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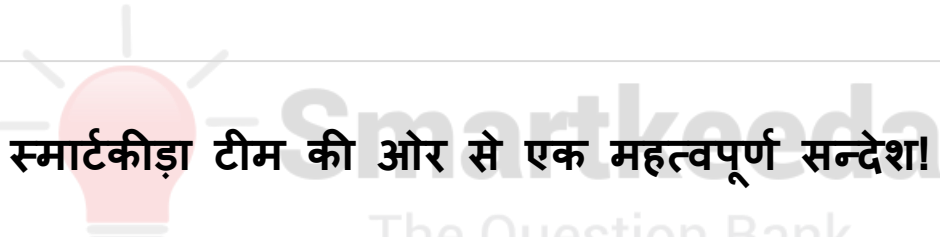
Hi Folks! We hope you all are doing well. We would like to state here that this PDF is meant for preparing for the upcoming MockDrill Test of November 2020 Month at Testzone. In this Current Affairs PDF we have added all the important Current Affairs information in form of 'Key-points' which are crucial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

401. BSE StAR MF has launched a direct investment portal “StAR MF Corp Direct Portal” for corporates with more features which will further simplify and provide end-to-end value-based services. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- BSE StAR MF – launched a direct investment portal “StAR MF Corp Direct Portal” for corporate
- HQs of BSE – Mumbai, MH | Chairman – Sethurathnam Ravi | MD & CEO – Shri Ashishkumar Chauhan

402. In Maharashtra, the first solar power-enabled “Jai Bhawani Women's Cooperative Textile Mill” in Asia has come up in Parbhani district. The project will provide jobs to many women in the district. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Jai Bhawani Women's Cooperative Textile Mill – set up in Parbhani, Maharashtra (1st in Asia)
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

403. Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has launched ‘Recycled incense Sticks’ at an ashram of Gorakhnath Temple, in Gorakhpur to promote environment-friendly products in the market. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Uttar Pradesh – launched ‘Recycled Incense Sticks’ – in Gorakhpur, UP
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

404. MPL Sports, an arm of an online gaming platform, has been announced as the Official Kit Sponsor and merchandise partner of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MPL Sports – announced as the Official Kit Sponsor of – Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)
- HQs of BCCI – Mumbai, MH | Chairman – Sourav Ganguly | Ethics Officer – D K Jain
- HQs of MPL – Bengaluru, Karnataka | CEO – Sai Srinivas

405. Birdfin is set to revolutionise the space of learning financial habits through “gamification”. It is India’s first fintech app that will provide financial and life skills learning. It is developed by MyDigitalCube. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:



- Birdfin – to revolutionise the space of learning financial habits through “gamification”
- It is developed by – MyDigitalCube

406. Bookend between Mahatma Gandhi’s birthday on October 2 and “Naturopathy Day” on November 18 this year, the National Institute of Naturopathy (NIN) has been conducting a series of Facebook live sessions to help people understand the principles of the practice. The institute has released a book on Naturopathy Day titled “Gandhi the Healer”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 18 – “Naturopathy Day”
- NIN – released a book titled “Gandhi the Healer”
- HQs of NIN – Pune, Maharashtra

407. The Sports Ministry has introduced an incentivisation structure to extend monetary support to 500 private academies, through the Khelo India Scheme over the next 4 years starting 2020-21. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sports Ministry – introduced an incentivisation structure to extend monetary support to 500 private academies
- Sports Ministry – Kiren Rijju | Constituency – Arunachal West

408. “Phase II of Indo-German Development Cooperation” (IGDC) project that covers multiple areas of biodiversity and livelihood is launched at Ambassa, Dhalai in Tripura by Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb. The project costs ₹280 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Phase II of Indo-German Development Cooperation” (IGDC) project – launched in Ambassa, Dhalai, Tripura
- Cost of the Project – ₹280 Cr
- Tripura: Capital – Agartala | CM – Biplab Kumar Deb | Governor – Ramesh Bais

409. National Rail and Transportation Institute (NRTI), Vadodra has launched 7 new Programmes - 2 B. Tech UG Programmes, 2 MBA and 3 MSc Programmes on core applied sector. These programmes are highly interdisciplinary and application oriented and not being offered by any other Institute in India and thus, unique in its contents. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:



- NRTI launched 7 new Programmes (2 B. Tech UG + 2 MBA + 3 MSc Programmes)
- HQs of NRTI – Vadodra, Gujarat
- HQs of Indian Railways – New Delhi | Chairman – Vinod Kumar Yadav

410. The West Bengal government has decided to constitute multi-departmental anti-electrocution cells to protect wild elephants in the state. As per the department, 25 elephants have died due to electrocution in north Bengal in the last five years, of which 9 incidents took place this year. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- West Bengal – decided to constitute Anti-electrocution cells to protect wild Elephants
- 25 elephants died due to Electrocutation in north Bengal in last 5 years (9 in 2020)
- West Bengal: Capital – Kolkata | CM – Mamta Banerjee | Governor – Jagdeep Dhankar

411. Madhya Pradesh CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan has decided to set up a ‘Gau Cabinet’ for the protection and promotion of cattle. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Madhya Pradesh – decided to set up a ‘Gau Cabinet’
- Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Anandiben Patel

412. N K Singh, Chairman of the 15th Finance Commission, has suggested increasing public spending on the Health Sector to 2.5% of the GDP from 0.95% at present by 2024. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- N K Singh – suggested increasing public spending on the Health Sector to 2.5% – 2024 (from 0.95%)
- Chairman of the 15th Finance Commission – N K Singh (Nand Kishore Singh)

413. Mumbai has become the first Indian city to have an Urban Plan with a gender-specific focus - land reservations for physical-social infrastructure designed to meet women’s needs. An entire chapter titled ‘Gender, Special Groups and Social Equity’ was added by BMC to the city’s Revised Draft Development Plan (RDDP) 2034. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mumbai – became the first Indian city to have an Urban Plan with a gender-specific focus
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari



414. The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has issued a public notice asking entities involved in the streaming of news and current affairs through digital media to comply with the Centre's earlier order permitting 26% Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) under the government approval route to such entities. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of I & B – issued a public notice for Digital News related entities permitting them 26% FDI
- Prakash Javadekar – Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (Constituency – Maharashtra)

415. The Karnataka Cabinet has approved the decade-old demand of carving out Vijayanagara district from the existing Ballari district. Vijayanagara will be the 31st district of the State. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 'Vijayanagara' (31st) district – separated from 'Ballari' district of Karnataka | Now, Total – 31 districts
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – BS Yediyurappa | Governor – Vajubhai Vala

416. The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) has busted an international drug smuggling racket with the seizure of over half a kg of cocaine couriered from Trinidad & Tobago to Mumbai. Codenamed "Calypso", the operation spanning three days was carried out in Mumbai and Rajasthan's Udaipur. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Directorate of Revenue Intelligence – launched "Calypso" Operation to bust International drug Racket
- HQs of DRI – New Delhi | Director General – Balesh Kumar

417. As part of its ongoing efforts to foster an ecosystem that enhances India's digital talent with the right set of skills, the National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM) has launched "FutureSkills PRIME Beta Platform". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NASSCOM – launched "FutureSkills PRIME Beta Platform"
- HQs of NASSCOM – New Delhi | President – Debjani Ghosh
- Chairman – UB Pravin Rao | Vice-Chairman – Rekha M Menon

International Affairs

418. The World Health Organisation (WHO) has launched its “Global Strategy to Accelerate the Elimination of Cervical Cancer” during the 73rd World Health Assembly. It has outlined three key steps: Vaccination, Screening and Treatment. Successful implementation of all 3 could reduce more than 40% of new cases of the disease and 5 million related deaths by 2050. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The WHO launched its “Global Strategy to Accelerate the Elimination of Cervical Cancer”
- HQs of WHO – Geneva, Switzerland | DG – Tedros Adhanom | Member Countries – 194

419. The World Health Organisation (WHO) will set up a “Global Centre for Traditional Medicine” in India. According to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India has emerged as the ‘Pharmacy of the World’ and the WHO institution will become the centre for Global Wellness. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The WHO will set up a “Global Centre for Traditional Medicine” – in India
- HQs of WHO – Geneva, Switzerland | DG – Tedros Adhanom | Member Countries – 194

420. Tesla has opened the world’s largest supercharger station in Firebaugh, California to the public with a massive capacity of 56 V3 rated slots to charge the electric vehicle up to 250kW for fast charging. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tesla – opened the world’s largest supercharger station – in Firebaugh, California, USA
- HQs of Tesla – California, USA | CEO – Elon Musk

421. Storm “Vamco” has hit the Philippines and the rescuers are urgently searching for thousands of people trapped after catastrophic floods. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Storm “Vamco” hit the Philippines in November
- Philippines – Manila – Peso | President – Rodrigo Duterte

422. Britain will ban the sale of new gasoline and diesel cars by 2030, a decade earlier than its previous commitment. According to the British government, sales of new gasoline and diesel cars and vans will end in 2030, though hybrid vehicles can be sold until 2035. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Britain will ban the sale of new gasoline and diesel cars by 2030
- Britain – London – Pound sterling



Banking & Economic Affairs

423. The RBI has showed in its first ever published 'nowcast' report that India has entered a technical recession in the first half of 2020-21 for the first time in its history. GDP has contracted 8.6% in the quarter ended September-2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- According to RBI's 'nowcast' report – India entered a technical recession in the first half of 2020-21
- GDP contracted 8.6% – in the quarter ended September-2020 (Q2)
- RBI: HQs – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th)

424. Equitas Small Finance Bank (ESFB) has launched a unique savings account "Eva" for women offering 7% interest. It also offers PF waiver and discounted gold loan rates for women customers, along-with 25-50% discounts on lockers. The bank also announced woman cricketer Smriti Mandhana as the new brand ambassador. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Equitas Small Finance Bank – launched a unique savings account "Eva" for women offering 7% interest
- Smriti Mandhana is appointed as Brand Ambassador of – Equitas Small Finance Bank
- HQs of Equitas SFB – Chennai, TN | MD & CEO – Vasudevan Pathangi Narasimhan

425. The Indian government has imposed a one-month moratorium on Lakshmi Vilas Bank and capped the cash withdrawal limit at Rs 25,000 for depositors. The moratorium on Lakshmi Vilas Bank came into effect from on November 17 and is scheduled to end on December 16, 2020. The RBI has also drafted amalgamation scheme of LVB with DBS Bank India. It aims to merge the bank before the moratorium ends. Thothala Narayanaswamy (T. N.) Manoharan is appointed as administrator of Lakshmi Vilas Bank. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Lakshmi Vilas Bank is placed under moratorium – withdrawals capped at Rs 25,000
- RBI drafted amalgamation scheme of – LVB with DBS Bank India
- T. N. Manoharan – appointed as Administrator of Lakshmi Vilas Bank
- HQs of LVB – Chennai, Tamil Nadu | MD & CEO – Subramanian Sundar

426. Goldman Sachs has revised upwards its FY21 growth forecast for India to a 10.3% contraction, from -14.8% it had projected in September. It has projected India's GDP to rebound to 13% in the next fiscal, compared with 15.7% estimated earlier. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Goldman Sachs projected India's GDP = (-10.3%) for FY21 & 13% for FY22 {Flexible News}
- HQs of Goldman Sachs – New York, USA | CEO – David M. Solomon

427. Yes Bank in partnership with Neokred Technologies has launched “Yes Bank Neokred Card”, a co-branded prepaid card for encouraging cashless payment. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Yes Bank + Neokred Technologies = launched “Yes Bank Neokred Card”
- HQs of Yes Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Prashant Kumar | Tagline – “Experience our Expertise”
- HQs of Neokred Technologies – Bangalore, Karnataka

428. Karnataka Bank has launched CASA (Current Account, Savings Account) mobilisation campaign which will run from November 17 to March 4, 2021. It intends to mobilise over 4.10 lakh current and savings accounts with an accretion of ₹650 crore of business. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Karnataka Bank – launched “CASA” campaign
- HQs of Karnataka Bank – Mangalore, Karnataka | CEO – Mahabaleshwara M. S.

429. HDFC Bank and IndusInd Bank have been put in the ‘Red Flag’ list, a system used for monitoring foreign portfolio investor (FPI) limits. A listed company enters the list when the available legroom for overseas investment is less than 3% of the permissible limit. FPIs can invest up to 74% in both HDFC Bank and IndusInd Bank. The current FPI shareholding in case of HDFC Bank is 71.3%, while that of IndusInd Bank is 73.1%. {Read more}

Key Points:

- HDFC Bank & IndusInd Bank – have been put in the ‘Red Flag’ list (a system for monitoring FPI limits)
- Current FPI shareholding in HDFC Bank – 71.3%
- Current FPI shareholding in IndusInd Bank – 73.1%
- HQs of HDFC Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO & MD – Aditya Puri (Sashidhar Jagdishan – from Nov.)
- HQs of IndusInd Bank – Pune, MH | MD & CEO – Sumant Kathpalia | Tagline – “We Make You Feel Richer”



430. The RBI had announced opening of the first cohort under regulatory sandbox, with “Retail Payments” as its theme, in November last year. It had received applications from 32 entities, of which 6 were selected for the 'Test Phase'. Testing of products under the RBI's regulatory sandbox has commenced with 2 entities starting the 'Test Phase' with their products from November 16, 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI had announced opening of the first cohort under Regulatory Sandbox | Theme – “Retail Payments”
- 2 entities/out of 6 – commenced the 'Test Phase' with their products under the RBI's regulatory sandbox
- RBI: HQs – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th)



Defence Affairs

431. On August 26, China had test fired 2 of its most capable conventional missiles – “DF-26B” intermediate-range ballistic missile (IRBM) and “DF-21D” anti-ship ballistic missile (ASBM) - into the South China Sea from bases in mainland China. Now, nearly three months later, a Chinese source is claiming that these missiles hit a moving ship target near the Paracel Islands. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “DF-26B” intermediate-range ballistic missile (IRBM) & “DF-21D” anti-ship ballistic missile (ASBM) – fired by China
- China – Beijing – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping

432. Egypt and Sudan have started their first joint military drills which are set to last till late November, 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Egypt & Sudan – started their 1st Joint Military Drills (to conclude on November 26)
- Egypt – Cairo – Egyptian Pound | President – Abdel Fattah el-Sisi
- Sudan – Khartoum – Sudanese Pound

433. Japan and Australia have signed a landmark Defence Pact - the “Reciprocal Access Agreement” (RAA) in a bid to counter China's growing influence in the South China Sea and over the Pacific island nations. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Japan & Australia – signed the “Reciprocal Access Agreement” (RAA) - a landmark Defence Pact
- Japan – Tokyo – Yen | PM – Yoshihide Suga
- Australia – Canberra – Australian Dollar | PM – Scott Morrison

434. The navies of India, the US, Australia and Japan have begun the second phase of the “Malabar” naval exercise in the Northern Arabian Sea on November 17. The first phase of the Malabar exercise took place in the Bay of Bengal from November 3 to 6. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The 2nd Phase of “Malabar” naval exercise – began in the Northern Arabian Sea
- The 1st Phase of “Malabar” naval exercise – was held in the Bay of Bengal
- Exercise being held among – India + Japan + USA + Australia



435. The Indian Navy has received the 9th Poseidon 8I Maritime Reconnaissance and Anti-Submarine warfare Aircraft from the US under a USD 1.1 billion deal. India was Boeing's first international customer for this aircraft. The first P-8I aircraft was inducted into the Indian Navy in 2013. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian Navy – 9th Poseidon 8I Maritime Reconnaissance and Anti-Submarine warfare Aircraft – from the USA
- USA – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | President – Joe Biden

436. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has launched a portal for defence Land Management System (LMS) that is expected to bring greater transparency, efficiency and speed in dealing with land management matters. For the first time, an LMS has been developed by the Department of Defence (DoD) in conjunction with the Directorate General Defence Estates (DGDE) and Armed forces. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rajnath Singh – launched a portal for defence Land Management System (LMS)
- Developed by = Department of Defence + DGDE
- HQs of DGDE – New Delhi | Director General – Deepa Bajwa

437. In a first, Indian Army has accorded project sanction order to 'OshoCorp Global' for development and supply of specialised ammunition for its T-72 and T-90 main battle tanks. OshoCorp Global's project cost is over ₹2300 Cr, with potential for future domestic and export orders. The 125mm APFSDS (Armour Piercing Fin Stabilised Discarding-Sabot) ammunition is the primary tank ammunition. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian Army – accorded project sanction order to 'OshoCorp Global' – for "T-72" & "T-90" main Battle Tanks
- OshoCorp Global's project cost – over ₹2300 Cr
- HQs of OshoCorp Global – New Delhi | CEO – Ashutosh Khate
- HQs of Indian Army – New Delhi | Chief – Gen. Manoj Mukund Naravane | Vice Chief – S K Saini



Schemes & Initiatives

438. Two new schemes - “Vaatsalya Yojana” and “Samarth Yojana” have been launched by Rajasthan Government for orphan and destitute children during “Child Rights Week” from November 14 to 20, 2020. Rajasthan Chief Minister (CM) Ashok Gehlot has also inaugurated a Skill Development and Counselling Centre for children in Jodhpur. The initiatives were taken in accordance with the announcement for creation of the Nehru Child Protection Fund in the 2020-21 State Budget. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rajasthan launched – “Vaatsalya Yojana” and “Samarth Yojana” – for Orphans and Destitute Children
- November 14 to 20 – “Child Rights Week”
- Skill Development and Counselling Centre for children is inaugurated – in Jodhpur, Rajasthan
- Rajasthan: Capital – Jaipur | CM – Ashok Gehlot | Governor – Kalraj Mishra

439. CM Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan has transferred an interest free amount of Rs. 10 thousand in bank account of each rural street vendor in a virtual programme organized at Minto Hall. The amount will be transferred in the accounts of the beneficiaries of “Mukhya Mantri Rural Street Vendor Scheme” launched by Madhya Pradesh government. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- An interest free amount of Rs. 10 thousand transferred in bank a/c of Rural Street Vendors – in Madhya Pradesh
- Under – “Mukhya Mantri Rural Street Vendor Scheme” – launched by Madhya Pradesh
- Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Anandiben Patel

440. In a bid to empower persons with disabilities, the Punjab Cabinet has approved a new scheme “Punjab Divyangjan Shaktikaran Yojna” (PDSY) which will be implemented in a phased manner across the state. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Punjab Cabinet – approved a new scheme “Punjab Divyangjan Shaktikaran Yojna” (PDSY)
- Punjab: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Captain Amarinder Singh | Governor – V. P. Singh Badnore

441. Union Food Processing Industries Minister Narendra Singh Tomar has inaugurated the capacity building component of a central scheme “Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro food processing Enterprises” (PM-



FME) that seeks to promote micro-enterprises. He also launched the GIS “One District One Product” (ODOP) digital map of India. [{Read more}](#)

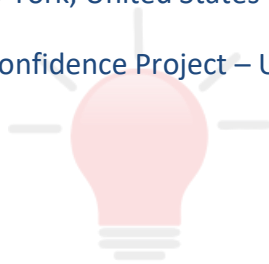
Key Points:

- Narendra Singh Tomar – inaugurated the capacity building component of “PM-FME” scheme
- Narendra Singh Tomar – launched the GIS “One District One Product” (ODOP) digital map
- Ministry of Food Processing Industries – Narendra Singh Tomar (Constituency – Morena, MP)
- Indian Institute of Food Processing Technology (IIFPT) – located in Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu

442. The United Nations has collaborated with The Vaccine Confidence Project at the University of London’s School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine to undertake “Team Halo”, an initiative which aims to counter the misinformation around Covid-19 vaccines. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- United Nations + The Vaccine Confidence Project = collaboration to undertake “Team Halo” initiative
- HQs of UN – New York, United States | Director – Antonio Guterres
- HQs of Vaccine Confidence Project – UK | Director – Heidi Larson



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Sports & Games

443. Former Barcelona FC and Argentina great 'Javier Mascherano' has announced his retirement from football, drawing curtains on his illustrious career spanning 17 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Javier Mascherano (Argentina) – retirement – from Football (Barcelona FC)
- [Argentina – Buenos Aires – Peso](#)

444. Aryna Sabalenka has beaten Elise Mertens to win women's single title at "Linz Open 2020" for her third title of the season. The 11th ranked Sabalenka from Belarus joined Simona Halep as the only players with three tournament wins in the shortened 2020 season. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Aryna Sabalenka (Belarus) – won women's single title at "Linz Open 2020"
- [Belarus – Minsk – Ruble | PM – Siarhiej Rumas](#)

445. Sudeep Tyagi has announced his retirement from all forms of Cricket. He has played for the Indian national cricket team in 4 ODIs and a lone T20I as a fast bowler. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sudeep Tyagi – retirement – from Cricket

446. FIFA has approved India as the host of the U-17 Women's World Cup in 2022 after the cancellation of the rescheduled 2021 edition due to the COVID-19 pandemic. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- FIFA approved India as the host of the U-17 Women's World Cup in 2022
- [HQs of FIFA – Zurich, Switzerland | President – Gianni Infantino](#)

447. Tennis star Novak Djokovic has equalled Pete Sampra's record of winning 6 year-end number one trophies. The Serbian player achieved the feat as he was given the ATP Tour Number One trophy for finishing as the year-end number one. Before this, Djokovic had finished as world number one in 2011, 2012, 2014, 2015 and 2018. With this, Djokovic has become only the second player in tennis history to do it 6 times. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Novak Djokovic ([Serbia - Tennis](#)) – equalled Pete Sampra's record of winning 6 year-end No. 1 trophies



- Novak Djokovic – the second player in Tennis History to do it 6 times
- Pete Sampra (USA) – Tennis Player



Important Days & Dates

448. The World Antimicrobial Awareness Week (WAAW) is celebrated from November 18 to November 24 every year by the World Health Organization (WHO). The slogan for this year is 'Antimicrobials: handle with care' and the theme for the human health sector is "United to preserve antimicrobials". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 18-24 – "World Antimicrobial Awareness Week" – by the WHO
- Theme – "United to preserve antimicrobials"

449. Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu has greeted the people of Jharkhand on the state's formation day on November 15. He also paid tributes to tribal leader Birsa Munda on his birth anniversary on the same day. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 15 – 21st Formation day of Jharkhand
- Jharkhand: Capital – Ranchi | CM – Hemant Soren | Governor – Draupadi Murmu

450. On November 19, "International Men's Day" is celebrated across the world to acknowledge the struggles of men and the importance of their well-being. The theme of International Men's Day is "Better health for Men and Boys". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 19 – "International Men's Day"
- Theme – "Better health for Men and Boys"

451. On November 19, Women's Entrepreneurship Day was marked to support women in business worldwide and to support and remove barriers to women's economic recovery and empowerment, and entrepreneurship. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 19 – "Women's Entrepreneurship Day"

452. The United Nations has marked November 19 as "World Toilet Day" to raise awareness about access to hygienic toilets and the human costs of unsafe sanitation. The annual event was adopted by the UN in 2013. This year, World Toilet Day focuses on sustainable sanitation and climate change. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- November 19 – UN’s “World Toilet Day” – since 2013
- Theme – “Sustainable sanitation and climate change”

453. Congress leader Rahul Gandhi has paid tribute to former Prime Minister and his grandmother Indira Gandhi on the occasion of her 103rd birth anniversary on November 19, 2020. He visited ‘Shakti Sthala’, the memorial of Indira Gandhi in New Delhi. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rahul Gandhi – paid tribute to former PM Indira Gandhi on her 103rd birth anniversary – on November 19
- ‘Shakti Sthala’ – the memorial of Indira Gandhi in New Delhi
- Delhi: CM – Arvind Kejriwal | Governor – Anil Bajjal | Chief Secretary – Vijay Dev

454. Every year, the third Wednesday of November is observed as “World COPD Day” to raise awareness about the chronic inflammatory lung condition. This year, the day falls on November 18. The theme for this year is “Living well with COPD - Everybody, Everywhere”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 18 – World COPD Day (3rd Wednesday)
- Theme – “Living well with COPD - Everybody, Everywhere”
- COPD – Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease

455. World Philosophy Day is celebrated each year on the third Thursday of November. The 2020 edition of World Philosophy Day was celebrated on November 19 & 20. This year, the theme is “The importance of philosophy in times of crisis”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 19 & 20 – World Philosophy Day (3rd Thursday of November)
- Theme – “The importance of philosophy in times of crisis”

456. The United Nations General Assembly, in 1989, has proclaimed 20th November as “Africa Industrialization Day”. Since then, the United Nations System has held events on that day throughout the world to raise awareness about the importance of Africa’s industrialization and the challenges faced by the continent. This year, the theme was “Inclusive and sustainable industrialisation in the AfCFTA era”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 20 – “Africa Industrialization Day” – by the UN since 1989
- Theme – “Inclusive and sustainable industrialisation in the AfCFTA era”



Meetings, Conferences and Summits

457. India and Kazakhstan have held the 7th round of Foreign Office Consultations (FoC) via digital video-conference and reviewed the entire gamut of bilateral cooperation within the framework of their Strategic Partnership. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India and Kazakhstan – held the 7th round of Foreign Office Consultations (FoC)
- [Kazakhstan – Nur-Sultan – Tenge](#)

458. PM Narendra Modi has addressed the 3rd Annual Bloomberg New Economy Forum on 17th November 2020. The Bloomberg New Economy Forum was established in 2018 by Michael Bloomberg. The inaugural Forum was held in Singapore (1st) and the second annual Forum was hosted in Beijing (2nd). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Modi – addressed the 3rd “Annual Bloomberg New Economy Forum” virtually
- [Bloomberg New Economy Forum established in – 2018 – by Michael Bloomberg](#)

459. Dr. Harsh Vardhan has addressed a ministerial meeting of the Global Prevention Coalition (GPC) for HIV Prevention hosted by UNAIDS (United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS) and UNFPA (United Nations Population Fund). The conference this year holds significance in achieving the 2016 UNGA commitment to end AIDS by 2030. Member states of GPC had agreed to reduce new adult HIV infections by 75% at the end of 2020 from 2010 levels. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dr. Harsh Vardhan – addressed a ministerial meeting of the Global Prevention Coalition (GPC) for HIV Prevention
- It was hosted by – UNAIDS & UNFPA
- Member states of GPC agreed to reduce new adult HIV infections by 75% – at the end of 2020

460. The 23rd edition of the Bengaluru Tech Summit (BTS) was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on November 19. He will be the second Prime minister to inaugurate the summit after his predecessor Atal Bihari Vajpayee declared the summit open 22 years ago. The theme of the summit was “Next is Now”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Modi – inaugurated the 23rd edition of the Bengaluru Tech Summit (BTS)



- Theme – “Next is Now”



Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

461. Indian Olympic Association (IOA) President Narinder Batra was conferred with the “Capital Foundation National Award” for his contribution to sports. He was honoured with the award at the “Capital Foundation Annual Lecture and Awards 2020” which was held online to commemorate the 106th birth anniversary of renowned jurist, Justice Krishna Iyer. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narinder Batra – conferred with the “Capital Foundation National Award” – for his contribution to sports
- HQs of IOA – New Delhi | President – Narinder Dhruv Batra | Secretary General – Rajeev Mehta

462. Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal ‘Nishank’ has launched “Lilavati Awards 2020” on November 17. It is an initiative by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE). The theme of the award was “Women Empowerment” and this award intends to recognize the efforts being made by AICTE approved institutions to treat women with ‘equality and fairness’ in all spheres of their lives. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ramesh Pokhriyal ‘Nishank’ – launched “Lilavati Awards 2020” – by AICTE
- Theme – “Women Empowerment”
- HQs of AICTE – New Delhi | Chairman – Anil D. Sahasrabudhe



Appointments & Resignations

463. Manuel Merino, interim President of Peru, has resigned following the days of street protests against him. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Manuel Merino – resigned from the post of President of – Peru
- Peru – Lima – Sol

464. Vize Health and Hygiene has roped in Indian cricket team captain Virat Kohli as Brand Ambassador for its new personal hygiene and sanitation brand 'Vize'. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Virat Kohli – appointed as Brand Ambassador of – Vize Health and Hygiene
- HQs of Vize Health and Hygiene – Gurgaon, Haryana | Founder – Akshat Jain

465. Actress Priyanka Chopra Jonas has been appointed as the Ambassador of 'Positive Change' by British Fashion Council (BFC). The actress plans to use fashion to inspire future generations. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Priyanka Chopra Jonas – appointed as the Ambassador of 'Positive Change' – by British Fashion Council (BFC)
- HQs of BFC – London, UK | Chief Executive – Caroline Rush

466. A. Ajay Kumar (IFS of 2001), presently High Commissioner of India to Uganda, has been concurrently accredited as the next Ambassador of India to Burundi. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- A. Ajay Kumar – appointed as the Ambassador of India to – Burundi
- Burundi – Gitega – Franc

467. According to a Personnel Ministry order, S N Rajeswari, Chairman and MD of Oriental Insurance Company Limited, has been appointed as a whole-time member (distribution) of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) for a period of 3 years or till attaining the age of 62 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- S N Rajeswari – appointed as a whole-time member (distribution) of the IRDAI – for 3 years



- HQs of IRDAI – Hyderabad, Telangana | Chairman – Subhash C. Khuntia
- HQs of OICL – New Delhi | CMD – S N Rajeswari

468. Francisco Sagasti has been sworn-in as Peru's interim President in a ceremony witnessed by members of the country's Parliament on November 9. The Congress of the Republic of Peru impeached the previous president Martin Vizcarra. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Francisco Sagasti – sworn-in as interim President of – Peru
- Peru – Lima – Sol | President – Martin Vizcarra



Amount & Agreements

469. A crucial tripartite agreement has been recently signed between the Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF), BSNL and Andaman and Nicobar Administration recently for Operation and Management of Chennai-Andaman & Nicobar Islands Submarine Cable Project. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- A crucial Tripartite Agreement signed among = USOF + BSNL + Andaman and Nicobar
- HQs of BSNL – New Delhi | CMD – Pravin Kumar Purwar
- Andaman and Nicobar Islands: Capital – Port Blair | Lieut. Governor– Admiral Devendra Kumar Joshi

470. The Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM), which mainly handles government's disinvestment programme, has signed an agreement with the World Bank for providing advisory services for asset monetization of non-core assets of government CPSEs (Central Public Sector Enterprises). The government has set a target of raising Rs 2.10 lakh Cr from disinvestment in FY 20-21. Of this, Rs 1.20 lakh Cr is to be raised through CPSE disinvestment. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- DIPAM + World Bank = an agreement for advising on CPSEs asset monetization
- Government's Target to raise Rs 2.10 lakh Cr from disinvestment (Rs 1.20 lakh Cr through CPSE disinvestment)
- World Bank HQs – Washington D.C., USA | Member Countries – 189
- President – David Malpass | MD & CFO – Anshula Kant

471. The Finance Ministry has approved the allocation of Rs 39,097 Cr under the Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS) for the exports made during FY 2019-20. The ministry has also directed the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) to limit issuance of MEIS scrips to Rs 16,000 Cr during the current financial year. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Finance Ministry – approved the allocation of Rs 39,097 Cr – under 'Merchandise Exports from India Scheme'
- Finance Ministry – directed the DGFT to limit issuance of MEIS scrips to Rs 16,000 Cr
- Finance Minister – Nirmala Sitharaman (Constituency – Karnataka)
- DGFT comes under – "Ministry of Commerce & Industry" (Piyush Goyal – Maharashtra)
- HQs of DGFT – New Delhi | Director General – Amit Yadav



472. The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has allocated USD 20.3 million aid to its developing member countries to access coronavirus vaccine and establish systems to enable equitable and efficient vaccine distribution. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ADB – allocated USD 20.3 million aid to its developing member countries to access coronavirus vaccine
- ADB: HQs – Mandaluyong, Philippines | President – Masatsugu Asakawa | Member countries – 68



Ranks, Reports & Surveys

473. Arunachal Pradesh has recorded the Best sex ratio in India while Manipur recorded the worst sex ratio, according to the 2018 report on “vital statistics of India based on the Civil Registration System”. Arunachal Pradesh recorded 1,084 females born per thousand males, followed by Nagaland (965) Mizoram (964), Kerala (963) and Karnataka (957). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Arunachal Pradesh (1,084) – recorded the Best sex ratio in India | 2nd – Nagaland | 3rd – Mizoram
- Manipur – recorded the worst sex ratio in India | 2nd – Lakshadweep | 3rd – Daman & Diu
- Arunachal Pradesh: Capital – Itanagar | CM – Pema Khandu | Governor – B D Mishra

474. Four Indian cities - Indore, Bengaluru, Hyderabad and Faridabad - featured in a list of 36 cities across 22 countries and six continents selected by the World Economic Forum (WEF) to pioneer a new roadmap for smart cities as part of the G20 Global Smart Cities Alliance. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indore, Bengaluru, Hyderabad & Faridabad – featured in a list of 36 cities to pioneer smart cities roadmap
- HQs of WEF – Cologne, Switzerland | Executive Chairman & Founder – Klaus Schwab

475. The annual report and ranking titled “World’s Best Cities for 2021” was released by Resonance Consultancy Ltd, London, UK. Delhi has been placed at the 62nd position in this list of the world’s best cities for 2021. Delhi is the only Indian city to rank among the 100 best cities across the world. Last year, Delhi was at the 81st position. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “World’s Best Cities for 2021” – released by Resonance Consultancy Ltd (London, UK)
- Delhi (62nd) – the only Indian city to rank among the 100 best cities | 1st – London | 2nd – New York

476. The UN report “Geospatial Practices for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific 2020” has cited the role being played by ‘BHUVAN’, the national geo-portal developed and hosted by ISRO comprising of geo spatial data, services and tools for analysis, in combating COVID-19. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Geospatial Practices for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific 2020” report – by the UN
- “BHUVAN” – the national Geo-portal developed and hosted by – ISRO



- HQs of UN – New York, United States | Director – Antonio Guterres
- HQs of ISRO – Bengaluru, Karnataka | Director – Kailasavadivoo Sivan

477. The report titled “Stop the virus of disinformation: the malicious use of social media by terrorist, violent extremist and criminal groups during the COVID-19 pandemic” was released by the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI) on November 18. It said that criminals and violent extremists are exploiting the pandemic to build their support networks, undermine trust in government and even weaponise the virus. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The report titled “Stop the virus of disinformation: the malicious use of social media by terrorist, violent extremist and criminal groups during the COVID-19 pandemic” – released by UNICRI
- HQs of UNICRI – Turin, Italy | Director – Bettina Tucci Bartsiotas

478. India has ranked the 5th among the countries with the highest number of infants who had not received the vaccine against measles, according to a new report titled “Progress Towards Regional Measles Elimination Worldwide 2000-2019”, released by the World Health Organisation and US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). A total of 1.2 million children did not receive the first dose of measles-containing-vaccine (MCV1) in 2019 in India. Nigeria has topped the list. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Progress Towards Regional Measles Elimination Worldwide 2000-2019” – released by WHO + US CDC
- Nigeria – the highest number of infants who had not received the vaccine against measles | India – 5th
- 1.2 million children – did not receive the first dose of MCV1 in 2019 in India
- Nigeria – Abuja – Naira | President – Muhammadu Buhari
- WHO HQs – Geneva, Switzerland | DG – Tedros Adhanom | Member Countries – 194

479. Indira Gandhi International Airport (Delhi Airport) has become the first airport in Asia Pacific Region to achieve Level 4+ accredited airport under Airport Council International’s (ACI) Airport Carbon Accreditation program. With this, the airport has been adjudged as the best airport in carbon emission reduction management in the Asia Pacific region. Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL) aims to become Net Zero Carbon Emission Airport by 2030. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indira Gandhi International Airport – the 1st airport in Asia Pacific Region to achieve Level 4+ accredited Airport



- Under – ACI’s Airport Carbon Accreditation program
- DIAL aims to become Net Zero Carbon Emission Airport – by 2030
- HQs of ACI – Geneva, Switzerland | DG – Luis Felipe de Oliveira

480. Param Siddhi, the high performance computing-artificial intelligence (HPC-AI) supercomputer, has achieved global ranking of 63 in top 500 most powerful non-distributed computer systems in the world. It is established under National Supercomputing Mission (NSM) at C-DAC. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Param Siddhi – ranked 63rd in the Top 500 list of the world’s most powerful supercomputer

481. India is at 77th position with a risk score of 45 in a global list of measuring business bribery risks - “The 2020 TRACE Bribery Risk Matrix” released by TRACE, an anti-bribery standard setting organisation. Denmark has topped the list this year and the North Korea was at the bottom. In 2019, India's rank stood 78th position with a score of 48. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “The 2020 TRACE Bribery Risk Matrix” – released by TRACE
- India – 77th | Top – Denmark | Bottom – North Korea



Acquisitions & Mergers

482. Reliance Retail Ventures Limited (RRVL) has acquired 96% equity shares of Urban Ladder Home Decor Solutions Private Limited (Urban Ladder) for a cash consideration of Rs 182.12 Cr. RRVL has also proposed to make a further investment of up to Rs 75 crore to acquire the balance stake. The further investment is expected to be completed by December 2023. [{Read more}](#)

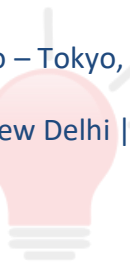
Key Points:

- Reliance Retail – acquired 96% equity shares (Rs 182.12 Cr) of “Urban Ladder”
- HQs of RRVL – Mumbai, MH | CEO – V. Subramaniam

483. Max Financial Services Ltd has received an approval from the Department of Economic Affairs for swap of Mitsui Sumitomo's Max Life stake of 20.57% with 21.87% stake in Max Financial Services. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Swap of Mitsui Sumitomo's Max Life stake of 20.57% with 21.87% stake in Max Financial Services – is approved
- HQs of Mitsui Sumitomo – Tokyo, Japan | CEO – Noriyuki Hara
- HQs of Max Life Ins. – New Delhi | MD & CEO – Prashant Tripathy



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MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

484. The Andhra Pradesh State Skill Development Corporation (APSSDC) signed MoUs with 4 industry/academic partners - IBM India, Singapore Polytechnic International (SPI), India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC) and LV Prasad Film & TV Academy (LVPA) for promoting Skill Development among Youth. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Andhra Pradesh – signed MoUs with 4 industry/academic partners to promote Skill Development among Youth
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan
- HQs of IBM India – Bengaluru, Karnataka | MD – Sandip Patel

485. Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) and Goa have signed an MoU to discuss the implementation of India's first 100 MW Convergence Project in the State. Goa is the first state to adopt the concept of amortising the cost of pumps and LED lights into a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Goa + EESL = an MoU to discuss the implementation of India's first 100 MW Convergence Project
- Goa: Capital – Panaji | CM – Pramod Sawant | Governor – Satya Pal Malik
- HQs of EESL – New Delhi | MD – Rajat Sud | Chairman – Rajeesh Sharma

486. Indian Railways has assigned RailTel Corporation of India Limited (RailTel) to implement Hospital Management Information System (HMIS) across its health facilities with an objective of bringing hospital management on a single architecture to prevent pilferage and making operations seamless. RailTel and Ministry of Railways have signed an MOU with regard to the modalities for execution of the work. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian Railways + RailTel = to implement Hospital Management Information System (HMIS)
- HQs of Indian Railways – New Delhi | Chairman – Vinod Kumar Yadav
- HQs of RailTel – Gurugram, Haryana | MD & Chairman – Puneet Chawla

487. Bharat Financial Inclusion Ltd (BFIL) - a subsidiary firm of IndusInd Bank has signed a pact with Maharashtra government to launch a joint initiative "Maha Pashudhan Sanjeevani" to enhance doorstep delivery of livestock care to farmers in the state under the 'Mukhyamantri Pashu Swasthya Yojana'. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- BFIL + Maharashtra = an MoU to launch a joint initiative “Maha Pashudhan Sanjeevani”
- Under – ‘Mukhyamantri Pashu Swasthya Yojana’
- BFIL – a subsidiary firm of IndusInd Bank
- HQs of BFIL – Hyderabad, Telangana | CEO – Shalabh Saxena
- HQs of IndusInd Bank – Pune, MH | MD & CEO – Sumant Kathpalia | Tagline – "We Make You Feel Richer"
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari



Books & Authors

488. The book “Reporting India: My Seventy-Year Journey as a Journalist” by veteran journalist Prem Prakash, says that Nehru had ignored the modernisation of India's armed forces at the outset of his term in office. The book was published by Penguin Random House India. Prem Prakash is currently serving as the Chairman of ANI (Asian News International). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Reporting India: My Seventy-Year Journey as a Journalist” book – authored by ‘Prem Prakash’



Obituaries

489. Former England, Liverpool and Tottenham Hotspur goalkeeper Ray Clemence has passed away recently. He was 72. He played 61 times for England. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ray Clemence (England) – a Football Player – passed away
- UK – London – Pound Sterling | PM of UK – Boris Johnson

490. Haryana's first woman MP and former Puducherry Lt. Governor Chandrawati has passed away on November 15. She was 92. She became the first-ever woman MP from Haryana in 1977. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Chandrawati – a Politician – passed away (First woman MP of Haryana & Former Lt. Governor of Puducherry)

491. Vice admiral John Thomas Goslin Pereira (1923–2020), one of our last surviving officers who served during the World War II, has passed away after a brief illness in Mumbai. He was 97. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- John Thomas Goslin Pereira – Indian Navy Vice admiral (1923–2020) – passed away
- Chief of Indian Navy – Admiral Karambir Singh | Vice Chief – G. Ashok Kumar

492. Senior Rajasthan Minister Bhanwar Lal Meghwal has passed away recently in November. He was 72. He was a 5-time MLA. He represented Sujangarh assembly constituency of Churu district of Rajasthan. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bhanwar Lal Meghwal – a Politician – passed away (Constituency – Churu, Rajasthan)
- Rajasthan: Capital – Jaipur | CM – Ashok Gehlot | Governor – Kalraj Mishra

493. Former Goa Governor and BJP leader Mridula Sinha has passed away. President Ram Nath Kovind and PM Narendra Modi were among the prominent personalities to pay tribute to the first woman Governor of Goa. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mridula Sinha – a Politician – passed away (Party – BJP & 1st woman Governor of – Goa)



- Goa: Capital – Panaji | CM – Pramod Sawant | Governor – Satya Pal Malik

494. Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh has condoled the demise of senior Congress leader and former state agriculture minister Mohinder Singh Gill, who passed away. He was 85. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mohinder Singh Gill – a Politician – passed away (Former Agriculture minister of Punjab)
- Punjab: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Captain Amarinder Singh | Governor – V. P. Singh Badnore

495. West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has expressed grief over the demise of Sahitya Akademi-recipient Bengali poet Alokranjan Dasgupta, who died on November 17 in Germany. He was 87. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Alokranjan Dasgupta – a Bengali poet – passed away (recipient of - Sahitya Akademi)
- West Bengal: Capital – Kolkata | CM – Mamta Banerjee | Governor – Jagdeep Dhankar



Person in News

496. East Delhi MP Gautam Gambhir has inaugurated a first-of-its-kind giant Air purifier in Gandhi Nagar market, Delhi. The air purifier is 12-foot-tall, covering an area of 1,000 square metres and delivers 2 lakh cubic metre of clean air every day. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Gautam Gambhir – inaugurated a first-of-its-kind giant Air purifier – in Gandhi Nagar market, Delhi



Science & Technology

497. Amazon has launched a performance-based benefits programme called “STEP”, designed to help about 700,000 sellers accelerate their growth on the marketplace. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Amazon – launched a performance-based benefits programme called “STEP”
- HQs of Amazon – Seattle , USA | Founder & CEO – Jeff Bezos

498. Larsen & Toubro has delivered the first hardware, a booster segment “S-200” for the Gaganyaan Launch Vehicle to ISRO ahead of schedule, despite COVID-19 restrictions. The critical booster segment, with a diameter of 3.2 metres, 8.5 metres in length and weighing 5.5 tonnes, was jointly flagged off in a virtual event. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Larsen & Toubro – delivered the first hardware, a booster segment “S-200” for the Gaganyaan Launch Vehicle
- HQs of L&T – Mumbai, MH | CMD – SN Subrahmanyam

499. Twitter has launched a new feature of tweets that disappear in 24 hours called “Fleets” globally. Twitter tested the feature in Brazil, Italy, India, and South Korea, before rolling it out globally. Fleets are a lower pressure way to communicate fleeting thoughts as opposed to permanent tweets. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Twitter launched a new feature called “Fleets” | Tweets disappear in 24 hours
- HQs of Twitter – San Francisco, California, USA | CEO – Jack Dorsey



Ordinance, Bills and Acts

500. Under Section 6 of the Delhi Special Police Establishment (DSPE) Act, the Central government has powers to extend CBI investigation when the state gives its consent. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Under Section 6 of the DSPE Act – the Central government has powers to extend CBI investigation





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