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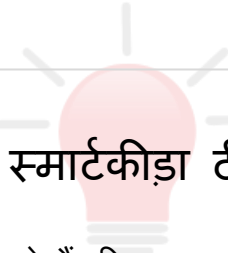
Hi Folks! We hope you all are doing well. We would like to state here that this PDF is meant for preparing for the upcoming MockDrill 100 of October 2020 Month at Testzone. In this Current Affairs PDF we have added all the important Current Affairs information in form of 'Key-points' which are crucial 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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401. National & States Affairs

Anti-pollution measures to fight air pollution has come into force in Delhi and its neighbouring National Capital Region (NCR) towns, as part of the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP). The action plan has been in effect for three years in Delhi and NCR. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Anti-pollution measures under the Graded Response Action Plan – came into force in Delhi
- Delhi: CM – Arvind Kejriwal | Governor – Anil Baijal | Chief Secretary – Vijay Dev

402. Appointments & Resignations

Union Bank of India's MD and CEO Rajkiran Rai G has been elected as the Chairman of Indian Banks' Association (IBA) for the term 2020-21. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rajkiran Rai G – elected as the Chairman of Indian Banks' Association (IBA) – for the term 2020-21
- HQs of IBA – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Rajkiran Rai G
- HQs of UBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Rajkiran Rai G. | Tagline – “Good People to Bank With”

403. Appointments & Resignations

Merchant payment network BharatPe has appointed Dhruv Bahl as its Chief Operating Officer (COO) with immediate effect. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dhruv Bahl – appointed as the COO of – BharatPe
- HQs of BharatPe – New Delhi

404. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Power Finance Corporation Limited (PFC) and Jammu Kashmir Power Corporation Ltd (JKPCL) have signed and exchanged an agreement for Liquidity Infusion Scheme under “Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- PFC + JKPCL = signed an agreement for Liquidity Infusion Scheme
- HQs of PFC – New Delhi | CMD – Ravinder Singh Dhillon



405. Banking & Economic Affairs

Jana Small Finance Bank has partnered with Ashoknagar Co-operative Bank Limited under the bank sponsorship programme. With this, Jana Bank has become the first SFB to go live under the sponsorship programme. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Jana Small Finance Bank + Ashoknagar Co-operative Bank – partnership to sponsor Ashoknagar Co-operative Bank
- Jana Small Finance Bank – became the 1st SFB to go live under the sponsorship programme
- HQs JSFB – Bengaluru, Karnataka | MD & CEO – Ajay Kanwal
- HQs of ACBL – Bengaluru, Karnataka | President – K M Nagraj

406. Current GK

The government has approved demerger of the under-construction “Nagarnar Steel Plant” (NSP) from National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) and its strategic disinvestment by selling the entire stake of the Centre to a strategic buyer. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Government approved demerger of – “Nagarnar Steel Plant” from NMDC
- Nagarnar Steel Plant – located in Chhattisgarh
- Chhattisgarh: Capital – Raipur | CM – Bhupesh Baghel | Governor – Anusuiya Uikey
- NMDC functions under – Ministry of Steel

407. Science & Technology

India has successfully conducted a night trial of the indigenously developed nuclear-capable “Prithvi-2” missile as part of a user trial by the Army from a test range at Chandipur in Odisha. The last trial of “Prithvi-2” was recently carried out on September 23 from the same base. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- A night trial of the indigenously developed nuclear-capable “Prithvi-2” missile – conducted at Chandipur, Odisha
- Strike range of surface-to-surface Prithvi-II missile – 350 Km
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal



408. Appointments & Resignations

Vishal V Sharma has been appointed as the next Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) by succeeding Jawed Ashraf. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Vishal V Sharma – Permanent Representative of India to – UNESCO
- HQs of UNESCO – Paris, France | Director-General – Audrey Azoulay

409. International Affairs

India and the Netherlands have unveiled plans for a joint thrust in the e-health sector, with the aim of providing digital health facilities and security to every Indian. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India & Netherlands = unveiled plans for a joint thrust in the e-health sector
- Netherlands – Amsterdam – Euro

410. Current GK

China is tracking Indian underwater activities in Ladakh's Pangong Tso. The People's Liberation Army Ground Force (PLAGF) has been keeping the surface of Pangong Tso under surveillance through high-speed patrol crafts such as Type 305 and Type 928D boats copied from Swedish CB-90 boats. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Pangong Tso or Pangong Lake – located in Ladakh
- Ladakh: Capital – Leh | Lt. Governor – R K Mathur

411. Sports & Games

Pakistan speedster Umar Gul has announced his retirement from all forms of cricket after the end of the ongoing National T20 Cup. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Umar Gul (Pakistan) – retired from – Cricket
- Pakistan – Islamabad – Pakistani Rupee | PM – Imran Khan | President – Arif Alvi



412. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

India has ranked 94 among 107 countries in the “Global Hunger Index 2020” released by Concern Worldwide and Welthungerhilfe and is in the ‘serious’ hunger category with a score of 27.2. Total seventeen nations, including China, Belarus, Ukraine, Turkey, Cuba and Kuwait, shared the top rank with GHI scores. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Global Hunger Index 2020” – Topped by 17 countries | India – 94th

413. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) has collaborated with IIT Delhi, Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Joint Advanced Technology Centre (JATC) to augment its Research and Development capabilities. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CRPF + IIT Delhi + DRDO + JATC – collaborated to augment R & D capabilities
- HQs of CRPF – New Delhi | Director – Anand Prakash Maheshwari
- HQs of DRDO – New Delhi | Chairman – G. Satheesh Reddy

414. Defence Affairs

Japan Coast Guard has begun test flights of an unmanned aerial vehicle “SeaGuardian” - maritime surveillance drone, to learn whether it can be utilised to carry out the coast guard's key duties. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Japan – tested flights of an unmanned aerial vehicle “SeaGuardian” - maritime surveillance drone
- Japan – Tokyo – Yen | PM – Yoshihide Suga

415. Persons in News

The Supreme Court has constituted a one-member committee headed by Justice Madan B Lokur, to carry out physical surveillance on farm fires in Punjab, Haryana and western Uttar Pradesh causing air pollution in Delhi and the National Capital Region (NCR). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Supreme Court – constituted a committee to carry out physical surveillance on farm fires in Punjab, Haryana and UP
- The committee is headed by – Madan B Lokur
- Supreme Court Chief of Justice – Sharad Arvind Bobde (47th)



416. Current GK

“Kazinag National Park” or “Qazinag National Park” is a commissioned future national park in the Baramulla district in the Indian union territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

Key Points:

- “Kazinag National Park” or “Qazinag National Park” – located in Jammu and Kashmir
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha

417. National & States Affairs

Union Education Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' has virtually launched the “KAPILA” Kalam Program for Intellectual Property Literacy and Awareness campaign on the 89th birth anniversary of former President and Scientist Late Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' – launched the “KAPILA” Kalam Program
- October 15 – 89th birth anniversary of former President and Scientist 'Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam'
- Intellectual Property Literacy Week – from October 15 to 23
- Ministry of Education – Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' (Constituency – Haridwar, Uttarakhand)

418. Books & Authors

In line with the government's commitment to end Tuberculosis by 2025 in the country, Nagaland Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Mr. S. Pangnyu Phom has launched a handbook on “TB Harega, Desh Jeetega”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Nagaland launched – a handbook on “TB Harega, Desh Jeetega”
- Government's commitment to end Tuberculosis – by 2025
- Nagaland: Capital – Kohima | CM – Neiphiu Rio | Governor – Ravindra Narayana Ravi

419. Science & Technology

Russia's “Soyuz MS-17” spacecraft has been launched from Baikonur cosmodrome, Kazakhstan for the International Space Station (ISS) carrying Expedition 64 astronaut Kathleen “Kate” Rubins and 2 Russian cosmonauts Sergey Ryzhikov and Sergey Kud-Sverchkov. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Russia's “Soyuz MS-17” spacecraft – launched from Baikonur cosmodrome, Kazakhstan
- Russia – Moscow – Russian Ruble | PM – Mikhail Mishustin | President – Vladimir Putin



420. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

The report titled “State of Climate Services 2020 Report: Move from Early Warnings to Early Action”, is released by the UN World Meteorological Organization (WMO). Deaths & disasters will increase by almost 50% by 2030 due to climate change. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “State of Climate Services 2020 Report: Move from Early Warnings to Early Action” report – released by WMO
- Deaths & disasters will increase by almost 50% - by 2030
- HQs of WMO – Geneva, Switzerland | Secretary-General – Petteri Taalas

421. Books & Authors

Author and politician Shashi Tharoor is back with his new book – “The Battle of Belonging”. This book is his solidly researched & passionately-argued work. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “The Battle of Belonging” book – Shashi Tharoor

422. Obituaries

Noted former Journalist and cricket Commentator Kishore Bhimani passed away recently. He was 80. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kishore Bhimani – Former Journalist & Cricket Commentator – passed away

423. Important Days & Dates

October 16 marks the 36th Raising Day of one of the finest anti-terror forces in the world known as - the National Security Guard (NSG) who are also informally referred to as the ‘Black Cats’. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- October 16 – 36th Raising Day of NSG (‘Black Cats’)
- HQs of NSG – New Delhi | DG – S S Deswal (additional charge)



424. Obituaries

Padmabhushana Vid. Shri Puliur Subramaniam Narayanaswamy, one among the finest gurus of carnatic music in India, has passed away recently. A winner of many awards and titles, including 'Padma Bhushan'. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Puliur Subramaniam Narayanaswamy – a Vocalist – passed away

425. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has participated in the plenary meeting of the International Monetary and Financial Committee (IMFC) through video conferencing. The IMFC is the ministerial-level committee of the International Monetary Fund (IMF). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Nirmala Sitharaman – participated in the plenary meeting of the IMFC
- IMFC – a ministerial-level committee of IMF
- HQs of IMF – Washington, D.C., USA | President – Kristalina Georgieva | Member countries – 189

426. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

Aishwarya Sridhar, 23, has become the first Indian woman to win the "Wildlife Photographer of the Year" award. Her image titled 'Lights of passion' has won the 'Highly Commended' award at the Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2020. In 2019, she received the 'Diana award' by the Princess Diana foundation for her efforts in wetland conservation. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Aishwarya Sridhar (Maharashtra) – the 1st Indian woman to win "Wildlife Photographer of the Year" award
- She received the 'Diana award' by the Princess Diana foundation – in 2019

427. National & States Affairs

Union minister for road transport, highways and MSMEs Nitin Gadkari has initiated the first blasting of 14.15 km long 'Zojila Tunnel' in Jammu and Kashmir, which will ensure all-weather connectivity between the Srinagar valley and Leh. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Nitin Gadkari – initiated the first blasting of 'Zojila Tunnel' in Jammu and Kashmir
- It provides all-weather connectivity between – Srinagar valley & Leh
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha



428. Appointments & Resignations

Michael Irani has been appointed as Interim President of International Weightlifting Federation (IWF). Irani is Chairman of the IWF Medical Committee and a former Chairman of the IWF Anti-Doping Commission. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Michael Irani – appointed as Interim President of – International Weightlifting Federation (IWF)
- IWF HQs – Budapest, Hungary | Interim President – Michael Irani

429. National & States Affairs

The State Water Transport Department (SWTD) of Kerala will launch the taxi service for people living in waterlogged areas of the district. The first water taxi in the state will be operational in Alappuzha by October. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kerala – to launch the first water taxi in Alappuzha district
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

430. Current GK

With an International Airport coming up at Jewar in Gautam Budh Nagar, it will become the first aerotropolis of the country, ushering in economic activities. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Jewar International Airport – located in Gautam Budh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

431. Current GK

“Asan Conservation Reserve” has become Uttarakhand’s first Ramsar site, making it a ‘Wetland of International Importance’, announced by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change. The Reserve is located on the banks of Yamuna river. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Asan Conservation Reserve” – the 1st Ramsar site of Uttarakhand
- Uttarakhand: Capital – Dehradun & Gairsain | CM – Trivendra Singh Rawat | Governor – Baby Rani Maurya



432. Current GK

Renovation work was going on to restore the lost glory of about two centuries old 'Raghunath temple' on the bank of river Jhelum in the old Srinagar. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Raghunath temple – located in Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir – on the banks of river 'Jhelum'
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha

433. Science & Technology

AstroSat, India's first multi-wavelength astronomical observatory, has completed 5 years of imaging celestial objects in space. It was launched by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) on September 28, 2015. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "AstroSat" – India's first multi-wavelength astronomical observatory – completed 5 years
- Launched by ISRO – on September 28, 2015
- HQs of ISRO – Bengaluru, Karnataka | Director – Kailasavadivoo Sivan | Formed in – 1969

434. International Affairs

Myanmar is all set to acquire its first diesel-electric submarine "INS Sindhuvir" from India. Both India and Myanmar are in talks for the supply of more military hardware, including 105 mm artillery guns, ammunition, sonars and advanced light torpedoes 'Shyena'. India is working with Myanmar and Bangladesh to build and upgrade defence capabilities in an attempt to counter growing Chinese influence. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Myanmar – to acquire its first diesel-electric submarine "INS Sindhuvir" from India
- Myanmar – Naypyitaw – Kyat | President – Win Myint

435. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has virtually participated in the 102nd meeting of the World Bank Development Committee Plenary. According to her, government has committed \$2.03 billion for strengthening health infrastructure in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Nirmala Sitharaman – participated in the 102nd meeting of the World Bank Development Committee Plenary
- Finance Minister – Nirmala Sitharaman (Constituency – Karnataka)



436. Important Days & Dates

Every year on October 17, the world observes “International Day for the Eradication of Poverty” to raise awareness about the people who are struggling amid poverty. This year, the theme was “Acting together to achieve social and environmental justice for all”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- October 17 – “International Day for the Eradication of Poverty”
- Theme – “Acting together to achieve social and environmental justice for all”

437. International Affairs

India has been designated the Vice-Chair of Good Laboratory Practice, GLP Working Group of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). Good Laboratory Practice is a quality system, which has been evolved by OECD. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – designated the Vice-Chair of – ‘Good Laboratory Practice (GLP)’ - a working group of OECD
- HQs of OECD – Paris, France | Secretary-General – Angel Gurría | Member countries in OECD – 37

438. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

UNICEF and India Chapter of International Advertising Association (IAA) have entered into a partnership to support research on gender representation in advertisements in India based on evidence and real-time validation. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- UNICEF + IAA = partnership to support research on gender representation in advertisements
- HQs of UNICEF – New York, United States | Executive Director – Henrietta H. Fore

439. National & States Affairs

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has operationalised an advanced High-Resolution Air Quality Early Warning System “ENFUSER” (ENVIRONMENTAL information FUSION SERVICE) for Delhi as well as a separate one for the country. Delhi has about 40 air quality monitoring systems. SILAM and ENFUSER have been developed in technical collaboration with the Finnish Meteorological Institute (FMI). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IMD – operationalised an advanced High-Resolution Air Quality Early Warning System
- “ENFUSER” – for Delhi | “SILAM” – for India
- ENFUSER – ENVIRONMENTAL information FUSION SERVICE
- HQs of IMD – New Delhi | Director General – Dr Mrutyunjay Mohapatra
- HQs of FMI – Helsinki, Finland



440. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

Law Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad has hosted the 7th meeting of Ministers of Justice of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO). The virtual meeting on October 16 will be attended by Law and Justice ministers of China, Pakistan, Russia, Tajikistan, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyz Republic. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India hosted – the 7th meeting of Ministers of Justice of the SCO
- Ravi Shankar Prasad – attended the 7th meeting of Ministers of Justice of the SCO
- Ravi Shankar Prasad – Ministry of Communications, MeitY, Law and Justice (Patna Sahib, Bihar)
- Sanjay Dhotre – MoS for Communications and Information Technology

441. International Affairs

Russia has approved its second experimental vaccine named as “EpiVacCorona” for Coronavirus. This has come after Moscow approved “World’s first” Covid-19 vaccine “Sputnik-V” in August. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Russia – approved the 2nd Experimental Vaccine named as “EpiVacCorona” for Coronavirus
- Russia – Moscow – Russian Ruble | PM – Mikhail Mishustin | President – Vladimir Putin

442. Books & Authors

West Bengal Governor Jagdeep Dhankar has released a book titled “On The Trail of Buddha: A Journey to the East”. The book is authored by Deepankar Aron. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “On The Trail of Buddha: A Journey to the East” book – authored by ‘Deepankar Aron’
- Book released by – Jagdeep Dhankar
- West Bengal: Capital – Kolkata | CM – Mamta Banerjee | Governor – Jagdeep Dhankar

443. National & States Affairs

Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor (L-G) Manoj Sinha has announced the “My Town My Pride” programme, starting from October 19, as a part of the public outreach initiative in J&K’s towns to deliver services at doorsteps to the urban population. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Jammu and Kashmir – announced the “My Town My Pride” programme
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha



444. Appointments & Resignations

Beauty accessories brand, Vega has announced the signing of Rohit Sharma as its brand ambassador. He will be endorsing the brand's men's personal grooming electronics range under the 'Vega Men' brand. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rohit Sharma – appointed as brand ambassador of – 'Vega' – a Beauty accessories brand

445. Obituaries

Bihar's Panchayati Raj minister Kapil Deo Kamat has succumbed to COVID-19 at AIIMS, Patna. He was 70. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kapil Deo Kamat – a Politician – passed away (Bihar's Panchayati Raj minister)
- Bihar: Capital – Patna | CM – Nitish Kumar | Governor – Phagu Chauhan

446. National & States Affairs

Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan has recently reminded everyone of the government's effort to make India trans fat free by 2022, a year ahead of WHO's target. Trans fat is a modifiable risk factor for cardiovascular diseases (CVD). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Government's target to make India Trans Fat Free by – 2022
- Ministry of Health and Family Welfare – Dr. Harsh Vardhan (Chandni Chowk, Delhi)

447. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

India and Chile have held their 1st Joint Commission Meeting and agreed to add new momentum to their relations in a wide range of fields including trade and commerce, agriculture, health and social security, defence and space. The meeting was co-chaired by External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India & Chile – held their 1st Joint Commission Meeting
- Chile – Santiago – Peso



448. National & States Affairs

The Rajasthan police have launched a campaign named "AAWAJ" - Action Against Women-related crime and Awareness for Justice to spread awareness among woman about the crime against them and to educate them of their rights and ways to secure justice if they end up becoming its victims. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rajasthan police – launched a campaign named “AAWAJ” – to spread awareness among woman about the crime
- AAWAJ – Action Against Women-related crime and Awareness for Justice
- Rajasthan: Capital – Jaipur | CM – Ashok Gehlot | Governor – Kalraj Mishra

449. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Tata Motors has collaborated with HDFC Bank for financing of its passenger vehicles. Through the partnership, the company has introduced two new schemes – “Gradual Step Up Scheme” and “TML Flexi Drive Scheme”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tata Motors + HDFC Bank = collaboration for financing of its passenger vehicles
- Tata Motors – introduced “Gradual Step Up Scheme” & “TML Flexi Drive Scheme”
- HQs of Tata Motors – Mumbai, MH | CEO – Guenter Butschek
- HQs of HDFC Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Sashidhar Jagdishan | Tagline – "We understand your world"

450. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Indian Bank has signed an MoU with Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) and Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) for payment of subsidy and cash incentives to street vendors under “PM SVANidhi” scheme. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian Bank + MoHUA + SIDBI = for payment of subsidy to street vendors under “PM SVANidhi” scheme
- HQs of Indian Bank – Chennai, Tamil Nadu | CEO – Padmaja Chundurur
- MoHUA Minister – Hardeep Singh Puri
- HQs of SIDBI – Lucknow, UP | Chairman – Mohammad Mustafa



451. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

As per the Intellectual Property India's annual report, in the overall patent filing category, 27 IITs have collectively filed 557 patents. Mohali's Gharuan-based Chandigarh University has emerged as the top Institute in India which filed the highest number of patents in a year. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Chandigarh University (Mohali, Punjab) – topped the list in filing highest number of patents in a year
- 27 IITs have collectively filed 557 patents
- Punjab: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Captain Amarinder Singh | Governor – V. P. Singh Badnore
- HQ of Indian Patent Office – Mumbai, Maharashtra

452. National & States Affairs

Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs has launched Affordable Rental Housing Complex (ARHC) portal and a national report on 'ANGIKAAR' - a campaign for change management for PMAY (U) beneficiaries through a 3 C strategy - Community Engagement, Convergence and Communication. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MoHUA launched – Affordable Rental Housing Complex portal & a national report on 'ANGIKAAR'
- MoHUA Minister – Hardeep Singh Puri

453. Obituaries

Renowned Malayalam Poet Mahakavi 'Akkitham Achuthan Namboothiri' has passed away recently. He was 94. Recently, he was conferred with the Jnanpith award, the highest literary award in the country. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Akkitham Achuthan Namboothiri (Kerala) – a Malayalam Poet – passed away (conferred with - Jnanpith Award)
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

454. Current GK

Every year, between September and October, one can witness movement of birds in large numbers signifying the start of migration. Other notable sites to see migratory birds are the Keoladeo National Park in Bharatpur, Rajasthan and Khijadiya Bird Sanctuary in Jamnagar, Gujarat. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Keoladeo National Park – in Bharatpur, Rajasthan
- Khijadiya Bird Sanctuary – in Jamnagar, Gujarat



455. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

The 2nd ASEAN-India Track 1.5 Dialogue on Cyber Issues was held virtually focused upon cooperation and security in the digital and cyber domain in the backdrop of coronavirus pandemic. Observer Research Foundation (ORF) in partnership with the External Affairs Ministry (EAM) had organised this Summit. [Read more](#)

Key Points:

- The 2nd ASEAN-India Track 1.5 Dialogue on Cyber Security = organised by ORF + External Affairs Ministry
- Ministry of External Affairs – Subrahmanyam Jaishankar | Constituency – Gujarat
- HQs of ORF – New Delhi | Chairperson – Sunjoy Joshi
- Chairmanship of ASEAN 2020 – Vietnam | Secretariat of ASEAN – Jakarta, Indonesia | Members – 10
- Brunei – to assume the Chairmanship of ASEAN in 2021

456. National & States Affairs

UP CM Yogi Adityanath has launched “Hath dhona, roke corona” campaign on the occasion of the “Global Handwashing Day” on October 15. [Read more](#)

Key Points:

- Uttar Pradesh – launched “Hath dhona, roke corona” campaign
- October 15 – “Global Handwashing Day”
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

457. Schemes & Initiatives

Punjab has approved the “Dr B R Ambedkar SC Post-Matric Scholarship” Scheme for the Scheduled Castes to replace the Centre’s defunct scheme. It will come into effect from the academic session 2021-22. [Read more](#)

Key Points:

- Punjab – approved the “Dr B R Ambedkar SC Post-Matric Scholarship” Scheme
- Punjab: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Captain Amarinder Singh | Governor – V. P. Singh Badnore

458. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

India has been ranked 58th in the list of World’s Most Powerful Passports, according to Arton Capital’s Passport Index 2020. New Zealand emerged as the country with the most powerful passport in the world. Japan is on second spot along with Germany, Austria, Luxembourg, Switzerland, Ireland, South Korea and Australia. [Read more](#)

Key Points:

- List of World’s Most Powerful Passports “Passport Index 2020” – according to Arton Capital
- India – 58th | Topped by – New Zealand | 2nd – Singapore



459. Important Days & Dates

A national-level webinar on women empowerment in Indian agriculture was held at Agricultural College and Research Institute, Eachangkottai, Thanjavur district, on October 15 on the eve of “National Women Farmers’ Day” (Rashtriya Mahila Kisan Diwas). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- October 15 – “National Women Farmers’ Day” (Rashtriya Mahila Kisan Diwas)

460. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

The debt burden of the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) has climbed to a record \$744 billion in 2019, according to the “International Debt Statistics-2021” released by the World Bank on October 13. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “International Debt Statistics-2021” – released by World Bank
- Debt burden LDCs climbed to a record \$744 billion in 2019
- LDCs – Least Developed Countries | DSSI – Debt Service Suspension Initiative
- World Bank HQs – Washington D.C., USA | Member Countries – 189
- President – David Malpass | MD & CFO – Anshula Kant

461. Amount & Agreements

India has contributed USD 1 million to the “United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA)” for Palestine Refugees in the Near East to support Palestinian refugees who have been facing extreme challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India contributed \$1 million to UNRWA – to support ‘Palestinian’ refugees
- HQs of UNRWA – Amman, Jordan + Gaza, Israel | Commissioner-General – Philippe Lazzarini
- Palestine – Ramallah & East Jerusalem – Israeli new shekel & Jordanian dinar

462. Books & Authors

Pradeep Goorha, is all set for the release of his second book “Mr Prime Minister, We Shrank the Dragon”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Mr Prime Minister, We Shrank the Dragon” book – authored by ‘Pradeep Goorha’



463. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

India has registered a decline in the notification of Tuberculosis (TB) cases by about 85% in April, 2020 after the imposition of COVID-19 lockdown, according to the "Global Tuberculosis Report-2020" released on October 14, 2020 by the World Health Organization (WHO). India has the highest TB burden across the globe, which accounts for 26% of the total global cases. There is a decline of 25-30% Tuberculosis (TB) case notifications in India between January-June 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Global Tuberculosis Report-2020" – released by the WHO on October 14
- A decline in the notification of TB cases by 85% – in April, 2020
- A decline in the notification of TB cases of 25-30% – between January-June 2020
- India - has the highest TB burden across the globe (26% of the total global cases)

464. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog, has signed a Statement of Intent (SOI) with CGI India to promote Innovation across schools in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- AIM-NITI Aayog + CGI India = signed a 'Sol' to promote Innovation across schools
- Atal Innovation Mission – under "NITI Aayog" (HQs – New Delhi)
- CEO – Amitabh Kant | Chairperson – Narendra Modi | Vice Chairperson – Rajiv Kumar



465. Appointments & Resignations

The Centre has approved the extension of service for 3 months to Tamil Nadu Chief Secretary K. Shanmugam in view of the COVID-19 situation. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- K. Shanmugam – tenure extended for 3 months as Tamil Nadu Chief Secretary
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Thiru Edappadi K. Palaniswami | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit

466. National & States Affairs

Haryana government has launched a state-of-the-art Van for testing the quality of drinking water under the Jal Jeevan Mission. The Jal Jeevan Mission aims to provide every rural household with a tap water connection by 2024. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Haryana – launched a state-of-the-art 'Van' – for testing the quality of drinking water
- Haryana: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Manohar Lal Khattar | Governor – Satyadev Narayan Arya



467. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

EarlySalary, India's largest consumer lending platform, has collaborated with NPCI (National Payments Corporation of India) to launch "Salary Card" a zero-touch digital card and powered by RuPay. It provides instant access for salaried professionals, enabling them to make instant purchases across India. [Read more](#)

Key Points:

- EarlySalary + NPCI = to launch "Salary Card" for salaried professionals (powered by 'RuPay')
- HQs of EarlySalary – Pune, Maharashtra | CEO and Co-Founder – Akshay Mehrotra
- HQs of NPCI – Mumbai | Chairman – Biswamohan Mahapatra | MD&CEO – Dilip Asbe

468. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

IKEA in partnership Citibank India (Citi) and Mastercard has jointly launched "IKEA Family Credit Card by Citi" to make shopping at the Swedish furnishing company more affordable, convenient and rewarding. [Read more](#)

Key Points:

- IKEA + Citibank India + Mastercard = launched "IKEA Family Credit Card by Citi"
- HQs of IKEA – Delft, Netherlands | CEO – Jesper Brodin
- HQs of Citibank India – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Ashu Khullar
- HQs of Mastercard – New York, USA | CEO – Ajay Banga (From Jan 2021 - Michael Miebach)

469. National & States Affairs

The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has introduced a standard, individual term life insurance product called "Saral Jeevan Bima". This will be mandatorily offered by all life insurance companies from January 1, 2021, onwards. The minimum sum assured under the product will be Rs 5 lakh; the maximum can go up to Rs 25 lakh. [Read more](#)

Key Points:

- IRDAI introduced "Saral Jeevan Bima" term life insurance product
- Sum assured: Minimum – Rs 5 lakh | Maximum – Rs 25 lakh
- IRDAI made it mandatory to All Life Insurance Companies – from January 1, 2021
- HQs of IRDAI – Hyderabad, Telangana | Chairman – Subhash C. Khuntia

470. Persons in News

All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has constituted a committee for preparing the Professional Engineers Bill. The committee will function under the chairmanship of M. S. Ananth, former director, IIT Madras. [Read more](#)

Key Points:

- AICTE – constituted a Committee for preparing the Professional Engineers Bill – headed by 'M.S. Ananth'
- HQs of AICTE – New Delhi | Chairman – Anil D. Sahasrabudhe



471. Sports & Games

The 16-year old, young Indian player Nihal Sarin has emerged winner in the Chess.com's "Junior Speed Online Chess Championship-2020", beating Russia's world junior No. 6 Alexey Sarana in the final. [Read more](#)

Key Points:

- Nihal Sarin (Kerala) – winner of the Chess.com's "Junior Speed Online Chess Championship-2020"
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

472. Important Days & Dates

"World Students Day" is celebrated across the globe on October 15. The day is marked to celebrate the birth anniversary of Dr APJ Abdul Kalam. It was first celebrated in 2010. Dr. Avul Pakir Jainulabdeen Abdul Kalam was India's 11th President. This year, the theme was "Learning for people, planet, prosperity, and peace". [Read more](#)

Key Points:

- October 15 – "World Students Day" – since 2010 (Birth anniversary of Dr APJ Abdul Kalam)
- Theme – "Learning for people, planet, prosperity, and peace"

473. Important Days & Dates

"International day for Rural Women" is celebrated globally on October 15 every year to recognise the services of women living in rural areas. This year the theme is "Building rural women's resilience in the wake of COVID-19". [Read more](#)

Key Points:

- October 15 – International day for Rural Women
- Theme – "Building rural women's resilience in the wake of COVID-19"

474. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Vedanta Group firm Hindustan Zinc Ltd (HZL) has signed a pact with the Gujarat government to set up a Greenfield Zinc Smelter in the state. The project will entail an investment of up to Rs 10,000 crore. [Read more](#)

Key Points:

- Hindustan Zinc Ltd + Gujarat = signed a pact to set up a Greenfield Zinc Smelter in the state
- HQs of Hindustan Zinc Ltd – Udaipur, Rajasthan | CEO – Arun Misra



475. Science & Technology

An experimental satellite “Indian Sat” developed by 3 students - M Adnaan, M Kesavan and V Arun of Karur, Tamil Nadu has been selected for launch in sub-orbital space by NASA. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NASA selected “Indian Sat” an experimental satellite – developed by 3 students of Tamil Nadu
- NASA HQs – Washington D.C., USA | Administrator – Jim Bridenstine
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Thiru Edappadi K. Palaniswami | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit

476. Obituaries

Bhanu Rajopadhye Athaiya, a Colossus of Costume Design who became India’s first Oscar winner for her work in Richard Attenborough’s, Gandhi (1982) has passed away recently. She was 91. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bhanu Rajopadhye Athaiya – a Costume Designer – passed away (India’s first Oscar winner)

477. Banking & Economic Affairs

As per the RBI's data, Digital payment volumes have grown at a compounded annual growth rate of 55.1% between 2015-16 and 2019-20. In value terms, they have grown from Rs 920.38 trillion to Rs 1,623.05 trillion during this period, clipping at an annual compounded rate of 15.2%. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Digital payment volumes grown at a compounded annual growth rate of 55.1% – between 2015-16 and 2019-20
- RBI: HQs – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th)

478. Acquisitions & Mergers

Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved the proposed acquisition of CG Power and Industrial Solutions Ltd by Chennai-based Tube Investments India (TII), a subsidiary company of Murugappa Group. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CCI approved 50% acquisition of CG Power – by Tube Investments India
- CCI HQs – New Delhi | Chairman – Ashok Kumar Gupta
- HQs of CG Power – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman & CEO – Ashish Kumar Guha
- HQs of TII – Chennai, Tamil Nadu | CEO – Vellayan Subbiah



479. National & States Affairs

Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) has integrated Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) to its online grievance resolution portal - "Champions" to get social media insights relating to MSME. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MSME – launched “Champions” an online grievance resolution portal
- Nitin Gadkari – Ministry of Road Transport and Highway, Ministry of MSMEs (Nagpur, Maharashtra)

480. Important Days & Dates

‘World Food Day’ was observed on October 16 every year to tackle global hunger and strive to eradicate hunger across the world. This year, the theme is "Grow, nourish, sustain. Together. Our actions are our future". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- October 16 – World Food Day – by UN
- Theme – “Grow, nourish, sustain. Together. Our actions are our future”

481. Important Days & Dates

Global Handwashing Partnership founded “Global Handwashing Day”, to be observed annually on October 15, in 2008. This year, the theme is “Hand Hygiene for All”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- October 15 – “Global Handwashing Day” – since 2008
- Theme – “Hand Hygiene for All”

482. National & States Affairs

The Odisha government has launched the “Sujal-Drink from Tap Mission” to provide quality drinking water which would be suitable for consumption from the tap. All households in the urban areas of the state will have piped water facilities by March 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Odisha – launched the “Sujal-Drink from Tap Mission”
- All households in the urban areas of Odisha will have piped water facilities – by March 2022
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal



483. National & States Affairs

Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan has virtually launched the 2nd phase of “Thalassemia Bal Sewa Yojna” for the underprivileged Thalassemic patients. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dr Harsh Vardhan – launched the 2nd phase of “Thalassemia Bal Sewa Yojna” | Scheme launched in 2017
- Ministry of Health and Family Welfare – Dr. Harsh Vardhan (Chandni Chowk, Delhi)

484. Persons in News

The government has constituted a panel of Secretaries under Cabinet Secretary Rajiv Gauba to streamline the spectrum allocation process and examine the possibility of drawing up an annual calendar for auction of airwaves. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Government constituted a panel of Secretaries to streamline the spectrum allocation process
- Panel is headed by – Rajiv Gauba (Cabinet Secretary)

485. National & States Affairs

Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal has launched a new anti-pollution campaign namely “Red Light On, Gaadi Off” under which people will be encouraged to switch engines of their vehicles off while waiting at traffic signals. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Delhi – launched a new anti-pollution campaign namely “Red Light On, Gaadi Off”
- Delhi: CM – Arvind Kejriwal | Governor – Anil Baijal | Chief Secretary – Vijay Dev

486. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Pernod Ricard India Foundation has partnered with WWF India to conserve the Asian elephant through effective human-elephant conflict management in Assam. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Pernod Ricard India Foundation + WWF India = partnership to conserve the Asian elephant in Assam
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Sarbananda Sonowal | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi
- Location of Pernod Ricard India Foundation – Gurugram, Haryana
- HQs of WWF India – New Delhi, India | President – Jamshyd N. Godrej



487. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

The 6th Session of the “India-Norway Joint Commission” was held on a virtual platform on October 13, 2020. The Indian delegation was led by Dr. S. Jaishankar, External Affairs Minister of India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The 6th Session of the “India-Norway Joint Commission” – attended by S. Jaishankar
- Ministry of External Affairs – Subrahmanyam Jaishankar | Constituency – Gujarat
- Norway – Oslo – Krone | PM – Erna Solberg

488. National & States Affairs

The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the ‘STARS’ project under the New Education Policy-2020 (NEP) to support states in strengthening the school education system. The project is supported by World Bank and is estimated to cost Rs 5,718 crore. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Union Cabinet – approved the ‘STARS’ project under the NEP-2020 | Project funded by – World Bank
- STARS – Strengthening Teaching-learning And Results for States | Estimated Cost – Rs 5,718 crore
- World Bank HQs – Washington D.C., USA | Member Countries – 189
- President – David Malpass | MD & CFO – Anshula Kant

489. Sports & Games

Odisha Government has announced that it would sponsor the Indian National Rugby Team for the next 3 years and facilitate high performance training and conditioning of the players. An agreement with Indian Rugby Football Union (IRFU) was inked at Kalinga Stadium. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Odisha – to sponsor National Rugby Team for 3 years (till 2023)
- HQs of IRFU – Mumbai, Maharashtra | President – Noomi Mehta
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

490. National & States Affairs

The central government has notified the Director General of Shipping as the National Authority for Recycling of Ships will be set up at Gandhinagar under Section 3 of the Recycling of Ships Act, 2019 to overlook activities related to ship recycling. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- National Authority for Recycling of Ships – will be set up in Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- Under Section 3 of the Recycling of Ships Act, 2019
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat

491. Appointments & Resignations

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has extended the tenure of state run NTPC Ltd Chairman & Managing Director, Gurdeep Singh till 31 July 2025. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Gurdeep Singh – tenure extended as the Chairman & MD of – NTPC (till 31 July 2025)
- HQs of NTPC – New Delhi | CMD – Gurdeep Singh

492. Acquisitions & Mergers

Alyssum Asia Holdings II Pte. Ltd. (a unit of KKR) will make the investment of Rs 5,550 crore in Reliance Retail Ventures Ltd (RRVL) to buy 1.28% equity stake. This was the second investment by KKR in Reliance Industries' units. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Alyssum Asia Holdings II Pte = to acquire 1.28% equity stake (Rs 5,550 crore) – in Reliance Retail Ventures Ltd
- Alyssum Asia Holdings II Pte. Ltd. – a unit of 'KKR'
- HQs of KKR – New York, USA | Co-CEOs – Henry Kravis, George R. Roberts
- HQs of Reliance – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Mukesh Ambani

493. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) in its “World Economic Outlook October 2020” report titled, “A Long and Difficult Ascent” has projected India's GDP to contract by 10.3% this year. However, it added that India is prone to bounce again with 8.8% progress price in 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “World Economic Outlook October 2020” report – released by IMF
- IMF predicted India's GDP = (-10.3%) for 2020 | 8.8% for 2021 [{Flexible News}](#)
- HQs of IMF – Washington, D.C., USA | President – Kristalina Georgieva | Member countries – 189



494. Defence Affairs

Agnibaaz Division has organized a Joint Exercise “Suraksha Kavach” for Indian Army and Maharashtra Police at Lullanagar, Pune recently in October. The aim of the exercise was to harmonize the drills and procedures of both Army and Police for activating anti-terrorist Quick Reaction Teams (QRTs) to counter any terrorist actions in Pune. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- A Joint Exercise “Suraksha Kavach” held between = Indian Army & Maharashtra Police – at Pune
- QRTs – Quick Reaction Teams
- HQs of Indian Army – New Delhi | Chief – Gen. Manoj Mukund Naravane | Vice Chief – S K Saini
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

495. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

PhonePe in association with Bajaj Allianz General Insurance has announced the launch of Car and Bike Insurance products on its platform for owners of private cars and two-wheelers. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- PhonePe + Bajaj Allianz General Insurance = to launch car and bike insurance products
- PhonePE HQs – Bangalore, Karnataka | MD & CEO – Sameer Nigam
- HQs of Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance – Pune, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Tarun Chugh

496. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

Nirmala Sitharaman has recently participated in “G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meet” via Video Conferencing on October 14 under the Saudi Arabian Presidency. India has emphasised that the updated commitments in the G20 Action Plan have to be kept relevant in the current policy. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Nirmala Sitharaman – participated in “G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meet”
- The Meet was held under the presidency of – Saudi Arabia (Saudi Arabia – Riyadh – Saudi Riyal)
- Finance Minister – Nirmala Sitharaman (Constituency – Karnataka)

497. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

The Union Cabinet has approved an MoU between India and Australia to promote cooperation in surface and groundwater training, education and research to achieve water security for agricultural, urban, industrial and environmental purposes. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India and Australia – an MoU for collaboration in R&D for sustainable groundwater management
- Australia – Canberra – Australian Dollar | PM – Scott Morrison



498. Obituaries

New Zealand's oldest surviving Test cricketer and former captain John R. Reid has passed away recently in October. He was 92. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- John R. Reid (New Zealand) – a Cricketer – passed away
- New Zealand – Wellington – Dollar (NZD)

499. Current GK

Adani Enterprises Limited is all set to take over the operations of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International (SVPI) airport in Ahmedabad on November 7, according to a statement issued by the Airports Authority of India (AAI). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Adani Enterprises – to take over the operations of “Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport” (Gujarat)
- HQs of AAI – New Delhi | Chairman – Arvind Singh

500. Appointments & Resignations

Romania's 2008 Olympic champion Constantina Dita has been named an ambassador for the “World Athletics Half Marathon Championships Gdynia 2020” on October 17. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Constantina Dita – appointed as an ambassador for “World Athletics Half Marathon Championships Gdynia 2020”
- Constantina Dita (Romania) – Long-distance Runner
- Romania – Bucharest – leu





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