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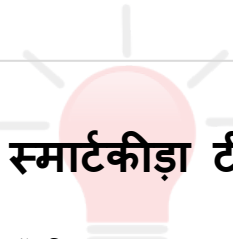
Hi Folks! We hope you all are doing well. We would like to state here that this PDF is meant for preparing for the upcoming MockDrill Test of November 2021 Month at Testzone. In this Current Affairs PDF we have added all the important Current Affairs information in form of 'Key-points' which are crucial 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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All the best!

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National & States Affairs

451. On November 21, Union Minister of Women and Child Development Smt Smriti Zubin Irani inaugurated “National Workshop on Child Rights” organized by National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) as part of ‘Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav’. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Smriti Zubin Irani – inaugurated “National Workshop on Child Rights” organized by NCPCR
- HQs of NCPCR – New Delhi | Chairman – Priyank Kanongoo

452. On November 20, Food Corporation of India (FCI) under Department of Food and Public Distribution (DFPD) has developed its first state-of-art laboratory for in house testing of food grain samples. Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Ashwini Kumar Choubey inaugurated the ‘Quality Control Laboratory’ at Institute of Food Security (IFS), FCI, Gurugram, Haryana. The laboratory has been set up under the guidance of the Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI), Mysuru in Karnataka. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ashwini Kumar Choubey – inaugurated the ‘Quality Control Laboratory’ – in Gurugram, Haryana
- The first state-of-art laboratory for in-house testing of food grain samples is developed by – FCI
- The laboratory is set up under the guidance of – CFTRI ([Mysuru, Karnataka](#))
- [Haryana: Capital – Chandigarh](#) | [CM – Manohar Lal Khattar](#) | [Governor – Bandaru Dattatraya](#)

453. On November 22, Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru, has commissioned a state-of-the-art firefighting system Rosenbauer Tactical Simulator, making it the first facility in South Asia to have this high-tech equipment. BIAL has added four advanced Rosenbauer Crash Fire Tenders (CFTs) to its fleet to ensure the safety and security of all stakeholders, including passengers and airlines. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kempegowda Int. Airport – commissioned a state-of-the-art firefighting system ‘Rosenbauer Tactical Simulator’
- [Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore](#) | [CM – Basavaraj Bommai](#) | [Governor – Thaawarchand Gehlot](#)

454. On November 22, the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) launched the first prototype of an indigenously developed Rolling Stock Driver Training System (RSDTS). This driver training system has been jointly developed by DMRC and Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL). The DMRC & BEL also demonstrated the functioning of a Super Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Delhi Metro – launched the first prototype of an indigenously developed Rolling Stock Driver Training System (RSDTS)
- RSDTS is jointly developed by = DMRC + BEL
- DMRC & BEL – also demonstrated the functioning of “SCADA” system
- [HQs of BEL – Bengaluru, Karnataka](#) | [CMD – Venkateswara Gowtama Mannava](#)



455. On November 22, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan announced to rename Patalpani Railway Station near Indore and two other landmarks in that city after tribal icon Tantya Bhil. Notably, Bhopal's Habibganj railway station was recently named after Rani Kamalapati, a tribal queen. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Patalpani Railway Station (in Madhya Pradesh) – to be renamed after Tantya Bhil
- Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Mangubhai Chhaganbhai Patel

International Affairs

456. On November 22, Australia signed an agreement with the UK & the US, allowing the exchange of sensitive 'Naval Nuclear Propulsion Information' between their nations. It is the first agreement on the technology to be publicly signed since the three countries announced the formation of a defence alliance, "AUKUS" in September. Under the AUKUS deal, Australia would obtain 8 state-of-the-art, Nuclear-powered Submarines capable of stealthy, long-range missions. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Australia + US + UK = an agreement allowing the exchange of sensitive 'Naval Nuclear Propulsion Information'
- "AUKUS" - a defence alliance between = Australia + US + UK
- Australia – to obtain 8 state-of-the-art, Nuclear-powered Submarines under the 'AUKUS' deal
- Australia – Canberra – Australian Dollar | PM – Scott Morrison

457. El Salvador plans to build the world's first "Bitcoin City", funded initially by bitcoin-backed bonds. El Salvador planned to issue the initial bonds in 2022. The first 10-year issue, known as the 'Volcano Bond', would be worth \$1 billion, backed by bitcoin and carrying a coupon of 6.5%. In September 2021, El Salvador became the first country in the world to adopt bitcoin as legal tender. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- El Salvador – plans to build the world's first "Bitcoin City" funded initially by bitcoin-backed bonds worth \$1 billion
- The first 10-year issue will be known as the 'Volcano Bond'

458. In November 2021, US President Joe Biden transferred presidential power to Vice President Kamala Harris for a brief time while he was under anesthesia during a routine colonoscopy. She is the first woman to get the US Presidential powers briefly. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- US President Joe Biden transferred presidential power to Vice President Kamala Harris for a brief time
- Kamala Harris – the first woman to get the US Presidential powers briefly
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46th President – Joe Biden | 49th VP – Kamala Harris



Banking, Finance, Insurance & Economic Affairs

459. On November 23, ICICI Bank launched an online platform called “Trade Emerge” to offer digital banking & value-added services to exporters and importers across India. The platform aims to make cross border trade hassle-free, expeditious and convenient, as it offers an array of services in one place. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ICICI Bank – launched an online platform called “Trade Emerge” for exporters & importers across India
- HQs of ICICI Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – [Sandeep Bakhshi](#) | Taglines – “Hum Hain Na!” & “Khayal Apka”

460. On November 22, State Bank of India signed an MoU with Puducherry Cooperative Milk Producers Union (PONLAIT) to provide loan to dairy farmers up to a limit of Rs 3 lakh. The loan would be given under “SAFAL” (Simple & Fast Agriculture Loan) scheme of the bank. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SBI – launched “SAFAL” (Simple And Fast Agriculture Loan) scheme to finance individual dairy farmers
- SBI + PONLAIT = an MoU to provide loan to dairy farmers up to a limit of Rs 3 lakh
- HQs of SBI Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Dinesh Kumar Khara
- MD – Challa Sreenivasulu Setty | Ashwani Bhatia | Ashwini Kumar Tewari | Swaminathan Janakiraman

461. On November 22, the Reserve Bank (RBI) released a draft scheme for the amalgamation of Punjab & Maharashtra Cooperative (PMC) Bank and Unity Small Finance Bank (USFB). Unity Small Finance Bank is a joint venture between Centrum Group and Bharatpe and has commenced operations as a small finance bank with effect from November 1, 2021. The depositors of PMC will get their money back over a period of three to 10 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI released a draft scheme for the amalgamation of PMC Bank & Unity Small Finance Bank
- Unity SFB (New Delhi) – a joint venture between Centrum Group & Bharatpe
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April 1935

462. The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) under the Ministry of Finance has notified uniform 12% GST rate on manmade fibre (MMF), yarn, fabrics and apparel, thereby addressing the inverted tax structure in the MMF textile value chain from January 1, 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CBIC (Ministry of Finance) – notified uniform 12% GST rate on MMF, yarn, fabrics & apparel from January 1, 2022
- HQs of CBIC – New Delhi | Chairperson – M. Ajit Kumar | Founded in – 1964



463. On November 23, the 2nd day of her visit to Jammu & Kashmir, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman handed over credit sanction letters to 145 beneficiaries for Rs 306 Cr of different banks. She also launched various schemes and initiatives for Jammu & Kashmir which included launch of 'Tejasvini' & 'Hausala' schemes of J&K Bank, 'Shikhar' & 'Shikara' schemes of Punjab National Bank (PNB) and 'SIDBI Cluster Development Fund' of Rs 200 Cr. 'Tejasvini' scheme focuses on providing financial assistance of Rs. 5 lakh to girls between 18-35 years for starting their business. 'Shikhar' scheme focuses on meeting credit requirements up to Rs. 2 Cr for hotel, tour & tourism industry. Under 'Shikara' scheme, credit up to Rs. 15 lakh for purchase/repair of Shikaras is provided in Kashmir valley. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Nirmala Sitharaman handed over credit sanction letters to 145 beneficiaries for Rs 306 Cr in Jammu & Kashmir
- Nirmala Sitharaman launched various schemes for Jammu & Kashmir:
 - 'Tejasvini' & 'Hausala' schemes of J&K Bank
 - 'Shikhar' & 'Shikara' schemes of PNB
 - 'SIDBI Cluster Development Fund' worth Rs 200 Cr
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha

Defence Affairs

464. On November 22, Bharat Electronics Ltd (BEL) signed a contract with Airbus Defence & Space for the manufacture and supply of Radar Warning Receiver (RWR) and Missile Approach Warning System (MAWS) for the prestigious 'C295' aircraft programme of Indian government. It is the first 'Make in India' aerospace programme in the private sector. The contract with Airbus Defence & Space is the biggest export order received till date by BEL. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- BEL + Airbus Defence & Space (Spain) = a contract to manufacture & supply RWR & MAWS for 'C295' aircraft programme
- HQs of BEL – Bengaluru, Karnataka | CMD – Venkateswara Gowtama Mannava

465. On November 20, the 15th edition of the biennial trilateral coast guard exercise "Dosti" involving India, the Maldives and Sri Lanka was conducted in the Maldives. 2021 marks 30 years since the exercise was first launched in 1991 between India & Maldives. While Sri Lanka joined the exercise in 2012. ICGS Vajra and ICGS Apoorva participated in the exercise. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 15th edition of biennial trilateral coast guard exercise "Dosti" – conducted between India, Maldives & Sri Lanka
- ICGS Vajra & ICGS Apoorva participated in the exercise
- Maldives – Male – Maldivian rufiyaa | President – Ibrahim Mohamed Solih
- Sri Lanka – Colombo/Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte – Sri Lankan rupee
- PM – Mahinda Rajapaksa | President – Gotabaya Rajapaksa



466. On November 21, Pune-based Southern Command of Indian Army conducted a military exercise named “Dakshin Shakti” in Rajasthan and Gujarat. The exercise with troops aims to validate the battle readiness and operational effectiveness of troops of Southern Army in an integrated and futuristic battlefield scenario. As part of ‘Dakshin Shakti’, Southern Command also concluded multi-agency exercise “Sagar Shakti” involving Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard and Border Security Force (BSF) in the training areas of Rajasthan and Gujarat. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Southern Command – conducted a military exercise named “Dakshin Shakti” in Rajasthan & Gujarat
- Southern Command – also concluded a multi-agency exercise “Sagar Shakti” as part of ‘Dakshin Shakti’
- HQs of Southern Command – Pune, Maharashtra | Present Commander – Lt. Gen. Jai Singh Nain

Schemes & Initiatives

467. Tripura government launched a new scheme - “Mother on Campus” to improve the academic performance of the students who have been staying in hostels. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tripura – launched “Mother on Campus” scheme for the students staying in hostels
- Tripura: Capital – Agartala | CM – Biplab Kumar Deb | Governor – Satyadev Narayan Arya

Sports & Games

468. On November 21, Lewis Hamilton won inaugural edition of F1 “Qatar Grand Prix 2021” with a commanding performance by defeating Max Verstappen. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Lewis Hamilton – won inaugural edition of F1 “Qatar Grand Prix 2021”
- Lewis Hamilton (UK) – ‘Mercedes’ Team

469. On November 22, Alexander Zverev won the ATP Finals Title by defeating World No. 2 Daniil Medvedev in the final in Turin. This is Zverev’s second Nitto Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) Finals title, after winning the first in 2018. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Alexander Zverev (Germany - Tennis) – won his second Nitto ATP Finals title – in Turin, Italy



470. On November 21, Karnataka Governor Thawar Chand Gehlot and Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai inaugurated pilot Indian National Basketball League (INBL) in Bengaluru. It was the pilot Bengaluru Opening. The Basketball Federation of India (BFI) is set to launch the Indian National Basketball League to be held in Indore from January 4 to 10, 2022. This competition will feature the 9 best men's and women's teams at the Senior National Championship. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Pilot 'Indian National Basketball League' – inaugurated in Bengaluru, Karnataka
- BFI will launch 'Indian National Basketball League' – to be held in Indore (MP) from January 4 to 10, 2022
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – Basavaraj Bommai | Governor – Thawar Chand Gehlot
- HQs of BFI – New Delhi | President – K. Govindraj

471. On November 22, Tamil Nadu became the most successful team in the history of "Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy" as they won their 3rd title (2nd consecutive title) at Arun Jaitley Stadium in New Delhi after defeating Karnataka in the finals. M. Shahrukh Khan was named as the Man of the Match. Vidarbha team's bowler Akshay Karnewar broke the world record for the most economical figures ever bowled in T20 cricket, for his 4 maiden overs bowled against Manipur. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tamil Nadu cricket team won "Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy" in 2021 (defeating - Karnataka)
- It was Tamil Nadu's 2nd consecutive title & overall 3rd title
- M. Shahrukh Khan (Tamil Nadu) – named as the Man of the Match
- Akshay Karnewar (Vidarbha team) – broke the world record for the Most Economical Figures for his 4 maiden overs

472. Jammu and Kashmir alpine skier Arif Mohammed Khan has qualified for the "Beijing Winter Olympics 2022" in Ski & Snow Board. The Winter Olympics will be held in Beijing from February 4 to 20, 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Arif Mohammed Khan (J&K - Alpine Skier) – qualified for the "Beijing Winter Olympics 2022" in Ski & Snow Board

473. 34th All India Postal Wrestling championship was hosted by New Delhi. Tokyo Olympic Bronze medallist wrestler Bajrang Punia and Indian Olympic Coach Anil Mann were the Chief Guests. 11 postal circles across India took part in the event. Women wrestling event was inducted in the tournament for the first time. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 34th All India Postal Wrestling championship – hosted by New Delhi
- 11 postal circles across India took part in the event



474. On November 21, Badminton's World No. 1 Japan's Kento Momota clinched the "Indonesia Masters Badminton Tournament" men's singles title after beating Denmark's Anders Antonsen in the final, in Bali. While, Hoki Takuro and Kobayashi Yugo won the men's doubles title. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kento Momota ([Japan - Badminton](#)) – won men's singles title in the "Indonesia Masters Badminton Tournament"
- Hoki Takuro & Kobayashi Yugo – won men's doubles title at the tournament

Meetings, Conferences and Summits

475. The 10th edition of the flagship investment event "Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit (VGGS)" will be held in January 2022 with the theme of "From Atmanirbhar Gujarat to Atmanirbhar Bharat". As Gujarat's mega investment congregation approaches, as many as 20 companies have signed 20 MoUs worth ₹24,185 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 10th edition of "Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit (VGGS)" – to be held in January 2022
- Theme – "From Atmanirbhar Gujarat to Atmanirbhar Bharat"
- Gujarat government signed 20 MoUs worth ₹24,185 Cr ahead of this summit
- [Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar](#) | [CM – Bhupendra Patel](#) | [Governor – Acharya Devvrat](#)

476. On November 22, Union Minister for Civil Aviation Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia attended the "Udan Utsav" celebrations at Veer Surendra Sai Airport in Jharsuguda, Odisha. He announced Indian government's target to increase the number of airports from 136 to 220 in the next 5 years which will include helipads and water aerodromes. The minister also stated that the Greenfield Airport at Puri and the Phase II expansion of Veer Surendra Sai Airport in Jharsuguda will be commenced. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Jyotiraditya M. Scindia – attended "Udan Utsav" celebrations at Veer Surendra Sai Airport (Jharsuguda, Odisha)
- India's target to increase the number of airports to 220 in the next 5 years (from 136 at present)
- [Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar](#) | [CM – Naveen Patnaik](#) | [Governor – Ganeshi Lal](#)

477. Union Minister of State (I/C) Science & Technology, Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurated ISRO's 5-day "Technology Conclave-2021". The Conclave was organised by the Directorate of Technology Development & Innovation (DTDI) under the aegis of ISRO. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dr. Jitendra Singh – inaugurated ISRO's 5-day "Technology Conclave-2021"
- The Conclave was organised by – Directorate of Technology Development & Innovation (DTDI)
- [HQs of ISRO – Bengaluru, Karnataka](#) | [Director – Kailasavadivoo Sivan](#) | [Formed on – August 15, 1969](#)



Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

478. On November 21, the National Health Mission (NHM) of Jammu & Kashmir received award for Swasthya Nidhi Survey App in the 'Health' Category at the 4th Digital Transformation Awards Summit titled "Towards Integrated Digital Health Infrastructure" organized by Governance Now. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- National Health Mission (J&K) – received award for Swasthya Nidhi Survey App under 'Health' Category
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha

479. On November 22, the Manipur Governor La Ganesan conferred the 12th "Manipur State Award for Literature" for 2020 to eminent writer Beryl Thanga for his book "Ei Amadi Adungeigi Ithat" (I and the then island) at Jawaharlal Nehru Manipur Dance Academy, Imphal. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Beryl Thanga – received the 12th "Manipur State Award for Literature" for 2020
- He received the award for his book "Ei Amadi Adungeigi Ithat" (I and the then island)
- Manipur: Capital – Imphal | CM – N. Biren Singh | Governor – La. Ganesan

480. On November 21, the Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying gave away the award on the occasion of World Fisheries Day celebration. Odisha's Balasore district was handed the Best Marine District award in India. Andhra Pradesh was awarded the Best Marine State. The Best Inland State award was given to Telangana while Balaghat in Madhya Pradesh received the Best Inland District award. The Best Hilly and Northeastern State and District awards were won by Tripura and Bongaigaon, Assam, respectively. The Central government is providing all necessary support to achieve the 1 lakh Cr export target from fisheries sector by 2024-25. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India's target to achieve the 1 lakh Cr export target from fisheries sector by 2024-25
- Best Marine District – Balasore (Odisha) | Best Marine State – Andhra Pradesh
- Best Inland District – Balaghat (Madhya Pradesh) | Best Inland State – Telangana
- Best Hilly & Northeastern District – Bongaigaon (Assam) | Best Hilly & Northeastern State – Tripura

481. In November 2021, Sohan Roy, a Forbes-listed entrepreneur from Kerala, has become the first Indian to be awarded the honorary title of "Knight of Parte Guelfa" in Italy. Roy was awarded for his humanitarian and environmental protection efforts in business and film. His notable works include the Oscar-nominated documentary "Black Sand", about environmental degradation and unethical mining methods. He is the Founder chairman and CEO of Aries Group of Companies. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sohan Roy (Kerala) – became the first Indian to be awarded the honorary title of "Knight of Parte Guelfa" in Italy
- "Black Sand" documentary film – directed by Sohan Roy



482. The 49th International Emmy Awards 2021 was presented at an event on November 23, in New York, US. The 49th edition of the awards was presented by Yvonne Orji, a Nigerian-American actress. International Emmys 2021 was presented to programmes in 16 categories. Nawazuddin Siddiqui, Vir Das and Sushmita Sen-starrer Aarya were among the nominees from India. The International Emmy for Best Performance by an Actor went to David Tennant for “Des”. While the same by an Actress went to Hayley Squires for “Adult Material”. Dr. Thomas Bellut won the ‘International Emmy Directorate Award 2021’. “Hope Frozen: A Quest To Live Twice” from Thailand won the Best Documentary award. “Vir Das: For India” lost to France's “Call My Agent Season 4” in the Comedy category. Tehran from Israel won the award for Best Drama Series. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 49th International Emmy Awards 2021 – presented by Yvonne Orji in New York, US

Category	Winner
Best Performance by an Actor	David Tennant (for “Des”)
Best Performance by an Actress	Hayley Squires (for “Adult Material”)
Best Documentary	“Hope Frozen: A Quest To Live Twice” (Thailand)
Best Comedy Series	“Call My Agent Season 4” (France)
Best Drama Series	Tehran (Israel)
International Emmy Directorate Award 2021	Thomas Bellut

483. Doordarshan’s programme ‘DEAFinitely Leading the Way’ won an award under ‘Living Well with Super Diversity’ category, while All India Radio’s programme ‘Living on the edge - The coastal lives’ won another award in the category of ‘Ethical & Sustainable Relationship with Nature’ at the recently held “ABU - UNESCO Peace Media Awards 2021” at Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia. The awards were given by UNESCO in collaboration with Asia Pacific Broadcasting Union (ABU) under ‘Together for Peace’ (T4P) initiative. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “ABU - UNESCO Peace Media Awards 2021” – held at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- ‘DEAFinitely Leading the Way’ – won an award under ‘Living Well with Super Diversity’ category
- ‘Living on the edge - The coastal lives’ – won an award under ‘Ethical & Sustainable Relationship with Nature’ category

484. On November 22, Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) has been awarded the ‘Community Collaboration Award’ under the “Asia Corporate Excellence & Sustainability Awards (ACES) 2021”, organised by MORS Group, Malaysia. IOCL was ranked 212th among the world's largest Corporation in ‘Fortune Global 500’ listing, with the vision to become “A Globally Admired Company”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Asia Corporate Excellence & Sustainability Awards (ACES) 2021” – organised by MORS Group (Malaysia)
- IOCL – awarded the ‘Community Collaboration Award’
- IOCL ranked 212th in ‘Fortune Global 500’ listing | Vision – “A Globally Admired Company”
- HQs of IOCL – New Delhi | Chairperson – Shrikant Madhav Vaidya | Founded in – 1959



Appointments & Resignations

485. On November 21, Sudan's removed Prime Minister Abdalla Hamdok was reinstated/reappointed after he and Abdel Fattah Al-Burhan, General Commander of the Sudanese Armed Force, signed a political declaration to end the current political crisis. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Abdalla Hamdok – reinstated/reappointed as the Prime Minister of Sudan
- Sudan – Khartoum – Sudanese Pound | PM – Abdalla Hamdok

486. On November 21, Bulgarian President Rumen Radev won a second term of 5 years in the office defeating his challenger Anastas Gerdzhikov. While, Harvard-educated Kiril Petkov was elected as Bulgaria's new Prime Minister. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rumen Radev – reappointed as the President of Bulgaria (2nd term of 5 years)
- Kiril Petkov – elected as the Prime Minister of Bulgaria
- Bulgaria – Sofia – Lev | President – Rumen Radev | PM – Kiril Petkov

487. On November 22, Dermalogica, a professional skincare brand from the Hindustan Unilever portfolio, has roped in actor Neha Dhupia as its first-ever brand ambassador. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Neha Dhupia – roped in as the first-ever brand ambassador of 'Dermalogica', a professional skincare brand

488. Romania's President Klaus Iohannis nominated retired Army General Nicolae Ciuca as the Prime Minister of the country. Ciuca was serving as Romania's caretaker Defence Minister. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Nicolae Ciuca – appointed as the new Prime Minister of Romania
- Romania – Bucharest – leu | PM – Nicolae Ciuca | President – Klaus Iohannis

489. On November 22, Tamil Nadu Governor R. N. Ravi administered the oath of office to Madras High Court Acting Chief Justice (ACJ) Munishwar Nath Bhandari at the Raj Bhavan. Justice Munishwar Nath Bhandari took over from Duraiswamy J. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Munishwar Nath Bhandari – appointed as Acting Chief Justice (ACJ) of Madras High Court

Ranks, Reports & Surveys

490. On November 22, Union Labour Minister Bhupender Yadav released an instruction manual with a questionnaire for the “All India Survey on Domestic Workers” conducted by Labour Bureau, Chandigarh. It will cover 742 districts and all States of India. This survey will cover a database of 5.5 lakh households across India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bhupender Yadav – released an instruction manual with a questionnaire for “All India Survey on Domestic Workers”
- The survey was conducted by – Labour Bureau, Chandigarh
- Ministry of Labour & Employment: Bhupender Yadav | Constituency – Rajasthan
- MoS in Ministry of Labour & Employment: Rameswar Teli

MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

491. On November 24, Larsen & Toubro (L&T) entered into a pact with the Tamil Nadu government to establish a 90 MW capacity Hyperscale Data Centre in Kanchipuram over the next 5 years. L&T will provide comprehensive solutions and end to end data centre services, with multi-cloud managed and cyber security services, digital transformation integration services and application integration services. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- L&T + Tamil Nadu = an agreement to establish a 90 MW capacity Hyperscale Data Centre at Kanchipuram in 5 years
- HQs L&T – Mumbai, MH | CEO – S. N. Subrahmanyam
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin | Governor – Ravindra Narayan Ravi

492. On November 24, the Survey of India and the Tamil Nadu government signed an MoU to undertake a pilot project in two villages under the “SVAMITVA” scheme to study whether a drone survey would help the State further strengthen the land records database of ‘natham’ areas. The Survey of Villages Abadi & Mapping with Improvised Technology in Village Areas (SVAMITVA) scheme is promoted by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj. Besides, TVS Motor Company also signed an MoU with Tamil Nadu Government. Under the MoU, TVS Motor Company will invest Rs 1,200 Cr in Future Technologies and Electric Vehicles in the next 4 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Survey of India + TN = an MoU to undertake a pilot project in two villages under the “SVAMITVA” scheme
- SVAMITVA – Survey of Villages Abadi & Mapping with Improvised Technology in Village Areas
- TVS Motor + TN = an MoU to invest Rs 1,200 Cr in Future Technologies & Electric Vehicles in the next 4 years
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin | Governor – Ravindra Narayan Ravi
- HQs of Survey of India – Dehradun, Uttarakhand | Surveyor General of India – Naveen Tomar
- HQs of TVS Motor Company – Chennai, Tamil Nadu | CEO – K. N. Radhakrishnan



Books & Authors

493. HarperCollins published an extraordinary and inspirational life story, “Resolved: Uniting Nations in a Divided World”, an autobiography of the Former Secretary General of the United Nations Ban Ki-moon. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Resolved: Uniting Nations in a Divided World” book – authored by Ban Ki-moon
- Publisher – HarperCollins

494. A book titled “Contested Lands: India, China and the Boundary Dispute” is authored by Former Army Officer Maroof Raza. The book features the details about ongoing India-China border dispute. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Contested Lands: India, China and the Boundary Dispute” book – authored by Maroof Raza

Obituaries

495. Former South Korean President and former Military Commander Chun Doo-hwan passed away at the age of 90. He presided over the 1980 Gwangju army massacre of pro-democracy demonstrators, a crime for which he was later convicted and received a commuted death sentence. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Chun Doo-hwan – former President of South Korea – passed away
- South Korea – Seoul – Korean Republic won | President – Moon Jae-in

Science & Technology

496. On November 19, the China Aerospace Science and Technology Corp. (CASC) launched its 3rd Gaofen-11 reconnaissance satellite through ‘Long March 4B’ launching vehicle from the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center in northern China. The launch was China’s 44th of 2021. China added it to a set of classified satellites with an optical resolution which may be comparable to top U.S. spy satellites. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- China – launched its 3rd Gaofen-11 reconnaissance satellite through ‘Long March 4B’
- China – Beijing – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping



497. The NASA selected a new Earth science mission ‘Investigation of Convective Updrafts (INCUS)’ under its Earth Venture Mission-3 (EVM-3). The INCUS will study the behavior of tropical storms and thunderstorms, including their impacts on weather and climate models. The mission will cost approximately \$177 million and is expected to launch in 2027. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NASA – selected ‘Investigation of Convective Updrafts (INCUS)’ mission under its “Earth Venture Mission-3 (EVM-3)”
- The mission will cost approximately \$177 million & is expected to launch in 2027
- HQs of NASA – Washington D.C., USA | Administrator – Bill Nelson | Founded on – July 29, 1958

498. On November 23, Ministry of Science & Technology launched India’s first “Virtual Science Lab” for children under the ‘CSIR Jigyasa’ programme. It will connect students with scientists across India. Accordingly, CSIR has partnered with IIT Bombay to develop a virtual lab platform under the “CSIR Jigyasa” programme, which facilitates classroom learning with laboratory research for school students. The target audience for the virtual lab is students of standards VI to XII (11-18 years). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CSIR + IIT Bombay = developed India’s first “Virtual Science Lab” for children under the ‘CSIR Jigyasa’ programme
- Target audience for the virtual lab – students of Class 6th to 12th (11-18 years)
- HQs of CSIR – New Delhi | President – Narendra Modi | DG – Shekhar C. Mande | Established in – 1942
- Director of IIT Bombay – Prof. Subhasis Chaudhuri

499. On November 21, Union Minister of Education, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Shri Dharmendra Pradhan inaugurated the state-of-the-art Centre for Nanotechnology (CNT) and Centre for Indian Knowledge System (CIKS) at IIT Guwahati. Centre for Nanotechnology (CNT) aims at meeting future challenges and augment academic partnerships with industry in Nanotechnology. Centre for Indian Knowledge System (CIKS) will focus on preserving, documenting and sustaining the knowledge that is unique to India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dharmendra Pradhan inaugurated Centre for Nanotechnology & Centre for Indian Knowledge System at IIT Guwahati
- Director of IIT Guwahati – Dr. T. G. Sitharam
- Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship: Dharmendra Pradhan | Constituency – Madhya Pradesh
- MoS in Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship: Rajeev Chandrasekhar



Ordinance, Bills and Acts

500. The Andhra Pradesh Assembly has passed two bills which seek to repeal the “Andhra Pradesh Decentralisation and Inclusive Development of All Regions Act 2020” and “Andhra Pradesh Capital Regional Development Authority Act”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Andhra Pradesh Assembly passed two bills to repeal:
 - “Decentralisation & Inclusive Development of All Regions Act 2020”
 - “Capital Regional Development Authority Act”
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan





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