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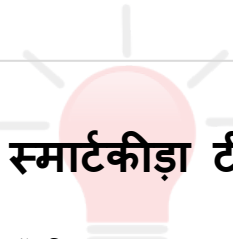
Hi Folks! We hope you all are doing well. We would like to state here that this PDF is meant for preparing for the upcoming MockDrill Test of November 2021 Month at Testzone. In this Current Affairs PDF we have added all the important Current Affairs information in form of 'Key-points' which are crucial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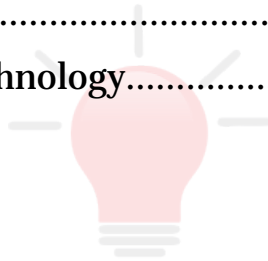
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National & States Affairs

201. On November 10, A programme on “Nutrition Smart Village” will be initiated to strengthen the Poshan Abhiyan, as part of ‘Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav’. This new initiative aims to reach out to 75 villages across India through the network of All India Coordinated Research Project on Women in Agriculture (AICRP-WIA). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- A programme on “Nutrition Smart Village” will be initiated to strengthen the ‘Poshan Abhiyan’
- This new initiative aims to reach out to 75 villages across India through the network of ‘AICRP-WIA’

202. On November 10, the Central government has constituted a 3-member committee for the determination of Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP) rates for exports from Special Economic Zones (SEZs) and Export-Oriented Units (EOUs). The committee is chaired by former secretary Gopal Krishna Pillai (G K Pillai). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Govt constituted a 3-member committee for determination of RoDTEP rates for exports from SEZs & EOUs
- The committee is chaired by – Gopal Krishna Pillai

203. On November 11, Union Culture Minister G. Kishan Reddy handed over the 18th Century stone idol to the Uttar Pradesh Government. An idol of ‘Goddess Annapurna’ was stolen from the Kashi Vishwanath temple and smuggled to Canada over 100 years ago. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- G. Kishan Reddy – handed over the 18th Century stone idol of ‘Goddess Annapurna’ to UP government
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

204. On November 11, India launched “E-Amrit”, a web portal on electric vehicles (EVs), at the ongoing COP26 Summit in Glasgow, UK. The portal has been developed and hosted by NITI Aayog under a collaborative knowledge exchange programme with the UK government and as part of the ‘UK-India Joint Roadmap 2030’. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – launched “E-Amrit” - a web portal on electric vehicles (EVs) | developed by – NITI Aayog

205. On November 12, TVS Motor Company has joined United Nations Global Compact (UNGC), the world’s largest sustainability initiative, with more than 14,000 companies and 3,000 non-business signatories in over 160 countries. The company has become the first Indian two-wheeler and three-wheeler manufacturer to be a part of UNGC. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- TVS Motor Company – joined United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) - the world’s largest sustainability initiative
- HQs of TVS Motor Company – Chennai, Tamil Nadu | CEO – K. N. Radhakrishnan



206. On November 12, Indian smartphone maker Lava International has become the first Indian brand to launch 5G smartphones for domestic consumers. The smartphone launched under the brand name “Agni” has been developed by Lava in India and is getting manufactured at its plant in Noida, Uttar Pradesh. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

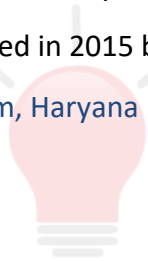
- Lava International – became the first Indian brand to launch 5G smartphones for domestic consumers
- Brand name – “Agni”
- HQs of Lava International – Noida, Uttar Pradesh | MD & Chairman – Hari Om Rai

International Affairs

207. On November 10, the US has become the 101st country to join the inter-governmental treaty based International Solar Alliance (ISA), announced at the COP26 at Glasgow. India and France launched the ISA in November 2015 at COP21 in Paris. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- US – became the 101st country to join the ISA
- ISA was jointly launched in 2015 by – India & France
- HQs of ISA – Gurugram, Haryana | DG – Alok Sahay | Member countries – 101



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Banking, Finance, Insurance & Economic Affairs

208. On November 11, NPCI Bharat BillPay has tied up with ICICI Prudential Life Insurance to provide ‘ClickPay’ to the insurer’s customers. ICICI Prudential Life Insurance is the first insurance company to offer this facility of ‘ClickPay’ to its customers empowering them to make renewal premium payments with ease. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NPCI Bharat BillPay + ICICI Prudential Life Insurance = tie up to provide ‘ClickPay’ to the insurer’s customers
- HQs of ICICI Prudential Life Ins. – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – N. S. Kannan

209. On November 11, Kerala Gramin Bank recently introduced a novel motivational incentive called “KGB Kavacham” to offer an additional interest rate on the deposits for its customers who have taken a single or double dose of Covid-19 vaccine. The cumulative deposits opened under the scheme will fetch an interest rate of 5.55% which is higher by 0.25% than the prevalent rate of interest. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kerala Gramin Bank – introduced a vaccine-linked deposit scheme called “KGB Kavacham”
- HQs of Kerala Gramin Bank – Malappuram, Kerala | Chairman – C. Jayaprakash



210. On November 10, Geojit Financial Services has launched a platform to open demat and trading accounts online for the Non-Resident External (NRE) and Non-Resident Ordinary (NRO) categories of NRI investors. The opening process will be online and will be operated through Central Depository Services Ltd (CDSL). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Geojit Financial Services – 1st to offer online opening of demat accounts for NRE & NRO categories of NRI investors
- The opening process will be operated through CDSL
- HQs of Geojit Financial Services – Kochi, Kerala | MD & CEO – C. J. George

211. On November 10, PGIM India Mutual Fund launched “PGIM India Global Select Real Estate Securities Fund”, an open-ended equity fund-of-fund (FoF) scheme. The fund is India’s first Global Real Estate Securities Fund. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- PGIM India Mutual Fund – launched India’s first Global Real Estate Securities Fund
- HQs of PGIM India Mutual Fund – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Ajit Menon

212. On November 11, Axis Bank signed an MoU with the Army Insurance Group (AGI) to offer retail mortgage loans to the Indian Army. The bank will offer best-in-class products and services to defence personnel to cater to their home loan requirements. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Axis Bank + Army Insurance Group = an MoU to offer retail mortgage loans to the Indian Army
- HQs of Axis Bank – Mumbai | MD & CEO – Amitabh Chaudhry | Tagline – “Badhti ka Naam Zindagi”
- HQs of Indian Army – New Delhi | Chief – Gen. Manoj Mukund Naravane | Vice Chief – Chandi Prasad Mohanty

213. On November 10, National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI) has partnered with PayU and National Securities Depositories Limited (NSDL) to offer “Digital Payment Gateway”. NIXI is a not-for-profit Company under the aegis of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NIXI + PayU + NSDL = partnership to offer “Digital Payment Gateway”
- NIXI functions under the aegis of – MeitY
- HQs of NIXI – New Delhi | CEO – Anil Kumar Jain

214. On November 10, UCO Bank entered into a co-lending agreement with Aadhar Housing Finance to offer home loans at competitive rates to customers from the economically weaker sections of society. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- UCO Bank + Aadhar Housing Finance = to offer home loans at competitive rates to customers from EWS
- HQs of UCO Bank – Kolkata, West Bengal | CEO – Atul Kumar Goel



215. On November 8, Tata Motors has signed a 5-year Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Equitas Small Finance Bank, to bring financial solutions to its customers. This will help Tata to bring in financial solutions to the customers. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tata Motors + Equitas SFB = a 5-year MoU to bring financial solutions to its customers
- HQs of Equitas SFB – Chennai, TN | MD & CEO – Vasudevan Pathangi Narasimhan
- HQs of Tata Motors – Mumbai, MH | Non-Executive Director & Chairman – Natarajan Chandrasekaran

216. On November 12, Fintech company Niyo partnered with SBM Bank India and Visa to offer a digital savings account with Niyo Global. Niyo Global aims to simplify foreign exchange spending for international travellers & student. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Niyo + SBM Bank India + Visa = partnership to offer a digital savings account with Niyo Global
- HQs of Niyo – Bengaluru, Karnataka | CEO – Vinay Bagri
- HQs of SBM Bank India – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Sidharth Rath
- SBM Bank India – the 1st foreign bank in India to obtain a banking licence from the RBI
- HQs of Visa – Foster City, California | CEO – Alfred F. Kelly | Founded in – 1958

217. On November 12, BharatPe launched Merchant Shareholding Program (MSP) for its merchant partners. It plans to create an equity pool structure worth up to \$100 million for MSP to be allotted to eligible merchants over the course of the next 4 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- BharatPe – launched Merchant Shareholding Program (MSP) for its merchant partners
- It plans to create an equity pool structure worth up to \$100 million
- HQs of BharatPe – New Delhi | Founder & CEO – Ashneer Grover | Chairman – Rajnish Kumar

218. On November 12, Mobikwik has collaborated with National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and Axis Bank to launch MobiKwik RuPay Card. The card will be free of charge to customers. And the customers can now get up to ₹2 lakh of their MobiKwik wallet balance mirrored on the ‘MobiKwik RuPay Prepaid Card’. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mobikwik + NPCI + Axis Bank = collaboration to launch “MobiKwik RuPay Card”
- HQs of MobiKwik – Gurugram, Haryana | Founder, CEO & Director – Bipin Preet Singh
- HQs of NPCI – Mumbai | Chairman – Biswamohan Mahapatra | MD & CEO – Dilip Asbe | Established in – 2008
- HQs of Axis Bank – Mumbai | MD & CEO – Amitabh Chaudhry | Tagline – “Badhti ka Naam Zindagi”



219. On November 11, Jana Small Finance Bank has taken a significant step in easing the flow of liquidity to its MSME customers by tying up with all the three existing TReDS platforms, namely M1xchange, RXIL, and A.TReDS. The Trade Receivables Discounting System (TReDS) has been set up by RBI. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Jana SFB – tied up with all 3 existing TReDS platforms - M1xchange, RXIL & A.TReDS
- HQs of Jana SFB – Bengaluru, Karnataka | MD & CEO – Ajay Kanwal | Chairman (part-time) – S. C. Khuntia

220. Currently, Indian mutual funds were allowed to launch ETFs (Exchange Traded Funds) on Gold. The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has amended the “SEBI (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 1996” to enable the introduction of Silver ETFs scheme. The new rules came into effect from December 9, 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SEBI – amended the “SEBI (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 1996” to enable the introduction of ‘Silver ETFs’ scheme
- Currently, Indian MFs were allowed to launch ETFs on Gold only
- HQs of SEBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Ajay Tyagi | Established in – 1992

221. Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance Company (BALIC) has entered into a strategic partnership with Department of Posts and India Post Payments Bank to offer two Point of Sale (PoS) products - a term product and an annuity product, through the postal department’s network of 1,36,000 banking access points and the payments bank’s 650 branches. BALIC has become the first private life insurer in India to tie up with the Department of Posts for sale of PoS products. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance + DoP + IPPB = partnership to offer two Point of Sale (PoS) products
- HQs of Bajaj Allianz Life – Pune, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Tarun Chugh
- HQs of IPPB – New Delhi | MD & CEO – Venkatram Jayanthi | Established on – 1st Sep, 2018

222. On November 12, PM Narendra Modi launched two customer-centric initiatives of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) namely the ‘RBI Retail Direct Scheme’ and ‘Reserve Bank Integrated Ombudsman Scheme’. The central theme of this is based on “One Nation-One Ombudsman”. The ‘RBI Retail Direct Scheme’ is aimed towards enhancing access to the government securities (G-Secs) market for retail investors. Separately, the ‘Reserve Bank - Integrated Ombudsman Scheme’ aims to improve the grievance redress mechanism for resolving customer complaints against entities regulated by RBI. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- PM Narendra Modi launched two customer-centric initiatives of the RBI:
 - ‘RBI Retail Direct Scheme’ (to enhance access to the G-Secs market for Retail Investors)
 - ‘Reserve Bank - Integrated Ombudsman Scheme’ (to improve the Grievance Redress Mechanism)
- Central theme – “One Nation-One Ombudsman”
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April, 1935



Schemes & Initiatives

223. On November 10, The Union Cabinet, chaired by PM Narendra Modi, approved the restoration and continuation of Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) during the remaining part of Financial Year 2021-22 and up to Financial Year 2025-26. The MPLADS is a Central Sector Scheme fully funded by Government of India. The annual MPLADS fund entitlement per Member of Parliament (MP) constituency is Rs 5 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Modi – approved the restoration & continuation of Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) from FY 2020-21 to FY 2025-26
- The annual MPLADS fund entitlement per MP constituency – Rs 5 Cr

224. On November 8, Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel launched “Niramay Gujarat Yojana” to screen and protect people above 30 years from Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs). The scheme will cover more than 3 Cr people in the state. The state cabinet has also launched the “Atmanirbhar Gram Yatra” in rural areas to start developmental works worth Rs 500 Cr in different districts of Gujarat. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Gujarat – launched “Niramay Gujarat Yojana” to screen & protect people above 30 years from NCDs
- Gujarat – launched the “Atmanirbhar Gram Yatra” in rural areas to start developmental works worth Rs 500 Cr
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Bhupendra Patel | Governor – Acharya Devvrat

Important Days & Dates

225. The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved declaration of November 15 as “Janjatiya Gaurav Divas” to remember the contributions of tribal freedom fighters. The date was chosen as it was the birth anniversary of Birsa Munda, a tribal freedom fighter revered as “Bhagwan” by tribal communities. A Tribal Freedom Fighter Museum at Ranchi was inaugurated by the PM Narendra Modi. In his Independence Day speech in 2016, Narendra Modi announced the setting up of 10 such tribal museums in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 15 – “Janjatiya Gaurav Divas” (birth anniversary of - Birsa Munda)
- PM Narendra Modi – inaugurated a Tribal Freedom Fighter Museum at Ranchi, Jharkhand

226. Every year, the second Thursday of November is internationally observed as “World Usability Day”. The day is also commonly known as ‘Make Things Easier’ day. In 2021, World usability Day was celebrated on November 11. In 2021, the theme is “Design of Our Online World: Trust, Ethics and Integrity”. The day was celebrated for the first time in the year 2005. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- November 11 (2nd Thursday of Nov) – World Usability Day (since - 2005)
- 2021's Theme – “Design of Our Online World: Trust, Ethics and Integrity”

227. Public Service Broadcasting Day was celebrated on November 12. The day is celebrated every year to commemorate the only visit of Mahatma Gandhi to All India Radio in Delhi in 1947. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 12 – Public Service Broadcasting Day

228. Every year World Pneumonia Day is observed on November 12, 2021. The day was established by the Stop Pneumonia Initiative in 2009. This year's theme is “Stop Pneumonia - Every Breath Counts”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 12 – World Pneumonia Day (since - 2009)
- 2021's Theme – “Stop Pneumonia - Every Breath Counts”

229. Remembrance Day is marked annually on November 11 to commemorate the end of the First World War on November 11, 1918, when the armistice was signed between the Allied forces and Germany. The day, also known as Poppy Day, is also observed to remember all those who sacrificed their lives in the war. The day was first observed in the year 1919 and was known as Armistice Day. However, the name was changed after the end of the Second World War. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 11 – ‘Remembrance Day’ or ‘Armistice Day’ or ‘Poppy Day’ (since - 1919)
- The day marks the anniversary of the end of the First World War – on November 11, 1918

230. World Quality Day is observed on the second Thursday of November every year. This year, the day was marked on November 11. In 2021, the theme is “Sustainability: Improving Our Products, People, and Planet”. While “World Quality Week 2021” was observed from November 8 to 12. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 11 (2nd Thursday of Nov) – World Quality Day
- 2021's Theme – “Sustainability: Improving Our Products, People, and Planet”
- November 8 to 12 – “World Quality Week 2021”



Meetings, Conferences and Summits

231. On November 10, the 3rd Regional Security Dialogue on Afghanistan called for 'urgent humanitarian assistance' to the Afghan people. The meeting was chaired by the National Security Adviser Ajit Doval. A joint statement titled the 'Delhi Declaration' issued after the meeting called for 'collective cooperation' against terrorism and drug trafficking in Afghanistan. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NSA Ajit Doval – chaired the 3rd Regional Security Dialogue on Afghanistan
- “Delhi Declaration” was adopted by the countries against terrorism & drug trafficking in Afghanistan

232. The 2nd edition of the Bi-annual IAF Commanders' Conference was inaugurated by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on November 10, 2021 at Air Headquarter (Vayu Bhawan). The conference's theme was “Ensuring Certainty amidst Uncertainties”. Chief of the Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal V. R. Chaudhari introduced the IAF Commanders to the Defence Minister Rajnath Singh. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rajnath Singh – inaugurated the 2nd edition of Bi-annual IAF Commanders' Conference at Vayu Bhawan, New Delhi
- Theme of the conference – “Ensuring Certainty amidst Uncertainties”



Appointments & Resignations

233. On November 10, Golden Globe-nominated actor and director Daniel Bruhl was appointed as a Goodwill Ambassador for the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP). As conflict, climate change and the impact of the pandemic increase global hunger, Bruhl joins the world's largest humanitarian organization in its mission to reach a world with Zero Hunger. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Daniel Bruhl – appointed as a Goodwill Ambassador for the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP)
- HQs of UNWFP – Rome, Italy | ED – David Muldrow Beasley | Countries – 36

234. On November 11, Senior IPS officer Satya Narayan Pradhan has been appointed as Director-General of Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) on a deputation basis till the date of his superannuation on August 31, 2024. He was given additional charge of NCB Director-General after Rakesh Asthana was appointed as Delhi Police Commissioner. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Satya Narayan Pradhan – appointed as Director-General of Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB)
- HQs of NCB – New Delhi | DG – Satya Narayan Pradhan



235. On November 10, Rajeev Srivastava has been appointed as the chief executive officer at Standard Chartered Securities (India) Limited (SCSI). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rajeev Srivastava – appointed as the CEO of Standard Chartered Securities (India) Limited (SCSI)
- HQs of SCSI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Rajeev Srivastava

236. On November 10, Max Group announced the appointment of Mohit Talwar as the Managing Director of Max Financial Services Limited till January 15, 2023. He will also remain on the Board of Max Life and Max India, as a Non-Executive Director. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mohit Talwar – appointed as MD of Max Financial Services Ltd – till January 15, 2023

237. On November 11, Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega has secured a 4th consecutive Presidential term in elections. The Sandinista leader and Vice-Presidential candidate Rosario Murillo secured 76% support. Ortega is set to begin another 5-year term as president in January, 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Daniel Ortega – reappointed as the President of Nicaragua – for 4th consecutive term
- Nicaragua – Managua – Nicaraguan Cordoba | President – Daniel Ortega

238. In November 2021, the International Human Rights Foundation (IHRF) has appointed the Spaniard Daniel del Valle as the High Representative for Youth due to his achievements in the thematic area of youth empowerment and youth participation for the United Nations. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Spaniard Daniel del Valle (Spain) – appointed as the High Representative for Youth by the IHRF

MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

239. On November 10, Convergence Energy Services Ltd (CESL) has signed an agreement with Marriott International to develop electric vehicle charging units and related infrastructure to boost electric vehicles (EV) adoption. CESL will be installing EV charging units across 37 Marriott International hotels over next 2 months and will gradually expand to 100 hotels within 1 year. CESL is a wholly owned subsidiary of Energy Efficiency Services Limited. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CESL + Marriott International = an agreement to develop EV charging infrastructure to boost EVs adoption
- HQs of CESL – Kolkata, West Bengal | Head – Mahua Acharya (subsidiary of EESL)



240. On November 13, Maharashtra government signed an MoU with US-based Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI) at COP26 in Glasgow to support the adoption and promotion of Electric Vehicles (EVs) in the state. In Maharashtra, RMI through its City EV Accelerator platform is working towards making Pune ready for electric vehicles. Maharashtra EV Policy aims to have a 10% share of EVs in total registrations by 2025. It targets conversion of 15% of the Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation (MSRTC) fleet into electricity by 2025. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Maharashtra + RMI = an MoU to support the adoption & promotion of Electric Vehicles (EVs) in the state
- 'Maharashtra EV Policy' aims to have a 10% share of EVs in total registrations – by 2025
- 'Maharashtra EV Policy' targets conversion of 15% of the MSRTC fleet into electricity – by 2025
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari
- HQs of RMI – Colorado, US | CEO – Jules Kortenhorst

241. On November 11, Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) has collaborated with the All India MSME Association (AIMA MSME) to encourage and promote the listing of MSMEs and startups. Through this pact, AIMA MSME will assist BSE in evaluating MSMEs and startups for listing on the exchange's SME platform. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- BSE + AIMA MSME = collaboration to encourage and promote the listing of MSMEs & startups
- HQs of AIMA MSME – Mumbai, Maharashtra | President – Avinash K Dalal
- HQs of BSE – Mumbai, MH | Chairman – Justice Vikramajit Sen | MD & CEO – Shri Ashishkumar Chauhan
- BSE is Asia's 1st Stock Exchange Company

242. On November 13, the implementing agency of India's first Bullet Train Project, National High Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRCL) has signed an MoU with Japan Railway Track Consultant Company (JRTC) for the Designs of High Speed Rail (HSR) Track works for the T-3 package (116 km long section) for the upcoming 'Mumbai - Ahmedabad High Speed Rail Corridor Project'. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NHSRCL + JRTC = an MoU for the Designs of High Speed Rail (HSR) Track works for the T-3 package (116 km long)
- India's first Bullet Train Project: 'Mumbai - Ahmedabad High Speed Rail Corridor Project'
- HQs of NHSRCL – New Delhi | Chairman – Vinod Kumar Yadav
- Japan – Tokyo – Yen | PM – Fumio Kishida

243. On November 12, Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) collaborated with the Uttar Pradesh government to develop "District Good Governance Index", a first for any state. DARPG will collaborate with the UP government for integration of the Centralised Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System (CPGRAMS) - an online platform available to citizens 24x7 to lodge their grievances. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- DARPG + UP = collaboration to develop “District Good Governance Index”
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

Books & Authors

244. The Arabic edition of “100 Great Indian Poems”, authored and edited by Indian poet-diplomat Abhay Kumar, was launched at the Sharjah International Book Fair in the UAE on November 10. The book includes poems from 28 Indian languages spanning over 3,000 years of Indian poetry. The book has also been translated into Irish, Nepali, French and Russian. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Arabic edition of “100 Great Indian Poems” – launched at the Sharjah International Book Fair in the UAE
- The book is authored & edited by – Abhay Kumar

245. In “Unshackling India: Hard Truths and Clear Choices for Economic Revival”, authors Ajay Chhibber and Salman Anees Soz argue that India can foster a prosperous and inclusive economy if it sets its mind to it. A new book examines India's potential to become a genuinely developed economy by 2047. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Unshackling India: Hard Truths and Clear Choices for Economic Revival” – by Ajay Chhibber & Salman Anees Soz

246. A book titled “Pride, Prejudice, and Punditry” has been authored by Shashi Tharoor. The book contains the text of Tharoor’s most famous speeches, including the Oxford Union address on colonial reparations. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Pride, Prejudice, and Punditry” – authored by Shashi Tharoor

Obituaries

247. On November 11, Former President of South Africa Frederik Willem de Klerk passed away at the age of 85. Mr. De Klerk died after a battle against Mesothelioma cancer. He shared ‘Nobel Peace Prize’ with South African President Nelson Mandela in 1993. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Frederik Willem de Klerk – Former President of South Africa – passed away
- F. W. de Klerk + Nelson Mandela = ‘Nobel Peace Prize’ (1993)



Science & Technology

248. Jeff Bezos-owned space company Blue Origin announced its plan for a private space station called “Orbital Reef” which will be built in partnership with multiple space companies and deployed between 2025 and 2030. The Orbital Reef station would inhabit up to 10 people as a mixed-use business park in space. Orbital Reef is a joint venture with commercial space company Sierra Space and has the support of Boeing and Arizona State University. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Blue Origin – to deploy a private space station called “Orbital Reef” between 2025 & 2030
- The Orbital Reef station would inhabit up to 10 people
- HQs of Blue Origin – Washington, US | CEO – Bob Smith | Founder – Jeff Bezos | Founded in – 2000

249. On November 11, South Korea successfully demonstrated a system for controlling air taxis or Urban Air Mobility Vehicles (UAM). It will serve as taxis between major airports and downtown Seoul as soon as 2025, cutting travel time by two-thirds. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- South Korea – successfully demonstrated a system for controlling air taxis or Urban Air Mobility Vehicles (UAM)
- South Korea – Seoul – Korean Republic won | President – Moon Jae-in

250. On November 8, IBM launched a Client Innovation Centre (CIC) in Mysuru, Karnataka. The CIC initiative aims at supporting the rapid, high-tech driven economic growth in tier 2 and 3 regions while providing comprehensive hybrid cloud and AI technology consulting capabilities. The Karnataka Digital Economy Mission (KDEM) facilitated the launch as part of its ‘spoke-shore strategy’. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IBM – launched a Client Innovation Centre (CIC) in Mysuru, Karnataka
- HQs of IBM – Armonk, New York, US | CEO – Arvind Krishna | Founded in – 1911
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – Basavaraj Bommai | Governor – Thawarchand Gehlot





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