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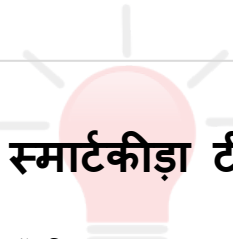
Hi Folks! We hope you all are doing well. We would like to state here that this PDF is meant for preparing for the upcoming MockDrill Test of November 2021 Month at Testzone. In this Current Affairs PDF we have added all the important Current Affairs information in form of 'Key-points' which are crucial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

**1.** On November 1, the Jammu & Kashmir team for deaf clinched 1<sup>st</sup> position in World Deaf Judo Championship held at Paris Versailles, France. Rakshanda Mehak who is part of the Indian team for the deaf clinched the bronze medal in the semifinal. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- J&K team for Deaf – clinched 1<sup>st</sup> position in World Deaf Judo Championship – held in France
- Rakshanda Mehak (Judo) – clinched the Bronze Medal in the semifinal
- France – Paris – Euro | President – Emmanuel Macron | PM – Jean Castex

**2.** On November 1, Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav launched a scientific initiative called the “Climate Equity Monitor” to encourage discussions on issues related to equity and justice at the ongoing climate negotiations. The Climate Change Group at M. S. Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF) launched the online dashboard to assess equity in climate change mitigation. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Bhupender Yadav – launched a scientific initiative called “Climate Equity Monitor”

**3.** On November 2, the SEBI has constituted “IT Projects Advisory Committee” that will advise the markets regulator on projects aimed to utilise advanced technologies such as artificial intelligence, machine learning, data analytics and cloud computing. The 7-member committee, headed by Abhay Karandikar, will provide guidance to upgrade existing SEBI's IT systems and solutions. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- SEBI – constituted “IT Projects Advisory Committee” to provide technical expertise | Headed by – Abhay Karandikar
- HQs of SEBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Ajay Tyagi | Established in – 1992

**4.** First Palmetum of Uttarakhand and the biggest Palmetum in North India developed by Research wing of Uttarakhand forest department was inaugurated at Haldwani in Nainital district of Uttarakhand. The Palmetum has around 100 different species of Palms. It has been funded under CAMPA (Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority) scheme of central government with an amount of 16 lakhs. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- First Palmetum & the biggest in North India – inaugurated at Haldwani, Nainital, Uttarakhand
- Uttarakhand: Capital – Dehradun & Gairsain | CM – Pushkar Singh Dhami | Governor – Lt. Gen. Gurmit Singh



5. President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated a Housing scheme project for the economically weaker section (EWS) of the society in Gujarat's Bhavnagar district. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Ram Nath Kovind – inaugurated a Housing scheme project for the EWS – in Bhavnagar, Gujarat
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Bhupendra Patel | Governor – Acharya Devvrat

6. On November 1, Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan launched Bhasha Sangam Initiative for schools, Bhasha Sangam Mobile App and Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat Quiz App to commemorate Rashtriya Ekta Diwas, as per the agenda of National Education Policy 2020. Bhasha Sangam Initiative for schools is developed by NCERT. Bhasha Sangam Mobile App is an initiative of Department of Higher Education in collaboration with MyGov. Bhasha Sangam is an initiative of the Ministry of Education under Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat, to teach basic sentences of everyday usage in 22 Indian languages. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Ministry of Education recently launched:
  - Bhasha Sangam Initiative for schools (developed by NCERT)
  - Bhasha Sangam Mobile App (an initiative of DoHE & MyGov)
  - Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat Quiz App (an initiative of MoEd's Innovation Cell & AICTE)
- 'Bhasha Sangam Initiative' aims to teach basic sentences of everyday usage in 22 Indian languages
- Ministry of Education: Dharmendra Pradhan | Constituency – Madhya Pradesh
- MoS in Ministry of Education: Subhas Sarkar

7. On November 1, Union Minister for Ports, Shipping & Waterways and AYUSH, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated the simultaneous launching of five vessels at Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL). The Minister inaugurated the launching function of three Floating Border Out-Posts (FBOP) for the Border Security Force and two Fully Electric Autonomous Ferries for ASKO Maritime AS, Norway. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated the launching of:
  - 5 vessels at Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL)
  - 3 Floating Border Out-Posts (FBOP) for the BSF
  - 2 Fully Electric Autonomous Ferries for ASKO Maritime AS, Norway
- Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways: Sarbananda Sonowal | Constituency – Majuli, Assam
- MoS in Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways: Shripad Yesso Naik & Shantanu Thakur

8. On November 2, Indian Oil Corp Ltd (IOCL) will invest Rs 3,681 Cr in setting up India's first mega-scale Maleic Anhydride Plant to manufacture value-added chemical products at its Panipat refinery and petroleum complex (PRPC) in Haryana. The project is proposed to have a capacity of 1,20,000 tonnes per annum of Maleic Anhydride (MAH). [{Read more}](#)



**Key Points:**

- IOCL – to set up India’s first mega-scale Maleic Anhydride Plant at Panipat, Haryana | Outlay – Rs 3,681 Cr
- HQs of IOCL – New Delhi | Chairperson – Shrikant Madhav Vaidya | Founded in – 1959

**9.** The Union Health Minister Mansukh L. Mandaviya launched the “Knock Every Door” campaign to boost second-dose vaccination. The “Har Ghar Dastak” (Knock Every Door) campaign is scheduled to start soon in districts with low vaccination rates to enthuse and motivate people towards getting their jab. The goal is to cover the entire adult population with at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine by the end of November. Central government has set-up a cut-off of 77% coverage for the first dose while 33% cut off for the second dose. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Health Ministry – launched the “Knock Every Door” campaign to boost second-dose vaccination
- Ministry of Health & Family Welfare: Mansukh L. Mandaviya | Constituency – Palitana, Gujarat
- MoS in Ministry of Health & Family Welfare: Bharati Pravin Pawar

**10.** National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) celebrates “Ganga Utsav” every year to mark the anniversary of the announcement of River Ganga as the ‘National River’. This year’s “Ganga Utsav 2021 - The River Festival” was organised from November 1 to 3, 2021. World River Day was observed on 26<sup>th</sup> September. Continuous Learning and Activity Portal (CLAP) was launched by Gajendra Singh Shekhawat at the Utsav. Jal Shakti Minister, Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat also launched the “Ganga Atlas: River of the Past” developed by Prof Rajiv Sinha, IIT Kanpur. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- NMCG – celebrated “Ganga Utsav 2021 - The River Festival” from November 1 to 3, 2021
- Continuous Learning & Activity Portal (CLAP) was launched by – Gajendra Singh Shekhawat
- Gajendra Singh Shekhawat – launched “Ganga Atlas: River of the Past” developed by Prof Rajiv Sinha
- NMCG functions under – Ministry of Jal Shakti | DG – Rajiv Ranjan Mishra

**11.** Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd (IREDA), a PSU under the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE) launched a “Whistle-blower Portal”, as a part of ‘Vigilance Awareness Week 2021’ (October 26 to November 2). On this occasion, latest issue of Vigilance journal ‘Pahal’ was also released by IREDA. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- IREDA – launched a “Whistle-blower Portal”
- Latest issue of Vigilance journal ‘Pahal’ – released by IREDA
- HQs of IREDA – New Delhi | CMD – Pradip Kumar Das





## International Affairs

**12.** The UN Security Council (UNSC) adopted a resolution called “Resolution 2601” for the protection of education in armed conflict. It condemns attacks against schools and hospitals as well as denial of humanitarian access by parties to armed conflict and all other violations of international law. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- UNSC adopted a resolution called “Resolution 2601” for the protection of Education in Armed Conflict
- HQs of UNSC – New York, USA | Presidency in December 2021 – Niger (Oct - Kenya | Nov - Mexico)

## Banking, Finance, Insurance & Economic Affairs

**13.** On November 1, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has extended the validity of its Directions for Mumbai-based Kapol Co-operative Bank by 6 months up to April 30, 2022. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- RBI – extended the validity of its Directions for Kapol Co-operative Bank – by 6 months (up to April 30, 2022)
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25<sup>th</sup>) | Established in – 1<sup>st</sup> April, 1935

**14.** On November 1, Axis Bank signed an MoU with the Indian Navy, offering a defence service salary package - “Power Salute”. Though this, the bank will offer numerous benefits to all ranks of the Indian Navy, veterans and cadets. The benefits include a personal accidental cover of up to ₹56 lakh to all navy personnel, veterans and cadets. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- Axis Bank + Indian Navy = an MoU to offer Defence Services Salary Package under its “Power Salute” initiative
- Personal accidental cover to all Army personnel – up-to ₹56 lakh
- HQs of Axis Bank – Mumbai | MD & CEO – Amitabh Chaudhry | Tagline – “Badhti ka Naam Zindagi”
- HQs of Indian Navy – Delhi | Chief – Admiral Karambir Singh | VC – S. N. Ghormade | Founded in – 26<sup>th</sup> Jan, 1950

**15.** On November 2, Bank of Baroda has signed an MoU with NCDEX e Markets Ltd (NEML) to become a ‘clearing bank’ for handling financial transactions in the NeML market place and procurement/auction platform. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- BoB + NEML = an MoU to become a ‘clearing bank’ for handling financial transactions in the NeML market place
- HQs of BOB – Vadodara, Gujarat | CEO – Sanjiv Chadha | Tagline – “India’s International Bank”
- HQs of NEML – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Mrugank Paranjape





**16.** On November 2, ICICI Lombard General Insurance has partnered with Vega Helmets to offer personal accident insurance cover on every online purchase of Vega helmet. The personal accident insurance policy will provide individuals with the benefit of accidental death with sum insured of ₹1 lakh. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- ICICI Lombard Gen. Ins. + Vega Helmets = partnership to offer personal accident insurance cover of ₹1 lakh
- HQs of ICICI Lombard – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Bhargav Das Gupta

**17.** On November 2, State Bank of India (SBI) has launched a pre-approved two-wheeler loan scheme “SBI Easy Ride” through its digital banking platform ‘YONO’. Customers can apply for the Easy Ride loan for an amount up to ₹3 lakh at an interest rate of 10.5% per annum onwards for a maximum tenure of 4 years. The minimum loan amount has been fixed at ₹20,000. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- SBI – launched a pre-approved two-wheeler loan scheme “SBI Easy Ride” through its YONO platform
- Loan amount: maximum – ₹3 lakh & minimum – ₹20,000 | Interest rate – 10.5% per annum | Tenure – 4 years
- HQs of SBI Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Dinesh Kumar Khara
- MD – Challa Sreenivasulu Setty | Ashwani Bhatia | Ashwini Kumar Tewari | Swaminathan Janakiraman

**18.** On November 2, The government has announced a “Revamped Gold Monetisation Scheme (R-GMS)”. Minimum Deposit Quantity under R-GMS is reduced to 10 grams of raw Gold (bars, coins, jewellery, excluding stones & other metals). And there is no maximum limit set for Deposit Quantity under R-GMS. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Government announced a “Revamped Gold Monetisation Scheme (R-GMS)”
- Minimum Deposit Quantity under R-GMS – 10 grams | No maximum limit under R-GMS

**19.** On November 1, NITI Aayog and the World Bank are working together to facilitate a program for faster and easier financing of electric vehicles (EV). The two entities are setting up a \$300-million ‘First Loss Risk Sharing Instrument’, with State Bank of India (SBI) as its program manager. This facility would seek to garner around \$1.5 billion in financing for EVs. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- NITI Aayog + World Bank = setting up a \$300-million ‘First Loss Risk Sharing Instrument’ | Program Manager – SBI
- HQs of NITI Aayog – New Delhi | CEO – Amitabh Kant | Chairperson – Narendra Modi | VC – Rajiv Kumar
- HQs of World Bank – Washington D.C., USA | Member Countries – 189
- President – David Malpass | MD & CFO – Anshula Kant



**20.** Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) has collaborated with HDFC Bank to encourage and promote the listing of startups and small & medium enterprises (SMEs) across India. Through this pact, HDFC Bank and BSE will evaluate banking and lending solutions for startups. BSE became the first stock exchange to get approval from markets regulator SEBI and had launched its SME platform in March 2012. [{Read more}](#)

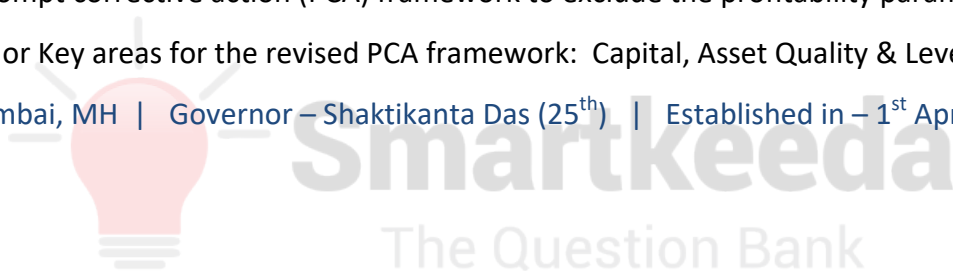
**Key Points:**

- BSE + HDFC Bank = an MoU to encourage & promote the listing of startups & SMEs across India
- HQs of HDFC Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Sashidhar Jagdishan | Tagline – “We understand your world”
- HQs of BSE – Mumbai, MH | Chairman – Justice Vikramajit Sen | MD & CEO – Shri Ashishkumar Chauhan
- BSE is Asia’s 1<sup>st</sup> Stock Exchange Company

**21.** The RBI revised its prompt corrective action (PCA) framework to exclude the profitability parameter from its list of triggers. Capital, asset quality and profitability were the key areas for monitoring in 2017’s framework. This time, Capital, asset quality and leverage will be key areas. The RBI has also revised the level of shortfall in total capital adequacy ratio that would push the lender to ‘risk threshold three’ category. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- RBI revised its prompt corrective action (PCA) framework to exclude the profitability parameter from its list
- New parameters or Key areas for the revised PCA framework: Capital, Asset Quality & Leverage
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25<sup>th</sup>) | Established in – 1<sup>st</sup> April 1935



## Defence Affairs

**22.** On November 2, The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) accorded Acceptance of Necessity for capital acquisition proposals for modernisation and operational needs of the armed forces amounting to Rs 7,965 Cr. It also includes 12 light utility helicopters from Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL). The DAC also approved ‘mid-life upgradation of Dornier aircraft’ by HAL to increase the naval capacity of maritime reconnaissance and coastal surveillance. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- DAC approved proposals worth Rs 7,965 Cr for modernisation & operational needs of the armed forces
- DAC also approved ‘mid-life upgradation of Dornier aircraft’ by HAL
- DAC – Chaired by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh
- Ministry of Defence: Rajnath Singh | Constituency – Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- MoS in Ministry of Defence: Ajay Bhatt



**23.** The Indian Air Force (IAF) and Egypt conducted a two-day exercise called “Desert Warrior” at Egypt’s El Berigat airbase to enhance mutual understanding and share operational experience. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- IAF + Egypt = conducted a two-day exercise called “Desert Warrior” – at El Berigat airbase in Egypt
- Egypt – Cairo – Egyptian Pound | President – Abdel Fattah el-Sisi
- HQs of IAF – New Delhi | Chief – Air Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari | Vice Chief – Air Marshal Sandeep Singh

## Schemes & Initiatives

**24.** On November 2, Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah launched the “Ayushman CAPF” Scheme health cards at the national level in New Delhi. The Scheme is a joint initiative of Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) and National Health Authority (NHA). Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah had launched ‘Ayushman CAPF’ Scheme on Pilot basis in the State of Assam on 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2021 to provide healthcare services to all Central Armed Police Force (CAPFs) personnel and their dependents. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Amit Shah – launched the “Ayushman CAPF” Scheme health cards at National level in New Delhi
- “Ayushman CAPF” Scheme = a joint initiative between MHA, MoHFW & NHA
- Ayushman CAPF’ Scheme was launched on pilot basis in Assam in January 2021

## Sports & Games

**25.** Indian table tennis duo of G. Sathiyam and Harmeet Desai won the men’s doubles title at the World Table Tennis (WTT) Contender Tunis Tournament 2021 defeating Emmanuel Lebesson and Alexandre Cassin. The tournament was held in Tunisia. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- G. Sathiyam & Harmeet Desai ([Table Tennis](#)) – won men’s doubles title at the ‘WTT Contender Tunis’ – held in Tunisia



## Important Days & Dates

**26.** On November 1, the 73<sup>rd</sup> Information & Public Relations Day was celebrated at Directorate of Information and Public Relations (DIPR) Auditorium, in Imphal, Manipur. It was on this day in 1949 that the Publicity office of the Government of Manipur was set up with late RK Maipaksana as the first Publicity Officer. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- November 1 – 73<sup>rd</sup> Information & Public Relations Day – celebrated at DIPR Auditorium, Imphal, Manipur
- Manipur: Capital – Imphal | CM – N. Biren Singh | Governor – La. Ganesan

**27.** On November 2, the International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists was observed. Between 2006 and 2020, over 1,200 journalists have been killed for reporting the news and bringing information to the public. According to UNESCO's recent discussion paper, "The Chilling: Global trends in online violence against Women Journalists", 73% of the women journalists surveyed had been threatened, intimidated and insulted online in connection with their work. Commemorations in 2021 will also pave the way for the 10-year anniversary of the "UN Plan of Action on Safety of Journalists and the Issue of Impunity", to be marked in 2022. The day was first observed on November 2, 2014. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- November 2 – International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists (since - 2014)
- "The Chilling: Global trends in online violence against Women Journalists" discussion paper – published by UNESCO
- HQs of UNESCO – Paris, France | Director-General – Audrey Azoulay | Founded in – 1945

**28.** This year, November 2 is observed as the 6<sup>th</sup> "National Ayurveda Day" by the Ministry of AYUSH and is celebrated across the country. In 2016, the Union Ministry of AYUSH started observing "Dhanwantari Jayanti" (Dhanteras) as the "Ayurveda Day" with an objective to nationalise this system of medicine and make it global. The theme for this year is "Ayurveda for Poshana (Nutrition)". The day was first observed in 2016. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- November 2 – 6<sup>th</sup> Ayurveda Day (on Dhanwantari Jayanti) | First Ayurveda Day – in 2016
- Theme – "Ayurveda for Poshana (Nutrition)"

**29.** "World Vegan Day" is an annual event that is observed and celebrated by vegans around the world on November 1. World Vegan Day was established in 1994 by Louise Wallis, singer, animal-rights activist and then Chair of The Vegan Society in the UK, to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the organisation. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- November 1 – "World Vegan Day" (since - 1994)



**30.** Kerala celebrated its 65<sup>th</sup> State Formation Day (or Kerala Piravi) on November 1, 2021. The Assembly felicitated its women legislators of the past and present at a ceremony organised as part of the “SAMAM” campaign for gender equality by Kerala’s Culture Department. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- November 1 – 65<sup>th</sup> State Formation Day of Kerala or ‘Kerala Piravi’
- SAMAM” campaign for gender equality – launched by Kerala’s Culture Department
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

**31.** “Kannada Rajyotsava”, also known as “Karnataka Formation Day” or “Karnataka Day”, is celebrated on November 1 every year. On this day in 1956 all the Kannada-speaking regions of south western India were merged to form the state of Karnataka. It coincides with the formation of several other states such as Haryana, Kerala, and Punjab. Governor of Georgia, Brian P. Kemp, has declared that November 1 will be celebrated as ‘Kannada Language & Rajyotsava Day’ in Georgia. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- November 1 – Kannada Rajyotsava or Karnataka Formation Day or Karnataka Day
- November 1 – to be celebrated as ‘Kannada Language & Rajyotsava Day’ in Georgia, US



## Meetings, Conferences and Summits

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**32.** The UN Climate Change Conference - COP26 in Glasgow has announced that Egypt was chosen to host the upcoming session of the conference in 2022 (COP27). While the UAE has won its bid to host the COP28 conference in 2023. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- COP26 – held in Glasgow, Scotland (2021)
- COP27 – to be held in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt (2022)
- COP28 – to be held in UAE (2023)

## Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

**33.** Ms. Renu Gupta (MD at Red Velvet Rock Global Commercial Brokers LLC, Dubai) has been honoured with the “Blackswan Award for Women Empowerment”, acknowledging her remarkable contribution to making a change in society through her edge of business ideas based on innovation. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Renu Gupta – honoured with the “Blackswan Award for Women Empowerment”



**35.** On November 2, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports announced the “National Sports Awards 2021”. The awardees received their awards from the President of India at a specially organized function at the Darbar Hall of Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi. It was recommended by the Selection Committee headed by Justice (Retd.) Mukundakam Sharma (former Judge of Supreme Court). “Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award 2021” was given to 12 Sports persons. While 35 Sports persons were given “Arjuna Awards for outstanding performance in Sports & Games 2021”. “Dronacharya Award for outstanding coaches in Sports & Games” was given to total 10 sports persons in two different categories. “Dhyan Chand Award for Lifetime achievement in Sports & Games” was given to 5 sports persons. Besides, “Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar 2021” was given to 2 entities. Panjab University, Chandigarh received “Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (MAKA) Trophy” for best all-round performance in sports among Indian varsities for third year in a row since 2019. “Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award”, the highest sporting honour in India, is given for the spectacular and most outstanding performance in the field of sports by a sportsperson over a period of previous 4 years. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports announced “National Sports Awards 2021”
- Panjab University ([Chandigarh](#)) – received “Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (MAKA) Trophy” (3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row)
- “Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award 2021” was given to the following 12 Sports persons:

Sports Person	Discipline
Neeraj Chopra	Athletics
Ravi Kumar	Wrestling
Lovlina Borgohain	Boxing
Sreejesh P. R.	Hockey
Avani Lekhara	Para Shooting
Sumit Antil	Para Athletics
Pramod Bhagat	Para Badminton
Krishna Nagar	Para Badminton
Manish Narwal	Para Shooting
Mithali Raj	Cricket
Sunil Chhetri	Football
Manpreet Singh	Hockey

**34.** Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) is conferred with the “Award for Excellence in Urban Transport” by the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs under the category ‘Metro Rail with the Best Passenger Services & Satisfaction’ at the 14th “Urban Mobility India Conference 2021” in Delhi. Delhi was awarded the ‘Best Non-motorised Transport System’ for the redevelopment project of Shahjahanabad Redevelopment Corporation. Moreover, Surat has been awarded for the ‘Best Public Transport System’, while Indore bagged ‘City with the Most Innovative Financing Mechanism’ award. On the other hand, Kochi got an award for the ‘Most Sustainable Transport System’. Nashik was awarded ‘City with Best Record of Public Involvement in its Transport Planning’. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- 14th “Urban Mobility India Conference 2021” – held in New Delhi
- “Awards for Excellence in Urban Transport” were given by Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs:
  - Delhi Metro – ‘Metro Rail with the Best Passenger Services & Satisfaction’

- Delhi – ‘Best Non-motorised Transport System’
- Surat – ‘Best Public Transport System’
- Indore – ‘City with the Most Innovative Financing Mechanism’
- Kochi – ‘Most Sustainable Transport System’
- Nashik – ‘City with Best Record of Public Involvement in its Transport Planning’

## Appointments & Resignations

**36.** On November 1, Prime Minister Zoran Zaev announced his resignation following the heavy defeat of his governing Social Democratic Union in North Macedonia’s local elections. He became the first elected PM of North Macedonia in 2017. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- Zoran Zaev – PM of North Macedonia – announced his resignation
- North Macedonia – Skopje – Macedonian Denar | President – Stevo Pendarovski

**37.** Shri Alok Amitabh Dimri, presently Ambassador of India to the Kyrgyz Republic, has been appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to Brunei Darussalam. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- Alok Amitabh Dimri – appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to Brunei
- Brunei – Bandar Seri Begawan – Brunei dollar (BND) | 29<sup>th</sup> Sultan – Hassanal Bolkiah

**38.** KPMG India has appointed Yezdi Nagporewalla as the new Chief Executive Officer for a 4-year term commencing on February 7, 2022 and ending on December 31, 2026. Nagporewalla will succeed Arun M. Kumar on February 7, 2022. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- Yezdi Nagporewalla – appointed as the new CEO of KPMG India
- HQs of KPMG India – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Arun M. Kumar (From Feb 2022 - Yezdi Nagporewalla)





## Amount & Agreements

**39.** The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a \$61 million (Rs 458 Cr) loan to improve livability, harness technology, and promote new developments to accommodate the expanding population in Agartala, Tripura. In addition, ADB will also provide a \$1 million technical assistance (TA) grant from its Technical Assistance Special Fund to support the project's capacity building and awareness-raising activities. ADB's support is aligned with the Government of India's national Smart Cities Mission program, which aims to drive economic growth through local area development. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- ADB – approved a \$61 million (Rs 458 Cr) loan to promote new development projects in Agartala, Tripura
- ADB will also provide a \$1 million technical assistance (TA) grant
- HQs of ADB – Mandaluyong, Philippines | President – Masatsugu Asakawa | Members – 68 | Established in – 1966

## Ranks, Reports & Surveys

**40.** The digitisation drive and pandemic-induced emergence of the gig economy have led to a faster formalisation of the economy, with the share of the informal sector shrinking to just 15-20% in 2021 from 52.4% in 2018, according to an SBI Research report. On the impact of the just-launched 'E-Shram' portal, a first-ever national database of Unorganised workers, as much as 5.7 Cr Unorganised workers have registered in the first two months after its launch in August 2021. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- SBI Research report: the share of the informal sector contracted to 15-20% in 2021 (from 52.4% in 2018)
- 'E-Shram' portal – the first-ever National Database of Unorganised workers

**41.** On November 2, QS Quacquarelli Symonds released the "QS Asia University Rankings 2022" recently for the continent's best higher education institutions. The National University of Singapore has come up as Asia's best university for the fourth consecutive year. This year, 117 Indian universities were considered in the QS Asia University Rankings 2022. The top three among Indian universities to feature on the Asia Rankings are IIT Bombay (42), IIT Delhi (45), and IIT Madras (54). While the QS World University Rankings 2022 were released early in June, 2021 in which no Indian institute had secured a position among the top 100 universities of the world. In this list, the top three among Indian universities were IIT Bombay (177), IIT Delhi (185), and IISc Bangalore (186). [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- "QS Asia University Rankings 2022" – released by QS Quacquarelli Symonds
- Asia's Top – National University of Singapore (4<sup>th</sup> consecutive year)
- Among Indian universities: 1<sup>st</sup> - IIT Bombay (42) | 2<sup>nd</sup> - IIT Delhi (45) | 3<sup>rd</sup> - IIT Madras (54)



## Acquisitions & Mergers

**42.** On November 2, the Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved the acquisition of 100% shareholding in Exide Life Insurance Co Ltd by HDFC Life Insurance Company for ₹6,687 Cr. Earlier in 2021, India cleared a plan to raise foreign direct investment in insurance to 74% from 49%. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- CCI approved the acquisition of 100% shareholding in Exide Life Insurance by HDFC Life Insurance Company
- India increased FDI limit in insurance – to 74% (from 49%)
- HQs of CCI – New Delhi | Chairman – Ashok Kumar Gupta | Established in – 2003
- HQs of Exide Life Insurance – Bangalore, Karnataka | CEO – Kshitij Jain
- HQs of HDFC Life Insurance – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Vibha Padalkar

## MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

**43.** An MoU was signed between the Tamil Nadu Industrial Investment Corporation Limited (TIIC) Limited, the Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers (SIDM) and the Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) to proactively catalyse and facilitate defence manufacturing in the MSME sector. Through this partnership, in the first phase 'Champion MSME Industries' in each of the five nodes of the Tamil Nadu Defence Corridor in Chennai, Tiruchi, Coimbatore, Salem and Hosur will be identified. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- Tamil Nadu IICL + SIDM + CII = an MoU to facilitate defence manufacturing in the MSME sector
- 'Champion MSME Industries' will be identified in each of the five nodes of the Tamil Nadu Defence Corridor
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin | Governor – Ravindra Narayan Ravi
- HQs of SIDM – New Delhi | President – Jayant D. Patil
- HQs of CII – New Delhi | President – T. V. Narendran | DG – Chandrajit Banerjee | Founded in – 1895

**44.** On November 2, Flipkart has signed an MoU with the Ministry of Rural Development to help empower local businesses and self-help groups (SHGs) - especially those that are led by women, by bringing them into the e-commerce segment. The partnership is aligned with the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihood Mission's (DAY-NRLM) goal of strengthening the capabilities of rural communities for self-employment and entrepreneurship. The MoU was signed between the two parties as a part of the 'Flipkart Samarth' program which was launched in 2019. [{Read more}](#)



### Key Points:

- Flipkart + Ministry of Rural Development = an MoU to help empower local businesses & SHGs through 'DAY-NRLM'
- HQs of Flipkart – Bangalore, Karnataka | Chairperson – Binny Bansal | CEO – Kalyan Krishnamurthy
- Ministry of Rural Development: Giriraj Singh | Constituency – Begusarai, Bihar
- MoS in Ministry of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj: Faggansingh Kulaste & Sadhvi Niranjana Jyoti

## Books & Authors

**45.** The book titled "The Story of the First Civilizations: From Mesopotamia to the Aztecs", authored by Subhadra Sen Gupta, is published posthumously by Speaking Tiger's 'Talking Hub' imprint. Gupta (1952-2021), who wrote over 40 books for children, was awarded the "Bal Sahitya Puraskar" by the Sahitya Akademi in 2015. She also won the "Big Little Book Award" instituted by Parag in 2020. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- "The Story of the First Civilizations: From Mesopotamia to the Aztecs" book – authored by Subhadra Sen Gupta
- Awards: "Bal Sahitya Puraskar" (2015) & "Big Little Book Award" (2020)

**46.** HarperCollins India presents a fascinating portrait of modern India woven around epochal events in India's cricketing history, "Not Just Cricket: A Reporter's Journey through Modern India" by Pradeep Magazine releasing in December 2021. Pradeep Magazine is a cricket writer, columnist and former sports editor of The Pioneer, the India Today e-paper and Hindustan Times. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- "Not Just Cricket: A Reporter's Journey through Modern India" – authored by Pradeep Magazine
- Publisher – HarperCollins India

**47.** Sudha Murty wrote a latest book for children "The Sage with Two Horns: Unusual Tales from Mythology" in which she tells numerous lesser-known and fascinating stories that have been lost in the pages of Indian mythology. This is the fifth and last book of her "Unusual Tales from mythology" series. The book is published by Puffin and has illustrations by Priyanka Gupta. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- "The Sage with Two Horns: Unusual Tales from Mythology" – authored by Sudha Murty (5<sup>th</sup> book of her series)
- Publisher – Puffin | Illustrations by – Priyanka Gupta



# Science & Technology

**48.** Elon Musk's SpaceX has registered a 100% owned subsidiary in India, Starlink Satellite Communications Private Limited (SSCPL), which will allow it to start applying for licenses. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- SpaceX – registered Starlink in India with the name - “Starlink Satellite Communications Private Limited (SSCPL)”
- HQs of SpaceX – California, U.S. | Founder & CEO – Elon Musk | Founded in – 2002

**49.** Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR) demonstrated the CSIR-Central Mechanical Engineering Research Institute (CSIR-CMERI), Durgapur developed indigenous Mechanized Scavenging System successfully at the premises of the CSIR-National Physical Laboratory. The CSIR-CMERI developed machine is designed for up to 5000 people density. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- CSIR-CMERI (Durgapur) – successfully developed indigenous ‘Mechanized Scavenging System’ for India
- HQs of CSIR – New Delhi | President – Narendra Modi | DG – Shekhar C. Mande | Established in – 1942

**50.** Union Minister of State (I/C) for Science & Technology, Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurated advanced 650 Teraflops Supercomputing facility at National Agri-Food Biotechnology Institute (NABI) in Mohali, Punjab. These teraflops will be established with an approximate cost of Rs 20 Cr. Dr Jitendra Singh also inaugurated “i-RISE”, Technology Business Incubator at Mohali, aimed at providing world class research facilities for start-ups in India. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Dr. Jitendra Singh – inaugurated advanced 650 Teraflops Supercomputing facility – at NABI in Mohali, Punjab
- Dr. Jitendra Singh – inaugurated “i-RISE” - a Technology Business Incubator at Mohali





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