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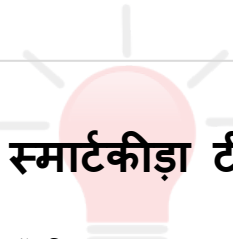
Hi Folks! We hope you all are doing well. We would like to state here that this PDF is meant for preparing for the upcoming MockDrill Test of November 2021 Month at Testzone. In this Current Affairs PDF we have added all the important Current Affairs information in form of 'Key-points' which are crucial if you want to score a high rank in Current Affairs Mocks at Testzone. Therefore, we urge you to go through each piece of information carefully and try to remember the facts and figures because the questions to be asked in the Current Affairs MockDrill will be based on the information given in the PDF only.

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All the best!

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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 पढना, 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

151. On November 8, 49 cities were recently added to the UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN) and India's Srinagar was also among them. The network now numbers 295 cities reaching 90 countries. After Mumbai, Chennai, Hyderabad, Varanasi and Jaipur; Srinagar is the 6th Indian City to become a part of UCCN and it is selected under the 'craft and folk arts' category. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Srinagar is among 49 cities which were recently added to the UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN)
- Srinagar – the 6th Indian City to become a part of UCCN under 'Craft & folk arts' category
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha

152. On November 8, Union minister Jitendra Singh launched the first-ever "DBT-Star College Mentorship Programme" for young innovators to mark the 75th year of India's independence. The pan India programme envisages a 'Star College' in every district of India supported by the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), under the Science & Technology ministry. A total of 278 undergraduate colleges across India are currently being supported under the 'Star College Scheme'. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Jitendra Singh – launched the first-ever "DBT-Star College Mentorship Programme" for young innovators
- 278 undergraduate colleges across India are currently being supported under the 'Star College Scheme'

153. On November 8, 'Pushkar Cattle Fair', Internationally renowned and one of the biggest cattle fairs of north India started in Rajasthan's Pushkar after a gap of one year due to the effect of COVID-19 pandemic. This is a 13-day fair but this time it is restricted only to the cattle trade. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Internationally renowned & one of the biggest cattle fairs of north India started in Pushkar, Rajasthan
- Rajasthan: Capital – Jaipur | CM – Ashok Gehlot | Governor – Kalraj Mishra

154. On November 8, the International Solar Alliance (ISA) and Elsevier, a Netherlands-based publishing company, has launched journal "Solar Compass" at the COP26 Climate Conference in Glasgow. ISA's vision is for a rapid increase in Solar Energy usage. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ISA + Elsevier = launched journal "Solar Compass" at the COP26 Climate Conference in Glasgow, Scotland
- HQs of ISA – Gurugram, Haryana | DG – Alok Sahay
- HQs of Elsevier – Amsterdam, Netherlands | CEO – Kumsal Bayazit



155. On November 6, Meghalaya Cabinet approved a proposal to upgrade the Mairang civil sub-division to a full-fledged district called Eastern West Khasi Hills district. Mairang is now a sub-division under West Khasi Hills, Meghalaya's 12th district. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Meghalaya – approved the creation of ‘Eastern West Khasi Hills district’ by upgrading the Mairang civil sub-division
- [Meghalaya: Capital – Shillong](#) | [CM – Conrad Kongkal Sangma](#) | [Governor – Satya Pal Malik](#)

156. On November 9, the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has nominated Bhattu Kalan Police station in Fatehabad district as one among the top three police stations in India for 2021. The basic objective of the ranking is to improve the quality of policing and make it citizen-friendly. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MHA nominated ‘Bhattu Kalan Police Station’ as one among the top three police stations in India for 2021
- Bhattu Kalan Police Station – located in Fatehabad, Haryana
- [Haryana: Capital – Chandigarh](#) | [CM – Manohar Lal Khattar](#) | [Governor – Bandaru Dattatraya](#)

157. On November 9, the European Union and the German Federal Ministry of the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU) funded Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions (NAMA) Support Project titled ‘Waste Solutions for a Circular Economy in India’ will support Bengaluru in transition to low-carbon Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) Management technologies. The project aims to provide technical and financial support to BBMP (Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike) for setting up new plants and revamping existing Material Recovery Facilities (MRFs). Bengaluru is one of the five lighthouse cities chosen for the NAMA Support project funded under the NAMA Facility. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- EU + Bengaluru = to work together on Solid Waste Management project
- [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 Ley](#)

158. On November 7, India has finally registered the logos of Darjeeling Himalayan Railway (also known as DHR or Toy Train) internationally as its intellectual property. The DHR, which started operations in 1880, has two logos, both of which have been patented. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – registered the logos of Darjeeling Himalayan Railway - the iconic ‘Toy Train’ as its intellectual property



159. On November 9, Union Minister of State (I/C) Science & Technology and Earth Sciences Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurated a new 'Centre for Bio-resources and Sustainable Development' for Northeast tribals in a remote area of Arunachal Pradesh. It aims at conservation and sustainable utilization of the local bio-resources using biotechnological tools. [{Read more}](#)

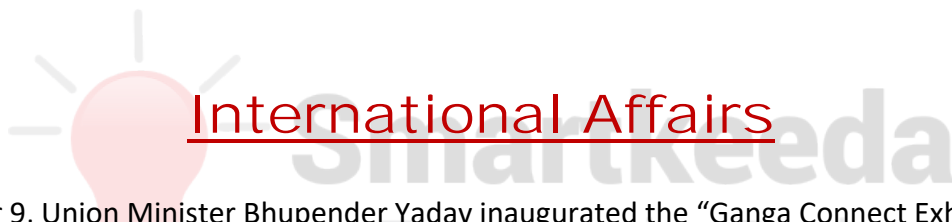
Key Points:

- Jitendra Singh – inaugurated a new 'Centre for Bio-resources and Sustainable Development' in Arunachal Pradesh
- Arunachal Pradesh: Capital – Itanagar | CM – Pema Khandu | Governor – B. D. Mishra

160. On November 11, Union Minister of Civil Aviation, Jyotiraditya M. Scindia launched "eGCA", an e-governance platform for Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA). All services provided to DGCA stakeholders are now available on the eGCA online portal. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Jyotiraditya M. Scindia launched "eGCA", an e-governance platform for DGCA
- HQs of DGCA – New Delhi | Director General – Arun Kumar



International Affairs

161. On November 9, Union Minister Bhupender Yadav inaugurated the "Ganga Connect Exhibition" showcased by National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG), c-Ganga, and the High Commission of India at the City of Glasgow College, Scotland. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bhupender Yadav – inaugurated the "Ganga Connect Exhibition" at the City of Glasgow College, Scotland
- The exhibition was showcased by NMCG, c-Ganga, & the High Commission of India

162. On November 10, Meta (formerly Facebook) launched 'Grow Your Business Hub', a one-stop destination for the micro, small, and medium businesses in India at the inaugural edition of the 'Grow Your Business Summit'. The event also saw the launch of 'Grow Your Business Playbook'. The playbook's first edition is aimed at helping businesses set up offline to online journeys. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Meta (formerly Facebook) – launched 'Grow Your Business Hub' & 'Grow Your Business Playbook'
- HQs of Meta – California, US | CEO – Mark Zuckerberg | Founded in – 2004



Banking, Finance, Insurance & Economic Affairs

163. On November 8, As per the recently issued circular of the RBI, Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) can acquire debt securities issued by Infrastructure Investment Trusts (InvITs) and Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) under the Medium-Term Framework (MTF) or the Voluntary Retention Route (VRR). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- FPIs can acquire debt securities issued by InvITs & REITs under MTF or VRR
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April, 1935

164. On November 8, the RBI imposed several restrictions on Maharashtra-based Babaji Date Mahila Sahakari Bank, including capping withdrawals at Rs 5,000 for customers. The restrictions will remain in force for 6 months. Separately, RBI has extended the restrictions imposed on Millath Co-operative Bank Limited, Davangere, Karnataka, for another 3 months till February 7, 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI – imposed several restrictions on Babaji Date Mahila Sahakari Bank (Mumbai, Maharashtra)
- The restrictions include capping withdrawals at Rs 5,000 | Period of restrictions – 6 months
- RBI – extended the restrictions imposed on Millath Co-operative Bank (Davangere, Karnataka) – till February 7, 2022
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April, 1935

165. On November 10, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) lifted its restrictions on credit card issuer Diners Club International, allowing it to onboard fresh customers. RBI had barred Diners Club from onboarding fresh customers from May 1, 2021. The RBI's ban on American Express and Mastercard still continues. In India, the primary partner of Diners Club International is HDFC Bank. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI – lifted its restrictions on credit card issuer 'Diners Club International' & allowed it to onboard fresh customers
- Primary partner of Diners Club International in India – HDFC Bank
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April, 1935
- HQs of Diners Club International – Illinois, US

166. On November 10, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) launched its first global Hackathon 'HARBINGER 2021 Innovation for Transformation', with the theme "Smarter Digital Payments". The prize for the winner is Rs 40 lakh. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI – launched its first global Hackathon 'HARBINGER 2021 Innovation for Transformation'
- Theme of the hackathon – "Smarter Digital Payments"
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April, 1935



167. On November 7, Indian Bank has launched the Video KYC (know your customer) facility, which allows an applicant to open an account from anywhere by incorporating its Video-Based Customer Identification Process (VCIP) technology, on its web-based platforms. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian Bank – launched the Video KYC facility enabled by ‘VCIP Technology’
- HQs of Indian Bank – Chennai, Tamil Nadu | MD & CEO – Shanti Lal Jain | Tagline – “Your Own Bank”

168. On November 8, Children-focused fintech, Junio, has launched a Smart Multipurpose Card for pre-teens and teenagers on the RuPay platform. The newly launched Junio Smart Card powered by RuPay will allow youngsters to make online and offline payments with ease. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Junio + RuPay = launched a ‘Smart Card’ for pre-teens & teenagers
- HQs of RuPay – New Delhi | Launched by NPCI – in 2012 | Tagline – “One Life. One RuPay.”

Defence Affairs

169. On November 9, Indian Navy has taken the delivery of its 4th Scorpene-class submarine ‘Yard 11878’ christened ‘INS Vela’ and has completed the required trials. The 4th Scorpene submarine is part of the ‘Project-75’. These submarines are being constructed at Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) Mumbai, in collaboration with M/s Naval Group, France. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian Navy – took the delivery of its 4th Scorpene-class submarine ‘Yard 11878’ christened ‘INS Vela’
- These submarines are being constructed by = Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders (Mumbai) + M/s Naval Group (France)
- HQs of Indian Navy – Delhi | Chief – Admiral R. Hari Kumar | VC – S. N. Ghormade | Founded in – 26th Jan, 1950

170. On November 9, Army Training Command (ARTRAC) of Indian Army signed an MoU with Gandhinagar-based Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU) and Bhaskaracharya National Institute of Space Applications and Geo-Informatics (BISAG-N). As per the MoU, the university will focus on meeting specific requirements of the Indian Army in emerging contemporary technologies in the field of AI while BISAG-N will develop specific projects required by the Indian Army in fields of IT & AI. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ARTRAC + RRU + BISAG-N = an MoU for R&D in fields of IT & AI
- HQs of ARTRAC – Shimla, Himachal Pradesh | GOC-in-C – Lt Gen Raj Shukla
- Location of RRU – Gandhinagar, Gujarat | Vice-Chancellor – Bimal N. Patel
- Location of BISAG-N – Gandhinagar, Gujarat



Schemes & Initiatives

171. On November 11, Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik launched a road safety initiative “Rakshak” under which 30,000 first responders will be trained by 300 master trainers in all 30 districts. Under the initiative, the State government will train volunteers from roadside communities including eateries, small repair shops, fuel stations and police personnel as first responders to road accident victims. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Odisha – launched a road safety initiative “Rakshak” to help road accident victims
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

172. On November 11, Uttar Pradesh cabinet approved the proposal for implementation of “Mathrubhumi Yojana” to facilitate individuals or private institutions to contribute in the development of any village. For the effective implementation of the scheme, “Uttar Pradesh Mathrubhumi Society” will be set up, which will have a governing council and empowered committee under it. A Corpus Fund of Rs 100 Cr will be made available to the society. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Uttar Pradesh – approved the proposal for implementation of “Mathrubhumi Yojana”
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel



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Sports & Games

173. On November 9, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) have signed an MoU to further strengthen the cooperation between the two organisations in fighting corruption and crime in sport. The MoU was signed on the sidelines of the 4th edition of the International Forum for Sports Integrity (IFSI). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IOC + UNODC = an MoU to further strengthen the cooperation in fighting corruption & crime in sport
- HQs of IOC – Lausanne, Switzerland | President – Thomas Bach | Established in – 1894
- HQs of UNODC – Vienna, Austria | Director-General – Ghada Fathi Waly

174. On November 9, India has won 5 Medals in the Inaugural ISSF President’s Cup. Manu Bhaker won 2 Gold, Rahi Sarnobat & Saurabh Chaudhary won Silver while Abhishek Verma won a Bronze at the event. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – won 5 Medals in the Inaugural ISSF President’s Cup (2 Gold + 2 Silver + 1 Bronze)
- Manu Bhaker – 2 Gold | Rahi Sarnobat & Saurabh Chaudhary – Silver | Abhishek Verma – Bronze



Important Days & Dates

175. “World Adoption Day” is celebrated on November 9 every year. It is celebrated to lift up all voices in the adoption community, to share their stories, to reflect on their adoption journey and to connect with those touched by adoption. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 9 – “World Adoption Day”

176. “World Science Day for Peace and Development” is observed on November 10, every year to raise the importance and relevance of science in our daily lives. In 2021, the theme is “Building Climate-Ready Communities”. Besides, every year from 9 to 14 November, the International Week of Science and Peace (IWOSP) is observed and celebrated globally. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 10 – World Science Day for Peace & Development
- Theme – “Building Climate-Ready Communities”
- November 9 to 14 – International Week of Science & Peace

177. On November 11, National Education Day was recently commemorated in India to celebrate the 133rd birth anniversary of the first education minister of independent India, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad. The day was first observed in 2008 by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 11 – National Education Day (since - 2008)
- The day marked 133rd birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad

Meetings, Conferences and Summits

178. On November 9, India and the U.S. agreed on a revised Statement of Intent (SoI) to strengthen dialogue on defence technology cooperation at 11th Defence Technology and Trade Initiative (DTTI) Group Meeting held between India and the US. It was co-chaired by Secretary (Defence Production) Raj Kumar from the Indian side. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 11th Defence Technology & Trade Initiative (DTTI) Group Meeting – held between India & US
- Co-chaired by – Raj Kumar
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46th President – Joe Biden | 49th VP – Kamala Harris



179. On November 9, the 3rd edition of “Goa Maritime Conclave (GMC) - 2021” was hosted by the Indian Navy from November 7 to 9, 2021 under the aegis of Naval War College, Goa. The theme for this year’s edition of GMC is “Maritime Security and Emerging Non-Traditional Threats: A Case for Proactive Role for IOR Navies”. [{Read more}](#)

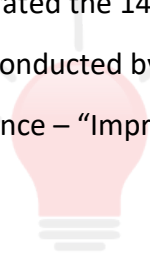
Key Points:

- Indian Navy – hosted the 3rd edition of “Goa Maritime Conclave (GMC) - 2021” under Naval War College, Goa
- Theme of GMC 2021 – “Maritime Security & Emerging Non-Traditional Threats: A Case for Proactive Role for IOR Navies”
- HQs of Indian Navy – Delhi | Chief – Admiral R. Hari Kumar | VC – S. N. Ghormade | Founded in – 26th Jan, 1950

180. Chief of Defence Staff General Bipin Rawat inaugurated the 14th edition of ‘c0c0n’, an annual Hacking and Cyber Security Conference, which was held virtually from November 10-13, 2021. The conference was conducted by Kerala Police in association with two non-profit organisations, Society for the Policing of Cyberspace (POLCYB) and Information Security Research Association (ISRA). The theme of this year’s ‘c0c0n’ is “Improvise, Adapt and Overcome”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bipin Rawat – inaugurated the 14th edition of ‘c0c0n’, an annual Hacking & Cyber Security Conference
- The conference was conducted by = Kerala Police + POLCYB + ISRA
- Theme of the conference – “Improvise, Adapt & Overcome”



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Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

181. On November 8, 17 scientists from scientific institutions across India have been awarded the “Swarnajayanti Fellowships” for their innovative research ideas and the potential of creating impact on R&D in different disciplines. Under the scheme the awardees are facilitated by the Department of Science & Technology, GOI with support for all the requirements for performing the research including a fellowship of Rs. 25,000/- per month for 5 years. In addition, DST supports the awardees by giving them a research grant of 5 lakh Rupees for 5 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 17 scientists from scientific institutions across India – awarded the “Swarnajayanti Fellowships”
- Dept. of S&T gives a research grant of 5 lakh Rupees for 5 years to the awardees



Appointments & Resignations

182. On November 7, Rajib Kumar Mishra was appointed as Chairman and Managing Director of PTC India Ltd with effect from November 6, 2021 after the resignation of Deepak Amitabh. Mishra joined PTC India in 2011 as executive director and was now a whole-time director since February 2015. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rajib Kumar Mishra – appointed as Chairman & MD of PTC India Ltd (succeeding - Deepak Amitabh)
- HQs of PTC India – New Delhi | MD & Chairman – Rajib Kumar Mishra

183. On November 9, Global investment firm KKR has announced the appointment of K. V. Kamath as a Senior Advisor to KKR India effective immediately. Mr. Kamath is one of the pioneers of India's modern financial services sector. He was the first president of the New Development Bank. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- K. V. Kamath – appointed as a Senior Advisor to KKR India
- HQs of KKR & Co. Inc. – New York, US | Co-Founder and Co-Executive Chairman – Henry R. Kravis

184. In November 2021, Sanjay Bhattacharyya (IFS: 1987), presently Secretary in the Ministry, has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Switzerland. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sanjay Bhattacharyya – appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Switzerland
- Switzerland – Bern – Swiss Franc | President – Guy Parmelin

185. On November 9, Drug firm Novo Nordisk India has appointed legendary cricketer Kapil Dev as the brand ambassador of the company to create awareness about diabetes management in India. This partnership aims to create awareness about better diabetes management and early insulin adoption. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kapil Dev – appointed as brand ambassador of Novo Nordisk India
- HQs of Novo Nordisk India – Bengaluru, Karnataka | MD – Vikrant Shrotriya

186. On November 9, the government announced the appointment of Chiefs of two key Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF). Sheel Vardhan Singh has been appointed as the new Director General of the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) while Atul Karwal has been appointed as the Director General of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sheel Vardhan Singh – appointed as the new DG of CISF
- Atul Karwal – appointed as the new DG of NDRF
- HQs of CISF – New Delhi | DG – Sheel Vardhan Singh | Motto – 'Protection & Security' | Founded in – 1969
- HQs of NDRF – New Delhi | DG – Atul Karwal | Founded in – 2006



187. In November 2021, Ajaneesh Kumar (IFS: 1996), presently High Commissioner of India to Brunei Darussalam, has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Estonia. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ajaneesh Kumar – appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Estonia
- Estonia – Tallinn – Euro | President – Alar Karis | PM – Kaja Kallas

188. On November 9, Rohit Sharma was appointed as the Captain of Team India in T20 International series. K. L. Rahul was appointed as the Vice-Captain of the side. Three-match T20 international series against New Zealand started on November 17 in Jaipur. Ranchi and Kolkata hosted the second and third T20Is, respectively. The senior selection committee, headed by Chetan Sharma, picked a 16-member squad for the series. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rohit Sharma – appointed as the Captain of Team India in T20 International series (Vice-Captain – K. L. Rahul)

189. On November 9, Indiabulls Real Estate has appointed Kulumani Gopalratnam Krishnamurthy as an Independent Director for an initial term of 3 years with effect from November 9, 2021. Krishnamurthy will be designated as Non-executive Chairman of the company with effect from February 1, 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kulumani Gopalratnam Krishnamurthy – appointed as Non-executive Chairman of Indiabulls Real Estate – for 3 years
- HQs of Indiabulls Real Estate – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Founder & Chairman – Sameer Gehlaut

Amount & Agreements

190. On November 9, Assam's Inland Water Transport (IWT) department signed an MoU with the World Bank for a Rs 770 Cr loan to improve river transportation in the state. The central government would refund 80% of the sanctioned amount and the state government would bear the remaining 20%. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Assam + World Bank = an MoU for a Rs 770 Cr loan to improve river transportation in the state
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Himanta Biswa Sarma | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi
- HQs of World Bank – Washington D.C., USA | Member Countries – 189
- President – David Malpass | MD & CFO – Anshula Kant



Ranks, Reports & Surveys

191. On November 8, As per the report titled “Mission 2070: A Green New Deal for a Net Zero India” released by World Economic Forum (WEF), India can leverage green growth to add \$1 trillion to GDP by 2030, and as much as \$15 trillion by 2070. The WEF also stated that India has potential to create more than 50 million net new jobs. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Mission 2070: A Green New Deal for a Net Zero India” report – released by the WEF
- This deal can add \$1 trillion to GDP by 2030 & \$15 trillion by 2070
- HQs of WEF – Coligny, Switzerland | Executive Chairman & Founder – Klaus Schwab | Founded in – 1971

192. On November 12, In the “Climate Change Performance Index - 2022 (CCPI)”, the top three places of the overall ranking this year have remained empty as none of the countries could perform well enough to have ‘very high’ rating. The fourth, fifth and sixth spot was bagged by Denmark, Sweden and Norway and India retained its position at number 10, similar to the last year. Developed by Germanwatch, NewClimate Institute and Climate Action Network (CAN), the CCPI analyses and compares climate change mitigation efforts across 60 countries with the highest emissions. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Climate Change Performance Index - 2022 (CCPI)” – by Germanwatch, NewClimate Institute & CAN
- India – 10th | 4th – Denmark, 5th – Sweden, 6th – Norway



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MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

193. On November 10, Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), Government of India and Directorate of Defence Research and Development (DDR&D), Ministry of Defence, Israel have entered into a Bilateral Innovation Agreement (BIA) to promote innovation and accelerate R&D in startups and MSMEs of both countries for the development of dual-use technologies. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- DRDO (India) + DDR&D (Israel) = a Bilateral Innovation Agreement to promote innovation & accelerate R&D in startups
- HQs of DRDO – New Delhi | Chairman – G. Satheesh Reddy | Established in – 1958
- Israel – Jerusalem – Israeli Shekel | President – Isaac Herzog | PM – Naftali Bennett



Books & Authors

194. On November 8, the Bangla version of the book “Operation X” about the naval commando operation jointly launched by the Indian Navy and the Mukti Bahini of Bangladesh was launched in Dhaka, Bangladesh. The book is written by Capt. MNR Samant and co-written by Sandeep Unnithan. ‘Operation X’ was part of ‘Operation Jackpot’ under which covert training and equipping of the Bangladeshi liberation army ‘Mukti Bahini’ was done. The Mukti Bahini is also known as the Bangladesh Forces. [{Read more}](#)

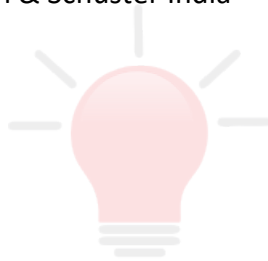
Key Points:

- Bangla version of the book “Operation X” jointly launched by – Indian Navy & Mukti Bahini of Bangladesh
- The book is written by Capt. MNR Samant & co-written by Sandeep Unnithan

195. N. S. Vinodh’s “A Forgotten Ambassador in Cairo: The Life and Times of Syud Hossain” is several books rolled into one. It is the biography of Syud Hossain who was a journalist, an Indian Independence Activist, and the first ever Indian ambassador to Egypt. The book was published by Simon and Schuster India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “A Forgotten Ambassador in Cairo: The Life and Times of Syud Hossain” book – authored by N. S. Vinodh
- Publisher – Simon & Schuster India



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Obituaries ion Bank

196. On November 10, Former chancellor of GITAM deemed-to-be University, former Vice-Chancellor of Andhra University and Padma Shri awardee Koneru Ramakrishna Rao died after a brief illness. He was 89. He was an internationally recognised psychologist, Gandhian scholar and educator. He received ‘Padma Shri’ Award in 2011 in the field of ‘Literature & Education’. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Koneru Ramakrishna Rao – Psychologist & Educationist – passed away
- Awards: ‘Padma Shri’ Award (2011) in ‘Literature & Education’

Science & Technology

197. On November 9, General V. K. Singh, the Minister of State Civil Aviation inaugurated India’s first Center for Excellence in Research on Drone/UAV Technology and Artificial Intelligence at IIT Guwahati. Along with it, a Skill development Center for Drone/UAV operation and maintenance and ‘AXOMDroneports’ were also inaugurated. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- V. K. Singh – inaugurated India's 1st Center for Excellence in Research on Drone/UAV Technology & AI at IIT Guwahati
- Ministry of Civil Aviation: Jyotiraditya M. Scindia | Constituency – Guna, Madhya Pradesh
- MoS in Ministry of Civil Aviation: V. K. Singh

Ordinance, Bills and Acts

198. On November 9, Union government has notified “Minerals Concession Rules 2021” by amending “Minerals (Other than Atomic and Hydro Carbons Energy Mineral) Concession Rules, 2016 (MCR, 2016)”. The amendment will pave the way for sale of 50% of mineral produced from captive mines, transfer of mines without any charges and partial surrender of a lease. The interest rate on delayed payments of royalty and penalty has been revised from existing 24% to 12%. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Union government notified “Minerals Concession Rules, 2021” by amending “Minerals Concession Rules, 2016”
- Interest rate on delayed payments of royalty & penalty – revised from existing 24% to 12%

199. On November 8, To safeguard interest of consumers, the Department of Consumer Affairs under Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution has omitted the ‘Rule 5’ of the “Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011” defining the Schedule II prescribing the pack sizes of various types of commodities. The amendments will come into effect from April 1, 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dept. of Consumer Affairs – omitted the ‘Rule 5’ of the “Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011”
- The amendments will come into effect from – April 1, 2022

200. On November 10, Punjab Cabinet decided to regularize the services of 36,000 employees working on contract, ad hoc, work-charged, daily wages and temporary basis in different government department. “The Punjab Protection and Regularization of Contractual Employees Bill-2021” will now be introduced in the current session of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha. In another decision, the cabinet approved the enhancement of minimum wages with effect from March 1, 2020. The revision in minimum wage based on consumer price index was due on March 1, 2020. It has now been increased by Rs 415.89 from Rs 8,776.83 to Rs 9,192.72. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Punjab Cabinet – regularized the services of Employees working on contract, ad hoc & temporary basis
- Punjab Cabinet – approved the enhancement of Minimum Wages to Rs 9,192.72 with effect from March 1, 2020
- Punjab: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Charanjit Singh Channi | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit





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