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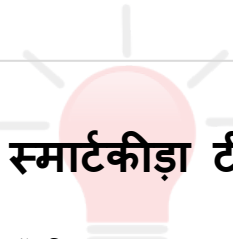
Hi Folks! We hope you all are doing well. We would like to state here that this PDF is meant for preparing for the upcoming MockDrill Test of November 2021 Month at Testzone. In this Current Affairs PDF we have added all the important Current Affairs information in form of 'Key-points' which are crucial 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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मित्रों! हम आशा करते हैं की आप सभी स्वस्थ और कुशल होंगे। इस सन्देश के माध्यम से हम आपसे यह कहना चाहते हैं की ये PDF नवम्बर 2021 माह में Testzone पर होने वाले MockDrill Test में आपकी तैयारी को बेहतर करने के लिए उपलब्ध करायी जा रही है। इस PDF में हमने कुछ अति आवश्यक 'Key-Points' के माध्यम से आपको सम-सामयिकी (Current Affairs) सूचनाओं से अवगत कराया है और अगर आप MockDrill में अपनी योग्यता सिद्ध करना चाहते हैं तो आपके लिए हर सूचना को पढ़ना, समझना और उसे याद रखना भी अति आवश्यक है क्योंकि MockDrill में शामिल किए गए प्रश्न PDF में दी गयी सूचना या जानकारी पर ही आधारित होंगे।

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National & States Affairs

301. On November 15, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh unveiled a plaque at the Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses in New Delhi to rename the institute as “Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (MP-IDSA)” after the former Defence Minister late Manohar Parrikar. The renaming coincided with the 57th Foundation Day of the Institute that is celebrated on November 11 every year. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rajnath Singh – unveiled a plaque at the Institute for Defence Studies & Analyses to rename it in New Delhi
- The institute is renamed as “Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies & Analyses (MP-IDSA)”

302. On November 16, Punjab School and Higher Education Minister Pargat Singh launched a “Career Portal” aimed at providing professional guidance to school and college students. The state education department has launched the portal in association with UNICEF India and Aasman Foundation. As many as 10 lakh students are expected to benefit from the Punjab government's career counselling portal. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Punjab + UNICEF India + Aasman Foundation = launched a “Career Portal” for school & college students
- Punjab: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Charanjit Singh Channi | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit
- HQs of UNICEF – New York, USA | Executive Director – Henrietta H. Fore | Established in – 1946

303. On November 15, India has successfully launched the 41st Scientific Expedition to Antarctica with the arrival of the first batch of its contingent at the southern white continent. The first batch comprising of 23 scientists and support staff reached the Indian Antarctic station Maitri in November 2021. The Indian Antarctic program, which began in 1981, has completed 40 scientific expeditions, and built three permanent research base stations in Antarctica, named Dakshin Gangotri (1983), Maitri (1988) and Bharati (2012). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India successfully launched the 41st Scientific Expedition to Antarctica
- Indian Antarctic program began in 1981
- India's 3 permanent research base stations in Antarctica: Dakshin Gangotri, Maitri & Bharati

304. On November 15, Piyush Goyal, Union Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution System, inaugurated the first of its kind “Food Museum” in Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu. The museum has been established by Food Corporation of India (FCI) in association with Visvesvaraya Industrial and Technological Museum (VITM), Bengaluru, at an investment of about ₹1.1 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Piyush Goyal inaugurated the first of its kind “Food Museum” in Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu
- Food Museum is established by = FCI + VITM, Bengaluru
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin | Governor – Ravindra Narayan Ravi
- HQs of FCI – New Delhi | Chairman & MD – Sanjiv Kumar



305. On November 17, PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the 341 km long 6-lane Purvanchal Expressway in Uttar Pradesh. This expressway is constructed at the cost of ₹22,500 Cr. The Purvanchal Expressway connects Lucknow-Sultanpur road (NH-731) and National Highway No. 31, 18 km east of UP-Bihar border. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Modi inaugurated 341 km long 6-lane Purvanchal Expressway in Uttar Pradesh | Cost – ₹22,500 Cr
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

306. India constructed the world's largest solar power park namely "Bhadla Solar Park" in Rajasthan. The park spans over 14,000 acres. There are over 10 million solar panels at the park, which contribute to an operational capacity of 2245MW. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India constructed the world's largest solar power park namely "Bhadla Solar Park" in Rajasthan
- The park has 10 million solar panels | Capacity – 2245MW
- Rajasthan: Capital – Jaipur | CM – Ashok Gehlot | Governor – Kalraj Mishra

307. Union Minister for Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Shri Giriraj Singh inaugurated "Bhumi Samvaad" - a National Workshop on Digital India Land Record Modernisation Programme (DILRMP) at India Habitat Centre in New Delhi. The minister also stated that Unique Land Parcel Identification Number (ULPIN) of land parcel is similar to the Aadhar number of an individual. Department of Land Resources targets to complete the DILRMP by March 2023. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Giriraj Singh inaugurated "Bhumi Samvaad" - a National Workshop on Digital India Land Record Modernisation Program
- ULPIN – Unique Land Parcel Identification Number
- Department of Land Resources targets to complete the DILRMP – by March 2023

308. On November 16, To nurture fisheries start-ups, Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Parshottam Rupala inaugurated India's first-of-its kind, dedicated business incubator to be known as "LINAC-NCDC Fisheries Business Incubation Centre (LIFIC)" in Haryana's Gurugram costing Rs 3.23 Cr. National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) is the implementing agency for the LIFIC and it has identified the first batch of 10 incubatees from 4 states - Bihar, Himachal Pradesh, Gujarat and Maharashtra. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Parshottam Rupala – inaugurated 1st "LINAC-NCDC Fisheries Business Incubation Centre (LIFIC)" in Gurugram, Haryana
- Implementing agency for the LIFIC – NCDC
- Haryana: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Manohar Lal Khattar | Governor – Bandaru Dattatraya



309. On November 17, Telecom Secretary and Digital Communication Commission (DCC) Chairman K. Rajaraman has launched a Public Procurement Policy (Make in India) portal for telecom products. Secretary Rajaraman also inaugurated the Nationwide MTCTE Helpdesk and Evaluation Centre infrastructure and Control Lab, situated at the TEC premises. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- K. Rajaraman – launched a Public Procurement Policy (Make in India) portal for telecom products

International Affairs

310. On November 15, Saudi Arabia’s Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud announced the establishment of the first Non-profit city in the world called “Prince Mohammed Bin Salman Non-Profit City”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Saudi Arabia – announced the establishment of the first Non-profit city in the world
- Name of the city – “Prince Mohammed Bin Salman Non-Profit City”
- Saudi Arab – Riyadh – Saudi Riyal | Saudi Crown Prince – Mohammed bin Salman

311. Minister of State (MoS) for External Affairs and Parliamentary Affairs, V. Muraleedharan paid an official visit to the Republic of Uganda from 11-13 November 2021. During the visit, he inaugurated the Learning Centre set-up under “e-Vidhya Bharti e-Arogya Bharti (E-VBAB)” at Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- V. Muraleedharan – inaugurated a Learning Centre set-up under “e-Vidhya Bharti e-Arogya Bharti” in Kampala, Uganda
- Ministry of External Affairs: S. Jaishankar | Constituency – Gujarat
- MoS in Ministry of External Affairs: Rajkumar Ranjan Singh, V. Muraleedharan & Meenakshi Lekhi
- Uganda – Kampala – Ugandan shilling | President – Yoweri Museveni



Banking, Finance, Insurance & Economic Affairs

312. On November 15, Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank (KVGB) received the 'Best Regional Rural Bank' (RRB) award under the Regional Rural Banks Category by ASSOCHAM (Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India) in recognition of the bank's initiatives in Digital Financial Services in response to 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' programme. More than 40 villages have been converted into 100% digital villages under the bank's jurisdiction. Besides, Karnataka Bank launched "CASA (Current Account Savings Account) Campaign" for 2021–22, and introduced a new current account scheme called "KBL Current Account - Premium" specifically designed to meet the needs of small and medium entrepreneurs. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- KVGB – received the "Best Regional Rural Bank" award under the 'Regional Rural Banks Category' by ASSOCHAM
- The award is given to KVGB for its initiatives in Digital Financial Services
- Karnataka Bank – launched "CASA (Current Account Savings Account) Campaign" for 2021-22
- Karnataka Bank – introduced a new current account scheme called "KBL Current Account - Premium" for SMEs
- HQs of KVGB – Dharwad, Karnataka | Chairman – P. Gopi Krishna | Sponsored by – Canara Bank
- HQs of Karnataka Bank – Mangalore, Karnataka | CEO – Mahabaleshwara M. S. | Chairman – Pradeep Kumar Panja

313. On November 15, PVR Cinemas has partnered with Kotak Mahindra Bank to launch first of its kind co-branded movie debit card named "Kotak PVR Movie Debit Card". The two companies already have two co-branded credit cards, currently being used by around 300,000 users. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- PVR + Kotak Mahindra Bank = to launch first of its kind co-branded movie debit card - "Kotak PVR Movie Debit Card"
- HQs of PVR Cinemas – Gurugram, Haryana | CEO – Ajay Bijli
- HQs of Kotak Mahindra Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Uday Kotak | Tagline – "Let's make money simple"

314. On November 12, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has given nod to "Invesco CoinShares Global Blockchain ETF Fund of Fund (FoF)", which will be India's first scheme that offers exposure to global companies participating in the blockchain ecosystem. The underlying fund was earlier called Invesco Elwood Global Blockchain UCITS ETF. The fund managers to the scheme would be Neelesh Dhamnaskar and Krishna Cheemalapati. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SEBI – gave nod to "Invesco CoinShares Global Blockchain ETF Fund of Fund (FoF)"
- The fund managers to the scheme – Neelesh Dhamnaskar & Krishna Cheemalapati
- HQs of SEBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Ajay Tyagi | Established in – 1992



315. On November 15, Paytm Money launched “Voice Trading”, powered by artificial intelligence, allowing users to place a trade or get information about stocks via single voice command. This service has been launched in line with Paytm Money’s efforts to offer next-gen and AI-driven tech to elevate user experience. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Paytm Money – launched AI-powered feature “Voice Trading”
- HQs of Paytm Money – Bengaluru, Karnataka | CEO – Varun Sridhar | Founded in – 2009

316. On November 16, the RBI has directed Deposit-taking NBFCs (NBFCs-D) with 10 or more branches and non-deposit taking NBFCs (NBFCs-ND) with asset size of ₹5,000 Cr and above having public customer interface to appoint Internal Ombudsman (IO) at the apex of their internal grievance redress mechanism within a period of 6 months from the date of issue of the direction. The implementation of the IO mechanism will be monitored by the NBFC’s internal audit system apart from regulatory oversight by RBI. The person appointed as the IO shall be either a retired or a serving officer, not below the rank of Deputy General Manager. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI directed NBFCs-D with 10 or more branches & NBFCs-ND with asset size of ₹5,000 Cr & above to appoint ‘Internal Ombudsman (IO)’ within 6 months
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April 1935

317. On November 15, Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has launched the 2nd window of “Swavalamban Challenge Fund (SCF)”, which aims to provide financial support to non-profit organizations, educational institutions for addressing developmental gaps. The themes for 2nd window align with the vision of PM Narendra Modi and the commitments India made at COP26 of attaining Net Zero Emissions by 2070. SCF has been designed, run and monitored by SIDBI with support from Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO UK). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SIDBI launched the 2nd window of “Swavalamban Challenge Fund (SCF)”
- The themes for 2nd window align with India’s commitment made at COP26 of attaining ‘Net Zero Emissions by 2070’
- “Swavalamban Challenge Fund (SCF)” is designed, run & monitored by = SIDBI + FCDO UK
- HQs of SIDBI – Lucknow, UP | MD & Chairman – Sivasubramanian Ramann | Established in – 1990

318. BOB Financial Solutions, a subsidiary of Bank of Baroda (BoB), partnered with National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) to launch BoB credit cards on the RuPay platform. Both Easy and Premier variants of BoB credit cards have been launched on the JCB International network. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- BOB Financial Solutions + NPCI = partnership to launch BoB Credit Cards on RuPay platform
- HQs of BOB – Vadodara, Gujarat | CEO – Sanjiv Chadha | Tagline – “India’s International Bank”
- HQs of NPCI – Mumbai | Chairman – Biswamohan Mahapatra | MD & CEO – Dilip Asbe | Established in – 2008
- HQs of RuPay – New Delhi | Launched by NPCI – in 2012 | Tagline – “One Life. One RuPay.”



319. On November 17, IndusInd Bank launched a comprehensive mobile application called “Indus Merchant Solutions” to enable merchants, retailers and professionals to carry out banking transactions digitally, on a single platform. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IndusInd Bank – launched a comprehensive mobile application called “Indus Merchant Solutions”
- HQs of IndusInd Bank – Pune, MH | MD & CEO – Sumant Kathpalia | Tagline – “We Make You Feel Richer”

320. On November 17, State Bank of India (SBI) signed a co-Lending agreement with U GRO Capital to offer strategic financing solutions to the MSMEs of India in line with RBI guidelines. The arrangement will extend credit products under U GRO’s ‘Sanjeevani’ program, offering loans up to Rs 3 Cr, at competitive rate of interest. With this partnership, U GRO is the first NBFC which has been accepted as a Co-Lending partner with Bank of Baroda, IDBI Bank and now SBI. Through this collaboration, SBI and U GRO aim to disburse up to Rs 500 Cr by March 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SBI + U GRO Capital = a co-Lending agreement to offer strategic financing solutions to the MSMEs across India
- Loans up to Rs 3 Cr will be offered under U GRO’s ‘Sanjeevani’ program
- SBI + U GRO = aim to disburse up to Rs 500 Cr by March 2022
- HQs of SBI Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Dinesh Kumar Khara
- MD – Challa Sreenivasulu Setty | Ashwani Bhatia | Ashwini Kumar Tewari | Swaminathan Janakiraman
- HQs of U GRO Capital – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Abhijit Ghosh

321. On November 16, State Bank of India (SBI) signed a strategic agreement with Jamshedpur Football Club (JFC) with an aim to support and promote football in India. Jamshedpur Football Club was incorporated in 2017 and is a fully owned subsidiary of Tata Steel Limited. As per the partnership, SBI will be one of the principal sponsors of the JFC. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SBI + Jamshedpur FC = a strategic agreement to support & promote football in India
- JFC – a fully owned subsidiary of Tata Steel Ltd
- HQs of SBI Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Dinesh Kumar Khara
- MD – Challa Sreenivasulu Setty | Ashwani Bhatia | Ashwini Kumar Tewari | Swaminathan Janakiraman



Defence Affairs

322. Indian Army conducted the 6th edition of biennial training exercise “Shakti” with the French Army from November 15 to November 26 in Frejus, France. India and France carry out three biennial training exercises - ‘Exercise Garuda’ with the Indian Air Force, ‘Exercise Varuna’ with the Indian Navy and ‘Exercise Shakti’ with Indian Army. Besides, exercise ‘Desert Knight-21’, between the Air Forces of the two nations, was held in January, 2021 at the Jodhpur Air Force Station in Rajasthan. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian Army + French Army = conducted the 6th edition of biennial training exercise “Shakti”
- HQs of Indian Army – New Delhi | Chief – Gen. Manoj Mukund Naravane | Vice Chief – Chandi Prasad Mohanty
- France – Paris – Euro | President – Emmanuel Macron | PM – Jean Castex

323. The 7th edition of Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS) Conclave of Chiefs was hosted by French Navy at Paris from November 15-16, 2021. Then Vice Admiral R. Hari Kumar, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Western Naval Command, led the 2-member Indian Naval delegation for this Conclave. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 7th edition of Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS) Conclave of Chiefs – hosted by French Navy in Paris
- R. Hari Kumar led the Indian Naval delegation
- HQs of Indian Navy – Delhi | Chief – Admiral R. Hari Kumar | VC – S. N. Ghormade | Founded in – 26th Jan, 1950

324. On November 18, Indian Air Force and Indian Army conducted a major joint airlift exercise named “Operation Hercules” with the aim of strengthening logistics supply in the Northern Sector, which includes the border with Pakistan and China. The platforms utilised for the airlift were C-17, IL-76 and An-32 aircraft. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IAF + Indian Army = conducted “Operation Hercules” to strengthen logistics supply in Northern Sector
- HQs of IAF – New Delhi | Chief – Air Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari | Vice Chief – Air Marshal Sandeep Singh
- HQs of Indian Army – New Delhi | Chief – Gen. Manoj Mukund Naravane | Vice Chief – Chandi Prasad Mohanty



Schemes & Initiatives

325. On November 15, in the Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas Mahasammelan, PM Narendra Modi launched the “Ration Aapke Gram” scheme in Madhya Pradesh. It is aimed at delivering the monthly quota of PDS Ration to beneficiaries from janjatiya community in their own villages every month. During the Mahasammelan, PM Modi also handed over Genetic Counselling Cards to beneficiaries & launched the “Sickle Cell Mission” of Madhya Pradesh. Besides, Madhya Pradesh also approved “Mukhya Mantri Udyam Kranti Yojana” for self-employment of youths who have passed 12th class and are in the 18-40 age group. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Modi launched “Ration Aapke Gram” scheme & “Sickle Cell Mission” in Madhya Pradesh
- Madhya Pradesh also approved “Mukhya Mantri Udyam Kranti Yojana” for self-employment of youth
- [Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal](#) | [CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan](#) | [Governor – Mangubhai Chhaganbhai Patel](#)

326. On November 17, West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee unveiled the “Duare Ration” scheme to ensure doorstep delivery of essential food items. Under the scheme, the chief minister assured a grant of Rs 1 lakh each to 21,000 ration dealers to buy vehicles to deliver food items from door to door. The state government will provide 5 kg ration to more than 100 million families for free under this scheme. She also inaugurated a mobile application, “Khadya Sathi: Amar Ration Mobile App” to help people apply online for ration cards. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- West Bengal – unveiled the “Duare Ration” scheme to ensure doorstep delivery of essential food items
- Under the scheme: Grant of Rs 1 lakh each to 21,000 ration dealers | 5 kg ration per family for free
- West Bengal – launched a mobile application “Khadya Sathi: Amar Ration Mobile App”
- [West Bengal: Capital – Kolkata](#) | [CM – Mamta Banerjee](#) | [Governor – Jagdeep Dhankar](#)

Sports & Games

327. On November 16, Pakistani Cricketer Usman Khan Shinwari announced his retirement from Test Cricket. He played 17 ODIs and just one Test for Pakistan. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Usman Khan Shinwari ([Pakistan](#)) – retired from Test Cricket
- [Pakistan – Islamabad](#) – [Pakistani Rupee](#) | [PM – Imran Khan](#) | [President – Arif Alvi](#)

328. United States and West Indies will jointly host the 2024 T20 World Cup. This will be the first ever global event hosted in North America. While the ICC board awarded the hosting rights of the 2025 ICC Men’s Champions Trophy to Pakistan. India will get to host three ICC events in the next cycle, including the 2026 ICC Men’s T20 World Cup along with Sri Lanka and 2031 50-over World Cup with Bangladesh. India will also host the 2029 Champions Trophy singularly. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- US & West Indies – to host the ‘2024 ICC Men’s T20 World Cup’
- Pakistan – to host the ‘2025 ICC Men’s Champions Trophy’
- India & Sri Lanka – to host the ‘2026 ICC Men’s T20 World Cup’
- India – to host the ‘2029 ICC Champions Trophy’
- India & Bangladesh – to host the ‘2031 50-over World Cup’

Important Days & Dates

329. Jharkhand, also known as the “The Last of forest”, celebrates its State Foundation Day on November 15 every year. Jharkhand was carved out of Bihar in 2000 as the 28th state of India after the Parliament passed the Bihar Reorganization Act, 2000. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 15 – Foundation Day of Jharkhand
- Jharkhand was carved out of Bihar in 2000 as the 28th state of India
- Jharkhand: Capital – Ranchi | CM – Hemant Soren | Governor – Ramesh Bais

330. Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed an event to mark the first Audit Diwas at the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) office on November 16, 2021. The day was celebrated to mark the historic origin of the institution of CAG and the contribution it has made to the governance, transparency and accountability over the past several years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 16 – 1st Audit Diwas – observed at CAG office premises

331. World Neuroendocrine Tumor (NET) Cancer Day is observed on 10 November every year. Zebra has been chosen by the NET cancer community as their International symbol as the animal is universally used as a reference to a rare disease or condition by the medical community. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 10 – World Neuroendocrine Tumor (NET) Cancer Day
- International symbol for NET Cancer community – Zebra

332. National Press Day is observed on November 16 every year to acknowledge and honor the Press Council of India. The day marks the presence of an independent and responsible press in India. The Press Council of India was instituted on November 16, 1966. The present chairman of the PCI is Justice Chandramauli Kumar Prasad who has been appointed for a second term recently. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- November 16 – National Press Day
- HQs of PCI – New Delhi | Chairman – Chandramauli Kumar Prasad | Established on – November 16, 1966

333. On November 16, the “International Day of Tolerance” is annually observed by the United Nations. The day marks the adoption of a ‘Declaration of Principles on Tolerance’ by UNESCO's Member States on 16 November 1995. To mark the 125th anniversary of the birth of Mahatma Gandhi, the United Nations observed 1995 as the “International Year of Tolerance”. Besides, The “UNESCO-Madanjeet Singh Prize” for the Promotion of Tolerance and Non-Violence rewards significant activities in the scientific, artistic, cultural or communication fields. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 16 – “International Day of Tolerance” by the UN
- The day marks the adoption of a ‘Declaration of Principles on Tolerance’ by UNESCO in 1995
- 1995 – “International Year of Tolerance” (marking 125th anniversary of the birth of Mahatma Gandhi)
- HQs of UN – New York, United States | Director – Antonio Guterres

334. “National Newborn Week” was celebrated across India from November 15 to 21. The focus was on raising awareness about the care of newborns. The theme of the event was “Safety, Quality and Nurturing Care - Birth Right of Every Newborn”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 15 to 21 – National Newborn Week
- Theme – “Safety, Quality & Nurturing Care - Birth Right of Every Newborn”

335. “National Epilepsy Day” is observed on November 17 every year to generate awareness among people about epilepsy. The Epilepsy Foundation of India started a nationwide campaign to reduce the prevalence of this disease in the country. While “National Epilepsy Awareness Month” is also observed during the month of November. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 17 – National Epilepsy Day
- November – National Epilepsy Awareness Month



Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

336. Pochampally or Pochampalle, a village in Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district of Telangana made famous by its eponymous handloom weaved 'Ikat' sarees, was declared by the United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO) as one of the best tourism villages in the world. Frequently referred to as the 'Silk City of India', the Pochampally Ikat received a Geographical Indicator status in 2004. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- UNWTO selected Telangana's Pochampally as one of world's 'best tourism villages'
- 'Ikat' sarees of Pochampally, Telangana – received GI Tag in 2004 | Pochampally – 'Silk City of India'
- HQs of UNWTO – Madrid, Spain | Secretary-General – Zurab Pololikashvili
- Telangana: Capital – Hyderabad | CM – K. Chandrashekar Rao | Governor – Tamilisai Soundararajan

337. On November 16 this year, the "Thooya Tamizh Patralar" award was conferred on V. Varatharajan, an 18-year-old government arts college student from Melur in Madurai. The award is instituted by Tamil Nadu government to honour those who use pure Tamil in daily life. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- V. Varatharajan – received "Thooya Tamizh Patralar" award instituted by Tamil Nadu government
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin | Governor – Ravindra Narayan Ravi

338. On November 17, Director General of Border Roads Organisation (BRO), Lt Gen Rajeev Chaudhry received the Guinness World Records certificate for the BRO's achievement of constructing and blacktopping the world's highest motorable road at 19,024 feet or 5798 meter at Umlingla Pass in Ladakh. The BRO has constructed the highest altitude road in the world. It is 52-kilometre long Chisumle to Demchok tarmac road. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- BRO – received the Guinness World Records certificate for constructing & blacktopping the world's highest motorable road at 19,024 feet at Umlingla Pass in Ladakh
- HQs of BRO – New Delhi | Director General – Major Gen Rajeev Chaudhary | Founded on – May 7, 1960

Appointments & Resignations

339. Former India chief coach Ravi Shastri has been roped in as the Commissioner of the Legends League Cricket (LLC), a professional event for retired players that is set to take off in 2022. The first season of LLC is scheduled to be held in January, 2022 in the Gulf. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ravi Shastri – roped in as the Commissioner of the Legends League Cricket (LLC)
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340. On November 16, United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres appointed Shombi Sharp of the United States as the UN Resident Coordinator in India. These senior UN officials are also the representatives of the Secretary-General for development at the country level. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Antonio Guterres appointed Shombi Sharp (US) as the UN Resident Coordinator in India
- HQs of UN – New York, United States | Secretary General – Antonio Guterres

341. On November 17, Union Tribal Affairs Minister Arjun Munda inaugurated “TRIFED Aadi Mahotsav” at Dilli Haat in New Delhi. On the occasion, Olympic medalist and boxer Padma Vibhushan MC Marry Kom was declared as brand ambassador of the TRIFED Aadi Mahotsav. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Arjun Munda – inaugurated “TRIFED Aadi Mahotsav” at Dilli Haat in New Delhi
- MC Marry Kom (Boxer) – appointed as brand ambassador of ‘TRIFED Aadi Mahotsav’

Ranks, Reports & Surveys

342. On November 17, India has slipped to 82nd position in 2021 with a risk score of 44, in TRACE’s “2021 Bribery Risk Matrix”. In 2020, India ranked 77th with a score of 45. The list by TRACE measures business bribery risk in 194 countries. According to this year’s data, North Korea, Turkmenistan, Venezuela and Eritrea pose the highest commercial bribery risk, while Denmark, Norway, Finland, Sweden and New Zealand present the lowest. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “TRACE’s 2021 Bribery Risk Matrix”: India – 82nd (Score - 44)
- Lowest Bribery risk – Denmark (Rank – 1st | Score - 2) | Highest Bribery Risk – North Korea (Rank - 194th | Score - 94)

343. India is among 60 countries on track to achieve the global target of a 30% reduction in tobacco use by 2025, according to the 4th edition of World Health Organization’s “Global report on trends in prevalence of tobacco use 2000-2025”. As per the report, the number of tobacco users has decreased globally to 1.30 billion in 2020 from 1.32 billion in 2015. This is expected to continue to drop to 1.27 billion by 2025. WHO South-East Asia Region has the highest rates of tobacco use, with around 432 million users, or 29% of its population. The fastest rate of decline in the use of tobacco was also seen in the WHO South-East Asia Region. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 4th edition of “Global report on trends in prevalence of tobacco use 2000-2025” – released by the WHO
- Global target: 30% reduction in tobacco use by 2025
- The number of tobacco users decreased globally to – 1.30 billion in 2020
- WHO South-East Asia Region has the highest rates of tobacco use – 432 million users (29%)
- HQs of WHO – Geneva, Switzerland | DG – Tedros Adhanom | Member Countries – 194 | Founded in – 1948



Acquisitions & Mergers

344. On November 15, the Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved acquisition of 71.25% shareholding of ASK Investment Managers Ltd by BCP TopCo XII Pte Ltd. ASK Investment Managers Limited is an asset and wealth management company with an established client base in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CCI approved acquisition of 71.25% shareholding of ASK Investment Managers Ltd – by BCP TopCo XII Pte Ltd
- HQs of CCI – New Delhi | Chairman – Ashok Kumar Gupta | Established in – 2003

MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

345. On November 17, based on directions received from the Election Commission of India (ECI), the Chief Electoral Officer of Nagaland, V. Shashank Shekhar signed an MoU with the Department of Post (DoP) regarding the effective delivery of Elector Photo Identity Cards (EPICs) and various notices through Speed Post services. The MoU will be valid for 5 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Nagaland + DoP = an MoU regarding the effective delivery of Elector Photo Identity Cards (EPICs)
- Nagaland: Capital – Kohima | CM – Neiphiu Rio | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi (addi. charge)
- HQs of ECI – New Delhi | Chief Election Commissioner – Sushil Chandra (24th) | Formed on – 25th Jan, 1950

346. On November 17, the Trade Promotion Council of India (TPCI) signed an MoU with Navarra (Navarre), Spain to further promote trade and investments between the two countries. The promotional activities will be mainly focused on sectors such as food and food processing. Spain is India's 7th-largest trade partner in the European Union. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- TPCI + Navarra (Spain) = an MoU to further promote trade & investments between the two countries
- HQs of TPCI – New Delhi | Chairman – Prashant Garg
- Spain – Madrid – Euro | PM – Pedro Sanchez | President – Emmanuel Macron



Books & Authors

347. On November 13, the member of the national executive of the RSS, Ram Madhav has authored a new book titled “The Hindutva Paradigm: Integral Humanism and the Quest for a Non-Western Worldview”. The fifteen essays in the present volume, The Hindutva Paradigm, cover similar terrain but are pegged to Deen Dayal Upadhyay. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “The Hindutva Paradigm: Integral Humanism & the Quest for a Non-Western Worldview” – authored by Ram Madhav

348. Badminton coach and former player Pullela Gopichand launched his autobiography “Shuttler’s Flick: Making Every Match Count” (Simon & Schuster publication). He co-authored the book with Priya Kumar and was unveiled in Hyderabad on November 12. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Shuttler’s Flick: Making Every Match Count” autobiography – authored by Pullela Gopichand & Priya Kumar
- Publisher – Simon & Schuster



Obituaries

349. On November 15, Celebrated Indian author Manu Bhandari passed away at the age of 90. Two of her most renowned Hindi novels are ‘Aapka Banti’ and ‘Mahabhoj’. Bhandari was considered to be one of the pioneers of the ‘Nayi Kahani’ movement, which was a Hindi literary movement. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Manu Bhandari – Novelist/Author/Writer – passed away

Person in News

350. On November 13, Prime Minister Narendra Modi met the President of the World Economic Forum, Borge Brende and highlighted India's efforts towards strengthening the fight against COVID-19 and the economic reforms undertaken in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Modi – met the WEF’s President Borge Brende in November 2021
- HQs of WEF – Cologny, Switzerland | Exe Chairman – Klaus Schwab | President – Borge Brende | Founded in – 1971





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