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We hope you will make the best of use of this PDF and perform well in MockDrill Tests at Testzone.

All the best!

Regards

Team Smartkeeda

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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। आभार,

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National & States Affairs

251. On November 13, Union Minister of Law & Justice Kiren Rijiju launched the "Citizen's Tele-Law Mobile App". This app would connect the beneficiaries directly with panel lawyers offering legal advice and consultation. The app was launched as part of of 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' celebrations. Kiren Rijiju also announced the expansion of Tele-Law in 75,000 Gram Panchayats covering all states and UTs. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Kiren Rijiju launched the "Citizen's Tele-Law Mobile App" to provide efficient legal advice & free consultation
- Kiren Rijiju also announced the expansion of Tele-Law in 75,000 Gram Panchayats
- Ministry for Law & Justice: Kiren Rijiju | Constituency Arunachal West
- MoS in Ministry of Law & Justice S. P. Singh Baghel

252. On November 13, Union Minister of State for Culture Meenakashi Lekhi launched the "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav mobile App" to enable all single-point access to all information related to the 75th anniversary celebrations of India's independence. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Meenakashi Lekhi launched the "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav mobile App"
- Minister of Culture: G. Kishan Reddy | Constituency Secunderabad, Telangana
- MoS in Minister of Culture: Arjun Ram Meghwal & Meenakashi Lekhi

253. On November 12, Tata Projects Limited has received an order for a 400kV double circuit transmission line project valued at around \$120 million (around ₹900 Cr) from the Power Grid Company of Bangladesh Limited (PGCB). This 120-km project from Barapukuria to Bogura has been secured on a turnkey basis. It will be executed in 30 months and the funding shall be done by EXIM Bank India under Indian Line of Credit. {Read more}

- Tata Projects received an order for a 400kV double circuit transmission line project from PGCB
- Value of the project \$120 million (around ₹900 Cr) | Length 120 km | Funding shall be done by EXIM
 Bank India
- HQs of Tata Projects Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman Banmali Agrawala
- Bangladesh Dhaka Taka | PM Seikh Hasina | President Abdul Hamid



254. On November 10, Meta-owned photo-sharing platform Instagram launched two new safety campaigns for young people - 'Safe Stree' & 'My Kanoon'. A total of 30 reels would be published in this series, by a set of six creators. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Instagram launched two new safety campaigns for young people 'Safe Stree' & 'My Kanoon'
- HQs of Instagram California, USA | CEO Kevin Systrom

255. On November 11, Union Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs & Petroleum and Natural Gas Shri Hardeep S. Puri virtually unveiled the statue of 'Rani Lakshmi Bai' at the Maharani Lakshmi Bai College for Women, Bhiwani Rohilla in Hisar (Haryana). {Read more}

Key Points:

- The statue of 'Rani Lakshmi Bai' unveiled at Maharani Lakshmi Bai College for Women, Hisar, Haryana
- Haryana: Capital Chandigarh | CM Manohar Lal Khattar | Governor Bandaru Dattatraya

256. On November 14, Arunachal Pradesh Cabinet adopted the "Pakke Declaration" aimed at Climate Resilient Development in the state. The declaration is the first of its kind by any state government in India. The declaration is named the "Pakke Tiger Reserve 2047 Declaration on Climate Change Resilient and Responsive Arunachal Pradesh". {Read more}

Key Points:

- Arunachal Pradesh adopted the "Pakke Declaration" aimed at Climate Resilient Development in the state
- Pakke Tiger Reserve located in Arunachal Pradesh
- Arunachal Pradesh: Capital Itanagar | CM Pema Khandu | Governor B. D. Mishra

257. Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) launched "Veer Gatha" project for students from Grades 3-12 to inform them about bravery of armed forces. The Department of School Education & Literacy, Education Ministry organised the 'Veer Gatha Project' from October 21 to November 20, 2021. It was launched on CBSE IT platform for CBSE schools and for the state government run schools on MyGov platform. {Read more}

Key Points:

- CBSE launched "Veer Gatha" project for students from Grades 3-12 to inform them about bravery of armed forces
- HQs of CBSE New Delhi | Chairman Manoj Ahuja | Formed in 1962

258. On November 14, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal inaugurated 40th India International Trade Fair at Pragati Maidan. The India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO) organized this mega event with "Atmanirbhar Bharat" as its theme. {Read more}



- Piyush Goyal inaugurated 40th India International Trade Fair at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi
- This mega event was organized by ITPO | Theme "Atmanirbhar Bharat"

259. On November 14, Arunachal Pradesh Cabinet headed by Chief Minister Pema Khandu declared the large, brightly coloured 'Kaiser-i-Hind' as the State butterfly. Kaiser-i-Hind (Teinopalpus imperialis) literally means 'Emperor of India'. This butterfly has a 90-120 mm wingspan. The butterfly also flutters in Nepal, Bhutan, Myanmar, Laos, Vietnam and southern China. {Read more}

Key Points:

- 'Kaiser-i-Hind' (Emperor of India) declared as the State butterfly of Arunachal Pradesh
- Arunachal Pradesh: Capital Itanagar | CM Pema Khandu | Governor B. D. Mishra

260. In November 2021, Rameshwar Prasad Gupta, Secretary of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change launched "COP26 Charter of Actions" prepared by The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) at COP26 in Glasgow. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Rameshwar Prasad Gupta launched "COP26 Charter of Actions" at COP26 in Glasgow | It is prepared by TERI
- HQs of TERI New Delhi | DG Dr. Ajay Mathur | Established in 1974

261. On November 14, India's first "Grass Conservatory" or "Germplasm Conservation Centre" spread over an area of 2 acres was inaugurated at Ranikhet in Almora district of Uttarakhand. The conservatory was developed in three years by the research wing of Uttarakhand Forest Department and it is funded under the Central Government's 'CAMPA' (Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority) scheme. Around 90 different grass species of significant scientific, ecological, medicinal, and cultural import have been grown in the conservation area. {Read more}

- India's 1st "Grass Conservatory" or "Germplasm Conservation Centre" inaugurated at Ranikhet, Almora, Uttarakhand
- Uttarakhand: Capital Dehradun & Gairsain | CM Pushkar Singh Dhami | Governor Lt. Gen. Gurmit Singh
- 262. On November 15, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurated "Tech NEEV@75" as part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav and interacted with successful start-ups including those from the tribal communities on the occasion of 'Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas'. Dr Jitendra Singh informed that the Government will be setting up 30 Science Technology & Innovation (STI) Hubs in different parts of India for Scheduled Tribes (STs) by end of 2022. {Read more}



- Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurated "Tech NEEV@75" as part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav
- Government will set up 30 STI Hubs in different parts of India for STs by 2022

263. On November 15, Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying Shri Parshottam Rupala launched a "Nationwide AHDF KCC Campaign" in hybrid mode. The Campaign aims to expand the benefits of Kisan Credit Card to all eligible animal husbandry and fishery farmers in India. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Parshottam Rupala launched a "Nationwide AHDF KCC Campaign" in hybrid mode
- Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying: Parshottam Rupala | Constituency Gujarat
- MoS in Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying: Sanjeev Kumar Balyan & L. Murugan

International Affairs

264. In November 2021, India joined Indonesia, Philippines and South Africa as the first beneficiaries of "Accelerating Coal Transition (ACT) Programme" aimed at accelerating their transition from Coal Power to Clean Energy. The four countries account for 15% of global emissions related to Coal. Cutting their emissions more quickly will help the global effort for net zero carbon emissions by 2050, a key goal of the ongoing United Nations COP26 climate summit in Glasgow, Scotland. South Africa would be the first beneficiary. The new programme has been endorsed by the G7 advanced economies and is supported by the United States, Britain, Germany, Canada, and Denmark. Moreover, the UK will provide an "India Green Guarantee" to the World Bank, to unlock an additional 750 million pounds for green projects across India, announced at the COP26 summit in Glasgow. Besides, UK COP26 presidency also dedicated November 10 as "Transport Thematic Day". {Read more}

- India + Indonesia + Philippines + South Africa = the first beneficiaries of "Accelerating Coal Transition Programme"
- The above four countries account for 15% of global emissions related to Coal
- A key goal of the COP26 climate summit: Net Zero Carbon Emissions by 2050
- UK to provide an "India Green Guarantee" to the World Bank to unlock an 750 million pounds for Green Projects
- November 10 "Transport Thematic Day" dedicated by the UK COP26 Presidency



Banking, Finance, Insurance & Economic Affairs

265. On November 12, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed several restrictions on Laxmi Cooperative Bank Ltd, Solapur, including Rs 1,000 cap on withdrawals for customers, due to deterioration in its financial position. The restrictions imposed under the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, shall remain in force for six months from the November 12, 2021. {Read more}

Key Points:

- RBI imposed several restrictions on Laxmi Cooperative Bank Ltd (Solapur, MH)
- The restrictions were imposed for 6 months | Rs 1,000 cap on withdrawals for customers also imposed
- HQs of RBI Mumbai, MH | Governor Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in 1st April, 1935

266. On November 12, HDFC Bank announced its integration with the government's National Agriculture Market (eNAM) to enable digital collections and settlement of funds to various e-NAM beneficiaries. HDFC Bank partnered with the Small Farmers Agri-Business Consortium (SFAC) to further improve the ease of doing business on e-NAM platform. The SFAC is the nodal implementing agency of eNAM which was launched in 2016 under the aegis of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare. {Read more}

Key Points:

- HDFC Bank integrated with eNAM to enable digital collections & settlement of funds to various e-NAM beneficiaries
- HDFC Bank + SFAC = partnership to further improve the ease of doing business on e-NAM platform
- 'eNAM' functions under MoAFW | Launched in 2016 | Nodal implementing agency SFAC

Defence Affairs

267. The 32nd edition of India-Thailand Coordinated Patrol (Indo-Thai CORPAT) between the Indian Navy and the Royal Thai Navy was conducted from November 12 to 14, 2021. INS Karmuk participated in the CORPAT. Both the countries have been conducting the 'CORPAT' bi-annually since 2005. {Read more}

- 32nd edition 'Indo-Thai CORPAT' conducted between Indian Navy (India) & Royal Thai Navy (Thailand)
- INS Karmuk participated in the exercise
- Thailand Bangkok Thai Baht | PM Prayut Chan-o-cha



268. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated the first operationalised private sector aircraft components defence manufacturing facility in the Uttar Pradesh Defence Industrial Corridor (UPDIC) in Lucknow. The facility is run by Aerolloy Technologies, a wholly owned subsidiary of PTC industries. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Rajnath Singh inaugurated the first operationalised private sector aircraft components Defence Manufacturing Facility in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- UP: Capital Lucknow | CM Yogi Adityanath | Governor Anandiben Patel
- **269.** On November 15, INS Karmuk participated in the 3rd edition of Trilateral Maritime Exercise "SITMEX-21" held between India, Singapore and Thailand from November 15 to 16, 2021 in Andaman Sea. The maiden edition of 'SITMEX' was hosted by Indian Navy off Port Blair in September 2019. {Read more}

Key Points:

• INS Karmuk – participated in the 3rd edition of "SITMEX-21" held between India, Singapore & Thailand – in Andaman Sea

Sports & Games

270. On November 13, American high jumper Erik Kynard finally received his Gold medal from the "2012 London Olympics" after the International Olympic Committee approved reallocating some results from those games because of doping cases. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Erik Kynard (American High Jumper) received his Gold medal from the "2012 London Olympics"
- **271.** In November 2021, Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton, a seven-time world champion, won the "Brazilian Grand Prix" beating Red Bull driver Max Verstappen. {Read more}

- Lewis Hamilton won the "Brazilian Grand Prix"
- Lewis Hamilton (UK) 'Mercedes' Team
- 272. On November 12, Pakistan skipper Babar Azam became the fastest batsman to score 2500 runs in 62 innings in T20Is. He beat Virat Kohli's record who took 68 innings to reach the landmark. Azam is also the player to have the most number of fours in the T20 World Cup 2021. Azam also registered the most number of runs in a maiden T20 world cup with 303 runs which makes him the first batsman to score 300 runs in the T20 World Cup 2021. {Read more}



- Babar Azam (Pakistan) became the fastest batsman to score 2500 runs in T20Is (in 62 innings)
- Virat Kohli 2nd fastest batsman to score 2500 runs in T20Is (in 68 innings)
- Babar Azam to have the most number of fours in the T20 World Cup 2021
- Babar Azam also registered the most number of runs in a maiden T20 world cup with 303 runs

273. On November 14, Australia defeated New Zealand by 8 wickets in the final in Dubai to lift their maiden T20 World Cup title. David Warner was the 'Player of the Tournament'. While, Mitchell Marsh was the 'Player of the Match'. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Australia won its first 'ICC Men's T20 World Cup' in 2021 (by defeating New Zealand)
- Mitchell Marsh 'Player of the Match' | David Warner 'Player of the Tournament'
- Australia Canberra Australian Dollar | PM Scott Morrison

274. On November 13, England's Janette Brittin, Sri Lanka's Mahela Jayawardena and South Africa's Shaun Pollock were announced as the newest inductees into the prestigious "ICC Cricket Hall of Fame", by the International Cricket Council (ICC). {Read more}

Key Points:

• Janette Brittin + Mahela Jayawardena + Shaun Pollock = inducted into the "ICC Cricket Hall of Fame"

Important Days & Dates

275. World Kindness Day, a global day to promote the importance of being kind to each other, yourself and to the world is celebrated worldwide on November 13. It was in 1998, that the day became an annual observance. {Read more}

Key Points:

• November 13 – World Kindness Day (since - 1998)

276. "World Diabetes Day" is celebrated every year on November 14 to mark the birth anniversary of Sir Frederick Banting, who discovered the insulin hormone along with Charles Herbert Best in 1922. The theme for World Diabetes Day 2021-23 is "Access to Diabetes Care". The campaign is represented by a blue circle logo that was adopted in 2007 after the passage of the UN Resolution on diabetes. {Read more}



- November 14 World Diabetes Day (birth anniversary of Sir Frederick Banting)
- 2021's Theme "Access to Diabetes Care"

277. PM Narendra Modi paid tributes to India's first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru on his 132nd birth anniversary on November 14, 2021. In India, 'Children's Day' or 'Bal Diwas' is celebrated on November 14 every year as a mark of respect to Jawaharlal Nehru (fondly called 'Chacha Nehru'), the first Prime Minister of independent India. {Read more}

Key Points:

- November 14 'Children's Day' or 'Bal Diwas' in India" (132nd birth anniversary of 1st PM of India Jawaharlal Nehru)
- November 20 World Children's Day or International Children's Day

278. World leaders, social activists, and artists marked the 75th anniversary of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) at a special ceremony in UNESCO headquarters in Paris, France, on November 16, 2021. {Read more}

Key Points:

- November 16, 2021 75th anniversary of the UNESCO
- HQs of UNESCO Paris<mark>, France | Director-General Audrey Azoulay | Founded in 1945</mark>

The Question Bank

Meetings, Conferences and Summits

279. On November 10, the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) in collaboration with Government of Uttar Pradesh organized a 2-day Regional Conference on the theme "Strengthening the State Institutes of Public Administration" on November 11-12, 2021 at Lucknow. Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath inaugurated the event. {Read more}

- DARPG + UP = organized a 2-day Regional Conference on the theme "Strengthening the State Institutes of Public Administration" in Lucknow
- UP: Capital Lucknow | CM Yogi Adityanath | Governor Anandiben Patel
- **280.** On November 15, World Bank and Asian Development Bank in association with the India Smart Grid Forum (ISGF) organised "WePOWER India Partnership Forum" to scale up the South Asia Women in Power Sector Professional Network (WePOWER) in India. This important initiative was attended by 168 key energy sector stakeholders. In a survey of 28 Indian DISCOMs, it was found that 4/5th of them have at least one female at top positions. {Read more}



- World Bank + ADB + ISGF = organised "WePOWER India Partnership Forum"
- The event was organised to scale up South Asia Women in Power Sector Professional Network (WePOWER) in India
- HQs of ADB Mandaluyong, Philippines | President Masatsugu Asakawa | Members 68 | Established in 1966
- HQs of World Bank Washington D.C., USA | Member Countries 189
- President David Malpass | MD & CFO Anshula Kant

Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

281. On November 10, Nepal Army Chief General Prabhu Ram Sharma was conferred the 'Honorary Rank of General of the Indian Army' by President Ram Nath Kovind at a ceremony at the Rashtrapati Bhavan. It is a customary practice by the two countries since 1950 to confer the honorary rank of General on each other's Army Chiefs. {Read more}

Key Points:

- General Prabhu Ram Sharma (Nepal Army Chief) conferred the 'Honorary Rank of General of the Indian Army'
- He was conferred by President Ram Nath Kovind | It is a customary practice by the two countries since 1950
- Nepal Kathmandu Nepalese Rupee | President Bidhya Devi Bhandari | PM Sher Bahadur Deuba

282. Uttarakhand has won 3 awards in the field of Tourism at the national level - 'Best Wildlife Destination' for Jim Corbett National Park, 'Best Spiritual Destination' for Kedarnath and 'Best Adventure Destination' for Rishikesh. Maharashtra's Ajanta caves emerged as the 'Best Heritage Destination' in India. Rajasthan's Garadia Mahadev in Kota emerged as the 'Best Iconic Landscape Destination'. {Read more}

- Uttarakhand won 3 prestigious awards in the field of Tourism at the National Level
- Jim Corbett National Park (Uttarakhand) 'Best Wildlife Destination'
- Kedarnath (Uttarakhand) 'Best Spiritual Destination'
- Rishikesh (Uttarakhand) 'Best Adventure Destination'
- Ajanta caves (Maharashtra) 'Best Heritage Destination'
- Garadia Mahadev (Kota, Rajasthan) 'Best Iconic Landscape Destination'



283. On November 13, Malayalam author M. Mukundan won the Rs 25-lakh "JCB Book Prize 2021" for his book "Delhi: A Soliloquy". The book was translated from Malayalam in to English by Fathima EV and Nandakumar K. Mukundan also received the prize trophy, which is a sculpture by Delhi artist duo Thukral & Tagra, titled 'Mirror Melting'. Delhi: A Soliloquy is the 3rd Malayalam translation to win the 'JCB Book Prize'. {Read more} **Key Points:**

- M. Mukundan won the Rs 25-lakh "JCB Book Prize 2021" for his book "Delhi: A Soliloquy"
- The book was translated from Malayalam in to English by Fathima EV & Nandakumar K.

284. On November 14, Two Indian teenage brothers - Vihaan (17) and Nav Agarwal (14) have won the "2021 KidsRights International Children's Peace Prize" for tackling pollution from household waste. They have developed the "One Step Greener" initiative segregating recyclables and organising pickups for trash from thousands of homes. Indian Nobel Peace laureate Kailash Satyarthi presented the brothers with the prize run by the Dutch-based KidsRights foundation. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Vihaan & Nav Agarwal won the "2021 KidsRights International Children's Peace Prize"
- They were awarded by Kailash Satyarthi for their "One Step Greener" initiative

285. In November 2021, Maharashtra has bagged the "Inspiring Regional Leadership Award" for its climate action efforts at the Leadership Awards by the Under2 Coalition held on the sidelines of the COP26 summit in Glasgow. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Maharashtra the only Indian state to win "Inspiring Regional Leadership Award" at the Leadership Awards
- Maharashtra: CM Uddhav Thackeray | Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari

Appointments & Resignations

286. On November 13, Professor Bimal Patel, Vice-Chancellor of Rashtriya Raksha University and Member of National Security Advisory Board of India, has been elected to the UN International Law Commission (ILC) for a 5-year term starting on January 1, 2023. The International Law Commission was established by the UN General Assembly in 1947. It is composed of 34 individuals recognized for their expertise and qualifications in international law, who are elected by the UNGA every 5 years. {Read more}

- Bimal Patel elected to the International Law Commission for a 5-year term starting on January 1, 2023
- UNILC: established by UNGA in 1947 | Members 34 individuals | India's member Aniruddha Rajput (2017-21)



287. On November 12, the Chairman of Rajya Sabha, M. Venkaiah Naidu appointed 1982-batch retired IRS officer and former chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) Pramod Chandra Mody as new Secretary General Rajya Sabha for a 1-year term. He replaced P.P.K. Ramacharyulu. {Read more}

Key Points:

- P. C. Mody appointed as new Secretary General Rajya Sabha for 1 year-term (replacing P.P.K. Ramacharyulu)
- P. C. Mody was appointed by M. Venkaiah Naidu
- Rajya Sabha: Chairman M. Venkaiah Naidu | Secretary General P. C. Mody | Maximum Seats 250

288. On November 10, Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL) appointed Ashu Suyash as an Independent Director on its Board effective from November 12, 2021. Until now, she was the MD & CEO of the CRISIL and a member of the Operating Committee of S&P Global. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Ashu Suyash appointed as an Independent Director of Hindustan Unilever Limited
- HQs of HUL Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & Chairman Sanjiv Mehta
- 289. On November 12, Footwear brand 'Plaeto' has announced Rahul Dravid as its brand Ambassador and mentor for a campaign dedicated to the children of India. The campaign has been developed by People Design and Communication, based in Bangalore, in partnership with Team Plaeto. {Read more}

 Key Points:
- Rahul Dravid appointed as brand Ambassador & mentor of footwear brand 'Plaeto'

Ranks, Reports & Surveys

290. On November 12, National Statistical Office (NSO) released the "All India Consumer Price Index (CPI)" on Base 2012=100 and corresponding "Consumer Food Price Index (CFPI)" for Rural (R), Urban (U) and Combined (C) for the month of October 2021. The data showed that India's combined annual retail inflation rose marginally to 4.48% in the month of October from 4.35% in September. The retail inflation rose 1.41% on month in October 2021. Food inflation has also increased slightly to 0.85% in October from 0.68% in September but is down from 11% in October 2020. {Read more}

- "All India Consumer Price Index (Base 2012)" & "Consumer Food Price Index" for October released by NSO
- India's combined annual retail inflation 4.48% in October 2021 (from 4.35% in September)
- Food inflation 0.85% in October 2021 (from 0.68% in September)
- NSO comes under Ministry of Statistics & Program Implementation (MoS I/C Rao Inderjit Singh)
- HQs of NSO New Delhi | Chairperson Bimal Kumar Roy



291. On November 10, Nykaa founder Falguni Nayar has become India's seventh woman billionaire and the wealthiest self-made billionaire in India. India's first unicorn startup Nykaa was founded by Falguni Nayar in 2012. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Falguni Nayar became the wealthiest self-made female billionaire in India (overall India's 7th woman billionaire)
- HQs of Nykaa Mumbai, Maharashtra | Founder & CEO Falguni Nayar | Founded in 2012

MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

292. On November 13, IIT Guwahati collaborated with Oil India Limited (OIL) on the development and introduction of new technologies in energy, and related sectors. With this MOU the oil and gas industries like OIL will highly benefit by developing indigenous Technologies. {Read more}

Key Points:

- IIT Guwahati + OIL = collaboration on the development & introduction of new technologies in Energy sector
- HQs of OIL Noida, UP | CMD Sushil Chandra Mishra
- Director of IIT Guwahati Dr. T. G. Sitharam

293. On November 12, NTPC Ltd and Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOCL) signed an MoU to collaborate in the field of Renewable Energy and mutually explore opportunities for supply of low carbon/RE RTC (round the clock) captive power. {Read more}

Key Points:

- NTPC + IOCL = an MoU in the field of Renewable Energy
- HQs of NTPC New Delhi | CMD Gurdeep Singh | Founded in 1975
- HQs of IOCL New Delhi | Chairperson Shrikant Madhav Vaidya | Founded in 1959

294. On November 12, the Ministry of Tourism signed an agreement with the Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) as part of its ongoing efforts to strengthen the hospitality and tourism industry. The objective of the MoU is to provide an extensive visibility to accommodation units, which have self-certified themselves on 'SAATHI' (System for Assessment, Awareness & Training for the Hospitality Industry) on the Online Travel Aggregator (OTA) platform. {Read more}

- Ministry of Tourism + IRCTC = an agreement to strengthen the hospitality & tourism industry
- Ministry of Tourism: G. Kishan Reddy | Constituency Secunderabad, Telangana
- MoS in Ministry of Tourism: Shripad Yesso Naik & Ajay Bhatt
- HQs of IRCTC New Delhi | Chairman & MD Mahendra Pratap Mall



295. Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam (SJVN) has signed a contract agreement with Noida-based Solarworld Energy Solutions Pvt Ltd to develop a 75-megawatt (MW) solar power project at the Parasan Solar Park in Uttar Pradesh for Rs 313.59 Cr. The project is scheduled to be commissioned by August 2022. {Read more}

Key Points:

- SJVN + Solarworld Energy Solutions = an agreement to develop a 75 MW solar power project at Parasan Solar Park (UP)
- The project is to be commissioned by August 2022 | Cost of the project Rs 313.59 Cr
- HQs of SJVN Shimla, Himachal Pradesh | MD & Chairman Nand Lal Sharma
- HQs of Solarworld Energy Solutions Noida, Uttar Pradesh

Books & Authors

296. On November 13, Defence Secretary Dr. Ajay Kumar released a book titled "Force in Statecraft" in New Delhi. The book is an edited volume by Air Marshal Diptendu Choudhury (Commandant of National Defence College) and Air Vice Marshal Arjun Subramaniam (President's Chair of Excellence at NDC). {Read more} **Key Points:**

- "Force in Statecraft" book released by Ajay Kumar
- The book is an edited volume by = Diptendu Choudhury + Arjun Subramaniam

297. On November 13, Hindu Sena has demanded a ban on Congress leader Salman Khurshid's book "Sunrise Over Ayodhya: Nationhood in Our Times", alleging that it harms social integrity and hurts the religious sentiments of Hindus. {Read more}

Key Points:

- "Sunrise Over Ayodhya: Nationhood in Our Times" book authored by Salman Khurshid
- **298.** On November 15, Chandigarh Punjab sports and higher education minister Pargat Singh launched a book titled "Uddna Baaz" a biography on Olympian Gurbachan Singh Randhawa. The book is written by the sports writer Navdeep Singh Gill. Randhawa was the flag-bearer of the Indian contingent at the '1964 Tokyo Olympics'. He was conferred the Arjuna Award in 1961 and the Padma Shri in 2005. {Read more}

- Pargat Singh launched a book titled "Uddna Baaz" a biography of 'Gurbachan Singh Randhawa'
- The book is written by Navdeep Singh Gill
- Awards: Arjuna Award (1961) & Padma Shri (2005)



299. On November 15, HarperCollins India presented a richly detailed narrative of Vishwanath Pratap Singh's extraordinarily eventful life in a book titled "The Disruptor: How Vishwanath Pratap Singh Shook India". The book was authored by Debashish Mukerji. {Read more}

Key Points:

- "The Disruptor: How Vishwanath Pratap Singh Shook India" book authored by Debashish Mukerji
- Publisher HarperCollins India

Obituaries

300. On November 15, Eminent historian, Marathi writer and Padma Vibhushan awardee Balwant Moreshwar Purandare, popularly known as 'Babasaheb Purandare', passed away at the age of 99. {Read more} **Key Points:**

• Balwant Moreshwar Purandare (Babasaheb Purandare) – a Historian & Marathi Writer – passed away







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