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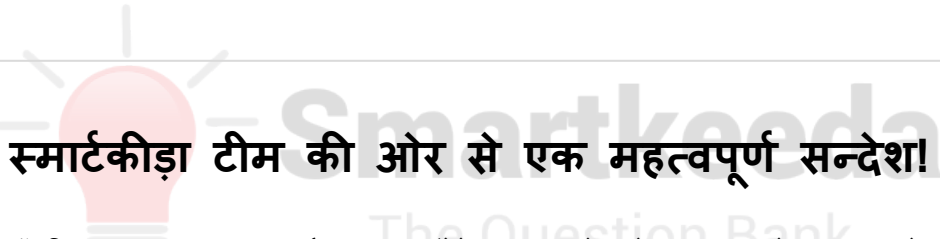
Hi Folks! We hope you all are doing well. We would like to state here that this PDF is meant for preparing for the upcoming MockDrill Test of November 2021 Month at Testzone. In this Current Affairs PDF we have added all the important Current Affairs information in form of 'Key-points' which are crucial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

Regards

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मित्रों! हम आशा करते हैं की आप सभी स्वस्थ और कुशल होंगे। इस सन्देश के माध्यम से हम आपसे यह कहना चाहते हैं की ये PDF नवम्बर 2021 माह में Testzone पर होने वाले MockDrill Test में आपकी तैयारी को बेहतर करने के लिए उपलब्ध करायी जा रही है। इस PDF में हमने कुछ अति आवश्यक 'Key-Points' के माध्यम से आपको सम-सामयिकी (Current Affairs) सूचनाओं से अवगत कराया है और अगर आप MockDrill में अपनी योग्यता सिद्ध करना चाहते हैं तो आपके लिए हर सूचना को पढ़ना, समझना और उसे याद रखना भी अति आवश्यक है क्योंकि MockDrill में शामिल किए गए प्रश्न PDF में दी गयी सूचना या जानकारी पर ही आधारित होंगे।

हम आशा करते हैं की आप इस PDF का भरपूर लाभ उठाते हुए आने वाले MockDrill Test में बेहतर अंक प्राप्त करेंगे।

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National & States Affairs

51. Kashmir has got the first-ever Open-air floating theatre in the famous Dal lake. The theatre was launched by J&K Chief Secretary Arun Kumar Mehta. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kashmir – got the first-ever Open-air floating theatre in Dal lake
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha

52. On November 3, the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) in collaboration with Ladakh, will start commercial cultivation of 'Sea Buckthorn Berry' from coming spring season in Ladakh. Sea buckthorn berry is also the source of 'Leh Berry'. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CSIR + Ladakh = collaboration to start commercial cultivation of 'Sea Buckthorn Berry'
- Ladakh: Capital – Leh | Lt. Governor – R. K. Mathur
- HQs of CSIR – New Delhi | President – Narendra Modi | DG – Shekhar C. Mande | Established in – 1942

53. On November 2, PM Narendra Modi announced 5 “Amrit Tatva” at the COP26 Summit including the target to attain Net-zero emissions by 2070. He also stated that India will increase its capacity of Non-fossil energy capacity to 500 GW and meet 50% of its energy requirements through Renewable Energy by 2030. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- PM Narendra Modi announced 5 “Amrit Tatva” at the COP26 Summit
- India’s aim to attain Net-Zero Carbon Emissions – by 2070
- India’s aim to increase its capacity of Non-fossil energy capacity to 500 GW – by 2030
- India’s aim to meet 50% of its energy requirements through Renewable Energy – by 2030

54. On November 2, Union Minister of Civil Aviation Jyotiraditya M. Scindia released “Krishi UDAN 2.0” to facilitate and incentivize movement of agri-produce by air transportation. “E-KUSHAL” (Krishi UDAN for Sustainable Holistic Agri-Logistics) platform is developed to facilitate information dissemination to all stakeholders regarding the transportation of agricultural produce. Furthermore, integration of ‘E-KUSHAL’ with National Agriculture Market (e-NAM) is proposed. Total 53 airports are selected for the first phase of “Krishi UDAN 2.0”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Jyotiraditya M. Scindia – released “Krishi UDAN 2.0” to facilitate movement of agri-produce by air transportation
- “E-Kushal” platform is developed to facilitate info dissemination regarding transportation of agricultural produce
- E-KUSHAL – Krishi UDAN for Sustainable Holistic Agri-Logistics



55. On November 3, To deliver government services to the doorsteps of citizens, the Karnataka government launched 'Janasevaka' (peoples' servant), an online portal, and 'Janaspandana', an Integrated Public Grievance Redressal System (IPGRS). One brings government services to citizens' doorsteps and the other to redress public grievances. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Karnataka – launched an online portal 'Janasevaka' & an Integrated Public Grievance Redressal System 'Janaspandana'
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – Basavaraj Bommai | Governor – Thaawarchand Gehlot

56. On November 5, the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has formed a 22-member Technology Innovation Group on the next frontier, the sixth generation (6G), hoping to take the lead in the development of the technology globally. Telecom Secretary K. Rajaraman will head the initiative as Chairperson. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- DoT formed a 22-member Technology Innovation Group for 6G technology | Chairperson – K. Rajaraman

57. Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh dedicated "Sardar Patel Leadership Centre" to the nation at Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA), Mussoorie, on the occasion of 'Rashtriya Ekta Diwas', marking the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dr. Jitendra Singh – dedicated "Sardar Patel Leadership Centre" to the nation at LBSNAA, Mussoorie, Uttarakhand

58. On November 1, Representing India at the 'High-Level Segment for Heads of States and Government' at the COP26 Summit in Glasgow, Scotland, PM Narendra Modi asserted that India is the only country that is delivering in 'letter & spirit' the commitments on tackling climate change under the Paris Agreement. India aims to become a Net-zero Economy or Carbon Neutral by 2070 and has set a target of installing a Non-fossil energy capacity of 500 GW by 2030. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – the only country delivering in 'letter & spirit' commitments on tackling climate change under Paris Agreement
- PM Narendra Modi – represented India at the 'High-Level Segment for Heads of States and Government' at COP26
- India aims to become Carbon Neutral – by 2070 | Target of installing a Non-fossil energy capacity of 500 GW – by 2030



International Affairs

59. On November 2, Yahoo has become the latest US tech company to end its presence in mainland China as tougher regulations are imposed there. Yahoo's move follows Microsoft's announcement of removing LinkedIn from China. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Yahoo – announced to end its presence in China over challenging business conditions
- HQs of Yahoo – California, US | CEO – Jim Lanzone

60. On November 2, the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) presented the “International Methane Emissions Observatory (IMEO)” at the G20 Summit/COP26 in Glasgow. The IMEO was launched by the UNEP with support from the European Union to drive action on reducing Methane Emissions - a powerful greenhouse gas responsible for at least a quarter of the current climate warming. Hosted by UNEP, IMEO is budgeted at EUR 100 million over five years. Its aim is to slash methane emissions by 30% by 2030. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- UNEP + EU = launched the “International Methane Emissions Observatory (IMEO)”
- IMEO: Hosted by – UNEP | Budgeted at – EUR 100 million
- IMEO aims to slash methane emissions – by 30% by 2030
- HQs of UNEP – Nairobi, Kenya | Executive Director – Inger Andersen | Founded in – 1972
- HQs of EU – Brussels, Belgium | Member Countries – 27
- President of European Parliament – David-Maria Sassoli
- President of European Council – Charles Michel
- President of European Commission – Ursula von der Leye

61. On November 4, A new £5 coin to commemorate the life and legacy of Mahatma Gandhi has been unveiled by the United Kingdom's government on the occasion of Diwali. The special collectors' coin was designed by Heena Glover and features an image of a lotus, India's national flower, alongside one of Gandhi's most famous quotes - 'My life is my Message'. It is the first time that Gandhi has been commemorated on an official UK coin with the final design chosen by UK Chancellor Rishi Sunak, who is the Master of the Mint. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- UK government – unveiled a new £5 coin to commemorate the life & legacy of Mahatma Gandhi
- Coin: designed by – Heena Glover | features an image of – Lotus | Quote on coin – 'My life is my Message'
- UK – London – Pound Sterling | PM – Boris Johnson

62. On November 3, India and Bhutan formalised 7 additional entry-exit points for trade through Letters of Exchange (LoE) during a Commerce Secretary-level meeting on trade and transit issues in New Delhi. This will form an addendum to the Protocol of the 2016 India-Bhutan Agreement on Trade, Commerce and Transit.



Since 2014, trade between India and Bhutan has more than doubled from USD 484 million in 2014-15 to USD 1083 million in 2020-21. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India & Bhutan – formalised 7 additional entry-exit points for trade through Letters of Exchange (LoE)
- Trade between India & Bhutan increased to \$1083 million in 2020-21 (from \$484 million in 2014-15)
- [Bhutan – Thimphu – Bhutanese Ngultrum](#) | [PM – Lotay Tshering](#)

63. On November 3, Pekapeka-tou-roa or the long-tailed bat, a native New Zealand bat, has won the country's annual 'Bird of The Year' award, hosted by Forest and Bird, an independent conservation organisation. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- New Zealand – named its 'Pekapeka-tou-roa' or the long-tailed bat – as the 'Bird of The Year' 2021
- [New Zealand – Wellington – Dollar \(NZD\)](#) | [PM – Jacinda Ardern](#)

64. On November 2, 'Vax' has been chosen as the 'Word of the Year' by the Oxford English Dictionary (OED). Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, words related to vaccines spiked in frequency in 2021. Vax refers to 'Vaccine' or 'Vaccination' which is mostly seen in recent news. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 'Vax' – chosen as the 'Word of the Year' by Oxford English Dictionary

65. The UN Security Council (UNSC) adopted a resolution on the protection of Education in armed conflict. "Resolution 2601", which won the unanimous support of the 15-member council, strongly 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" on the protection of Education in armed conflict
- [HQs of UNSC – New York, USA](#) | [Presidency in December 2021 – Niger](#) (Oct - Kenya | Nov - Mexico)

66. On November 2, Prime Minister Narendra Modi is among 40 leaders to sign up to the UK's Breakthrough Agenda, an international plan to deliver clean and affordable technology everywhere by 2030, launched at the COP26 climate summit. Besides, India and the UK launched a new "Global Green Grids Initiative - One Sun One World One Grid (GGI-OSOWOG)" at COP26 climate summit in Glasgow. The ISA is an observer to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and has been an active participant at Conference of Parties (COPs). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- UK – launched a 'Breakthrough Agenda' - an international plan to deliver clean & affordable technology by 2030
- India is among 40 leaders to sign up to the UK's Glasgow Breakthroughs



• India + UK = launched a new “Global Green Grids Initiative - One Sun One World One Grid (GGI-OSOWOG)” at COP26

• UK – London – Pound Sterling | PM – Boris Johnson

Banking, Finance, Insurance & Economic Affairs

67. On November 1, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has authorised Bandhan Bank as an ‘Agency Bank’ for undertaking government business. With this, Bandhan bank joins a few other scheduled private sector banks empanelled as agency banks of the RBI. As an agency bank of the RBI, Bandhan bank will handle transactions related to collection of state taxes and revenue receipts such as the GST and VAT; collection of stamp duty and pension payments on behalf of the central and state governments. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bandhan Bank – authorised as an ‘Agency Bank’ by the RBI for undertaking government business
- Other banks empanelled as agency banks: South Indian Bank, Karnataka Bank & IndusInd Bank
- HQs of Bandhan Bank – Kolkata, WB | MD & CEO – Chandra Shekhar Ghosh | Tagline – “Aapka Bhalai, Sabki Bhalai”

Schemes & Initiatives

68. On November 2, Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh launched “Go to Village 2.0” in Thoubal district. It is a government scheme which stresses on extending the essential public service benefits, and delivers all aids to the doorsteps of residents. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Manipur CM – launched “Go to Village 2.0” in Thoubal district
- Manipur: Capital – Imphal | CM – N. Biren Singh | Governor – La. Ganesan

69. On November 1, Rajasthan government has made it mandatory for unemployed youths in the state to undergo a 4-hour internship every day for 3 months to avail an allowance under the “Mukhyamantri Yuva Sambal Yojana 2021” from January 1, 2022. The state government gives a monthly unemployment allowance of ₹4,000 to men and ₹4,500 to women, transgender and differently abled people. For a person to avail the unemployment allowance, he or she should be a graduate and have an annual family income of less than ₹2 lakh. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rajasthan – mandated daily’s 4-hour internship for 90 days to claim unemployment allowance from Jan 1, 2022
- It will be mandated under the “Mukhyamantri Yuva Sambal Yojana 2021” of Rajasthan
- Monthly unemployment allowance: ₹4,000 to men & ₹4,500 to women, transgender & disabled



- Rajasthan: Capital – Jaipur | CM – Ashok Gehlot | Governor – Kalraj Mishra

70. On November 3, Delhi's Social welfare minister Rajendra Pal Gautam announced reopening of applications under "Jai Bhim Mukhyamantri Pratibha Vikas Yojana". Under this scheme, meritorious students belonging to SC/ST/OBC and EWS categories receive free coaching from private institutes for competitive exams such as JEE, NEET, CLAT, civil services, banking, railways, SSC among others. The scheme was put on hold in 2020 due to Covid. AAP government will provide them free coaching and also provide a stipend of Rs 2,500 to the beneficiary students for traveling. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- New Delhi – reopened applications under the "Jai Bhim Mukhyamantri Pratibha Vikas Yojana" for free coaching
- New Delhi: CM – Arvind Kejriwal | Lt. Governor – Anil Baijal | Chief Secretary – Vijay Dev

Sports & Games

71. Srinagar's Tajamul Islam won a Gold medal in the Under-14 category of the "World Kickboxing Championship" held in Cairo, Egypt on October 22. She defeated an Argentinian player in the final. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tajamul Islam (J&K) – won Gold medal in Under-14 "World Kickboxing Championship" held in Cairo, Egypt

Important Days & Dates

72. On November 5, "World Tsunami Awareness Day" is observed to create awareness about this deadly disaster which has claimed more than 2,60,000 lives. UN Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) facilitates the observance of World Tsunami Awareness Day in collaboration with the rest of the United Nations system. In 2021, World Tsunami Awareness Day promotes 'Sendai Seven Campaign'. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 5 – "World Tsunami Awareness Day"
- UNDRR + UN system = facilitates the observance of 'World Tsunami Awareness Day'
- In 2021, the day promotes 'Sendai Seven Campaign'

73. United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) declared November 6 as the "International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict" in 2001 and since 2002, the day is observed



annually on November 6 across the world aiming to educate people about what effects do war and armed conflict have on the environment. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 6 – “International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict”

Meetings, Conferences and Summits

74. On November 3, the Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying organized a Stakeholder Forum on the theme “Industry and One Health” to celebrate the 6th ‘International One Health Day’ as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying – organized a Stakeholder Forum on the theme “Industry & One Health”
- November 3 – 6th ‘International One Health Day’ (since - 2016)

Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

75. On November 1, Writer P. Valsala has been selected for the 29th “Ezhuthachan Puraskaram” - the top literary award of the Kerala government which comprises a cash prize of Rs 5 lakh. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- P. Valsala – selected for the 29th “Ezhuthachan Puraskaram” - the top literary award of Kerala government
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

76. The grand finale of the All India Beauty Pageants “First Miss India-2021” and “First Miss India Teen-2021” was recently held in Goa. The First Miss India 2021 title was bagged by Pearl Agarwal with Lekh Utaiah as 1st runner up and Shreya Gupta as the 2nd runner up. While Rayna Sikri was declared as the “First Miss India Teen-2021” with Shubhi Dhaneta as 1st runner up and Mrunmayi Barve as the 2nd runner up. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Pearl Agarwal – declared as the “First Miss India-2021” (Prize - Rs 5 Lakh)
- Rayna Sikri – declared as the “First Miss India Teen-2021”

77. Alexander Zverev won his 5th ATP (Association of Tennis Professionals) title of the season and 18th overall by defeating American qualifier Frances Tiafoe at the Erste Bank Open. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Alexander Zverev – won the ATP title of the season at the Erste Bank Open (his 5th ATP title & 18th overall)

78. On November 4, South African writer Damon Galgut won the prestigious “Booker Prize 2021” for fiction for his novel “The Promise”. He is the third South African novelist to win the Booker Prize. He was previously shortlisted for “The Good Doctor” in 2003 and “In a Strange Room” in 2010, but lost both times. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Damon Galgut ([South Africa](#)) – won the prestigious “Booker Prize 2021” for fiction for his novel “The Promise”
- Booker Prize – also called ‘Oscars of the Literary World’

79. In November 2021, Maharashtra-based mountaineer Priyanka Mohite was bestowed with the prestigious “Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award 2020” for her outstanding contribution in the field of land adventure. She received the award from President Ram Nath Kovind at a function in the Rashtrapati Bhawan in New Delhi. Priyanka Mohite is the 1st Indian woman to scale Mt Annapurna which is the world’s 10th highest mountain peak located in Nepal. “National Adventure Award” was renamed as “Tenzing Norgay National Award” in 2002. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Priyanka Mohite ([Maharashtra](#)) – bestowed with the prestigious “Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award 2020”
- “Tenzing Norgay National Award” – earlier known as “National Adventure Award” (renamed in 2002)
- Priyanka Mohite – 1st Indian woman to scale Mt Annapurna (world’s 10th highest mountain peak located in Nepal)



80. On November 1, Pavan Kapoor, presently Ambassador of India to United Arab Emirates, has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Russia. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Pavan Kapoor – appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Russia
- [Russia – Moscow – Russian Ruble](#) | [PM – Mikhail Mishustin](#) | [President – Vladimir Putin](#)

81. Arun Chawla has been appointed as the new Director-General of Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI). He joined FICCI in 2011 and was currently the deputy secretary-general of the chamber. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Arun Chawla – appointed as the new Director-General of the FICCI
- [HQs of FICCI – New Delhi](#) | [DG – Arun Chawla](#) | [President – Uday Shankar](#) | [Founded in – 1927](#)



82. On November 2, Mysore-born C. S. Venkatakrisnan has replaced Jes Staley as the CEO of Barclays, Britain's third-biggest bank. CS Venkatakrisnan was the former Barclays global head of markets and chief risk officer. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- C. S. Venkatakrisnan – appointed as the CEO of “Barclays” - Britain's third-biggest bank (replacing - Jes Staley)
- HQs of Barclays – London, UK | CEO – C. S. Venkatakrisnan

83. On November 3, Former captain Rahul Dravid has been officially appointed as the new Head Coach of the Indian Cricket Team (Senior Men). Dravid replaces current coach Ravi Shastri who became the head coach in 2017. [{Read more}](#)

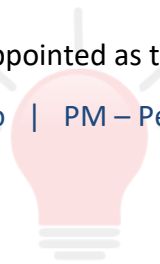
Key Points:

- Rahul Dravid – officially appointed as the new Head Coach of the Indian Cricket Team (Senior Men)

84. On November 2, Dinesh K. Patnaik (IFS: 1990), presently Director General of Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Spain. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dinesh K. Patnaik – appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Spain
- Spain – Madrid – Euro | PM – Pedro Sanchez | President – Emmanuel Macron



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Ranks, Reports & Surveys

85. On November 4, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) published detailed guidance to help the world's cities address warming. “Beating the Heat: A Sustainable Cooling Handbook for Cities” was launched on November 3, 2021 at COP26 by the UNEP along with Cool Coalition, RMI, Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy (GCoM), Mission Innovation and Clean Cooling Collaborative. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Beating the Heat: A Sustainable Cooling Handbook for Cities” – published by the UNEP
- It was launched by = UNEP + Cool Coalition + RMI + GCoM + Mission Innovation + Clean Cooling Collaborative
- HQs of UNEP – Nairobi, Kenya | Executive Director – Inger Andersen | Founded in – 1972

86. In November 2021, the 6th edition of the UNEP's “Adaptation Gap Report: The Gathering Storm” looks at how the world is doing in adapting to the intensifying impacts of climate change. The report was released at COP26 in Glasgow, Scotland. Around 79% of countries have adopted at least one national-level adaptation planning instrument - an increase of 7% since 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:



- 6th edition of the “Adaptation Gap Report: The Gathering Storm” – released by the UNEP
- Around 79% of countries have adopted at least one national-level adaptation planning instrument
- HQs of UNEP – Nairobi, Kenya | Executive Director – Inger Andersen | Founded in – 1972

87. Most vulnerable, most affected countries doing most to tackle climate crisis, according to a new report released by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). The UNDP’s report, “The State of Climate Ambition” is unique as it provides a global assessment of both the pledges already submitted to the UNFCCC as well as ambition intentions of countries that are still planning to submit. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “The State of Climate Ambition - 2021” report – released by the UNDP
- HQs of UNDP – New York, US | Administrator – Achim Steiner | Founded in – 1965

88. On November 1, the census of the Indus River Dolphins (Platanista Gangetica Minor) - one of the world’s most threatened cetaceans, is all set to be commenced by Punjab. The Indus river dolphin is classified as Endangered by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and this freshwater dolphin that is found in Beas river. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Punjab – to commence the census of the “Indus River Dolphins” - one of the world’s most threatened cetaceans
- ‘Indus River Dolphins’ – classified as ‘Endangered’ by the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species (found in Beas river)
- Punjab: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Charanjit Singh Channi | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit

Acquisitions & Mergers

89. On November 5, the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) has approved acquisition of bankrupt Infrastructure Leasing and Financial Services’ (IL&FS) 26% stake in ONGC Tripura Power Company (OTPC) by GAIL (India) Ltd. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NCLT approved acquisition of 26% stake of IL&FS in OTPC – by GAIL (India) Ltd
- HQs of GAIL – New Delhi | CMD – Manoj Jain
- President of the NCLT – Ramalingam Sudhakar



MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

90. On November 1, the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) has signed an agreement with the government of Uttar Pradesh to manage the Varanasi Milk Union for 5 years. Varanasi Milk Union plant will be able to process 2 lakh litres of milk per day. Varanasi Milk Union will be India's first milk union to have biogas-based tri generation plant installed. Notably, besides Uttar Pradesh, NDDB is managing some other dairy unions in Assam, Jharkhand, Vidarbha and Marathwada regions of Maharashtra. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NDDB + Uttar Pradesh = an agreement to manage Varanasi Milk Union for 5 years
- Varanasi Milk Union – to become India's first milk Union to have biogas-based tri generation plant installed
- HQs of NDDB – Anand, Gujarat | Chairman – Meenesh Shah | Established in – 1965
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

Books & Authors

91. Bhaskar Chattopadhyay has authored a new book titled "The Cinema of Satyajit Ray: Between Tradition and Modernity". Darius Cooper is the co-author of this book and Westland is the publisher. Satyajit Ray received the Oscars in the year 1992 for the lifetime achievement. He was the first Indian to receive such an award from the Academy of Motion Pictures, Arts and Science.

Key Points:

- "The Cinema of Satyajit Ray: Between Tradition and Modernity" – authored by Bhaskar Chattopadhyay
- Publisher – Westland
- Satyajit Ray – the first & only Indian to receive Academy Honorary Award (during 1992 Oscars)

92. On November 3, Economist Shankar Acharya has written an engaging account of his eventful life in his book "An Economist at Home and Abroad: A Personal Journey". Acharya had a 16-year stint in the government of which he was Chief Economic Advisor for a record eight years, serving three different Finance Ministers - Manmohan Singh, P Chidambaram and Yashwant Sinha. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "An Economist at Home and Abroad: A Personal Journey" book – authored by Shankar Acharya

93. McGraw Hill recently launched the latest book "MODERN INDIA: For Civil Services and Other Competitive Examinations" authored by Poonam Dalal Dahiya; ASP, Haryana Police (Ex-IRS) & an author popular among the



UPSC community for her subject-matter expertise. The book was released by the CM of Haryana Manohar Lal Khattar. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “MODERN INDIA: For Civil Services & Other Competitive Examinations” – authored by Poonam Dalal Dahiya
- Publisher – McGraw Hill

Obituaries

94. On November 1, Prominent violinist and musician Prabhakar Jog passed away in Pune. He was 88. Jog assisted legendary music directors in the Marathi film industry. [{Read more}](#)

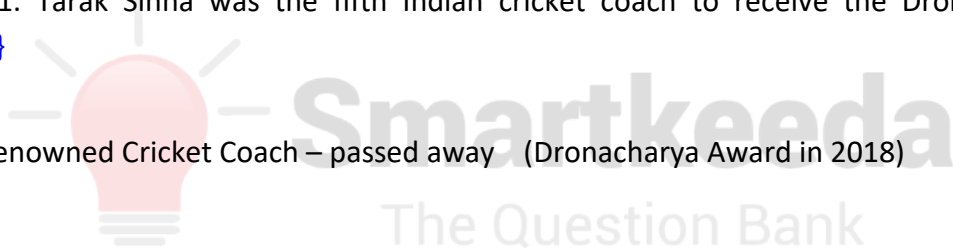
Key Points:

- Prabhakar Jog – Violinist & Musician – passed away

95. Decorated cricket coach Tarak Sinha (fondly referred to as ‘Ustad ji’) passed away in New Delhi due to cancer. He was 71. Tarak Sinha was the fifth Indian cricket coach to receive the Dronacharya Award in 2018. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tarak Sinha – a renowned Cricket Coach – passed away (Dronacharya Award in 2018)



Person in News

96. On November 1, Lt. Col. Bharat Pannu, a serving Electronics and Mechanical Engineer (EME) officer in the Army, has bagged his 3rd Guinness World Record by cycling across the country from Gujarat to Arunachal Pradesh covering a distance of 3,800 km in 9 days, 7 hours & 5 minutes. In 2020, he had created two consecutive World Records for the fastest solo cycling. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Lt. Col. Bharat Pannu – bagged his 3rd Guinness World Record by cycling across the country from Gujarat to AP
- He covered the distance of 3,800 km in 9 days, 7 hours & 5 minutes



Science & Technology

97. China sent an Earth science satellite called “Guangmu 1” (SDGSAT 1) into space by a Long March-6 carrier rocket from the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center in the northern Shanxi Province. Developed by the Chinese Academy of Sciences, the satellite (SDGSAT-1) is the world’s first space science satellite dedicated to serving the ‘UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development’ which was adopted in 2015. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- China sent world’s first Earth science satellite called “Guangmu 1” (SDGSAT 1) into space
- “Guangmu 1” (SDGSAT 1) is customized according to ‘UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development’
- China – Beijing – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping

98. Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) and Indian Air Force (IAF) successfully carried out two flight tests of indigenously-developed smart anti-airfield weapon (SAAW). Electro optical seeker based flight test of this class of bomb has been conducted for the first time in India. The electro optic sensor has been developed indigenously. The weapon was launched by an IAF aircraft from Chandan ranges at Jaisalmer, Rajasthan on October 28, 2021 and November 03, 2021. SAAW has been designed and developed by Research Centre Imarat (RCI) in coordination with other DRDO Laboratories and extensive support from IAF. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- DRDO + IAF = successfully carried out two flight tests of indigenously-developed smart anti-airfield weapon (SAAW)
- SAAW was launched from Chandan ranges at Jaisalmer, Rajasthan
- HQs of DRDO – New Delhi | Chairman – G. Satheesh Reddy | Established in – 1958
- HQs of IAF – New Delhi | Chief – Air Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari | Vice Chief – Air Marshal Sandeep Singh

99. In November 2021, China successfully launched 3 new remote sensing satellites from the Xichang Satellite Launch Centre in the country’s southwestern Sichuan province. The satellites, belonging to ‘Yaogan-35’ family, were launched by a ‘Long March-2D’ carrier rocket. This launch marked the 396th mission for the Long March series carrier rockets. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- China – successfully launched 3 new remote sensing satellites belonging to ‘Yaogan-35’ family
- China – Beijing – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping

100. The Australian Space Agency (in October 2021) had announced plans to send an Australian-made rover to the Moon by as early as 2026, under a deal with NASA. Although the deal with NASA, now a separate mission is conducted by Private companies in Australia and Canada, in conjunction with the University of Technology Sydney to hunt water on the Moon as soon as mid-2024. It will be the first rover with Australian-made components to make it to the Moon. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:



- Australia + Canada + University of Technology Sydney = conducting a mission to hunt water on the Moon by mid-2024
- Australia – Canberra – Australian Dollar | PM – Scott Morrison
- Canada – Ottawa – Canadian Dollar | PM – Justin Trudeau





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