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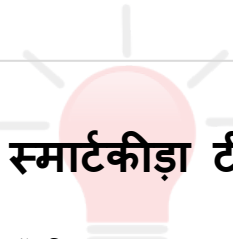
Hi Folks! We hope you all are doing well. We would like to state here that this PDF is meant for preparing for the upcoming MockDrill Test of November 2021 Month at Testzone. In this Current Affairs PDF we have added all the important Current Affairs information in form of 'Key-points' which are crucial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

551. Ministry of Panchayat Raj, in association with National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Hyderabad and Abdul Nazir Sab State Institute of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Mysuru had organised 1-day National Consultative Workshop on Citizen Charter and Delivery of Services by Panchayats on November 22, 2021 as part of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'. Participants from 16 States signed the "Mysuru Declaration" and resolved to roll out the Common Minimum Service delivery by Panchayats across the country from April 1, 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Panchayat Raj mini. – organised National Consultative Workshop on Citizen Charter & Delivery of Services by Panchayats
- Participants from 16 States signed "Mysuru Declaration" to make effective delivery of common service by Panchayats
- Location of NIRD&PR – Hyderabad, Telagana | DG – G. Narendra Kumar
- Location of ANSSIRD – Mysuru, Karnataka

552. On November 25, Union Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs Shri Hardeep S. Puri inaugurated the Unattended Train Operations (UTO) on the 59 km long Pink Line of the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC). PM Narendra Modi had launched the first driverless train operations of the Delhi Metro in December 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Hardeep S. Puri – inaugurated the Unattended Train Operations (UTO) on the 59 km long Pink Line of Delhi Metro

553. On November 25, Dr. Bharati Pravin Pawar, Union Minister of State for Health and family Welfare visited the FSSAI Office in New Delhi and flagged off "Food Safety Awareness Vehicles". On the occasion, she also released "National Low Salt Cooking Challenge Report" and unveiled a cookbook titled "Eat Right with Low Salt" as well as another book titled "History and Food". She also inspected the technical capabilities of Mobile Food Testing Vans called "Food Safety on Wheels". These vans are equipped with State-of-the-Art equipment to detect adulteration in submitted food items. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bharati Pravin Pawar – flagged off the "Food Safety Awareness Vehicles" at FSSAI's office in New Delhi
- On the occasion, she released/unveiled:
 - "National Low Salt Cooking Challenge Report"
 - "Eat Right with Low Salt" cookbook
 - "History and Food" book
- HQs of FSSAI – New Delhi | Chairperson – Rita Teotia | CEO – Shri Arun Singhal



554. On November 26, PM Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of the Noida International Airport (NIA) or Jewar Airport in Uttar Pradesh's Jewar. It will be the 2nd international airport to come up in the Delhi-NCR region, after the capital's Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport. The first phase of the project will be undertaken at a cost of around ₹10,500 Cr, and the work on it is scheduled to be completed by 2024. It will be India's first Net Zero Carbon Emissions airport. With this, Uttar Pradesh will become the only state in India to have 5 International airports. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Modi – laid the foundation stone of the Noida International Airport (NIA) in Jewar, Uttar Pradesh
- NIA or Jewar International Airport – will be India's first Net Zero Carbon Emissions airport
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

555. On November 26, National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) & National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) jointly organised a first-of-its-kind "River Cities Alliance (RCA)" ceremony in New Delhi. 30 cities across India have been selected as a platform under 'River Cities Alliance' on furthering the agenda for river sensitive development. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NMCG + NIUA = organised a first-of-its-kind "River Cities Alliance (RCA)" ceremony in New Delhi
- 30 cities have been selected under 'River Cities Alliance'
- NMCG functions under – Ministry of Jal Shakti | DG – Rajiv Ranjan Mishra
- Location of NIUA – New Delhi

556. On 25 November 2021, As per the recommendations of International Labour Organization & National Statistical Commission, Ministry of Labour released a new series of Wage Rate Index (WRI) with base year 2016 to enhance the coverage and to make index more representative. The WRI is being compiled and maintained by the Labour Bureau. The new series of WRI with base 2016=100 will replace the old series with base 1963-65. By adding 16 new manufacturing industries, total 37 industries have been covered in the new WRI basket as against 21 industries in the 1963-65 series. About 700 occupations have been covered under 37 selected industries in new series of WRI. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Labour – released a new series of Wage Rate Index (WRI) with base year 2016 (against 1963-65 earlier)
- WRI is being compiled & maintained by – Labour Bureau
- 16 new manufacturing industries added in the new WRI basket (Now, total industries covered – 37)

557. TechEagle, a Gurugram-based deeptech start-up building drone logistic services, partnered with Meghalaya government and Smart Village Movement (SVM) to launch India's first hybrid "e-VTOL" (vertical take-off and landing) drone delivery of life saving medicines. "e-VTOL Drone AquilaX2" will help deliver medicines to remote primary health centers (PHC). [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Meghalaya + TechEagle + SVM = launched India's first hybrid "e-VTOL Drone AquilaX2" to deliver medicines
- Meghalaya: Capital – Shillong | CM – Conrad Kongkal Sangma | Governor – Satya Pal Malik
- HQs of TechEagle – Gurugram, Haryana | CEO – Vikram Singh

558. On November 27, Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOCL), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL) launched the "Model Retail Outlet Scheme" and a Digital Customer Feedback Program called "Darpan@petrolpump". The scheme involves an intense 5 Level evaluation process of over 70000 retail outlets in India. The scheme was inaugurated by Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Hardeep Singh Puri. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IOCL + BPCL + HPCL = launched the "Model Retail Outlet Scheme" & "Darpan@petrolpump" feedback program
- The scheme was inaugurated by – Hardeep Singh Puri
- HQs of IOCL – New Delhi | Chairperson – Shrikant Madhav Vaidya | Founded in – 1959
- HQs of BPCL – Mumbai, MH | Chairman & MD – Arun Kumar Singh | Founded in – 1952
- HQs of HPCL – Mumbai, MH | CEO & Chairperson – Mukesh Kumar Surana | Founded in – 1974

559. On November 27, the Union government formed a 5-member Central Vista Oversight committee to monitor and ensure timely completion of its ambitious 'Central Vista Redevelopment' project. The panel is headed by former finance secretary Ratan P. Watal. The committee has been formed for next 2 years. In 2019, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs had proposed a 'Central Vista Redevelopment' project. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Government formed a 5-member 'Central Vista Oversight Committee' – headed by Ratan P. Watal
- MoHUA proposed a 'Central Vista Redevelopment' project in 2019

International Affairs

560. On November 23, NITI Aayog and Germany's Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation & Development (BMZ) signed Statement of Intent (Sol) to establish an overarching mechanism as "NITI- BMZ Dialogue on Development Cooperation" to facilitate a common platform for periodic bilateral discussions. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NITI Aayog + Germany = Sol to establish a mechanism "NITI- BMZ Dialogue on Development Cooperation"
- HQs of NITI Aayog – New Delhi | CEO – Amitabh Kant | Chairperson – Narendra Modi | VC – Rajiv Kumar
- Germany – Berlin – Euro | President – Frank-Walter Steinmeier



561. Collins Dictionary’s “Word of the Year” for 2021 is “NFT” - an abbreviation that stands for “Non-Fungible Token”. The reason for its selection is reportedly the meteoric rise in its use over the last year. According to Collins Dictionary, an NFT is ‘a unique digital certificate, registered in a blockchain that is used to record ownership of an asset such as an artwork or a collectible’. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “NFT” (Non-FungibleToken) – chosen as the “Word of the Year” for 2021 by Collins Dictionary

562. On November 26, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the recently-discovered ‘B.1.1.529’ variant of COVID-19 as a ‘variant of concern’ and renamed it “Omicron”. B.1.1.529 variant was first detected in South Africa. The variants of SARS-CoV-2 are named after Greek alphabets and Omicron is the 15th letter of the Greek alphabet. The letter is derived from the Phoenician letter ayin. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- WHO declared the recently-discovered ‘B.1.1.529’ variant of COVID-19 as a ‘variant of concern’
- WHO renamed ‘B.1.1.529’ as “Omicron” - which is the 15th letter of the Greek alphabet
- HQs of WHO – Geneva, Switzerland | DG – Tedros Adhanom | Member Countries – 194 | Founded in – 1948

Banking, Finance, Insurance & Economic Affairs

563. On November 26, ESAF Small Finance Bank announced the latest “ESAF Go Green” range of electric vehicle loan schemes. The launch coincides with COP26. ESAF Go green loans are available at low-interest rate, zero foreclosure charges, minimal processing fee and zero documentation charges. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ESAF SFB – announced the latest “ESAF Go Green” range of electric vehicle loan schemes
- HQs of ESAF SFB – Thrissur, Kerala | MD & CEO – K. Paul Thomas | Chairman – P. R. Ravi Mohan

564. On November 25, HSBC India launched India’s first credit card made from recycled PVC plastic. The cards have been introduced in partnership with global cards manufacturer IDEMIA and will help gradually eliminate single-use PVC plastic. Made from 85% recycled plastic, the new cards will help save 3.18 gm of plastic waste per card in addition to helping lower overall carbon emission. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- HSBC India – launched India’s first credit card made from recycled PVC plastic (in partnership with IDEMIA)
- HQs of HSBC India – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Hitendra Dave



565. On November 25, Yes Bank announced its collaboration with Amazon Pay and Amazon Web Services (AWS) to offer customers an instant real-time payment system through a UPI transaction facility. The bank has developed a cloud-native UPI processing platform to optimally handle the high traffic of transactions. The integration will enable Amazon Pay to issue UPI IDs with the @yapl handle. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Yes Bank + Amazon Pay + AWS = collaboration to offer an instant real-time payment system through a UPI facility
- HQs of Yes Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Prashant Kumar | Tagline – “Experience our Expertise”
- HQs of Amazon – Seattle, Washington, US | CEO – Andy Jassy | Incorporated in – 1994
- HQs of AWS – Seattle, Washington, US | CEO – Adam N. Selipsky

566. On November 25, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) issued fresh operating norms for the introduction of Silver Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs) in India. This comes after the SEBI recently amended MFs regulations to have mechanism for silver ETFs. In its latest circular, the SEBI mandated that a silver ETF scheme by mutual funds have to invest at least 95% of the net assets in silver and silver related instruments. This regulation is similar to gold ETFs. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SEBI – issued fresh operating norms for the introduction of Silver ETFs in India
- SEBI – mandated MFs to invest at least 95% of the net assets in Silver under the Silver ETFs scheme
- HQs of SEBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Ajay Tyagi | Established in – 1992

567. On November 26, the RBI accepted 21 out of 33 recommendations of the Internal Working Group (IWG) that was set up to review extant ownership guidelines and corporate structure for Indian private sector banks. Based on the recommendation, the RBI raised limit on promoters’ stake from the current levels of 15% to 26% of the paid-up voting equity share capital of the bank. Bank promoters currently do not include industrial groups whose holdings in a bank are capped at 10%. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI accepted 21 out of 33 recommendations of the Internal Working Group (IWG) on Private Sector Banks
- RBI raised limit on promoters’ stake to 26% of the paid-up voting equity share capital of the bank (from 15%)
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April 1935



Defence Affairs

568. On November 26, the Indian Air Force (IAF) received two Mirage 2000 fighter aircrafts from France at its Gwalior air base. The two-second hand combat aircrafts come as boost to their fighter jet fleet at a time when there is growing tensions on the Line of Actual Control (LAC), especially with China. The aircrafts would now be upgraded to the latest standards as part of the 'Mirage 2000H Upgrade Programme' deal with Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IAF received two Mirage 2000 fighter aircrafts at its Gwalior Air Base – from France
- IAF's 'Mirage 2000H Upgrade Programme' deal is with – Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd
- HQs of IAF – New Delhi | Chief – Air Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari | Vice Chief – Air Marshal Sandeep Singh
- HQs of HAL – Bengaluru, Karnataka | CEO – Amitabh Bhatt | Chairma & MD – R. Madhavan

Schemes & Initiatives

569. On November 24, In a pioneering initiative to take tourism deep into the state's interiors and rural hinterland, Kerala Tourism launched the "STREET" project (Sustainable, Tangible, Responsible, Experiential, Ethnic, Tourism hubs) in select spots in 7 districts. The project is conceived by the Responsible Tourism Mission and is inspired by the "Tourism for Inclusive Growth" slogan of the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO). The STREET project would be implemented in the Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode. Green street, cultural street, village life experience street, experiential tourism street, agri-tourism street, water street and art street are the themes that have been planned as part of the project. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kerala – launched the "STREET" project in select spots in 7 districts
- STREET – Sustainable, Tangible, Responsible, Experiential, Ethnic, Tourism hubs
- Slogan of the UNWTO – "Tourism for Inclusive Growth"
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

Sports & Games

570. "Guru Tegh Bahadur Martyrdom Day", also known as "Shaheedi Diwas" is observed annually on November 24. People across the country pay their homage to the 9th of 10 Sikh Gurus. The day marks the death anniversary of Guru Tegh Bahadur. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 24 – "Guru Tegh Bahadur Martyrdom Day" or "Shaheedi Diwas"
- Guru Tegh Bahadur – 9th of 10 Sikh Gurus who founded the Sikh religion



571. Since 2015, the “Constitution Day” or “Samvidhan Divas” is celebrated on November 26 every year. This year marks 72nd Constitution Day. This day, also called the “National Law Day”, commemorates the formal adoption of the Constitution of India by the Constituent Assembly on November 26, 1949. However, the Constitution of India came to force on January 26, 1950 - celebrated as the Republic Day. On the occasion of ‘Constitution Day’, Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu released the English and Hindi versions of books titled “Democracy, Politics and Governance” authored by Dr. A. Surya Prakash, Vice Chairman, Executive Council of Nehru Memorial Museum and Library. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 26 – 72nd “Constitution Day” or “Samvidhan Divas” or “National Law Day” (since - 2015)
- On November 26, 1949 – the Constitution of India was adopted (Effective from – January 26, 1950)
- M. Venkaiah Naidu released – English & Hindi versions of “Democracy, Politics and Governance” book
- The book is authored by – A. Surya Prakash

572. National Milk Day is observed across India on November 26 in memory of the father of the white revolution, Dr. Verghese Kurien, fondly known as the ‘Milk Man of India’. This year, milk day falls on the 100th birth anniversary of India’s ‘Father of White Revolution’. India was a milk deficient country, but with the initiative by Dr. Verghese Kurien, ‘Operation Flood’ led India to be the largest milk producer in the entire world. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 26 – “National Milk Day”
- Dedicated to – 100th Birth Anniversary of ‘Dr Verghese Kurien’ (The father of India’s White Revolution)
- India – the largest producer of milk in the world

573. Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya chaired the 12th Indian Organ Donation Day Celebrations on November 27, 2021. Since the year 2010, Indian Organ Donation Day is being celebrated every year to commemorate the contributions made to society by deceased donors and their families. The Ministers gave away awards to encourage the exemplary performance by transplant professionals in India. The State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (SOTTO) of Maharashtra won the award for the highest number of deceased donors transplantations while Regional Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (ROTO) for the Western Region was recognised for best performance. Velammal Medical College Hospital & Research Institute in Madurai, Tamil Nadu won the Best Transplant Hospital award. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 27 – 12th Indian Organ Donation Day (since - 2010)
- SOTTO (Maharashtra) – award for the ‘Highest number of Deceased Donors Transplantations’
- ROTTO (Western Region) – award for the ‘Best Performance’
- Velammal Medical College Hospital & Research Institute (Madurai, TN) – award for the ‘Best Transplant Hospital’



Important Days & Dates

574. On November 24, the 1st “International Conference on Hydrogen Energy - Policies, Infrastructure Development and Challenges” is being organized by Central Board of Irrigation and Power (CBIP) with the support of Ministry of New & Renewable Energy, Central Electricity Authority and NTPC on November 24-25, 2021. Bhagwanth Khuba, Minister of State for New and Renewable Energy inaugurated the event. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bhagwanth Khuba – inaugurated the 1st “International Conference on Hydrogen Energy - Policies, Infrastructure Development and Challenges” – organized by CBIP ([New Delhi](#))
- [Ministry of Ministry New & Renewable Energy: Raj Kumar Singh](#) | [Constituency – Arrah, Bihar](#)
- [MoS in Ministry New & Renewable Energy: Bhagwanth Khuba](#)

575. Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw, the Union Minister of Electronics & Information Technology, inaugurated a 3-day workshop titled “Aadhaar 2.0 - Ushering the Next Era of Digital Identity and Smart Governance” commencing at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. The workshop was organized by the UIDAI from November 23 to 25, 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ashwini Vaishnaw – inaugurated workshop “Aadhaar 2.0 - Ushering the Next Era of Digital Identity & Smart Governance”
- The workshop was organized by the UIDAI
- [HQs of UIDAI – New Delhi](#) | [CEO – Saurabh Garg](#) | [Founded on – January 28, 2009](#)

576. On 25 November 2021, the 20th Meeting of SCO Council of Heads of Government (CHG) was held in Nur-Sultan through video-conference under the Chairmanship of Kazakhstan. External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar represented India in the meeting. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- S. Jaishankar – participated in the 20th “Meeting of SCO Council of Heads of Government” – chaired by Kazakhstan
- [Kazakhstan – Nur-Sultan – Tenge](#) | [President – Kassym-Jomart Tokayev](#)
- [HQs of SCO – Beijing, China](#) | [SG – Vladimir Norov](#) | [Present Member Countries – 8](#) | [2021 Presidency – Tajikistan](#)

577. On 25 November 2021, Mansukh L. Mandaviya, the Minister of Chemicals & Fertilizers inaugurated the 2nd Global Chemicals & Petrochemicals Manufacturing Hub (GCPMH) in New Delhi. The event was organised by the Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers jointly with the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) in Phygital format (Physical and Digital) and aims to transform India to a global chemical and Petro-chemical manufacturing hub. Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Odisha, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu participated as the Partner States in the Summit. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Mansukh L. Mandaviya – inaugurated the 2nd Global Chemicals & Petrochemicals Manufacturing Hub – in New Delhi
- The event was organised by = Dept. of Chemicals & Petrochemicals + FICCI
- Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers: Mansukh L. Mandaviya | Constituency – Palitana, Gujarat
- MoS in Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers: Bhagwanth Khuba

578. The 13th Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) Summit with the theme “Strengthening Multilateralism for Shared Growth” was held virtually on 25-26 November, 2021. Vice President Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu led the Indian Delegation for the Summit, which saw participation from all 51 member countries, and ASEAN & European Union. This Summit also marked the 25th anniversary of the ASEM process. The 13th Summit was hosted by Cambodia as ASEM Chair. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Venkaiah Naidu – led the Indian Delegation for the 13th Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) Summit – hosted by Cambodia
- Theme of the summit – “Strengthening Multilateralism for Shared Growth”
- Cambodia – Phnom Penh – Riel | PM – Hun Sen

579. Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh inaugurated the 5th “World Congress on Disaster Management” in New Delhi on November 24, 2021 at the campus of IIT Delhi with the theme of “Technology, Finance and Capacity for Building Resilience to Disasters in the context of COVID-19”. He reiterated India’s vision for the Indian Ocean encapsulated by the concept of SAGAR (Security and Growth for All in the Region). He also stated that India is the first responder in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR) for Humanitarian Aid and Disaster Relief (HADR) operations. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rajnath Singh – inaugurated the 5th “World Congress on Disaster Management” in New Delhi
- Theme – “Technology, Finance and Capacity for Building Resilience to Disasters in the context of COVID-19”
- India – the first responder in the IOR for Humanitarian Aid and Disaster Relief (HADR) operations

580. On November 26, Science & Technology Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh chaired the 9th Meeting of BRICS Science and Technology Ministers. During the meeting, he informed that India under ‘Vaccine Maitri’ initiative is providing COVID-19 vaccines to countries around the world. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dr. Jitendra Singh – chaired the 9th Meeting of BRICS Science & Technology Ministers
- BRICS Member Countries: 5 – Brazil, Russia, India, China & South Africa | Chairship in 2021 – India
- MoS (I/C) in the Ministry of Science & Technology: Dr. Jitendra Singh | Constituency – Udhampur, J&K



Meetings, Conferences and Summits

581. SecurelyShare Software Private Limited has been awarded as the winner of the 1st prize in the “Cyber Security Grand Challenge Award” conducted by Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), in association with Data Security Council of India (DSCI). The DSCI Cyber Security Grand Challenge is an initiative to promote Cyber Security Innovation and Entrepreneurship. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SecurelyShare – awarded the “Cyber Security Grand Challenge Award” – by MeitY & DSCI
- HQs of DSCI – Noida, Uttar Pradesh | CEO – Rama Vedashree
- HQs of SecurelyShare – Bengaluru, Karnataka | Founder & CEO – Prakash Baskaran

Appointments & Resignations

582. Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) special director Praveen Sinha was elected as the delegate for Asia in the Executive Committee of the International Criminal Police Organization (Interpol). Moreover the Interpol has elected Inspector General Ahmed Naser Al-Raisi (UAE) as its President for a 4-year term at the 89th Meeting of Interpol General Assembly held in Istanbul, Turkey. Mr. Al-Raisi served as a delegate on INTERPOL’s Executive Committee from 2018 to 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 89th Meeting of Interpol General Assembly – held in Istanbul, Turkey
- Ahmed Naser Al-Raisi (UAE) – elected as the President of Interpol for a 4-year term (succeeding - Kim Jong Yang)
- Praveen Sinha – elected as the delegate for Asia in the Executive Committee of Interpol
- HQs of Interpol – Lyon, France | President – Ahmed Naser Al-Raisi | Founded on – September 7, 1923

583. In November 2021, France’s Audrey Azoulay was elected to a second 4-year term as the Director General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) after a vote of its 193 members at the 41st session of the UNESCO’s General Conference. Santiago Irazabal Mourao was the President of the conference. Azoulay was appointed in 2017. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Audrey Azoulay (France) – elected to a second 4-year term as the Director General of the UNESCO
- President of the 41st session of the UNESCO’s General Conference – Santiago Irazabal Mourao
- HQs of UNESCO – Paris, France | Director-General – Audrey Azoulay | Founded in – 1945



584. On November 25, India was elected to the World Heritage Committee of the UNESCO for a 4-year term from 2021-2025 with 142 votes. India has won the seat on World Heritage Committee from the Asia Pacific region. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – elected to the World Heritage Committee of the UNESCO for a 4-year term from 2021-2025
- HQs of UNESCO – Paris, France | Director-General – Audrey Azoulay | Founded in – 1945
- Members of the World Heritage Committee (WHC) – 21

585. On November 24, Olaf Scholz succeeded Angela Merkel to become the next chancellor of Germany. Mr. Scholz unveiled his new center-left government and prepared to take office in December. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Olaf Scholz – became the next chancellor of Germany (succeeding - Angela Merkel)
- Germany – Berlin – Euro | President – Frank-Walter Steinmeier

Amount & Agreements

586. On November 25, Germany announced new development commitments of more than EUR 1.2 billion (Rs 10,025 Cr) to aid India's fight against climate change and for cooperation on clean energy. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Germany – announced Euro 1.2 billion (Rs 10,025 Cr) to aid India's fight against climate change
- Germany – Berlin – Euro | President – Frank-Walter Steinmeier

587. On November 26, Export-Import Bank of India (Exim Bank) has committed loans worth \$100 million for domestic manufacturers (7 companies) of Covid-19 vaccines or related products in FY22. Exim Bank targets to achieve financing of \$7 billion of project exports over next 5 years through funds received from Government of India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Exim Bank – committed loans worth \$100 million for domestic manufacturers of Covid-19 vaccines in FY22
- Exim Bank – targets to achieve financing of \$7 billion of project exports over next 5 years
- HQs of EXIM Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD – Harsha Bangari | Founded in – 1982



Ranks, Reports & Surveys

588. On November 26, Amazon, Asian Paints and Tata Tea have been named as the “Most Purposeful Brands in India 2021” in tech, non-FMCG and FMCG categories, as per the “BrandZ India 2021” report released by Kantar. The Kantar BrandZ database for Most Purposeful Brands of India for 2020-21 cover 418 brands. In the technology category, Amazon is followed by Zomato & YouTube. In the FMCG category, Tata Tea is followed by Surf Excel & Taj Mahal Tea. In the non-FMCG category, Asian Paints is followed by Jio & Samsung. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “BrandZ India 2021” report for “Most Purposeful Brands in India 2021” – released by Kantar Group (London, UK)
- Technology Brands: 1st– Amazon, 2nd– Zomato, 3rd– YouTube
- FMCG Brands: 1st– Tata Tea, 2nd– Surf Excel, 3rd– Taj Mahal Tea
- Non-FMCG Brands: 1st– Asian Paints, 2nd– Jio, 3rd– Samsung

589. On November 24, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare released the 5th edition of the “National Family Health Survey (NFHS)”. The all-India and State/UT level factsheet released includes information on 131 key indicators. As per the survey, the Total Fertility Rates (TFR), an average number of children per women, declined from 2.2 to 2.0 at the national level ranging from 1.4 in Chandigarh to 2.4 in Uttar Pradesh. Overall Contraceptive Prevalence Rate (CPR) has increased substantially from 54% at all-India level. Institutional births have increased substantially from 79% to 89% at all-India Level. In Child Nutrition indicators, stunting has declined from 38% to 36%. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 5th edition of “National Family Health Survey (NFHS)” – released by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
- Total Fertility Rates declined to – 2.0 (from 2.2) | Highest: 2.4 in Uttar Pradesh & Lowest: 1.4 in Chandigarh
- CPR increased to – 67% (from 54%) | Institutional births increased to – 89% (from 79%)

590. On November 27, NITI Aayog released India’s first “National Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) 2021”. According to the “Global MPI 2021”, India’s rank is 66 out of 109 countries. “National Multidimensional Poverty Index: Baseline Report” is based on National Family Health Survey (NFHS)-4, which was conducted in 2015-16. NFHS was conducted by the International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. Bihar has the highest poverty while Kerala registered the lowest poverty. Moreover, Bihar also has the highest number of malnourished people followed by Jharkhand & Madhya Pradesh. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 1st “National Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) 2021” – released by NITI Aayog
- Highest Poverty – Bihar | Lowest Poverty – Kerala
- Bihar – the highest number of malnourished people
- “Global MPI 2021”: India – 66th
- IIPS – functions under Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
- HQs of NITI Aayog – New Delhi | CEO – Amitabh Kant | Chairperson – Narendra Modi | VC – Rajiv Kumar



MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

591. On November 26, Haryana government signed an MoU with the National Institute for Smart Government (NISG) to bring in the experience and expertise from the public and private sectors to enhance in-house capacities. The Haryana government is striving to streamline the delivery of various services to its citizens. This MoU will be valid for a period of 5 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Haryana + NISG = an MoU to bring in the expertise from the public & private sectors for services delivery to its citizens
- Haryana: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Manohar Lal Khattar | Governor – Bandaru Dattatraya
- HQs of NISG – Hyderabad, Telangana | CEO – Rama Krishna Rao (functions under – MeitY)

592. On November 25, Bharti Airtel successfully conducted India's first 5G trial in the 700 MHz band in partnership with Nokia. It was conducted on the outskirts of Kolkata and it was also the first 5G trial in Eastern India. Airtel used equipment from Nokia's 5G portfolio, which included NokiaAirScale radios and standalone (SA) core. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bharti Airtel + Nokia = conducted India's first 5G trial in the 700 MHz band on the outskirts of Kolkata
- It was the first 5G trial in Eastern India
- HQs of Bharti Airtel – New Delhi | CEO & MD – Gopal Vittal | Chairman – Sunil Bharti Mittal
- HQs of Nokia – Espoo, Finland | CEO – Pekka Lundmark

593. On November 26, Assam Electronics Development Corporation Limited (AMTRON) has signed a tripartite MoU with Mastercard Asia/Pacific Pte Ltd. and I-Sec Security Services Pvt. Ltd for setting up a strategic Cyber Intelligence Centre of Excellence at Tech City, Guwahati. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- AMTRON (Assam) + Mastercard Asia/Pacific Pte Ltd + I-Sec Security Services = an MoU to set up a strategic Cyber Intelligence Centre of Excellence – in Guwahati
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Himanta Biswa Sarma | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi
- HQs of I-Sec Security Services – Mumbai, Maharashtra



Books & Authors

594. On November 26, Time Magazine India organized “Time Magazine Excellence Iconic Awards 2021” in New Delhi, in which an eminent lawyer and founder of Singhania and Company, D.C. Singhania was felicitated with “Life Time Achievement Award 2021”. During the event, the 3rd Edition of “Mass Communication: Principles and Concepts” book authored by Seema Hasan, was also launched. [{Read more}](#)

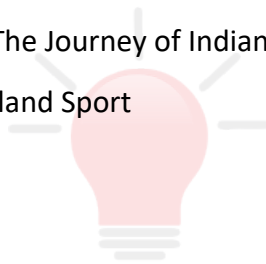
Key Points:

- “Time Magazine Excellence Iconic Awards 2021” – organised in New Delhi
- D.C. Singhania – received the “Life Time Achievement Award 2021” by the Time Magazine India
- 3rd Edition of “Mass Communication: Principles and Concepts” book – authored by Seema Hasan

595. Veteran sports writer Ayaz Memon has authored a book titled “Indian Innings: The Journey of Indian Cricket from 1947”. In the anthology, Ayaz curates some of the finest pieces that tell the remarkable tale that Indian cricket has largely been. The book is published by Westland Sport. There have been anthologies before and one that springs to mind is “The Picador Book of Cricket” by Ramachandra Guha, published in 2001. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Indian Innings: The Journey of Indian Cricket from 1947” book – authored by Ayaz Memon
- Publisher – Westland Sport



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Obituaries

596. ‘Titan of the American Musical’, Stephen Joshua Sondheim passed away. He was 91. He was an American composer and lyricist. Among the most important figures in 20th-century musical theater, Sondheim was praised for having ‘reinvented the American Musical’. He received a “Special Tony Award” (2008) for ‘Lifetime Achievement in the Theatre’. He had also received 8 Grammy Awards & a Pulitzer Prize. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Stephen Sondheim (USA) – Composer & Lyricist – passed away (‘Titan of the American Musical’)
- Awards: “Special Tony Award” (2008), 8 ‘Grammy Awards’, ‘Pulitzer Prize’



Science & Technology

597. Pakistan conducted a successful flight test of the “Shaheen-1A” surface-to-surface ballistic missile with a range of 900 km. The test flight was aimed at re-validating certain design and technical parameters of the weapon system. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Pakistan – conducted a successful flight test of the “Shaheen-1A” surface-to-surface ballistic missile
- Range of the missile – 900 km
- Pakistan – Islamabad – Pakistani Rupee | PM – Imran Khan | President – Arif Alvi

598. On November 25, Scientists at IIT BHU have developed a first-of-its-kind device in India for the on-site production of ultra-pure Hydrogen. It is based on membrane technology for on-site production of ultra-pure hydrogen from methanol. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IIT BHU – developed a first-of-its-kind device in India for the on-site production of ultra-pure Hydrogen

599. On November 26, DBT-National Brain Research Centre (DBT-NBRC) have recently developed project “SWADESH”, a unique brain initiative focusing on certified neuroimaging, neurochemical, neuropsychological data and analytics that are made accessible to researchers for managing brain disorders. SWADESH is the first large-scale multimodal neuroimaging database designed specifically for Indian population with big-data architecture and analytics for various disease categories under one platform. SWADESH was inaugurated by Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (I/C) for the Ministry of Science and Technology on November 19, 2021. SWADESH is supported by JAVA-based workflow environment and Python. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dr. Jitendra Singh – inaugurated the first large-scale Multimodal Neuroimaging Database called “SWADESH”
- It is developed by – DBT-NBRC (Haryana) | Supported by – JAVA & Python

600. On November 26, Indo-German Science & Technology Centre (IGSTC) launched a first-of-its-kind programme, “Women’s Involvement in Science & Engineering Research (WISER)” to promote women in the field of research and development and offer 20 scholarship awards every year. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IGSTC – launched a first-of-its-kind programme “WISER” to promote women in the R&D field
- Germany – Berlin – Euro | President – Frank-Walter Steinmeier





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