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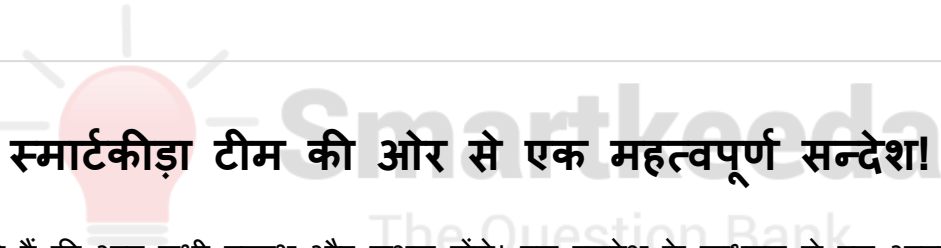
Hi Folks! We hope you all are doing well. We would like to state here that this PDF is meant for preparing for the upcoming MockDrill Test of November 2020 Month at Testzone. In this Current Affairs PDF we have added all the important Current Affairs information in form of 'Key-points' which are crucial 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.

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आभार,

टीम स्मार्टकीड़ा



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## National & States Affairs

**301.** Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal has unveiled “Project Air Care”, under which 65 Wind Augmentation Purifying Units will be installed across Gurugram through public-private partnership. The Air Purifiers have been developed by CSIR-NEERI (National Environmental Engineering Research Institute) & IIT Bombay. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Haryana – unveiled “Project Air Care” – to install 65 Wind Augmentation Purifying Units
- Developed by = CSIR-NEERI + IIT Bombay
- Haryana: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Manohar Lal Khattar | Governor – Satyadev Narayan Arya

**302.** India’s first Sandalwood Museum is being set up in Aranya Bhavan, Mysuru in Karnataka. The museum is likely to be inaugurated after November 25. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- India’s first Sandalwood Museum is being set up in – Mysuru, Karnataka
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – BS Yediyurappa | Governor – Vajubhai Vala

**303.** On November 11, the Cabinet has approved Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for 10 more sectors, including auto and pharmaceuticals, with an outlay of about Rs 1,45,980 Cr over a period of 5 years. Under another PLI scheme, an outlay of Rs 51,311 Cr has already been approved. Top 5 key sectors were Automobiles & Auto Components, Advance Chemistry Cell (ACC) Battery, Pharmaceuticals drugs, Telecom & Networking Products & Food Products. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- The Cabinet has approved PLI Scheme for 10 more sectors | Outlay – Rs 1,45,980 Cr | For period of 5 years

**404.** Bengaluru, IT major Infosys has launched its integrated “Applied AI” offering to help enterprises adopt a roadmap to scaling enterprise-grade Artificial Intelligence for their businesses. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Infosys – launched its integrated “Applied AI”
- HQs of Infosys – Bengaluru, Karnataka | CEO – Salil Parekh



**305.** National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE) will launch its first agricultural commodity futures contract for crude degummed soybean oil on December 1. The contract is a monthly expiry cash settled futures contract with a trading lot size of 10 metric ton (MT) and price basis as Kandla. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- NSE – to launch its first agricultural commodity futures contract for crude degummed soybean oil
- HQs of NSE – Mumbai, MH | Chairman – Girish Chandra Chaturvedi | MD & CEO – Vikram Limaye

**306.** Prime Minister Narendra Modi has unveiled a life-size statue of Swami Vivekananda at the Jawaharlal Nehru University. The construction of the statue was begun 3 years ago in November 2018. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Narendra Modi – unveiled a life-size statue of Swami Vivekananda – at Jawaharlal Nehru University

**307.** The Delhi in collaboration with EVERA has launched the “Jeevan Seva” app to aid Delhi’s Covid patients and their families for a safe commute to hospitals and healthcare facilities in the city. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Delhi + EVERA = launched “Jeevan Seva” app
- Delhi: CM – Arvind Kejriwal | Governor – Anil Baijal | Chief Secretary – Vijay Dev

**308.** Larsen & Toubro Ltd (L&T) has emerged as the lowest bidder at ₹3166 Cr to construct a 20 km, 4-lane bridge. It is India's longest road bridge to be built over Brahmaputra river. The bridge will be built between Dhubri (Assam) to Phulbari (Meghalaya). The project is being financed by JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency). [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- L&T – to construct India's longest 4-lane road bridge over Brahmaputra | Cost: ₹3166 Cr | Length: 20 km
- It will connect – Dhubri (Assam) & Phulbari (Meghalaya) | Financed by – JICA (Japan)
- HQs of L&T – Mumbai, MH | CMD – SN Subrahmanyam

**309.** Finance Ministry has given an approval to set up India’s first ever “National Database of Unorganised Workers (NDUW)”. Total cost is expected around ₹650 Cr. The Ministry of Labour & Employment has envisaged development of 'NDUW' seeded with Aadhaar. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Finance Ministry approved to set up India’s 1<sup>st</sup> ever “National Database of Unorganised Workers (NDUW)”



- Expected Total cost – ₹650 Cr
- Finance Minister – Nirmala Sitharaman (Constituency – Karnataka)

**310.** Air passengers using Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) have been asked to use bio-waste bins to dispose personal protective equipment (PPE). 139 bio-waste bins of different sizes have placed at different points for disposing of PPE. BLR airport collects almost 800 to 1,000 kg of bio-waste a day. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Kempegowda International Airport (Karnataka) – set up 139 bio-waste bins of different sizes across the airport
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – BS Yediyurappa | Governor – Vajubhai Vala

**311.** The IIT Alumni Council has launched “MegaScope” to include data analysis, testing and genomics to accurately diagnose infections and to prescribe personalised medicine. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- IIT Alumni Council – launched “MegaScope” for healthcare
- HQs of IITAC – New Delhi | President – Ravi Sharma

**312.** Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh has launched the “Oil Palm Project” which could be an alternative to replace Jhum and poppy cultivations in the state. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Manipur – launched the “Oil Palm Project”
- Manipur: Capital – Imphal | CM – N. Biren Singh | Governor – Najma Heptulla

**313.** Chhattisgarh Chief Minister has instructed to dismiss all government servants holding fake or false caste certificates, except those who got a stay order from the court. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Chhattisgarh – instructed to dismiss all government servants holding fake or false caste certificates
- Chhattisgarh: Capital – Raipur | CM – Bhupesh Baghel | Governor – Anusuiya Uikey



**314.** Prime Minister Narendra Modi has unveiled the 'Statue of Peace' in Rajasthan's Pali to mark the 151<sup>st</sup> Jayanti celebrations of Jainacharya Shree Vijay Vallabh Surishwer Ji Maharaj. The 151-inch tall statue has been made from Ashtadhatu- 8 metals. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Narendra Modi – unveiled the 'Statue of Peace' in Pali, Rajasthan
- 151<sup>st</sup> Jayanti celebrations of – Jainacharya Shree Vijay Vallabh Surishwer Ji Maharaj
- Rajasthan: Capital – Jaipur | CM – Ashok Gehlot | Governor – Kalraj Mishra

**315.** Jumboking has launched its food truck at the premises of Pune railway station. It is the first-ever food truck of Indian Railways. According to Indian Railway Stations Development Corporation Limited (IRSDC), as on date, as many as 14 food stalls are currently functional at Pune railway station. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Indian Railways launched its first Food Truck at – Pune railway station (launched by Jumboking)
- HQs of IRSDC – New Delhi | MD & CEO – S. K. Lohia | Chairman – Pradeep Kumar
- HQs of Indian Railways – New Delhi | Chairman – Vinod Kumar Yadav

**316.** Uber has launched its "PIN-Dispatch" feature at Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport, which will give riders a one-time PIN on requesting a trip, cutting wait times and ensuring a seamless pickup experience. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Uber launched its "PIN-Dispatch" feature – at Indira Gandhi International Airport (Delhi)
- HQs of Uber – California, USA | CEO – Dara Khosrowshahi

**317.** Odisha has launched a Social Awareness and Action to Neutralise Pneumonia Successfully (SAANS) campaign on the occasion of 'World Pneumonia Day' for reducing the overall burden of childhood pneumonia in the State. Pneumonia is one of the topmost killers of children under 5 years of age (under-5) contributing to nearly 14% of mortality among the kids. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Odisha – launched "SAANS" campaign – for reducing the overall burden of childhood pneumonia
- SAANS – Social Awareness and Action to Neutralise Pneumonia Successfully
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal





**318.** The Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) will organise “Bharat Darshan-Dakshin Bharat Yatra” from Hyderabad and Secunderabad from December 12 to 18. The theme of the yatra is to ‘Show India to Indians’. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- IRCTC – to organise “Bharat Darshan-Dakshin Bharat Yatra” – from Hyderabad to Secunderabad
- Theme – “Show India to Indians”
- HQs of IRCTC – New Delhi | Chairman & MD – Mahendra Pratap Mall

**319.** State song ‘Bande Utkala Janani’ will be part of the syllabus for Class IX and X across schools in Odisha. It is written by eminent poet Laxmikanta Mohapatra and was accorded the State Song status on June 7, 2020. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- ‘Bande Utkala Janani’ – State song of Odisha – written by ‘Laxmikanta Mohapatra’
- The song will be part of the syllabus for Class 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> – in Odisha
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

**320.** India has 41 wetlands, the highest in South Asia, with 2 more added to list of recognised sites under Ramsar Convention. The “Lonar lake” in Buldhana, Maharashtra and “Sur Sarovar” also known as “Keetham lake” in Agra, have been added to the list of recognised Ramsar sites. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Lonar lake (Maharashtra) & Sur Sarovar or Keetham lake (UP) – added to the list of recognised Ramsar sites
- India has 41 wetlands (the highest in South Asia)

**321.** The Odisha Government has decided to set up 4 commercial courts in the state. These Courts are going to be established at Cuttack, Bhubaneswar, Berhampur, and Sambalpur. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Odisha – decided to set up 4 commercial courts (Cuttack, Bhubaneswar, Berhampur & Sambalpur)
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

**322.** The Coastal Security Police have launched the “Kadalu App” for fishermen in Udupi that will help them in submitting information about their arrival and departure from the fishing harbour using android mobile phones. [{Read more}](#)



**Key Points:**

- The Coastal Security Police – launched the “Kadalu App” for fishermen in Udupi, Karnataka
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – BS Yediyurappa | Governor – Vajubhai Vala

**323.** Ministry of Labour and Employment has notified the Draft Rules under the Code on Social Security, 2020 to enable unorganized workers and provided for their self registration on the government portal. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Ministry of Labour and Employment – notified the Draft Rules under the “Code on Social Security, 2020”
- MoS in Ministry of Labour and Employment – Santosh Gangwar

**324.** Nineteen out of the 38 mines put under the commercial coal mine auction have been successfully auctioned off by the Central Government recently. Out of 19 mines, 11 are open cast, 5 are underground and 3 are mixed. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- 19 mines were auctioned for commercial mining by the Central Government
- Pralhad Joshi – Minister of Coal, Minister of Mines (Constituency – Dharwad, Karnataka)

**325.** Oil India Ltd has made a Natural Gas discovery at a well drilled in Tinsukia, Assam. The discovery will open up new areas for further oil and gas exploration in Assam. On testing, it produced gas at the rate of 115,000 standard cubic meters per day. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Oil India Ltd – made a Natural Gas discovery – at Tinsukia, Assam
- HQs of OIL – Noida, UP | CMD – Sushil Chandra Mishra
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Sarbananda Sonowal | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi

**326.** Madhya Pradesh has decided to celebrate the “Tribal Pride Day” on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2020 to commemorate the birth anniversary of Freedom fighter and martyr ‘Birsa Munda’. The state will change the name of the ‘Tribal Welfare Department’ to ‘Tribal Affairs Department’ to prevent religious conversion of tribals. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- November 15 – “Tribal Pride Day” – celebrated by Madhya Pradesh (Birth anniversary of ‘Birsa Munda’)



- Madhya Pradesh – will change the name of the ‘Tribal Welfare Department’ to ‘Tribal Affairs Department’
- Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Anandiben Patel

**327.** The Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC) has become the first city in the country to get ISO certification for its Faecal Sludge & Septage Management (FSSM) services. It was also the first civic body to implement FSSM regulations in the State. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Bhubaneswar – became the first city in India to get ISO certification for FSSM services
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal



# International Affairs

**328.** Guadalajara (Mexico) was named “World Book Capital” for the year 2022 by the Director-General of UNESCO, Audrey Azoulay, on the recommendation of the World Book Capital Advisory Committee. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Guadalajara (Mexico) – named “World Book Capital” for the year 2022 – by UNESCO
- Mexico – Mexico City – Peso
- HQs of UNESCO – Paris, France | Director-General – Audrey Azoulay

**329.** The word – “Lockdown” has been named the as the ‘Word of the Year 2020’ by Collins Dictionary. It is chosen as ‘Word of the Year’ because it is a unifying experience for billions of people across the world. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- The word “Lockdown” – named the as the ‘Word of the Year 2020’ by Collins Dictionary

**330.** India and Nepal have launched the construction of a Rs 147.12-crore 3<sup>rd</sup> Integrated Check Post (ICP) at Nepalgunj to streamline and boost cross-border trade. Commerce minister Piyush Goyal and Nepal’s urban development minister Krishna Gopal Shrestha witnessed the groundbreaking ceremony to mark the beginning of construction of the ICP. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- India + Nepal = launched the construction of 3<sup>rd</sup> Integrated Check Post (ICP) at Nepalgunj (Cost: Rs 147.12 Cr)
- Nepal – Kathmandu – Nepalese Rupee | President – Bidhya Devi Bhandari

**331.** The India Customs intercepted an 18-tonne shipment of red sandalwood destined for the UAE, during a month-long “Operation Thunder 2020”, coordinated by the Interpol and the World Customs Organisation, which involved law enforcement agencies against environmental crimes in 103 countries. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- India Customs intercepted an 18-tonne shipment of ‘Red Sandalwood’ destined for – the UAE
- Interpol & World Customs Organisation – conducted “Operation Thunder 2020” in 103 countries
- HQs of Interpol – Lyon, France | President – Kim Jong Yang
- HQs of WCO – Brussels, Belgium | Secretary General – Kunio Mikuriya



**332.** The World Health Organization (WHO) has listed Indonesia's "nOPV2" (novel Oral Polio Vaccine type 2) vaccine for emergency use to address the outbreak of type 2 circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus (cVDPV2). This is the first emergency use listing (EUL) of a vaccine which may be granted for future coronavirus vaccines. [{Read more}](#)

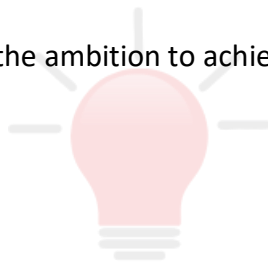
**Key Points:**

- Indonesia's "nOPV2" vaccine – became the 1<sup>st</sup> vaccine to be listed under the WHO's Emergency use Listing
- Indonesia – Jakarta – Rupiah | President – Joko Widodo

**333.** Arsenal Football club has become the first Premier League club to join the United Nations (UN) Sports for Climate Action Framework. The UN initiative aims to bring together the global sports community with a commitment to align with the goals of the Paris Agreement and support the ambition to achieve climate neutrality by 2050. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Arsenal FC (England) – became the 1<sup>st</sup> Premier League club to join "UN Sports for Climate Action Framework"
- Aim: To support the ambition to achieve climate neutrality – by 2050



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# **Banking & Economic Affairs**

**334.** The Reserve Bank will evaluate the impact of multi-media public awareness campaign “RBI Kehta Hai”, which was launched in 14 languages to educate the public about safe banking and financial practices. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- RBI – to evaluate the impact of its “RBI Kehta Hai” multi-media public awareness campaign
- The campaign launched in – 14 languages
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25<sup>th</sup>)

**335.** SBM Bank India has partnered with Fintech PayNearby to launch a neo banking platform called “Nivesh” in India. SBM Bank India was the first foreign bank in India to obtain a banking licence from the RBI to operate as a Wholly Owned Subsidiary in January 2019. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- SBM Bank India + PayNearby = partnership to launch a neo banking platform called “Nivesh” in India
- SBM Bank India – the 1<sup>st</sup> foreign bank in India to obtain a banking licence from the RBI
- HQs of SBM Bank India – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Sidharth Rath
- HQs of PayNearby – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Anand Kumar Bajaj

**336.** The State Bank of India (SBI) has announced adoption of 15 tigers of the “Nehru Zoological Park” in Hyderabad. A cheque of ₹15 lakh was handed over by chief general manager Om Prakash Mishra to principal chief conservator of forests R. Shoba. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- SBI – announced adoption of 15 tigers of the “Nehru Zoological Park” – located in Hyderabad, Telangana
- Telangana: Capital – Hyderabad | CM – K. Chandrashekar Rao | Governor - Tamilisai Soundararajan
- HQs of SBI Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Dinesh Kumar Khara
- MD – Challa Sreenivasulu Setty | Arjit Basu | Ashwani Bhatia
- CFO of SBI – Charanjit Singh Attra | MD & CEO of SBI General Ins. – Prakash Chandra Kandpal
- MD & CEO of SBI Card – Ashwini Kumar tewari | MD & CEO of SBI Mutual Funds – Vinay M. Tonse



**337.** HDFC Bank has launched “Mooh Band Rakho” Campaign to create awareness on Cyber Frauds and preventing them. The Bank will be conducting 1,000 workshops in the next 4 months across the country. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- HDFC Bank – launched “Mooh Band Rakho” Campaign
- HQs of HDFC Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Sashidhar Jagdishan | Tagline – "We understand your world"

**338.** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has cancelled the Certificate of Authorisation (CoA) of 5 Payment System Operators (PSOs). These 5 PSOs are - Pyro Networks Pvt Ltd, Card Pro Solutions Pvt Ltd, InCashMe Mobile Wallet Services Pvt Ltd, Aircel Smart Money Ltd & Delhi Integrated Multi-Modal Transit System Ltd. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- RBI – cancelled the Certificate of Authorisation of 5 Payment System Operators
- CoA – Certificate of Authorisation | PSOs – Payment System Operators
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25<sup>th</sup>)



## Defence Affairs

**339.** Indian Army has gifted 20 fully trained military horses and 10 mine detection dogs to Bangladesh Army. The presentation ceremony was held at Petrapole- Benapole Integrated Check Post (ICP) on the India - Bangladesh Border. [{Read more}](#)

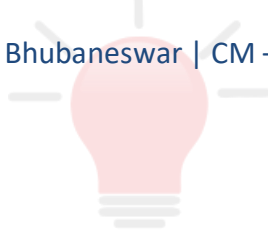
### **Key Points:**

- Indian Army gifted 20 fully trained military horses and 10 mine detection dogs to – Bangladesh Army
- Bangladesh – Dhaka – Taka | PM – Seikh Hasina | President – Abdul Hamid

**340.** India has successfully test-fired the Quick Reaction Surface to Air Missile (QRSAM) air defence system from the Balasore flight test range (Chandipur), Odisha. The missile system is designed to protect moving armoured columns from aerial attacks. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- India – test-fired the “QRSAM” air defence system – from Balasore, Odisha
- QRSAM – Quick Reaction Surface to Air Missile | Range – 25 to 30 Km
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal



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## Schemes & Initiatives

**341.** The Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has announced the 'Aatmanirbhar Package 3.0' in New Delhi to help boost growth in India. It will cover 12 schemes as a stimulus measure of additional Rs 2,65,080 Cr to boost economic growth. The FM had announced ₹900 crore for research and development of Covid-19 vaccine under the 'Covid Suraksha Mission'. Till now (as of November 12, 2020), the government and RBI together have announced a relief package amounting to Rs 29,87,641 Cr which is 15% of the GDP. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- Nirmala Sitharaman announced the 'Aatmanirbhar Package 3.0' in New Delhi – covering 12 schemes
- Additional stimulus measure – Rs 2,65,080 Cr
- A relief package of Rs 29,87,641 Cr – provided by “Government + RBI” till now (as of November 12, 2020)
- ₹900 crore funding announced for development of Covid-19 vaccine under – ‘Covid Suraksha Mission’

**342.** In her press conference on November 12, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has announced the “Atmanirbhar Bharat Rozgar Yojana” for the benefit of the members of employees provident fund Organization (EPFO). It will benefit any new employee joining employment in the EPFO registered establishments with monthly wages less than ₹15,000. It will also benefit the EPFO members drawing monthly wages of less than ₹15,000 and exited employment during COVID pandemic from March 1 to September 30 and had been hired on or after October 1, 2020. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- Nirmala Sitharaman announced the “Atmanirbhar Bharat Rozgar Yojana” for the benefit of the EPFO employees
- Criteria to get benefit: 1. Monthly wages less than ₹15,000. 2. Exited job from March 1 to September 30 and are employed on or after October 1, 2020

**343.** Union Food Processing Industries Ministry has announced a scheme – “Operation Green Scheme TOP to TOTAL” under which 50% subsidy will be provided for air transportation of 41 notified fruits and vegetables from North East and Himalayan states to any place in India. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- Union Food Processing Industries Ministry – announced a scheme – “Operation Green Scheme TOP to TOTAL”
- 50% subsidy will be provided for air transportation of 41 notified fruits and vegetables
- Narendra Singh Tomar – Ministry of Food Processing Industries (Morena, MP)

**344.** The Puducherry government has launched a free breakfast scheme – “Kalaingar Karunanidhi” named after former Tamil Nadu Chief Minister and DMK president Kalaingar M. Karunanidhi for government and government aided school students. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Puducherry launched – “Kalaingar Karunanidhi” a free breakfast scheme for school students
- Puducherry: CM – Velu Narayanasamy | Governor – Dr. Kiran Bedi

**345.** Karnataka has launched a new initiative called “Beyond Bengaluru” aiming to take its deep-rooted technology ecosystem beyond India’s tech capital taking advantage of ‘Work from Home’ or ‘Work from Anywhere’ work culture. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Karnataka launched a new initiative called “Beyond Bengaluru”
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – BS Yediyurappa | Governor – Vajubhai Vala

**346.** The Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW) has launched a 3 month campaign “SAANS” (Social Action and Awareness to Neutralise Pneumonia Successfully) to reduce childhood pneumonia deaths. The initiative targets to reduce less than five pneumonia deaths, per a 1000 live births, to less than three deaths by 2025. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- MoHFW – launched a 3 month campaign “SAANS”
- Target: To reduce less than 3 deaths per 1000 live births – by 2025
- SAANS – Social Action and Awareness to Neutralise Pneumonia Successfully
- Ministry of Health and Family Welfare – Dr. Harsh Vardhan (Chandni Chowk, Delhi)



# Sports & Games

**347.** Lewis Hamilton has secured a record-equalling 7<sup>th</sup> Formula One (F1) world title after winning the “Turkish Grand Prix”. Lewis Hamilton had sealed his first title in 2008. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Lewis Hamilton (UK - Mercedes) – won the “Turkish Grand Prix-2020” (His 7<sup>th</sup> F1 title)
- Turkey – Ankara – Lira | President – Recep Tayyip Erdogan



## Important Days & Dates

**348.** The “Ayurveda Day” is being observed every year from 2016, on the day of Dhanwantri Jayanti. This year it falls on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2020. This year the theme is “Ayurveda for Covid-19”. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- November 13 – 5<sup>th</sup> “Ayurveda Day” – since 2016
- Theme – “Ayurveda for Covid-19”

**349.** “World Kindness Day” is celebrated across the globe on November 13 every year to promote the virtue of kindness. World Kindness Day was first launched in 1998 by the World Kindness Movement. This year, the theme was “The World We Make - Inspire Kindness”. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- November 13 – World Kindness Day – since 1998
- Theme – “The World We Make - Inspire Kindness”

**350.** November 14 has marked the celebration of “World Diabetes Day”. This day is observed every year across the globe to raise awareness about the treatment and prevention of diabetes. This year, the theme was “The Nurse and Diabetes”. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- November 14 – World Diabetes Day | Theme – “The Nurse and Diabetes”

**351.** “National Press Day” is observed on November 16<sup>th</sup> every year to commemorate the institution of the Press Council of India. The PCI was instituted on November 16, 1966. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- November 16 – “National Press Day”
- HQs of PCI – New Delhi | Chairman – Chandramauli Kumar Prasad | Established in – 1966

**352.** “International Day for Tolerance” is observed every year on November 16 to build tolerance among the cultures and people. In 1996, the UN General Assembly (by resolution 51/95) invited the UN Member States to observe the International Day for Tolerance on 16 November. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- November 16 – “International Day for Tolerance”



**353.** In 2005, the United Nations had announced “World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims” to be observed every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in November each year. The WDoR 2020 falls on 15<sup>th</sup> November. According to WHO's 2018 Global status report on road safety, the number of annual road traffic deaths has reached 1.35 million worldwide. In India alone, 1.5 lakh people die annually in over 500,000 traffic accidents. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- November 15 – “World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims” – since 2005 by UN (adopted)
- 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of WDoR observation & 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of being adopted by the UN

**354.** “Children's Day” also known as ‘Bal Diwas’ is celebrated in India annually on the 14<sup>th</sup> of November. It mostly focuses on increasing the awareness in children about their rights, care and education. It is celebrated on 14<sup>th</sup> November as a tribute to India's first Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru. This year marks the 131<sup>st</sup> birth anniversary of Chacha Nehru. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- November 14 – “Children's Day in India” (131<sup>st</sup> birth anniversary of 1<sup>st</sup> PM of India - Jawaharlal Nehru)
- November 20 – “World Children’s Day” or “International Children’s Day”

**355.** “Lung Cancer Awareness Month” is observed every year during the month of November to raise awareness about this menacing disease and to provide aid to those who are suffering from it. With over 2 million new cases detected every year, Lung cancer is the most common cancer worldwide. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- November – “Lung Cancer Awareness Month”

**356.** The “International Students’ Day” is celebrated every year on November 17 to focus on availing education for all students. The day aims to ensure that every student has access to education around the globe. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- November 17 – “International Students’ Day”

**357.** In India, November 17 is observed every year as “National Epilepsy Day” to create awareness about epilepsy. It is celebrated by the Epilepsy Foundation to educate people about the epilepsy disease and its treatment methods. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- November 17 – “National Epilepsy Day”



# Meetings, Conferences and Summits

**358.** Prime Minister Narendra Modi along with Vietnamese counterpart HE Nguyen Xuan Phuc, has co-chaired the 17<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-India Summit on November 12. The leaders of all ten ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) member states will participate in the virtual summit. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- Narendra Modi (India) + Nguyen Xuan Phuc (Vietnam) = co-chaired the 17<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-India Summit
- Chairmanship of ASEAN 2020 – Vietnam | Secretariat of ASEAN – Jakarta, Indonesia | MC – 10 countries
- Vietnam – Hanoi – Vietnamese Dong | PM – Nguyen Xuan Phuc

**359.** India's Permanent Representative to the UN Ambassador T S Tirumurti has addressed the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the G-77 Foreign Ministers. India has pledged 15 million dollars for GAVI (the Vaccine Alliance) and operationalised the COVID-19 Emergency Fund for India's neighbours with an initial contribution of 10 million dollars. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- T S Tirumurti – addressed the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the G-77 Foreign Ministers
- India – pledged 15 million dollars for GAVI (the Vaccine Alliance)
- India's Permanent Representative to the UN Ambassador – T S Tirumurti
- HQs of Gavi – Geneva, Switzerland | CEO – Dr Seth Berkley

**360.** Apple Inc has hosted a virtual event called "One More Thing" on November 10 where the American technology giant is expected to unveil a new line-up of Apple Silicon-powered Mac notebooks and computers. The event was hosted virtually from the Apple Park. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- Apple Inc – hosted a virtual event called "One More Thing"
- Apple Park – located in California, USA
- HQs of Apple – California, United States | CEO – Tim Cook

**361.** External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar has represented India at the 15<sup>th</sup> East Asia Summit (EAS). The virtual summit meeting was chaired by the Prime Minister of Vietnam, Nguyen Xuan Phuc. The 14<sup>th</sup> East Asia Summit was held in Bangkok on November 4, 2019. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:



- S. Jaishankar – represented India at the 15<sup>th</sup> East Asia Summit (EAS) – under ASEAN | Chaired by – Vietnam
- Chairmanship of ASEAN 2020 – Vietnam | Secretariat of ASEAN – Jakarta, Indonesia | MC – 10 countries
- Vietnam – Hanoi – Vietnamese dong | PM – Nguyen Xuan Phuc

**362.** The Ministry of Science and Higher Education of Russia organized the 8<sup>th</sup> BRICS Science, Technology and Innovation Ministerial Meeting to discuss S & T cooperation among the member countries. Dr Harsh Vardhan has represented India in this Meeting. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Dr Harsh Vardhan participated in – the 8<sup>th</sup> BRICS Science, Technology and Innovation Ministerial Meeting
- The meeting was organised by – Russia
- Russia – Moscow – Russian Ruble | PM – Mikhail Mishustin | President – Vladimir Putin
- BRICS Member Countries – 5 – Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa
- Chairmanship of BRICS – Russia in 2020 & Indian in 2021

**363.** Prime minister Narendra Modi has attended the 12<sup>th</sup> BRICS Summit hosted by Russia on November 17. The theme for this year's summit has been decided as "Global stability, shared security and innovative growth". [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Narendra Modi – attended the 12<sup>th</sup> BRICS Summit – hosted by Russia
- Theme – "Global stability, shared security and innovative growth"

**364.** The UK government has announced the first principal partners for the UN climate conference - "COP26" scheduled for November 1-12, 2021 in Glasgow. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- The UN climate conference "COP26" – will be held in Glasgow, UK – in 2021
- UK – London – Pound Sterling | PM of UK – Boris Johnson





# Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

**365.** The “Emporis’ Skyscraper Award-2020”, one of the world's most renowned prizes for high-rise architecture, has been given to a 462-metre-high Lakhta Center in St. Petersburg, Russia. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Lakhta Center (Russia) – “Emporis’ Skyscraper Award-2020” (Height of the building - 462-metre)
- Russia – Moscow – Russian Ruble | PM – Mikhail Mishustin | President – Vladimir Putin

**366.** HelpAge India has been chosen as laureate in the ‘institutional category’ for the 2020 United Nations Population Award. The virtual award ceremony will take place on 10 December 2020. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- HelpAge India – won the “UN Population Award-2020” – in the institutional category
- HQs of HelpAge India – New Delhi | CEO – Rohit Prasad

**367.** A Bangladeshi teen Sadat Rahman has been awarded the “International Children’s Peace Prize” for his work to stop cyber bullying of teens. The award was given away by the Nobel Peace Prize laureate Malala Yousafzai during a ceremony in the Netherlands. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Sadat Rahman (Bangladesh) – awarded “International Children’s Peace Prize”
- Award given for – His work to stop cyber bullying of teens
- Bangladesh – Dhaka – Taka | PM – Sheikh Hasina | President – Abdul Hamid

**368.** Society of Biological Chemists (India) has chosen Dr Susanta Kar (Senior Scientist at Molecular Parasitology and Immunology, CSIR-CDRI, Lucknow) for this year's “Prof. A N Bhaduri Memorial Lecture Award” for his significant contributions towards defining the survival tactics of Leishmania donovani. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Dr Susanta Kar – awarded with “Prof. A N Bhaduri Memorial Lecture Award” – by Society of Biological Chemists
- HQs of Society of Biological Chemists – Bengaluru, Karnataka

**369.** A girl named Abhijita Gupta has been recognized as the ‘World's Youngest Writer’ by the International Book of Records. At the tender age of 7, she has also been awarded with the title 'Grandmaster of Writing' by



the Asia Book of Records for her poetry and prose writing prowess. The young girl belongs to the 3<sup>rd</sup> generation of the renowned poet, Maithilisharan Gupt. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Abhijita Gupta (Uttar Pradesh) – recognized as the ‘World's Youngest Writer’ by International Book of Records
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

**370.** Kerala Tourism has been bestowed the “Highly Commended” Award by ‘World Travel Mart’, London, as a recognition for its remarkable activities aimed at promoting Responsible Tourism (RT) during the challenging times of COVID-19 pandemic. Kerala's Responsible Tourism (RT) Mission received this recognition in the category of “Meaningful Connections”. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Kerala's Responsible Tourism (RT) Mission – received “Highly Commended” Award by ‘World Travel Mart’
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan



# Appointments & Resignations

**371.** The Aung San Suu Kyi-led National League for Democracy (NLD) has confirmed its majority in the just concluded national elections of Myanmar and elected as State Counsellor of Myanmar. Myanmar was liberated from Military rule in 2011. This will be her second term as State Counsellor and second victory for her party NLD. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- Aung San Suu Kyi – elected as State Counsellor of – Myanmar (her 2<sup>nd</sup> term)
- Party – National League for Democracy (NLD)
- Myanmar – Naypyitaw – Kyat | President – Win Myint

**372.** Indian-American Kash Patel has been named as the Chief of Staff to the Acting US Defence Secretary Chris Miller. Kashyap Pramod Patel, or popularly known as Kash Patel, had previously served as senior counsel for Counterterrorism at the House Permanent Select Committee. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- Kash Patel (Kashyap Pramod Patel) – appointed as the Chief of Staff to the Acting US Defence Secretary
- Chris Miller – Acting US Defence Secretary
- USA – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | President – Joe Biden

**373.** Math learning Edtech platform, Cuemath has roped in Bollywood actress Vidya Balan as its Brand Ambassador. The campaign slogan aptly backs it up - “Math Karo, Aage Badho”. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- Vidya Balan – appointed as the Brand Ambassador of – Cuemath
- HQs of Cuemath – Bangalore, Karnataka | CEO – Manan Khurma

**374.** Actor Sonu Sood has been appointed as the Punjab state icon by the Election Commission of India. Belonging to Moga district of Punjab, Sonu Sood has catapulted to the national spotlight for his work in helping migrants reach their homes during the coronavirus-triggered lockdown. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- Sonu Sood – appointed as the Punjab state icon by the Election Commission of India
- Punjab: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Captain Amarinder Singh | Governor – V. P. Singh Badnore



**375.** Nitish Kumar has taken oath as the 37<sup>th</sup> chief minister of Bihar in November. Two BJP leaders, Tarkishore Prasad and Renu Devi, were sworn in as Deputy Chief Ministers and 14 other ministers took oath. This is Kumar's 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive term as chief minister and he is associated with Janata Dal (United) (JD). [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Nitish Kumar (JD) – taken oath as the 37<sup>th</sup> chief minister of Bihar (his 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive term)
- Tarkishore Prasad & Renu Devi (1<sup>st</sup> female DCM) – sworn in as Deputy CMs of Bihar
- Bihar: Capital – Patna | CM – Nitish Kumar | Governor – Phagu Chauhan

**376.** Navneet Munot is set to join HDFC Mutual Fund as its MD & CEO. HDFC Mutual Fund is India's second largest asset manager handling Rs 3.75 lakh Cr of investor money. Currently, he is the Chief Investment Officer of SBI Mutual Fund and will take over the reins of HDFC Mutual Fund after Milind Barve retires in January. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Navneet Munot – to be appointed as the MD & CEO of – HDFC Mutual Fund (in January-2021)
- Currently, he is the Chief Investment Officer of – SBI Mutual Fund
- HQs of HDFC Mutual Fund or AMC – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Milind Barve (From January - Navneet Munot)

**377.** Moldovan opposition candidate Maia Sandu is set to become the eastern European nation's first female president after a scoring a landslide victory presidential election. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Maia Sandu – to become the first female President of – Moldova
- Moldova – Chisinau – Leu

**378.** Senapathy (Kris) Gopalakrishnan (Co-founder & former Co-Chairman of Infosys) has been appointed as the 1<sup>st</sup> Chairperson of the Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH). In August, the central bank had announced that it will set up the Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH) to promote innovation across the financial sector. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Kris Gopalakrishnan – appointed as the 1<sup>st</sup> Chairperson of – Reserve Bank Innovation Hub
- He is Co-founder & former Co-Chairman of 'Infosys'
- HQs of Infosys – Bengaluru, Karnataka | CEO – Salil Parekh



**379.** Financepeer, a leader in education fee financing segment in India, has appointed star cricketer Rohit Sharma as its Brand Ambassador. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Rohit Sharma – appointed as the Brand Ambassador of – Financepeer
- HQs of Financepeer – Mumbai, MH | Founder & CEO – Rohit Gajbhiye | Established in – 2017



## Amount & Agreements

**380.** The Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd (IREDA) has sanctioned loans worth Rs 12,696 Cr and has disbursed Rs 8,785 Cr, supporting capacity addition of 5,673 MW during 2019-20. It was announced at the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM) of IREDA held on November 11. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM) of IREDA held on November 11
- IREDA – sanctioned loans worth Rs 12,696 Cr & disbursed Rs 8,785 Cr | Capacity addition of – 5,673 MW
- HQs of IREDA – New Delhi | Director – Girish Kumar
- Raj Kumar Singh – Minister of the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE)

**381.** Fifteen Asia-Pacific nations, including 10 members of the ASEAN and their 5 Free Trade Agreement (FTA) partner nations, have signed the world's biggest trade agreement - the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) during the 37<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit in Hanoi, Vietnam. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- 15 Asia-Pacific Nations (10 ASEAN Nations + 5 FTA Nations) – signed “RCEP” Trade Agreement
- RCEP – Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership
- 37<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit – held in Hanoi, Vietnam
- Chairmanship of ASEAN 2020 – Vietnam | Secretariat of ASEAN – Jakarta, Indonesia | MC – 10 countries

**382.** Prime Minister Narendra Modi has announced \$1 million aid to ASEAN Covid-19 Response Fund at the 17<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-India Summit held virtually. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Narendra Modi (India) – announced \$1 million aid to “ASEAN Covid-19 Response Fund”
- Chairmanship of ASEAN 2020 – Vietnam | Secretariat of ASEAN – Jakarta, Indonesia | MC – 10 countries



## Ranks, Reports & Surveys

**383.** India will double its Green Energy Capacity in the next year, according to the International Energy Agency's (IEA) new report, "Renewables 2020 - Analysis and forecast to 2025". The report predicted a decline in global renewable capacity addition in 2022 due to the expiry of incentives and ensuing policy uncertainties. [\[Read more\]](#)

### Key Points:

- "Renewables 2020 - Analysis and forecast to 2025" report – released by IEA
- India will double its Green Energy Capacity in – 2021
- HQs of IEA – Paris, France | Executive Director – Dr. Fatih Birol  
*Hence, Option A is correct.*



# Acquisitions & Mergers

**384.** The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved the acquisition of Orix Wind SPVs by Greenko Energy Holdings (GEH) from ORIX Corporation (Orix) and equity stake in GEH by Orix under Section 31(1) of the Competition Act, 2002. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- CCI approved the acquisition of 'Orix Wind SPVs' – by Greenko Energy Holdings
- Under Section 31(1) of the Competition Act, 2002
- CCI HQs – New Delhi | Chairman – Ashok Kumar Gupta
- HQs of Orix – Tokyo, Japan | CEO – Makoto Inoue
- HQs of Greenko Energy Holdings – Hyderabad, Telangana | MD & CEO – Anil Chalamalasetty

**385.** IRDAI has approved the merger of HDFC ERGO Health Insurance (formerly Apollo Munich Health Insurance Co Ltd) with HDFC ERGO General Insurance. Under this, share exchange ratio of 100:385 has been finalised by the board. Post completion of the merger, HDFC will hold 50.58 per cent stake in HDFC ERGO. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- IRDAI approved the merger of 'HDFC ERGO Health Insurance' – with 'HDFC ERGO General Insurance'
- HQs of HDFC ERGO General Insurance – Mumbai, MH | CEO – Ritesh Kumar





# MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

**386.** Indian Railways has collaborated with the Indian School of Business (ISB) for establishing Centre of Excellence for Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Data Analytics on South Central Railway. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Indian Railways + ISB = collaboration to establish Centre of Excellence – at South Central Railway
- HQs of Indian Railways – New Delhi | Chairman – Vinod Kumar Yadav
- ISB located at – Hyderabad, Telangana | Chairman – Harish Manwani

**387.** Singapore-based neo-banking startup Stashfin has partnered with Visa to launch co-branded prepaid cards with credit lines, amid a growing propensity towards digital payments. The prepaid card acts like a personal overdraft facility, allowing customers to take loans with ticket-size between Rs 25,000 and Rs 3 lakh, based on their credit profile. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Stashfin + Visa = to launch 'Co-branded Prepaid Cards' with credit lines (between Rs 25,000 and Rs 3 lakh)
- HQs of Stashfin – Singapore | CEO – Tushar Aggarwal
- HQs of Visa – Foster City, California | CEO – Alfred F. Kelly



## **Books & Authors**

**388.** Arundhati Roy's book was prescribed for the third semester of M.A. English, under Commonwealth Writing. "Walking with the Comrades" is based on Ms. Roy's visit to Maoist hideouts. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- "Walking with the Comrades" book – authored by 'Arundhati Roy'



# Obituaries

**389.** Padma Shri awardee Sculptor Arjun Prajapati has passed away recently. Rajasthan Governor Kalraj Mishra and Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot have condoled the demise. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- Arjun Prajapati (Rajasthan) – a Sculptor – passed away (Padma Shri awardee)
- Rajasthan: Capital – Jaipur | CM – Ashok Gehlot | Governor – Kalraj Mishra

**390.** The former president of Ghana (from 2012 to 2017), Jerry John Rawlings, has passed away recently. He was 73. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- Jerry John Rawlings (Ghana) – a Politician – passed away (Former President of - Ghana)
- Ghana – Accra – Cedi | President – Nana Akufo-Addo

**391.** Bollywood Actor Asif Basra has allegedly died by suicide at a private guest house in McLeod Ganj, Himachal Pradesh. He was 53. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- Asif Basra – an Actor – passed away (suicide)

**392.** Actor Soumitra Chatterjee has passed away recently in November. He was 85. He was known for his collaborations with Satyajit Ray and was a recipient of the Padma Bhushan, Dadasaheb Phalke Award, Sangeet Natak Akademi Award, besides winning 3 National Film Awards. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- Soumitra Chatterjee – an Actor – passed away
- He was the recipient of the Padma Bhushan, Dadasaheb Phalke Award, Sangeet Natak Akademi Award

**393.** Former chairman of State Bank of India (SBI) P G Kakodkar has passed away in Panaji, Goa. He was 83. He was also on the Managing Committee of Goa Chamber of Commerce and Industries (GCCCI). [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- P G Kakodkar (Goa) – Former chairman of 'SBI' – passed away
- Goa: Capital – Panaji | CM – Pramod Sawant | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari



**394.** Japanese Astrophysicist Masatoshi Koshiha has passed away. He was 94 and was a co-winner of the 2002 Nobel Prize in physics for confirming the existence of elementary particles called neutrinos. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Masatoshi Koshiha (Japan) – an Astrophysicist – passed away (2002 Nobel Prize winner in Physics)
- Japan – Tokyo – Yen | PM – Yoshihide Suga



# Science & Technology

**395.** A team of Indian, Chinese, Indonesian and Thai researchers have found a new Genus of frogs in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands and India's northeast, according to an international animal taxonomy journal. The genus has been named "Rohanixalus" after Sri Lankan taxonomist Rohan Pethiyagoda. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- A team of researchers found a new Genus of 'Frogs' named "Rohanixalus" – in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands
- The study published in – an International Animal Taxonomy Journal

**396.** Indian Institute of Management Udaipur (IIM-U) has virtually launched its "Consumer Culture Lab" to foster consumer culture research in India on November 7, 2020. The Lab aims to bring together perspectives from anthropology, sociology and psychology into consumer research in India. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- IIM Udaipur (Rajasthan) – launched its "Consumer Culture Lab" to foster consumer culture research in India
- Rajasthan: Capital – Jaipur | CM – Ashok Gehlot | Governor – Kalraj Mishra

**397.** Google Photos will end its free unlimited storage from June 1, 2021 and start charging once users upload more than 15GB onto their accounts. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- Google Photos will end its free unlimited storage – from June 1, 2021 (Chargeable after 15 GB is used)
- HQs of Google – California, United States | CEO – Sundar Pichai

**398.** SpaceX has launched 4 astronauts to the International Space Station on the first full-fledged taxi flight for NASA by a private company. The 'Falcon rocket' thundered from Kennedy Space Center with 3 Americans and 1 Japanese astronaut. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- SpaceX – launched 4 astronauts to the International Space Station (launched by – 'Falcon Rocket' - the 2<sup>nd</sup> Crew)
- SpaceX Crew Dragon 1 spacecraft – 'Resilience'
- HQs of SpaceX – California, U.S. | CEO – Elon Musk



**399.** Researchers from the Centre for Ecological Sciences (CES), IISc, have discovered 5 new species of Vine Snakes, 4 from the Western Ghats alone. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- CES-IISc Researchers – discovered 5 new species of ‘Vine Snakes’
- 4 from Western Ghat & 1 from lower, drier part of peninsular India
- Location of CES-IISc – Bengaluru, Karnataka



## Ordinance, Bills and Acts

**400.** The Jharkhand Assembly has unanimously passed a resolution seeking the inclusion of 'Sarna' as a separate religion in Census, 2021. The bill will now be sent to the Central Government for approval. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Jharkhand Assembly – passed a resolution to include 'Sarna' as a separate religion in Census, 2021
- Jharkhand: Capital – Ranchi | CM – Hemant Soren | Governor – Draupadi Murmu





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