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

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

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National & States Affairs

1. Abu Dhabi's "Sovereign Wealth Fund (SWF) - MIC Redwood 1 RSC Limited" has become the first foreign SWF that has been notified and granted 100% income-tax exemption for the long-term investments to be made in the specified priority sectors in India. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Indian gov. gave 100% income tax exemption to Abu Dhabi's "SWF MIC Redwood 1 RSC Limited"
- **2.** Aegon Life Insurance has announced the launch of "Life + 36 critical illness Insurance" on Flipkart at the starting premium of just Rs. 153 for a life cover of Rs 1 lakh plus Critical Illness cover of Rs.10,000. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Aegon Life Insurance launched "Life + 36 critical illness Insurance" on Flipkart
- HQs of Aegon Life Insurance Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO K S Gopalakrishnan
- **3.** Andhra Pradesh has banned online gaming, online betting and gambling, and has urged the Centre to direct all internet service providers to block access to 132 websites and apps, including Paytm First Game, Mobile Premier League and Adda52. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Andhra Pradesh banned online gaming, online betting and gambling
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital Amravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor Biswabhusan Harichandan
- **4.** Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal has laid the foundation stone of the "Indo-Israeli Centre of Excellence for Vegetables Protected Cultivation" in Guwahati, Assam. It will provide farmers with latest Israeli technologies and help them maximize their income. {Read more}

- "Indo-Israeli Centre of Excellence for Vegetables Protected Cultivation" to be set up in Guwahati, Assam
- Assam: Capital Dispur | CM Sarbananda Sonowal | Governor Jagdish Mukhi
- **5.** Haryana Health and Home Minister, Anil Vij has launched an Android application and web portal called "Asha-Pay" for digital payment and monitoring of the state's authorized social health workers (Asha workers). {Read more}



Key Points:

- Haryana launched "Asha-Pay" an android application
- Haryana: Capital Chandigarh | CM Manohar Lal Khattar | Governor Satyadev Narayan Arya
- **6.** HDFC ERGO General Insurance has announced the launch of the "AI tool IDEAS" (Intelligent Damage detection Estimation and Assessment Solution) for motor claim settlements. {Read more}

Key Points:

- HDFC ERGO General Insurance launched "AI tool IDEAS"
- IDEAS Intelligent Damage detection Estimation and Assessment Solution
- HQs of HDFC ERGO General Insurance Mumbai, MH | CEO Ritesh Kumar
- 7. In a bid to boost the sale and use of electric vehicles in the State, the Tamil Nadu government has granted 100% tax exemption to all battery-operated vehicles till December 31, 2022. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Tamil Nadu granted 100% tax exemption to all battery-operated vehicles till December 31, 2022
- Tamil Nadu: Capital Chennai | CM Thiru Edappadi K. Palaniswami | Governor Banwarilal Purohit
- **8.** In a bid to push for electric vehicles (EV), the Andhra Pradesh state government has decided to set up 400 charging stations in the state. The government also has plans to set up testing facilities for vehicles and components, and intelligence testing tracks for electric vehicles with an investment of Rs 250 crore. Moreover, Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) also launched the 'Go Electric' campaign in the state. {Read more}

Key Points:

- BEE launched the 'Go Electric' campaign in Andhra Pradesh to set up 400 EV charging stations
- HQs of BEE New Delhi | Director General Abhay Bakre
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital Amravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor Biswabhusan Harichandan
- **9.** Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan has inaugurated India's first of its kind Solar Energy-driven Miniature Train. He has also dedicated an "Urban Park" and a swimming pool at the eco-friendly tourist village. {Read more}



- India's first of its kind Solar Energy-driven Miniature Train inaugurated in Kerala
- Kerala: Capital Thiruvananthapuram | CM Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor Arif Mohammad Khan
- **10.** National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has announced the launch of 'RuPay Festive Carnival', a flagship campaign as a gift for RuPay users who will enjoy compelling benefits and attractive discounts on products of various categories. {Read more}

Key Points:

- NPCI launched 'RuPay Festive Carnival' as a gift for RuPay users
- HQs of NPCI Mumbai, MH | Chairman Biswamohan Mahapatra | MD&CEO Dilip Asbe
- **11.** Rajasthan is the first state in the country to enact a law making it compulsory to wear masks to prevent the spread of COVID-19. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Rajasthan 1st state in India to enact a law making it compulsory to wear masks
- Rajasthan: Capital Jaipur | CM Ashok Gehlot | Governor Kalraj Mishra
- **12.** The Airports Authority of India (AAI) has handed over the Mangaluru Airport to the Adani group on lease for a period of 50 years. The central government in February 2019 had privatised 6 major airports of the country Lucknow, Ahmedabad, Jaipur, Mangaluru, Thiruvananthapuram, and Guwahati. After a competitive bidding process, the Adani group won the rights to run all of them. {Read more}

Key Points:

- AAI handed over the "Mangaluru Airport" to the Adani group on lease for a period of 50 years
- Mangaluru Airport / Mangalore International Airport located in Karnataka
- HQs of AAI New Delhi | Chairman Arvind Singh
- **13.** The Maharashtra state education department has asked schools in the state to celebrate Children's week between November 8 and 14. The education department has also announced prizes in each category for students between Classes 1 and 12. {Read more}

Key Points:

• Maharashtra state education department – asked schools to celebrate Children's week between November 8-14



- Maharashtra: CM Uddhav Thackeray | Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari
- **14.** The Railways has announced that it will run 753 more services on the Mumbai suburban train system. Recently the Railways announced that the Central Railway (CR) and the Western Railway (WR) will run an additional 610 local services in Mumbai, increasing daily services from 1,410 to 2,020. {Read more}

Key Points:

- The Railways announced that it will run 753 more services on the Mumbai suburban train system
- Chairman of Indian Railways Vinod Kumar Yadav | HQs New Delhi
- **15.** The Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) Jitendra Singh has inaugurated the "Mansar Lake Rejuvenation/Development Plan" in Jammu. It will attract 20 lakh tourists every year once completed. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Jitendra Singh inaugurated the "Mansar Lake Rejuvenation/Development Plan" in Jammu
- J & K: Capital Srinagar | Lt. Governor Manoj Sinha
- Jitendra Singh MoS of DoNER, MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space
- **16.** West Bengal will soon feature India's first 'Tyre Park', where artworks made from scrap and defective parts will be on display. {Read more}

- India's first 'Tyre Park' to come up in West Bengal
- West Bengal: Capital Kolkata | CM Mamta Banerjee | Governor Jagdeep Dhankar



International Affairs

17. After 10 years of planning, the construction of the world's longest immersed tunnel - "Fehmarnbelt Tunnel" has officially begun. It will connect Denmark and Germany. And it is scheduled to be officially opened by 2029. It's one of Europe's largest ongoing infrastructure projects, with a budget of more than US\$8 billion. {Read more}

Key Points:

- "Fehmarnbelt Tunnel" will join Denmark and Germany | to be opened by 2029
- Denmark Copenhagen Danish krone
- Germany Berlin Euro
- **18.** In a Burnley Council meeting, it has been decided to name a street in Burnley, United Kingdom after a legendary Cricketer James Anderson who brought respect to his by becoming the first fast bowler in the history of the game to bag 600 Test wickets. {Read more}

Key Points:

- A street in Burnley, UK named after 'James Anderson' a Cricketer from UK
- UK London Pound Sterling | PM Boris Johnson
- **19.** Philippines is recently hit by year's most powerful storm "Typhoon Goni". At least 10 people have died amid reports of storm surges, flash floods, power outages and blown-off roofs. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Typhoon Goni hit 'Philippines'
- Philippines Manila Peso | President Rodrigo Duterte
- **20.** The new building of Bhimsen Adarsha Higher Secondary School constructed with India's assistance of NRs 25.83 million has been inaugurated in Nepal's central Nawalpur district. {Read more}

- The new building of Bhimsen Adarsha Higher Secondary School inaugurated in Nawalpur, Nepal
- Constructed with India's assistance of NRs 25.83 million
- Nepal Kathmandu Nepalese Rupee | President Bidhya Devi Bhandari



21. The USA has approved the sale of \$600 million in MQ-9 armed drones to Taiwan, the latest in a series of arms transfers for the island. {Read more}

- The USA approved the sale of \$600 million in MQ-9 armed drones to Taiwan
- USA Washington, D.C. US Dollar | President Donald Trump
- Taiwan Taipei New Taiwan dollar | President Tsai Ing-wen





Defence Affairs

22. An enhanced version of the "Pinaka Mk-1" missile, developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) was successfully flight-tested from the Integrated Test Range in Chandipur, off the coast of Odisha. It can fire a salvo of 12 rockets over a period of 44 seconds. {Read more}

Key Points:

- DRDO flight tested the enhanced version of "Pinaka Mk-1" missile in Chandipur, Odisha
- HQs of DRDO New Delhi | Chairman G. Satheesh Reddy
- Odisha: Capital Bhubaneswar | CM Naveen Patnaik | Governor Ganeshi Lal
- 23. Indian Naval Ship (INS) Airavat has reached Sudan on November 2 with 100 tonnes of food aid as a part of "Mission Sagar-II". Under "Mission Sagar-II", INS Airavat will deliver food aid to Sudan, South Sudan, Djibouti and Eritrea amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Mission Sagar-II follows the first Mission Sagar undertaken in May-June 2020. {Read more}

Key Points:

- INS Airavat reached Sudan on November 2 with 100 tonnes of food aid as a part of "Mission Sagar-II"
- INS Airavat will deliver food aid to Sudan, South Sudan, Djibouti and Eritrea
- South Sudan Khartoum Sudanese Pound
- **24.** Rajan Bargotra, Additional Director General (Western Seaboard), has commissioned Indian Coast Guard's (ICG) ship "C-452" through video conference in Ratnagiri, Maharashtra. The ship was indigenously designed and built by Larsen & Toubro, Surat. {Read more}

Key Points:

- "ICG C-452" commissioned in Ratnagiri, Maharashtra built by Larsen & Toubro, Surat (Gujarat)
- HQs of L&T Mumbai, MH | CMD SN Subrahmanyan
- **25.** The second batch of 3 Rafale aircraft landed at Jamnagar Air Base in Gujarat recently on November 4. The aircrafts got airborne from Istres airbase in France and flew non-stop for over eight hours. {Read more}

- The second batch of 3 Rafale aircraft landed at Jamnagar Air Base, Gujarat
- Gujarat: Capital Gandhinagar | CM Vijay Rupani | Governor Acharya Devvrat



Schemes & Initiatives

26. Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel has launched two key schemes related to distribution of fortified rice and setting up of Swami Atmanand Government English medium schools during 'Rajyotsav' statehood celebrations. Chhattisgarh came into existence on November 1, 2000 after the bifurcation of Madhya Pradesh. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Chhattisgarh launched fortified rice distribution & Swami Atmanand Government English Medium School Scheme
- Chhattisgarh: Capital Raipur | CM Bhupesh Baghel | Governor Anusuiya Uikey
- **27.** Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao has inaugurated the "Rythu Vedika" initiative to address the issues faced by farmers in Jangaon district of Telangana. Rythu Vedika is an initiative to bring farmers under one platform and help them attain higher returns. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Telangana launched the "Rythu Vedika" initiative to address the issues faced by farmers
- Telangana: Capital Hyderabad | CM K. Chandrashekar Rao | Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan
- **28.** The government has extended the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) by one month till 30 November 2020 or till the amount of Rs 3 lakh crore is sanctioned under the scheme, whichever is earlier. {Read more}

Key Points:

ullet Government has extended the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme – till 30th Nov. / Rs 3 lakh Cr sanctioned



Sports & Games

29. Amit Panghal has made an impressive return to international boxing, winning the Gold medal in the Alexis Vastine tournament in Nantes, France. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Amit Panghal won the Gold medal in "Alexis Vastine Tournament" in Nantes, France
- France Paris Euro | President Emmanuel Macron | New PM Jean Castex
- **30.** Lewis Hamilton has won the "Emilia Romagna Grand Prix-2020" for a record-extending 93rd Formula One (F1) victory. Hamilton beat Mercedes teammate Valtteri Bottas by 5.7 seconds. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Lewis Hamilton won "Emilia Romagna Grand Prix-2020" (his 93rd F1 victory)
- Lewis Hamilton (UK) drives 'Mercedes'
- **31.** Marlon Samuels, the West Indies batsman who top-scored in both of their T20 World Cup final victories, has announced his retirement from professional cricket on November 4, 2020. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Marlon Samuels (Jamaica) retirement from Cricket (Played for West Indies)
- Jamaica Kingston Jamaican dollar
- **32.** Shane Watson, the former Australia all-rounder and Chennai Super Kings (CSK) opener, formally announced his retirement from all forms of cricket. {Read more}

- Shane Watson (Australia) retirement from Cricket
- Australia Canberra Australian Dollar | PM Scott Morrison



Important Days & Dates

33. Ahead of the "International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists" on November 2, the Vienna-based International Press Institute (IPI) said in a statement that 52 journalists, including two in India, had died due to their work since October 2019. {Read more}

Key Points:

- November 2 "International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists"
- HQs of IPI Vienna, Austria | Executive Director Barbara Trionfi
- **34.** Science and Technology Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan and Minister of State for Posts Sanjay Dhotre have released the Special Cover of Department of Posts for commemorating the Golden Jubilee (50 years) of Department of Science and Technology at a function in New Delhi. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Department of Posts released the Special Cover to commemorate 'Golden Jubilee' of Dept. of S & T
- Department of Science and Technology was founded in May, 1971
- **35.** The second largest State of India, Madhya Pradesh has celebrated its 65th foundation day on November 1. Chhattisgarh and 4 other states Karnataka, Kerala, Punjab, and Haryana have also celebrated their foundation day on November 1. Called as 'the heart of India', Madhya Pradesh was founded on November 1, 1956 and it was reorganised on November 1, 2000, to create a new Chhattisgarh state. {Read more}

Key Points:

- November 1 65th foundation day of Madhya Pradesh
- November 1 Foundation day of Chhattisgarh + Karnataka + Kerala + Punjab + Haryana
- **36.** The World Tsunami Awareness Day 2020 is observed every year on 5 November with an aim to create ways to save lives in view of future disasters. "Strengthening disaster risk governance" is the theme of this year. {Read more}

- November 5 World Tsunami Awareness Day
- Theme "Strengthening disaster risk governance"



37. World Vegan Day is celebrated on November 1 annually by vegans across the globe. It is observed to motivate people to follow a vegan lifestyle, which is beneficial for animal welfare and the environment. {Read more}

Key Points:

• November 1 – "World Vegan Day"





Meetings, Conferences and Summits

38. BRICS Business Forum was held via video conference on October 20-28, 2020 under the slogan "BRICS Business Partnership: Common Vision for Sustainable Inclusive Development". It was held under the chairmanship of Russia. {Read more}

Key Points:

- BRICS Business Forum held under the chairmanship of 'Russia'
- BRICS Member Countries 5 Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa
- Chairmanship of BRICS Russia in 2020 & Indian in 2021
- **39.** India and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Troika have held their "Annual Political Dialogue" in virtual mode to explore newer areas of cooperation across sectors including sustainable development, climate change and countering pandemic. External Affairs Minister, S. Jaishankar, led the Indian delegation. {Read more}

Key Points:

- India + GCC = held "Annual Political Dialogue" led by 'S. Jaishankar'
- HQs of GCC Riyadh, Saudi Arabia | Secretary-General Abdullatif Bin Rashid Al Zayani
- **40.** The 8th "India UAE High Level Joint Task Force on Investments" hosted by India. It has decided among other things to prioritise normalisation of air transport operations between the two countries. The Joint Task Force meeting held in a virtual format was led by Piyush Goyal. {Read more}

Key Points:

- India hosted the 8th "India UAE High Level Joint Task Force on Investments" led by Piyush Goyal
- UAE Abu Dhabi Dirham | President Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan
- Piyush Goyal Ministry of Railways, Ministry of Commerce & Industry | Constituency Maharashtra
- **41.** The RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das and other central bank governors in the South East Asian nations vowed to work in tandem to fight against the Coronavirus pandemic at the 40th meeting of the SAARC FINANCE Governors' Group chaired by Shaktikanta Das. {Read more}

- Shaktikanta Das (India) chaired the 40th meeting of the SAARC FINANCE Governors' Group
- HQs of RBI Mumbai | Governor Shaktikanta Das (25th)
- HQs of SAARC Kathmandu, Nepal | Secretary Generals Amjad Hussain B Sial



Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

42. "The Emmett Leahy Award-2020" was conferred on Dinesh Katre from the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC), Pune. Katre, who heads the Human-Centered Design and Computing Group at C-DAC, is the first Indian to bag this award. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Dinesh Katre won "The Emmett Leahy Award-2020"
- HQs of C-DAC Pune, Maharashtra | Senior Director & HoD Dinesh Katre
- **43.** Filmmaker Zoya Akhtar's drama "Gully Boy" has won the "Best Original Music Award" for musician Karsh Kale and the Salvage Audio Collective at the 14th Annual Asian Film Awards. {Read more}

Key Points:

- "Gully Boy" movie won "Best Original Music Award" for musician 'Karsh Kale' & 'Salvage Audio Collective'
- "Gully Boy" movie directed by Zoya Akhtar
- **44.** HDFC Bank Ltd has been voted "Most Outstanding Company Financial Sector" in India, in a poll conducted by the well-known publication Asiamoney. Over 824 fund managers, buy-side analysts, bankers and research analysts voted across 12 markets in Asia. {Read more}

Key Points:

- HDFC Bank voted "Most Outstanding Company Financial Sector" in India in a poll conducted by 'Asiamoney'
- HQs of HDFC Bank Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO Sashidhar Jagdishan | Tagline "We understand your world"
- **45.** Indian Army Chief General Manoj Mukund Naravane was conferred the honorary rank of General of the Nepali Army by President Bidya Devi Bhandari at a special ceremony. He was accompanied by Indian Ambassador Kwatra. {Read more}

- Gen. Manoj Mukund Naravane conferred the honorary rank of General of the Nepali Army
- Vinay M Kwatra Indian Ambassador to Nepal
- Nepal Kathmandu Nepalese Rupee | President Bidhya Devi Bhandari



46. Writer Paul Zacharia has been selected for the 28th "Ezhuthachan Puraskaram", the highest literary honour of the Kerala government. He was chosen for the award for his contributions to Malayalam literature and thought for the past fifty years. {Read more}

- Paul Zacharia selected for the 28th "Ezhuthachan Puraskaram" the highest literary honour of the 'Kerala'
- Kerala: Capital Thiruvananthapuram | CM Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor Arif Mohammad Khan





Appointments & Resignations

47. A well known Indian comic book character, Chacha Chaudhary has been named the brand ambassador for the Namami Gange project. Further, 'NamamiGange' movie on India Science Channel was launched. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Chacha Chaudhary named the Brand Ambassador for the 'Namami Gange project'
- **48.** Additional Chief Secretary of Home Department Sangeeta Singh has been appointed as Vigilance Commissioner of Gujarat following her retirement. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Sangeeta Singh appointed as Vigilance Commissioner of Gujarat
- Gujarat: Capital Gandhinagar | CM Vijay Rupani | Governor Acharya Devvrat
- **49.** Chairman, National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) Dilip Rath has been unanimously elected to the Board of International Dairy Federation (IDF) during the General Assembly of IDF. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Dilip Rath elected to the Board of International Dairy Federation (IDF)
- HQs of NDDB Anand, Gujara | Chairman Dilip Rath
- **50.** Duarte Pacheco is elected as the President of Inter Parliamentary Union (IPU) for a 3-year term defeating candidates from Pakistan, Uzbekistan and Canada. The outgoing president is a Mexican MP Gabriela Cuevas Barron, who was elected in October 2017. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Duarte Pacheco elected as the President of Inter Parliamentary Union (for a 3-year term)
- HQs of IPU Geneva, Switzerland | President Duarte Pacheco
- **51.** Ivory Coast's President Alassane Ouattara has won a controversial third term in office in an election boycotted by the opposition. {Read more}

- Alassane Ouattara appointed as the President of "Ivory Coast" or "Cote d'Ivoire" (3rd term)
- Cote d'Ivoire Yamoussoukro CFA franc | President Alassane Ouattara



52. Maharashtra cadre 1988 batch Indian Administrative Services (IAS) officer Rajiv Jalota has been appointed as the chairman of Mumbai Port Trust (MbPT) under the Union ministry of shipping. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Rajiv Jalota appointed as the Chairman of Mumbai Port Trust
- **53.** National carrier Air India's regional subsidiary Alliance Air has announced Harpreet A De Singh as its chief executive officer, making her the first woman head to lead an Indian Airline. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Harpreet A De Singh appointed as the 1st woman CEO of Alliance Air
- HQs of Alliance Air Mumbai, MH | CEO Harpreet A De Singh
- **54.** Nutrition brand Wellversed has roped in cricketer Yuvraj Singh as brand ambassador for three years. The company also closed its Pre-Series a funding round from Singh's YWC Ventures. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Yuvraj Singh appointed as brand ambassador of "Wellversed" a Nutrition brand (for 3 years)
- HQs of Wellversed Gurugram, Haryana | Co-Founder & CEO Aanan Khurma
- **55.** ONGC Videsh Ltd (OVL), the overseas arm of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) has announced A K Gupta has taken over as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the company. {Read more}

Key Points:

- A K Gupta appointed as MD & CEO of ONGC Videsh Ltd (OVL)
- HQs of ONGC Videsh Ltd New Delhi | MD & CEO A K Gupta
- HQs of ONGC New Delhi | CMD Sashi Shanker
- **56.** Plant-based nutrition brand, Oziva has roped in south cine star Samantha Prabhu Akkineni to represent the brand in South India. {Read more}

Key Points:

• Samantha Prabhu Akkineni – appointed as Brand Ambassador of – "Oziva" a Plant-based Nutrition Brand



57. Priyanca Radhakrishnan has become the first-ever Indian-origin Minister of New Zealand. She was elected first as a Member of Parliament belonging to the Labour Party in September 2017. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Priyanca Radhakrishnan became the first-ever Indian-origin Minister of New Zealand
- New Zealand Wellington Dollar (NZD) | PM Jacinda Ardern
- **58.** Syska Group, the fast moving electrical goods (FMEG) company, has roped in Bollywood actor Rajkummar Rao as it new Brand Ambassador. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Rajkummar Rao appointed as Brand Ambassador of Syska Group
- **59.** Tanzania's President John Magufuli has won re-election with a landslide victory in a poll that the opposition has described as fraudulent. {Read more}

Key Points:

- John Magufuli re-elected as the President of Tanzania
- Tanzania Dodoma <mark>Tanzanian shilling | President John Magufuli</mark>
- **60.** The Board of Cricket Control in India (BCCI) has announced Jio as the Title sponsor for the 3rd season of the Twenty20 tournament, starting November 4 in Sharjah. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Reliance Jio announced as the Title sponsor for the 3rd season of the "T20 Tournament" in Sharjah, UAE
- HQs of Reliance Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman Mukesh Ambani
- HQs of BCCI Mumbai, MH | Chairman Sourav Ganguly | Ethics Officer D K Jain
- **61.** Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has launched a special 10-day campaign to identify people suffering from tuberculosis (TB) in the state. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has pledged to make India TB-free by 2025. {Read more}

- Uttar Pradesh launched a special 10-day campaign to identify people suffering from tuberculosis (TB)
- India's pledge to make India TB-free by 2025
- UP: Capital Lucknow | CM Yogi Adityanath | Governor Anandiben Patel



Amount & Agreements

62. AU Small Finance Bank has entered into agreement with Care Health Insurance Company for health insurance products as Corporate Agent. AU Small Finance Bank is a scheduled commercial bank which transited from an Asset Financing NBFC to an SFB; started in 1996; commenced banking operations in 19 April 2017. {Read more}

Key Points:

- AU Small Finance Bank + Care Health Insurance = signed an agreement for health insurance products
- HQs of AU Small Finance Bank Jaipur, Rajasthan | MD & CEO Sanjay Agarwal
- **63.** India has handed over another NPR 1 billion tranche of Nepal Housing Reconstruction Project. Government of India (GoI) has partnered with UNDP and United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) for providing Socio-Technical Facilitation to the house owners in Nepal. {Read more}

Key Points:

- India handed over NPR 1 billion tranche of Nepal Housing Reconstruction Project to Nepal
- Nepal Kathmandu Nepalese Rupee | President Bidhya Devi Bhandari
- **64.** The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved USD 132.8 million loan to improve and upgrade the power distribution network in Meghalaya. The project fully supports Meghalaya's initiative in improving the distribution system & financial sustainability of the Department. {Read more}

Key Points:

- ADB approved USD 132.8 million loan to improve and upgrade the power distribution network in Meghalaya
- Meghalaya: Capital Shillong | CM Conrad Kongkal Sangma | Governor Satya Pal Malik
- ADB: HQs Mandaluyong, Philippines | President Masatsugu Asakawa | Member countries 68
- **65.** The Union Government has provided Rs 670 crore to Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) to meet regulatory capital requirement during these difficult times by considering their importance in agriculture finance. {Read more}

- Union Government provided Rs 670 crore to RRBs to meet regulatory capital requirement
- Capital Support to the RRBs Central Gov: State Gov: Sponsor Banks = 50:15:35



66. United States Agency for International Development (USAID) has provided USD 3 million over 2 years to support the COVID Action Collaborative (CAC) partnership to mitigate effects of pandemic in India. {Read more}

- USAID provided \$3 million over 2 years to support 'CAC partnership'
- HQs of USAID Washington D.C., USA | Administrator Mark Green





Ranks, Reports & Surveys

67. A recent study on the Himalayan brown bear (Ursus arctos isabellinus) by the Zoological Survey of India, has predicted a significant reduction in suitable habitat and biological corridors of the species in the climate change scenario. The Himalayan brown bear is one of the largest carnivores in the highlands of Himalayas. {Read more}

Key Points:

- A recent study on "Himalayan brown bear" predicted a significant reduction in suitable habitat of the species
- HQs of ZSI Kolkata, West Bengal | Director K Venkatraman
- **68.** According to the study by the World Wide Fund (WWF) Water Risk Filter, 100 cities are expected to suffer the greatest due to rise in water risk by 2050 in which 30 of them are Indian cities. And the list of Indian cities was topped by Jaipur in Rajasthan. Globally, populations in areas of high-water risk could rise from 17% in 2020 to 51% by 2050. {Read more}

Key Points:

- According to WWF Water Risk Filter 100 cities are expected to suffer water risk by 2050 (30 Indian cities)
- Jaipur (Rajasthan) topped the list of 30 Indian cities
- Global population is expected to rise in high-water risk to 51% by 2050
- HQs of WWF Gland, Switzerland | President & CEO Carter Roberts
- **69.** Dr. Harsh Vardhan has released the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) Report on "Estimating the economic benefits of Investment in Monsoon Mission and High Performance Computing (HPC) Facilities" at a function at Prithvi Bhavan in New Delhi. According to the report, India's investment of nearly 1,000 Cr in these facilities would provide benefits worth rupees 50,000 Cr to nearly 1 Crore 7 lakh below poverty line (BPL) agricultural households and 53 lakh BPL fisher-folk households in the country. {Read more}

- Dr. Harsh Vardhan released NCAER Report on "Estimating the economic benefits of Investment in Monsoon Mission and High Performance Computing (HPC) Facilities"
- HQs of NCAER New Delhi | DG Shekhar Shah
- Dr. Harsh Vardhan Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Ministry of Sci. & Tech., Ministry of Earth Science
- Constituency Chandni Chowk, New Delhi



70. India has retained its 34th position among 50 nations in the "Nation Brand Index (NBI) 2020" in market research conducted by Ipsos in collaboration with Simon Anholt. Germany again ranks 1 out of 50 nations, marking the sixth time Germany tops the NBI list. {Read more}

- "Nation Brand Index (NBI) 2020" conducted by "Ipsos" + "Simon Anholt"
- India 34th | 1st Germany | 2nd UK | 3rd Canada





Acquisitions & Mergers

71. ICICI Lombard has gained the Competition Commission of India (CCI) nod for acquiring Bharti AXA general insurance biz. On 21 August 2020, the ICICI Group company announced that its board and the board of Bharti AXA General Insurance Company had approved entering into definitive agreements. {Read more}

- ICICI Lombard gained CCI nod for acquiring Bharti AXA general insurance
- HQs of ICICI Lombard Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO Bhargav Das Gupta
- HQs of Bharti AXA Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO Sanjeev Srinivasan





MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

72. Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, the MoUs worth Rs 35,000 crore (34,850 Cr) were signed between the Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation (MIDC) and the 15 companies at the "Magnetic Maharashtra 2.0" event and they are expected to create 23,182 jobs. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Maharashtra + 15 companies = inked MoUs worth around Rs 35,000 crore at "Magnetic Maharashtra 2.0" event
- Maharashtra: CM Uddhav Thackeray | Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari
- **73.** Dynamatic Technologies Ltd and Central Scientific Instruments Organisation (CSIR-CSIO) have signed an MoU for jointly designing, developing and manufacturing futuristic solutions for the Defence and Aerospace, healthcare and agriculture industry. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Dynamatic Technologies + CSIR-CSIO = an MoU for joint development of Futuristic Solutions
- HQs of Dynamatic Technologies Ltd Bangalore, Karnataka | MD & CEO Udayant Malhoutra
- HQs of CSIO Chandigarh | Director S. Anantha Ramakrishna
- **74.** India's public broadcaster Prasar Bharati has signed an MoU with Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications and Geo-Informatics (BISAG-N) under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) to launch 51 direct-to-home (DTH) education TV channels. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Prasar Bharati + (BISAG-N) = an MoU to launch 51 DTH education TV channels
- HQs of Prasar Bharati New Delhi | CEO Shashi Shekhar Vempati
- HQs of BISAG-N Gandhinagar, Gujarat | BISAG-N functions under MeitY
- **75.** Indian Institute of Science (IISc) and the Research and Development Centre of Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to develop and demonstrate Biomass Gasification-based Hydrogen Generation Technology for producing fuel cell-grade hydrogen at an affordable price. {Read more}

- IISc Bengaluru + IOCL = an MoU to develop Biomass Gasification-based Hydrogen Generation Technology
- HQs of IOCL New Delhi | Chairperson Shrikant Madhav Vaidya



76. Indian Railways has decided to go big with Artificial Intelligence and data analytics to improve its operational efficiency and has tied up with the Indian School of Business (ISB) in Hyderabad to analyze the data generated by the national transporter. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Indian Railways + ISB = partnership to improve its operational efficiency using Digital Tools
- HQs of Indian Railways New Delhi | Chairman Vinod Kumar Yadav
- ISB located at Hyderabad, Telangana | Chairman Harish Manwani
- 77. Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd. (IREDA) has signed an MoU with the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) and has set a revenue target of Rs. 2,406 crore under 'Excellent' rating for the year 2020-21. {Read more}

Key Points:

- IREDA + Ministry of New and Renewable Energy = signed an MoU
- IREDA set a revenue target of Rs. 2,406 crore for the year 2020-21
- Raj Kumar Singh Minister of the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE)
- HQs of IREDA New Delhi | Director Girish Kumar
- **78.** Rajasthan government will soon sign an MoU with National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) and Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) to establish "8000 MW Ultra Mega Renewal Energy Power Park" near borders areas of c in Rajasthan. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Rajasthan + NTPC + SECI = to establish "8000 MW Ultra Mega Renewal Energy Power Park"
- Rajasthan: Capital Jaipur | CM Ashok Gehlot | Governor Kalraj Mishra
- HQs of NTPC New Delhi | CMD Gurdeep Singh
- HQs of SECI New Delhi | Chairman Praveen Kumar
- **79.** The International Centre for Clean Water (ICCW) has signed an agreement with Japanese firm DG Takano to develop innovative products to solve environmental challenges in providing clean and safe drinking water across the globe. {Read more}

- ICCW + DG Takano (Japan) = an agreement for clean water technology
- ICCW an initiative of IIT Madras
- HQs of ICCW Chennai, Tamil Nadu | CEO Nandakumar E



80. The MoU was signed between Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA), Bengaluru and Spain for scientific and technical collaborations in the field of astronomy. {Read more}

Key Points:

- IIA (India) + Spain = an MoU for scientific and technical collaborations in the field of Astronomy
- HQs of IIA Bengaluru, Karnataka | Director Annapurni Subramaniam
- Spain Madrid Euro | PM Pedro Sanchez
- **81.** The Union Cabinet has approved signing of an MoU between India and United Kingdom for co-operation in telecommunications and ICT. The MoU will contribute towards strengthening bilateral cooperation and mutual understanding between the two sides, in the field of Telecommunications, and Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs). {Read more}

Key Points:

- India + UK = an MoU in the field of telecommunications and ICT
- UK London Pound Sterling | PM Boris Johnson
- **82.** To facilitate planned and systematic growth of the Ayush sector, Ministry of Ayush (Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy) has collaborated with Invest India to set up a 'Strategic Policy Unit' that will help it reach its full potential. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Ministry of Ayush + Invest India = to set up a 'Strategic Policy Unit'
- MoS of AYUSH Shripad Yesso Naik | Constituency North Goa
- **83.** TransUnion CIBIL in partnership with Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI) has launched "MSME Credit Health Index" in order to provide a measure of the growth and strength of the MSME sector in India. {Read more}

- TransUnion CIBIL + MoSPI = launched "MSME Credit Health Index"
- HQs of TransUnion CIBIL Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO Rajesh Kumar
- MoS I/C for Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation Rao Inderjit Singh



84. TRIFED and JD Centre of Arts (JDCA) have signed an MoU for collaborating on joint socio-cultural research work and anthropological study of tribal art and tradition in tribal dominated regions of India. {Read more}

Key Points:

- TRIFED + JDCA = signed an MoU for collaborating on joint socio-cultural research work
- TRIFED works under Ministry of Tribal Affairs (Arjun Munda Khunti, Jharkhand)
- HQs of TRIFED New Delhi | MD Pravir Krishna
- HQs of JDCA Bhubaneshwar, Odisha | Founder and Chairman Jatin Das

85. Visa has recently announced the world's first successful live deployment of a PCI certified Tap to Phone card acceptance solution, in partnership with DigitSecure and HDFC Bank. {Read more}

- Visa + DigitSecure + HDFC Bank = deployed the world's 1st live PCI certified Tap to Phone card acceptance solution
- HQs of Visa Foster City, California | CEO Alfred F. Kelly
- HQs of DigitSecure Madhapur, Telangana | CEO Seshadri Kulkarni
- HQs of HDFC Bank Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO Sashidhar Jagdishan
- Tagline "We understand your world"



Books & Authors

86. A new book titled "Till We Win" by AIIMS Director Randeep Guleria and two other doctors - Chandrakant Lahariya and Gagandeep Kang will give a definitive account of India's fight against Covid-19 and how to deal with the pandemic in the days to come. {Read more}

Key Points:

- "Till We Win" book is authored by = Randeep Guleria + Chandrakant Lahariya + Gagandeep Kang
- **87.** Chinmay Tumbe has authored a book titled "The Age of Pandemics (1817-1920): How They Shaped India and the World". It is an effort towards correcting this imbalance as it focuses primarily on how the 19th century cholera, plague and influenza pandemics affected the Indian subcontinent. {Read more}

Key Points:

- "The Age of Pandemics (1817-1920): How They Shaped India and the World" book authored by 'Chinmay Tumbe'
- **88.** Senior journalist Tamal Bandyopadhyay has authored a book titled "Pandemonium: The Great Indian Banking Tragedy". The author has interviewed the four former governors for the book that will soon be launched by Roli Books. {Read more}

Key Points:

- "Pandemonium: The Great Indian Banking Tragedy" book authored by 'Tamal Bandyopadhyay'
- To be launched by Roli Books
- **89.** The book, "Jugalbandi: The BJP Before Modi", is written by political scientist Vinay Sitapati. It will be released under Penguin's 'Viking' imprint on November 23. The book describes the partnership of BJP's founding leaders Atal Bihari Vajpayee and Lal Krishna Advani. {Read more}

- "Jugalbandi: The BJP Before Modi" book written by 'Vinay Sitapati'
- About Atal Bihari Vajpayee & Lal Krishna Advani



Obituaries

90. A Violinist Tripunithura Narayanaiyer (TN) Krishnan has passed away recently in Chennai. He was 92. A child prodigy, born in Tripunithura, Kerala, was mentored initially by his father A Narayana Iyer. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Tripunithura Narayanaiyer (TN) Krishnan a Violinist passed away
- **91.** Bihar's shortest-serving CM Satish Prasad Singh (87) died of Covid-19. He became Bihar's sixth chief minister in 1968 for only five days. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Satish Prasad Singh a Politician passed away (Bihar's shortest-serving CM for 5 days)
- Bihar: Capital Patna | CM Nitish Kumar | Governor Phagu Chauhan
- **92.** Don Talbot, the foundation director of the Australian Institute of Sport and one of the country's greatest Swimming coaches, has died. He was 87. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Don Talbot (Australia) Swimming coaches passed away
- Australia Canberra Australian Dollar | PM Scott Morrison
- **93.** Tamil Nadu Agriculture Minister R Doraikannu, who was battling Covid-19 has passed away recently. He was 72. {Read more}

- R Doraikannu a Politician passed away (Tamil Nadu Agriculture Minister)
- Tamil Nadu: Capital Chennai | CM Thiru Edappadi K. Palaniswami | Governor Banwarilal Purohit



Persons in News

94. Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has constituted a 4 member committee to review "Guidelines on Television Rating Agencies in India" notified by the Ministry in 2014. The committee will be headed by Shri Shashi S. Vempati (CEO of Prasar Bharti). {Read more}

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- It was notified by the Ministry in 2014 | The committee headed by Shashi S. Vempati
- Prakash Javadekar Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (Constituency Maharashtra)





Science & Technology

95. Antrix Corporation, the commercial arm of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), has been directed to pay \$1.2 billion to Bengaluru-based Devas Multimedia as compensation for cancelling a satellite deal in 2005. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Antrix Corporation directed to pay \$1.2 billion to 'Devas Multimedia' for cancelling a satellite deal in 2005
- Antrix Corporation the commercial arm of ISRO
- HQs of ISRO Bengaluru, Karnataka | Director Kailasavadivoo Sivan
- HQs of Antrix Corporation Bengaluru, Karnataka | CMD Rakesh Sasibhushan

96. NASA's Hubble Space Telescope has discovered a metal-rich asteroid '16 Psyche' which is orbiting the Sun, in the main asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter. It is located roughly 370 million kilometres (230 million miles) from the Earth and measures 226 kilometres across (140 miles) roughly about the size of West Virginia. This discovery was published on October 26 in The Planetary Science Journal. {Read more}

Key Points:

- NASA's Hubble Space Telescope discovered a metal-rich asteroid '16 Psyche' orbits between Mars & Jupiter
- NASA HQs Washington D.C., USA | Administrator Jim Bridenstine
- **97.** Scientists associated with the National Bureau of Fish Genetic Resources (NBFGR) have discovered two shrimp species from the coral reefs in Agatti island. One is named 'Periclimenella agatti' after the Agatti island and another as 'Urocaridella arabianesis' after the Arabian Sea. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Scientists from NBFGR discovered 2 shrimp species from the coral reefs in Agatti island
- Agatti island situated in Union Territory of Lakshadweep, India
- Lakshadweep: Kavaratti | Administrator Dineshwar Sharma
- **98.** Students of the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras have developed a digital game to create awareness, particularly among children, on the importance of following government-announced precautions to protect themselves against COVID-19. {Read more}

Key Points:

Students of IIT Madras – developed a digital game to create awareness about COVID-19



99. Twitter has introduced "ArtHouse" feature - a suite of services in India to assist brands in creating and optimising Twitter-first content. ArtHouse is a 'fully integrated' service that connects brands with the 'creative capital' of influencers, artists and editors. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Twitter introduced "ArtHouse" feature a suite of services in India
- HQs of Twitter San Francisco, California, USA | CEO Jack Dorsey

100. Union Minister of State for Education Sanjay Dhotre has launched a self-help website "Bandhu" for students of IIT Bombay to support emotional wellbeing of students. The website is supported by the alumni of Class of 1992. {Read more}

- Sanjay Dhotre launched a self-help website "Bandhu" for students of IIT Bombay
- Ministry of Education Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' (Constituency Haridwar, Uttarakhand)
- MoS for Ministry of Education Sanjay Dhotre







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