataka)

317. National & States Affairs

The Centre has achieved integration of 1,000 wholesale Mandis, located in 21 states and union territories, with the electronic-National Agriculture Market (e-NAM). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The centre achieved the milestone of – 1,000 wholesale Mandis – in 21 States & UTs
- e-NAM – electronic-National Agriculture Market

318. Amount & Agreements

The government of India, West Bengal government and the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) inked a loan agreement for a USD 145 million project to improve irrigation services and flood management. The other agreement was inked with the World Bank (WB) for the same amount. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- World Bank + AIIB – USD 145 million – West Bengal
- West Bengal: Capital – Kolkata | CM – Mamta Banerjee | Governor – Jagdeep Dhankar
- World Bank HQs – Washington D.C., USA | Member Countries – 189
- President – David Malpass | MD & CFO – Anshula Kant
- AIIB HQs – Beijing, China | President – Jin Liqun



Smartkeeda
The Question Bank

319. National & States Affairs

India is all set to harvest a record 295.67 million tonnes of food grains in 2019-20 (July-June) as per the third advance estimates released by the Centre. The production during 2019-20 is higher by 25.89 million tonnes than the previous five years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – to harvest a record – 295.67 million tonnes

320. Books & Authors

The much-talked about 'Wuhan Diary: Dispatches from a Quarantined City' by well-known Chinese literary writer Fang Fang, has released in India in the ebook format. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Wuhan Diary: Dispatches from a Quarantined City" a book – by Fang Fang



321. Important Days & Dates

International Museum Day is observed on May 18 every year to raise awareness among people about the museums. The theme for International Museum Day 2020 is "Museums for Equality: Diversity and Inclusion." [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- May 18 – International Museum Day
- Theme – "Museums for Equality: Diversity and Inclusion."

322. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

The rate of forest loss in 2015-2020 declined to an estimated 10 million hectares (mha), down from 12 million hectares (mha) in 2010-2015, according to the Global Forest Resources Assessment 2020 (FRA 2020). The FRA 2020 was released by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Global Forest Resources Assessment 2020 (FRA 2020)" report
- Released by – Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
- The rate of forest loss in 2015-2020 – declined – to "10 million hectares" (from 12 million hectares)
- HQs of FAO – Rome, Italy | DG – QU Dongyu

323. Schemes & Initiatives

The Centre allocated Rs 20,000 Cr for fishermen through the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY). This was part of the government's economic package to help rejuvenate India's economy. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rs 20,000 Cr – allocated under "Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana"
- Announced by Nirmala Sitharaman (FM Minister – Karnataka)

324. Important Days & Dates

World AIDS Vaccine Day or HIV Vaccine Awareness Day, is observed on May 18 across the world. The first World AIDS Vaccine Day was observed on May 18, 1998. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- May 18 – World AIDS Vaccine Day or HIV Vaccine Awareness Day
- In 1998 – celebrated for the 1st time

325. Persons in News

The Andhra Pradesh government constituted a 5-member high-powered committee to probe the leakage of Styrene vapour gas from LG Polymers India Ltd in Visakhapatnam that claimed 12 lives. The committee will be headed by special chief secretary Neerab Kumar Prasad. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Neerab Kumar Prasad – heads 5-member high-powered committee – constituted for Styrene Gas Leakage
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan

326. Important Days & Dates

“The International Day of Living Together in Peace” was observed on May 16, 2020. It was officially recognised by the General Assembly of the United Nations in December 2017 and was celebrated for the first time on 16 May, 2018. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- May 16 – “The International Day of Living Together in Peace”
- In 2018 – celebrated for the 1st time

327. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Intellect Design Arena Ltd, a banking and insurance products company, introduced "iTurmeric FinCloud" its future-ready, cloud-ready, API-first, microservices-based platform in collaboration with IBM. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Intellect Design Arena + IBM = introduced "iTurmeric FinCloud"
- HQs of IDA – Chennai, TN
- HQs of IBM – New York, USA | President – Jim Whitehurst

328. Appointments & Resignations

The Jammu and Kashmir administration approved the appointment of senior vice president of HDFC Bank Zubair Iqbal as the new managing director of Jammu and Kashmir Bank. And R K Chibber will continue as the bank's chairman for the next three years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Zubair Iqbal (Senior VP of HDFC Bank) – appointed as an MD of J & K Bank
- R K Chibber – reappointed as the Chairman of J & K Bank

329. Science & Technology

Dr. Rajeev Kumar from CSIR-Advanced Materials and Processes Research Institute, Bhopal, is developing porous carbon materials which have the potential to replace lead grid in lead-acid batteries. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dr. Rajeev Kumar – from CSIR-AMPRI – developing porous carbon materials (lightweight carbon foam)
- HQs of AMPRI – Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh

330. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal attended a video conference meeting of commerce ministers of G-20 countries. The meeting was called to discuss ways to minimise disruption to trade and global supply chains which have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Piyush Goyal – attended – meeting of commerce ministers of G-20 countries
- Piyush Goyal – Ministry of Railways, Ministry of Commerce & Industry | Constituency – Maharashtra
- G-20 Presidency – Saudi Arabia (Riyadh – Saudi Riyal)

331. Amount & Agreements

A \$1 billion funding has been approved by the World Bank to accelerate India's COVID-19 Social Protection Response Program to support India's efforts at providing social assistance to the poor and vulnerable households, severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- \$1 billion funding – by World Bank – for “COVID-19 Social Protection Response Program”
- World Bank HQs – Washington D.C., USA | Member Countries – 189
- President – David Malpass | MD & CFO – Anshula Kant

332. Obituaries

Actor Sai Gundewar, who worked in PK and Bazaar, died in the US after a long battle with cancer. He was 42. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sai Gundewar – passed away – An Actor

333. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

Lieutenant Commander Akshay Kumar of the Anti-Submarine Warfare School of the Southern Naval Command in Kochi was awarded the “Vice Admiral G.M. Hiranandani Memorial Rolling Trophy” for the year 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Akshay Kumar – awarded the “Vice Admiral G.M. Hiranandani Memorial Rolling Trophy”
- Lieutenant Commander of – Anti-Submarine Warfare School of the Southern Naval (Kochi)
- Kerala: CM – Shri. Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

334. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Tribal affairs ministry partners Facebook India to skill 5000 youth. They launched an initiative called GOAL (Going Online As Leaders) programme, the initiative aims to enable scheduled tribe youth. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tribal Affairs Ministry + Facebook = launched GOAL (Going Online As Leaders) programme
- Ministry of Tribal Affairs – Arjun Munda (Constituency – Khunti, Jharkhand)
- Facebook: HQs – California, United States | CEO – Mark Zuckerberg

335. National & States Affairs

Odisha government has decided to bring three ordinances soon to bolster agri-economy of the state with a focus on more job creation in rural areas. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Odisha – to bring 3 ordinances – to bolster Agri-economy
- Odisha: Capital - Bhubaneswar | CM - Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

336. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

Dr. Harsh Vardhan participated in the 32nd Commonwealth Health Ministers' Meeting through Video Conference. The theme of the meeting was “Delivering a co-ordinated Commonwealth COVID-19 response.” [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 32nd Commonwealth Health Ministers' Meeting – Participated by – Dr. Harsh Vardhan
- Theme – “Delivering a co-ordinated Commonwealth COVID-19 response”
- Dr. Harsh Vardhan – Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Ministry of Sci. & Tec, Ministry of Earth Science
- Constituency – Chandni Chowk, New Delhi
- HQs of Commonwealth of Nations – London, UK

337. Important Days & Dates

“National Endangered Species Day” is celebrated each year on the third Friday of May across the country to raise awareness about the endangered species of flora and fauna. This year the day was observed on May 15, 2020. As per the IUCN, at least 40 % species of animals, plants, and insects are at the risk of extinction. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- May 15 (3rd Friday) – “National Endangered Species Day”
- 40 % species – at risk (IUCN report)
- HQs of IUCN – Gland, Switzerland | President – Xinsheng Zhang

338. National & States Affairs

To give further impetus to rice exports, the Centre has set up a new body – Rice Export Promotion Forum (REPF), under the aegis of the Agricultural and Processed Foods Export Promotion Development Authority (APEDA). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- A new body – Rice Export Promotion Forum (REPF) – under the aegis of APEDA
- HQs of APEDA – New Delhi | Chairman – Paban K. Borthakur

339. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar participated in the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Foreign Ministers' meeting on Covid-19. The video conference was hosted by Russia. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Foreign Ministers' meeting
- Hosted by Russia & Participated by S Jaishankar (External Minister – RS MP Gujarat)
- HQs of SCO – Beijing, China | Secretary General – Vladimir Norov

340. Important Days & Dates

Every year on May 15, we celebrate International Families Day to respect the social, economic, and demographic changes our families have gone through. This year the theme was “Families in Development: Copenhagen & Beijing + 25” [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- May 15 – “International Families Day”
- Theme – “Families in Development: Copenhagen & Beijing + 25”

341. Important Days & Dates

The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, paid homage to Shri Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed, 5th President of India, on his Birth Anniversary at Rashtrapati Bhavan on May 13. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- May 13 – Birth Anniversary of Shri Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed – the 5th President of India

342. National & States Affairs

The Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) has issued an advisory warning against a malware called EventBot, which can affect Android smartphone users in the country and steal their personal financial information. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- An advisory warning against – “EventBot” malware

343. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

University of Hyderabad (UoH) and CSIR-Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology have tied up with Vins Bioproducts Ltd to develop antibody fragment-based immunotherapy for treatment for Covid-19 pandemic. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- UoH + CSIR-CCMB + Vins Bioproducts = to develop antibody fragment-based immunotherapy
- HQs of CCMB – Hyderabad, Telangana

344. Persons in News

Union HRD Minister, Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal ‘Nishank’ e-Launched print as well as e-editions of the set of seven titles(books) on "Psycho-Social impact of pandemic & lockdown and how to Cope With" under the corona studies series published by NBT India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ramesh Pokhriyal ‘Nishank’ – e-Launched – “7 books” on "Psycho-Social impact of pandemic & lockdown and how to Cope With"
- HRD Ministry – Ramesh Pokhriyal ‘Nishank’ | Constituency – Haridwar, Uttarakhand
- “Corona Studies Series” published by – NBT India

345. Current GK

China began sharing with India hydrological data for the Brahmaputra river, an annual practice during the monsoon which is crucial for generating information on floods in northeast India. The river is known as Yarlung Zangbo in China. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- China – hydrological data – Brahmaputra river (Yarlung Zangbo)
- China – Beijing – Renminbi | President - Xi Jinping

346. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Scientists from IIT (ISM) Dhanbad and CSIR-Indian Institute of Chemical Biology, Kolkata, teamed up to find a solution to understand Parkinson's disease. Parkinson's disease is a common neurodegenerative disease that has no cure. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IIT (ISM) Dhanbad + CSIR-IICB (Kolkata) = to find a solution to understand Parkinson's disease

347. Current GK

The UN on May 13 slashed India's economic growth projection for the current fiscal year to 1.2 per cent. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- GDP prediction by UN – 1.2% (flexible news)
- HQs – New York, United States | Director – António Guterres

348. Science & Technology

The Indian Council for Medical Research (ICMR) has fast-tracked the roll out of the global 'Solidarity' trial launched by the World Health Organisation (WHO) to help in finding an effective treatment for Covid-19. The ICMR-National AIDS Research Institute (NARI) is the national coordination site for the trial in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ICMR – fast-tracked – 'Solidarity' trial – launched by WHO
- National Coordination Site for the trial in India – ICMR-National AIDS Research Institute - NARI (Pune)
- ICMR HQs – New Delhi, India | Director General – Balram Bhargava
- WHO HQs – Geneva, Switzerland | Director-General – Tedros Adhanom
- Member Countries in WHO – 194

349. Important Days & Dates

National Dengue Day is observed on the 16th of May, every year. The day is observed with the recommendation of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India and aims to create awareness about dengue and improve prevention measures. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- May 16 – National Dengue Day
- Recommended by – Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (Dr. Harsh Vardhan - Chandni Chowk, New Delhi)

350. Defence Affairs

Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh commissioned the Indian Coast Guard Ship (ICGS) Sachet and two interceptor boats (IBs) C-450 and C-451 in Goa via video conference. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ICGS Sachet + two IBs C-450 & C-451 – commissioned – in Goa
- Rajnath Singh – Minister of Defence Ministry | Constituency – Lucknow, UP
- Shripad Yesso Naik – MoS of Defence Ministry

351. Obituaries

Former JDS (Janata Dal Secular) MP Raja Rangappa Naik passed away. He was 61. He was elected to the Lok Sabha in 1996. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Raja Rangappa Naik – passed away – Politician (JDS party)

352. National & States Affairs

In a bid to provide relief amid Coronavirus pandemic, the Government of India has reduced the rates of Tax Deducted at Source (TDS) and Tax Collected at Source (TCS) by 25 % on several transactions till March 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 25% reduction – in TDS + TCS – till March 2021
- HQs of CBDT – New Delhi | Chairman – P C Mody

353. Defence Affairs

Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh has approved the launch of Defence Testing Infrastructure Scheme (DTIS) with an outlay of Rs 400 crore for creating state of the art testing infrastructure for this sector. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Defence Testing Infrastructure Scheme (DTIS) – Outlay of Rs 400 Cr
- Approved by – Rajnath Singh (Defence Minister - Lucknow, UP)

354. Acquisitions & Mergers

FMCG major Godrej Consumer Products Ltd (GCPL) announced acquisition of the balance 25 per cent stake in Kenya-based Canon Chemicals Ltd for an undisclosed sum. Through this transaction, Canon Chemicals would now be a wholly-owned subsidiary of the company. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Godrej Consumer Products – acquired – remaining 25% stake in – Canon Chemicals (Nairobi, Kenya)
- HQs of GCPL – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Vivek Gambhir

355. Obituaries

Padma Bhushan recipient and Bangladesh's National Professor Anisuzzaman died at a military hospital in Dhaka, Bangladesh. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Anisuzzaman (Bangladesh) – passed away – Educator, Writer & National Professor
- Bangladesh – Dhaka – Taka | PM – Sheikh Hasina | President – Abdul Hamid

356. Obituaries

Veteran Bengali author, Sahitya Akademi winner Debesh Roy passes away at 84. He was conferred the Sahitya Akademi award for his novel 'Teesta Parer Brittanto'. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Debesh Roy – passed away – Bengali Author (Sahitya Akademi winner)

357. National & States Affairs

Uttar Pradesh government has decided to give 50% subsidy on personal protective equipment (PPE) kits, masks, sanitizer and gloves to private hospitals that are providing emergency services to poor patients at Ayushman Bharat rates. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Uttar Pradesh – to give 50% subsidy on PPE Kits
- UP: CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

358. Current GK

Papikonda National Park is located near Rajamahendravaram in the Papi Hills in East Godavari and West Godavari districts of Andhra Pradesh.

Key Points:

- Papikonda National Park – Andhra Pradesh
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan

359. Science & Technology

The Indian Institute of Technology-Tirupati (IIT-T) has developed an interactive web portal "moodofindia" that can gauge the prevailing mood of any region in the country based on real-time analysis of Twitter data. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IIT Tirupati – developed – an interactive web portal "moodofindia"

360. Defence Affairs

A Landing Craft Utility (LCU) Mark IV class vessel named 'INLCU L57' built by the Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited (GRSE) was commissioned into the Indian Navy at Port Blair. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- A Landing Craft Utility (LCU) Mark IV class vessel - 'INLCU L57'
- Built by – the "Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited (GRSE)"
- Commissioned at – Port Blair, Andaman and Nicobar Islands

361. Schemes & Initiatives

Delhi Police launched 'Thermal Corona Combat Headgear' through which police personnel will be able to detect temperature of a large number of people from a distance of 10-15 metres. The initiative has been launched by the police in collaboration with Indian Robotics Solution (IRS). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Delhi + IRS = launched 'Thermal Corona Combat Headgear'
- Delhi: CM – Arvind Kejriwal | Governor – Anil Baijal

362. Acquisitions & Mergers

Facebook Inc has acquired Giphy, a popular website for making and sharing animated images, or GIFs. The cost, which was not disclosed, was placed at around \$400 million by news website Axios. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Facebook – acquired – Giphy
- Facebook: HQs – California, USA | CEO – Mark Zuckerberg
- HQs of Giphy – New York, USA

363. Banking & Economic Affairs

The Reserve Bank of India has imposed a penalty of Rs 5 lakh on UCO Bank for bouncing of SGL forms. A Subsidiary General Ledger (SGL) account is maintained with the RBI for holding government securities and treasury bills in paperless form. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI imposed – Rs 5 lakh Fine – on UCO Bank
- HQs of UCO Bank – Kolkata, West Bengal | MD & CEO – Atul Kumar Goel
- RBI: HQs – Mumbai | Governor - Shaktikanta Das(25th)
- SGL – Subsidiary General Ledger

364. Science & Technology

Researchers at IIT Gandhinagar have developed an interactive COVID-19 dashboard called “MIR AHD Covid-19 Dashboard” that can help administrators, hospitals as well as public in planning optimised testing and containing community infection in various post-lockdown scenarios. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IIT Gandhinagar – developed – an interactive COVID-19 dashboard called “MIR AHD Covid-19 Dashboard”

365. Amount & Agreements

The PM CARES Fund Trust decided to allocate ₹ 3,100 Cr to fight against the COVID-19 pandemic and the amount will be used, among other things, to purchase ventilators and caring for migrant workers, etc. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The PM CARES Fund Trust – to allocate – ₹ 3,100 Cr

366. Current GK

A Mysuru-based company, in association with CSIR-Central Food Technologies Research Institute (CFTRI), is providing a sea-weed based nutrition food supplement called 'Spirulina groundnut Chikki' to patients and healthcare professionals. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CSIR-CFTRI – providing 'Spirulina groundnut Chikki'
- HQs of CFTRI – Mysuru, Karnataka
- HQs of CSIR – New Delhi | CSIR President – Narendra Modi | Director General – Shekhar C. Mande

367. International Affairs

Slovenia has become the first European country to declare its domestic coronavirus outbreak officially over. The country's government confirmed that its Covid-19 epidemic had ended. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Slovenia – 1st coronavirus-free country in Europe
- Slovenia – Ljubljana – Euro

368. Schemes & Initiatives

Chhattisgarh government launched its ambitious Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Nyay Yojana on May 21 (death anniversary of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi). The scheme is aimed at stimulating the rural economy in the state. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Nyay Yojana" – Chhattisgarh
- Chhattisgarh: Capital – Raipur | CM – Bhupesh Baghel | Governor – Anusuiya Uikey

369. International Affairs

The United States has urged China to release Tibetan Buddhism's 11th Panchen Lama, who was taken into captivity at the age of six by Chinese authorities. In 1995, a young Tibetan boy Gedhun Choekyi Nyima was recognised as the 11th Panchen Lama, the second highest spiritual authority in Tibetan Buddhism after Dalai Lama. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- USA – urged – China – to release Tibetan Buddhism's 11th Panchen Lama
- Gedhun Choekyi Nyima – 2nd highest spiritual authority in Tibetan Buddhism

370. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

MoneyGram Payment Systems, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of MoneyGram International, Inc. announced that it has entered into a partnership with The Federal Bank Limited, a leading private sector Bank in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MoneyGram Payment Systems + Federal Bank = partnership
- HQs of MGPS – Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA | Chairman – W. Alexander Holmes
- HQs Federal Bank – Kerala | MD & CEO – Shyam Srinivasan

371. National & States Affairs

The Ministry of Human Resource Development (HRD) has developed an e-governance platform 'SAMARTH Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP)' under the National Mission of Education in Information and Communication Technology Scheme (NMEICT). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- HRD Ministry – developed an e-governance platform 'SAMARTH'
- Under – “National Mission of Education in Information and Communication Technology Scheme”
- Ministry of HRD – Ramesh Pokhriyal ‘Nishank’ | Constituency – Haridwar, Uttarakhand

372. Important Days & Dates

The International Day of Light is celebrated on 16 May each year, the anniversary of the first successful operation of the laser in 1960 by physicist and engineer, Theodore Maiman. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- May 16 – The International Day of Light
- Anniversary of the first successful operation of the laser – In 1960 – by “Theodore Maiman”

373. Current GK

Zambia has reopened the Victoria Falls to the public, nearly two months after closing the World Heritage Site due to the coronavirus pandemic. Zambezi River Authority, which monitors water in the falls, has predicted a rise in water levels until the end of May. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Victoria Falls – on Zambezi River (an African river)

374. Schemes & Initiatives

The Gujarat government announced a scheme "Atmanirbhar Gujarat Sahay Yojna" under which people in lower middle income group can avail guarantee-free loan of Rs 1 lakh from banks at 2% annual interest. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Gujarat – "Atmanirbhar Gujarat Sahay Yojna" – guarantee-free loan of – Rs 1 lakh
- Gujarat: CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat

375. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

The global economy could suffer losses between 5.8 trillion and 8.8 trillion dollars, equivalent to 6.4 to 9.7 % of global GDP as a result of COVID-19 pandemic, according to a new report titled "Updated Assessment of the Potential Economic Impact of COVID-19", released by the Asian Development Bank (ADB). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- A report titled "Updated Assessment of the Potential Economic Impact of COVID-19"
- Released by ADB (HQs – Mandaluyong, Philippines | President – Masatsugu Asakawa)
- Loss in Global Economy between – 5.8 trillion and 8.8 trillion dollars

376. Amount & Agreements

The financing facility of Rs 1 lakh Cr will be provided for funding agriculture infrastructure projects at farm-gate and aggregation points including primary agricultural cooperative societies, farmers producer organisations, startups, among others. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rs 1 lakh Cr – allocated for Agri Infrastructure
- Announced by Nirmala Sitharaman (FM Minister – Karnataka)

377. Sports & Games

The All India Football Federation (AIFF) has homed in on national team central defender Sandesh Jhingan and women's team striker N Bala Devi as its nominations for the Arjuna Award. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sandesh Jhingan + N Bala Devi – Football – nominated for the Arjuna Award
- HQs of AIFF – Dwarka, Delhi | President – Praful Patel

378. National & States Affairs

Government issued a new protocol for Aarogya Setu data collection. The data can be retained for 180 days, the document says, significantly longer than the 45 days (for uninfected people) and 60 days (for infected persons) that it retains at present. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- A new protocol for Aarogya Setu data collection – data can be retained for 180 days maximum

379. Science & Technology

Scientists in Australia have found a way to help coral reefs fight the devastating effects of bleaching by making them more heat-resistant. Rising sea temperatures make corals expel tiny algae which live inside them. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Australia – found 'heat resistant' corals to fight bleaching
- Australia – Canberra – Australian Dollar | PM – Scott Morrison

380. Sports & Games

The 32-year-old German, four-times Formula One world champion Sebastian Vettel is set to quit Ferrari at the end of the year. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sebastian Vettel (Germany) – set to quit "Ferrari"

381. Amount & Agreements

The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has sanctioned Rs 1,500 Cr for Punjab to ensure continuous credit flow to farmers, through state cooperative banks, amid the COVID-19 pandemic. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NABARD – sanctioned Rs 1,500 Cr to – Punjab
- HQs of NABARD – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Chintala Govinda Rajulu
- Punjab: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Captain Amarinder Singh | Governor – V. P. Singh Badnore

382. Sports & Games

The Hockey India Congress announced that Maharashtra will host the 11th Hockey India Senior Men National Championship 2021, while Uttar Pradesh will host 11th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Uttar Pradesh – to host 11th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship 2021
- UP: CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

383. Ordinance, Bills and Acts

The Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Act, 2006 defines MSMEs engaged in manufacturing based on their investment in plant and machinery. And the investment limit has been revised upwards and an additional criterion of turnover introduced. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Amendments in “The Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Act, 2006”
- Micro – Investments up to Rs 1 Cr & Turnover below Rs 5 Cr
- Small – investment up to Rs 10 Cr and turnover below Rs 50 Cr
- Medium – investment up to Rs 20 Cr and turnover below Rs 100 Cr

384. Important Days & Dates

On 16th May, 1975, the kingdom of Sikkim became the part of Indian territory and was the 22nd state of India with complete democratic rights and privileges. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sikkim – became 22nd state of India – on 16th May, 1975
- Sikkim: Capital – Gangtok | CM – Prem Singh Tamang | Governor – Ganga Prasad

385. Science & Technology

In an attempt to solve the problem of disinfecting larger places, a team of Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) and Stanford alumni have developed an innovative technology Robot "Airlens Minus Corona". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Airlens Minus Corona" – a Robot – developed by a team of IIT & Stanford Alumni

386. National & States Affairs

Karnataka Higher Education Department has launched a new app and website named 'GetCETGo' to provide online coaching to students appearing for CET, NEET exam this year. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- karnataka – 'GetCETGo' app – to provide online coaching to students of CET & NEET
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – BS Yediyurappa | Governor – Vajubhai Vala

387. National & States Affairs

Uttar Pradesh government has put a ban on all transfers of Government employees for the current session 2020-21 till further orders. The decision was taken in the wake of covid-19 spread. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Uttar Pradesh – put a ban on all transfers of Government employees
- UP: CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

388. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

India's CO2 emissions have fallen by 30 metric tonnes for the first time in four decades in the fiscal year ending March. The study finds that Indian carbon dioxide emissions fell 15% in March, and are likely to have fallen by 30% in April. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CO2 emissions fell by 15% (30 metric tonnes) in March & 30% in April
- Analysis by the environmental website - "Carbon Brief"

389. National & States Affairs

Union Home Minister Amit Shah announced that all canteens of the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) like the CRPF and the BSF will sell only indigenous products from June 1 to 50 lakh family members of about 10 lakh personnel. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Only indigenous products in CAPFs – from June 1
- Parent Agency of CAPF – Ministry of Home Affairs (Amit Shah – Gandhinagar, Guajrat)
- HQs of CAPF – New Delhi

390. National & States Affairs

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced that the EPF contribution will be reduced for businesses and workers for 3 months to 10% each from the existing 12%. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- EPF contribution will be reduced – to 10% each from 12%
- EPFO HQs – New Delhi | CEO – Shri Sunil Barthwal

391. Schemes & Initiatives

Union Government has introduced a new scheme of Interest Subvention of 2% per annum on Working Capital Loans for Dairy sector for supporting Dairy Cooperatives and Farmer Producer Organizations. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- A new scheme of Interest Subvention of 2% per annum on Working Capital Loans for – Dairy sector
- FPO – Farmer Producer Organization

392. Acquisitions & Mergers

Reliance Jio, the telecom unit of Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL), has sold a 1.34 per cent to New-York headquartered private equity firm General Atlantic for Rs 6598.38 Cr, making it the fourth such stake sale. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- General Atlantic – acquired 1.34% stake – in Reliance Jio
- HQs of General Atlantic – New York, USA
- HQs of Reliance – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Mukesh Ambani

393. National & States Affairs

National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) has developed an online dashboard namely, National Migrant Information System (NMIS), on the existing NDMA-GIS portal. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NDMA – developed – an online dashboard “National Migrant Information System - NMIS”
- Parent Dept. of NDMA – Ministry of Home Affairs (Amit Shah – Gandhinagar, Gujarat)

394. Obituaries

Bob Watson, a two-time All-Star as a Basketball player who later became the first black general manager to win a World Series with the New York Yankees in 1996, has died. He was 74. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bob Watson (USA) – passed away – Basketball

395. Science & Technology

A new species has just been discovered on Twitter. It's a type of Parasitic Fungus, which researchers have described in the journal MycoKeys. Its name is Troglomyces twitteri & has been named after 'Twitter'. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Troglomyces twitteri – Parasitic Fungus – discovered on “Twitter”
- Described in the journal – MycoKeys
- HQs of Twitter – San Francisco, California, USA | CEO – Jack Dorsey

396. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Intel India is working with India's Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and International Institute of Information Technology, Hyderabad (IIIT-H) to deploy Intel client and server solutions to help achieve faster and less expensive COVID-19 testing and coronavirus genome sequencing to understand epidemiology. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Intel India + CSIR + IIT Hyderabad = to deploy faster and less expensive COVID-19 testing solution
- HQs of CSIR – New Delhi | CSIR President – Narendra Modi | Director General – Shekhar C. Mande
- HQs of Intel – Santa Clara, California, USA | Chairman – Dr. Omar Israk

397. Defence Affairs

The Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced that defence manufacturing FDI limit under automatic route has been raised to 74 percent from 49 percent, subject to security clearances. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Defence manufacturing FDI limit – under automatic route – raised to 74% (from 49%)
- Announced by Nirmala Sitharaman (FM Minister – Karnataka)
- Rajnath Singh – Minister of Defence Ministry | Constituency – Lucknow, UP

398. Important Days & Dates

World Hypertension Day is observed on May 17 annually. The main aim of World Hypertension Day is to educate the public and increase awareness of hypertension, which is also commonly known as high blood pressure. The theme is “Measure Your Blood Pressure, Control It, Live Longer.” [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- May 17 – “World Hypertension Day”
- Theme – “Measure Your Blood Pressure, Control It, Live Longer”

399. Current GK

The country’s ultra mega solar parks have offered potential investors an opportunity to join \$500-700 billion renewable energy. The Bhadla solar park in Rajasthan is the world’s largest such installation to date, covering more than 14,000 acres with total capacity of 2245 Mw. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bhadla solar park – Rajasthan
- Rajasthan: Capital – Jaipur | CM – Ashok Gehlot | Governor – Kalraj Mishra

400. International Affairs

Nepal will publish a new political map asserting its claim over the Kalapani region located in Uttarakhand that has been at the centre of a simmering territorial dispute with India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Nepal – a new political map – for “Kalapani region” (Uttarakhand)
- Uttarakhand: Capital – Dehradun & Gairsain
- CM – Trivendra Singh Rawat | Governor – Baby Rani Maurya
- Nepal – Kathmandu – Nepalese Rupee | President – Bidhya Devi Bhandari





SmartKeeda

The Question Bank

Presents

TestZone

India's least priced Test Series platform



ALL BANK EXAMS

2020-2021 Test Series

@ Just

₹ 599/-

300+ Full Length Tests

- Brilliant Test Analysis
- Excellent Content
- Unmatched Explanations

JOIN NOW