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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

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आभार,

टीम स्मार्टकीड़ा



## 601. Important Days & Dates

The United Nations celebrates “World Development Information Day” every year on October 24 since 1972. The main aim of this day is to propagate information and mobilise public opinion in order to draw their attention and create awareness of the problems surrounding development. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- October 24 – “World Development Information Day” – since 1972
- HQs of UN – New York, United States | Director – Antonio Guterres

## 602. Acquisitions & Mergers

Flipkart is going to acquire 7.8% stake in Aditya Birla Fashion and Retail Ltd for Rs 1,500 crore. This is the second big deal in two months in the domestic retail market, after Reliance acquired the retail assets of the Future group for nearly Rs 25,000 crore. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Flipkart – to acquire 7.8% stake (Rs 1,500 Cr) – in Aditya Birla Fashion and Retail Ltd
- HQs of Flipkart – Bangalore, Karnataka | Chairperson – Binny Bansal
- HQs of Aditya Birla Fashion and Retail – Mumbai, MH | CEO – Sangeeta Pendurkar

## 603. Obituaries

Senior TRS leader and former Home Minister of Telangana Nayani Narasimha Reddy has passed away recently in October. He was 76. He served as the first Home Minister of Telangana after its formation in 2014. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Nayani Narasimha Reddy (Telangana) – a Politician – passed away (first Home Minister of Telangana)
- He was associated with – Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) Party
- Telangana: Capital – Hyderabad | CM – K. Chandrashekar Rao | Governor – Tamilisai Soundararajan

## 604. Appointments & Resignations

Indian diplomat Dr Neena Malhotra has been concurrently accredited as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of San Marino. Presently, she is serving as the Ambassador of India to the Republic of Italy. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Dr Neena Malhotra – accredited as the next Ambassador of India to – San Marino
- Republic of San Marino – San Marino – Euro



## 605. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh has addressed the 1<sup>st</sup> ever Ministerial Meeting of G-20 Anti-Corruption Working Group. Dr Jitendra Singh also referred to the India's Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, which the Modi government amended after 30 years in 2018. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Dr. Jitendra Singh – addressed the 1<sup>st</sup> ever Ministerial Meeting of G-20 Anti-Corruption Working Group
- Dr. Jitendra Singh – MoS of DoNER, MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space

## 606. Books & Authors

In his book, “The Ultimate Goal”, former R&AW chief Vikram Sood has outlined how narratives are crucial to any country's goal of avoiding being dominated by another. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- “The Ultimate Goal” book – authored by ‘Vikram Sood’

## 607. National & States Affairs

Jammu and Kashmir has become the first union territory in the country to operationalise Public Financial Management System (PFMS) at the district level. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Jammu and Kashmir – the first UT in India to operationalise PFMS at the district level
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha

## 608. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

Himachal Pradesh's Mandi district has bagged top position among 30 districts of the country in successful implementation of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY). Himachal Pradesh has also secured second position at the national level for construction of roads under PMGSY. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Mandi (Himachal Pradesh) – top district in India for implementing PMGSY programme
- Himachal Pradesh – 2<sup>nd</sup> position at the national level for construction of roads under PMGSY
- Himachal Pradesh: Capital – Shimla & Dharamshala | CM – Jai Ram Thakur | Governor – Bandaru Dattatreya



## 609. National & States Affairs

India's first-ever "Khadi Fabric Footwear" was launched recently by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) in the presence of Union MSME Minister Nitin Gadkari. The footwear will feature exquisite Indian paintings including Madhubani. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Nitin Gadkari + KVIC = launched India's first-ever "Khadi Fabric Footwear"
- Nitin Gadkari – Ministry of Road Transport and Highway, Ministry of MSMEs (Nagpur, Maharashtra)
- HQs of KVIC – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Vinai Kumar Saxena

## 610. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

UN Development Programme (UNDP) has released a new report titled "Human Mobility, Shared Opportunities: A Review of the 2009 Human Development Report and the Way Ahead". The report illustrates how governments can shape migration to benefit development and boost recovery. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- "Human Mobility, Shared Opportunities" report released by – UNDP
- HQs of UNDP – New York, USA | Administrator – Achim Steiner

## 611. Banking & Economic Affairs

The RBI has decided to conduct 'On tap Targeted Long-term Repo Operations' of up to 3 years tenor for a total amount of up to ₹1 lakh crore at a floating rate linked to the policy repo rate. The RBI has informed that banks can deploy money drawn from this TLTRO in 6 sectors – MSMEs, agriculture, agri-infrastructure, secured retail, healthcare, drugs and pharmaceuticals. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- RBI decided to conduct 'On tap Targeted Long-term Repo Operations' of up to 3 years tenor for up to ₹1 lakh Cr
- RBI: HQs – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25<sup>th</sup>)

## 612. National & States Affairs

Union Minister of State for Jal Shakti and Social Justice & Empowerment Sh. Rattan Lal Kataria, has launched a Mobile application for Geo tagging of the components of projects under 'Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana- Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme' (PMKSY-AIBP). [{Read more}](#)



### Key Points:

- Rattan Lal Kataria – launched a Mobile application for Geo tagging of the components of projects – under ‘PMKSY-AIBP’
- Minister of Jal Shakti – Gajendra Singh Sekhawat | Constituency – Jodhpur, Rajasthan
- MoS for Jal Shakti and Social Justice & Empowerment – Rattan Lal Kataria

### 613. Current GK

Rani ki Vav is an ancient 11<sup>th</sup> century 7-storeyed step well located by the Saraswati River. A Unesco World Heritage Site, the well was constructed by Queen Udayamti, wife of the Chalukya dynasty king Bhima I after his death. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Rani ki Vav – 11<sup>th</sup> century 7-storeyed step well – at Saraswati river – in Gujarat
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat

### 614. Banking & Economic Affairs

The RBI has fixed the minimum Net Owned Fund (NOF) size for Housing Finance Companies (HFCs) at Rs 25 crore. The Housing Finance Companies (HFCs) holding a Certificate of Registration (CoR) and having an NOF of less than Rs 25 crore will be required to achieve NOF of Rs 15 crore by March 31, 2022 and Rs 25 crore by March 31, 2023. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- RBI fixed the minimum NOF size for HFCs at Rs 25 crore
- RBI: HQs – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25<sup>th</sup>)

### 615. Important Days & Dates

The 59<sup>th</sup> Raising Day of Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) was observed on October 24. It was founded in 1962 and it has strength of about 90,000 personnel with 60 battalions on the ground. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- October 24 – 59<sup>th</sup> Raising Day of ITBP
- HQs of ITBP – New Delhi | Director General – Surjeet Singh Deswal | Established in – 1962



## 616. Books & Authors

Founder of two e-commerce companies - Droom and ShopClues, Sandeep Aggarwal has put to paper his 'roller-coaster' story in the upcoming autobiography titled, "Fall Again, Rise Again". [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- "Fall Again, Rise Again" book/autobiography – authored by 'Sandeep Aggarwal'

## 617. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

A new report titled "The World's Women: 2020 Trends and Statistics" released by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs. It is a collection of 100 stories providing up-to-date assessments of progress towards gender equality. No country has achieved the goal of Gender equality however the attitudes of discrimination have slowly changed. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- "The World's Women: 2020 Trends and Statistics" report – released by the United Nations
- HQs of UN – New York, United States | Director – Antonio Guterres

## 618. Science & Technology

IIT Kharagpur and Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) have jointly developed a 'Novel Industry 4.0 Technology' for remotely controlled factory operations and real-time quality correction during industrial production in a bid to deliver quality output at low costs. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- IIT Kharagpur + TCS = jointly developed a 'Novel Industry 4.0 Technology'
- HQs of TCS – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Rajesh Gopinathan

## 619. Schemes & Initiatives

According to Ministry of Labour and Employment, government of India has now extended the Employees State Insurance (ESI) Scheme for the first time to Arunachal Pradesh, with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2020. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Indian government extended the "ESI Scheme" for the first time to Arunachal Pradesh – from 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2020
- Arunachal Pradesh: Capital – Itanagar | CM – Pema Khandu | Governor – B D Mishra





## 620. Appointments & Resignations

Lebanon's President Michel Aoun has designated Sunni Muslim politician Saad al-Hariri as Prime Minister to form a new government to tackle the worst crisis since the country's 1975-1990 civil war. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Saad al-Hariri – elected as Prime Minister of – Lebanon
- Lebanon – Beirut – Lebanese Pound | PM – Saad al-Hariri

## 621. Current GK

An elephant calf was killed in a tiger attack in “Udanti-Sitanadi Tiger Reserve” in Gariaband district of Chhattisgarh. This is 14<sup>th</sup> death of elephant since June in Chhattisgarh. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Udanti-Sitanadi Tiger Reserve – in Chhattisgarh
- Chhattisgarh: Capital – Raipur | CM – Bhupesh Baghel | Governor – Anusuiya Uikey

## 622. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

Belarusian opposition politician, Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya has been awarded with European Union's top human rights “Sakharov Prize”. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya (Belarus) – awarded with European Union's top human rights “Sakharov Prize”
- Belarus – Minsk – Ruble | PM – Siarhiey Rumas
- HQs of EU – Brussels, Belgium | President – Ursula von der Leyen | Member Countries – 27

## 623. Science & Technology

The Origins, Spectral Interpretation, Resource Identification, Security, Regolith Explorer (OSIRIS-REx) spacecraft of NASA has made history after it successfully touched an asteroid “Bennu” to collect dust and pebbles from its surface. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- “OSIRIS-REx” spacecraft of NASA – touched an asteroid “Bennu” to collect dust and pebbles from its surface
- HQs of NASA – Washington D.C., USA | Administrator – Jim Bridenstine



## 624. Sports & Games

The BWF (Badminton World Federation) “World Junior Championships 2020” scheduled to be held in Auckland, New Zealand, has been cancelled. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- BWF “World Junior Championships 2020” – scheduled to be held in Auckland, New Zealand – cancelled
- HQs of BWF – Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia | President – Poul-Erik Hoyer Larsen
- New Zealand – Wellington – Dollar (NZD)

## 625. National & States Affairs

Maharashtra’s Women and Child welfare department has launched a new initiative “Tarang Suposhit Maharashtra” to fulfill the nutritional requirements of lactating mothers and children in the state. Maharashtra stood first in the recently concluded Poshan Mah in the country. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Maharashtra launched – a new initiative “Tarang Suposhit Maharashtra”
- Maharashtra – stood the first in the recently concluded ‘Poshan Mah’ in India
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

## 626. Sports & Games

Jason Kokrak has won his first-ever “PGA Tour victory” at the CJ Cup in Las Vegas in his 233<sup>rd</sup> try. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Jason Kokrak (USA - Golfer) – won his first-ever “PGA Tour victory” at the CJ Cup in Las Vegas (233<sup>rd</sup> try)

## 627. International Affairs

Defence Ministers of NATO Member States will set up a new Space Centre at the alliance's Air Command in Ramstein, Germany. In December, NATO leaders declared space to be the alliance's 5<sup>th</sup> domain of operations. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Defence Ministers of NATO Member States – to set up a new Space Centre – in Ramstein, Germany
- Germany – Berlin – Euro
- HQs of NATO – Brussels, Belgium | Secretary General – Jens Stoltenberg | Member States – 30



## 628. Defence Affairs

The Indian Navy has fired an Anti-Ship Missile destroying a sinking ship with deadly accuracy somewhere in the Arabian Sea. The missile was fired by frontline corvette INS Prabal as part of a mega naval drill. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

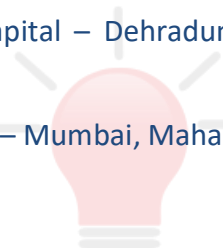
- Anti-Ship Missile (ASHM) – fired by frontline corvette “INS Prabal”
- Chief of Indian Navy – Admiral Karambir Singh | Vice Chief – G. Ashok Kumar

## 629. Schemes & Initiatives

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat has inaugurated “Integrated Model Agricultural Village scheme” (Ekikrit Adarsh Krishi Gram Yojana) in the state in partnership with NABARD. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Uttarakhand + NABARD = inaugurated “Integrated Model Agricultural Village scheme” (Ekikrit Adarsh Krishi Gram Yojana)
- Uttarakhand: Capital – Dehradun & Gairsain | CM – Trivendra Singh Rawat | Governor – Baby Rani Maurya
- HQs of NABARD – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Chintala Govinda Rajulu



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## 630. National & States Affairs

In latest strategy to fight pandemic, Mizoram will observe a “COVID-19 No Tolerance Fortnight” from October 26 to November 9. Mizoram has recorded zero Covid-19 deaths so far. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Mizoram – to observe a “COVID-19 No Tolerance Fortnight” from October 26 to November 9
- Mizoram: Capital – Aizawl | CM – Zoramthanga | Governor – P. S. Sreedharan Pillai

## 631. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

The Union Cabinet was apprised of an MoU signed between India and Nigeria on cooperation in the exploration and use of outer space for peaceful purposes. The MoU was signed between ISRO & NASRDA (National Space Research and Development Agency) of Nigeria. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- India + Nigeria = an MoU signed on cooperation in the exploration and use of outer space for peaceful purposes
- Nigeria – Abuja – Naira | President – Muhammadu Buhari



### 632. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Union Minister of State for Culture and Tourism (I/C) Shri Prahlad Singh Patel has virtually launched “Life in Miniature” project in collaboration between the National Museum and Google Arts & Culture. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Prahlad Singh Patel + National Museum + Google Arts & Culture = launched “Life in Miniature” project
- Prahlad Singh Patel – Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of Culture (Constituency – Damoh, Madhya Pradesh)

### 633. International Affairs

India Meteorological Department (IMD) has commissioned the dedicated Flash Flood Guidance Services (FFGS), first of its kind for South Asian countries namely India, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal and Sri Lanka. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- IMD commissioned the dedicated FFGS for South Asian countries – India, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal & Sri Lanka
- HQs of IMD – New Delhi | Director General – Dr Mrutyunjay Mohapatra

### 634. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Mastercard in partnership with Atlantis has announced the expansion of the Digital First Program in India. It will provide users with a technology solution that will enable them to enjoy a best-in-class digital banking experience. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Mastercard + Atlantis = partnership to expand Digital First Program in India
- HQs of Mastercard – New York, USA | CEO – Ajay Banga (From Jan 2021 - Michael Miebach)
- HQs of Atlantis – Singapore | CEO – Gaurav Sharma

### 635. Current GK

Migratory birds are increasingly landing in Surajpur and giving the Okhla Bird Sanctuary, barely 28km away. In fact, the Surajpur wetland, which was just 2 years ago struggling with water supply issues, is not only well irrigated but seeing a healthy flock of migratory birds this year. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- “Okhla Bird Sanctuary” & “Surajpur wetland” – Uttar Pradesh
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel



### 636. Important Days & Dates

October 24 is observed as “United Nations Day” since 1948. Since it was established in 1945, therefore, this year has marked the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of UN Day. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- October 24 – 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary “United Nations Day” – since 1948
- HQs of UN – New York, United States | Director – Antonio Guterres | Established in – 1945

### 637. Persons in News

NITI Aayog has constituted a 14-member advisory committee, headed by NITI Aayog Vice-Chairman Rajiv Kumar. It will review the urban planning education system in India and examine the availability, demand and supply of qualified urban planners in the country. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- NITI Aayog constituted a 14-member advisory committee – to review the urban planning education system in India
- The committee is headed by – Rajiv Kumar
- NITI Aayog HQs – New Delhi | CEO – Amitabh Kant
- Chairperson – Narendra Modi | Vice Chairperson – Rajiv Kumar

### 638. National & States Affairs

Chandigarh UT Adviser Manoj Parida has launched the “Reservation Roster Management System” developed by NIC for Personnel and UT Social Welfare Departments. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Chandigarh – launched the “Reservation Roster Management System” – developed by NIC

### 639. Current GK

All the stakeholders including wildlife and territorial wings of the Forest Department on Monday proposed to extend the boundary of the Eco-Sensitive Zone (ECZ) of the “Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary” (CWS) up to 500 meters, towards the Hope Island from the water front on the north-east side and 50 meters on the landward side. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary + Hope Island = in Andhra Pradesh
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amaravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan



## 640. Current GK

Bharat Ratna Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Ekana Cricket Stadium or commonly known as “Ekana Cricket Stadium” is an international standard cricket stadium in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.

### Key Points:

- “Ekana Cricket Stadium” – Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

## 641. Important Days & Dates

October 24 is observed as The “International Day of Diplomats”. The first International Day of Diplomats was observed in Brasília on 24 October 2017. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- October 24 – “International Day of Diplomats” – since 2017

## 642. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

The SBI Card in association with the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) has launched a Contactless Multi-Purpose Card that can function as a credit card as well as a metro smart card. The combo credit card “Delhi Metro SBI Card” has been designed for regular commuters on the Delhi Metro. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- SBI Card + DMRC = launched “Contactless Multi-Purpose Card” or “Delhi Metro SBI Card”
- HQs of SBI Card – New Delhi | Chairperson – Rajnish Kumar | MD & CEO – Ashwini Kumar Tewari
- Delhi: CM – Arvind Kejriwal | Governor – Anil Baijal | Chief Secretary – Vijay Dev

## 643. Schemes & Initiatives

The Karnataka cabinet has granted approval to implement the “Bhagyalakshmi scheme”, which provides financial security to girl child of BPL families, through ‘Sukanya Samridhi Yojana’ of the Postal department instead of LIC. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Karnataka – granted approval to implement the “Bhagyalakshmi scheme”
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – BS Yediyurappa | Governor – Vajubhai Vala



#### 644. Important Days & Dates

October 23 is celebrated as “World Snow Leopard Day” every year since 2014 to protect and conserve snow leopards and other wildlife of the Himalayas. These are distributed across 12 countries in central Asia and are usually found in high, rugged mountain landscapes. [{Read more}](#)

##### Key Points:

- October 23 – “World Snow Leopard Day” – since 2014

#### 645. Books & Authors

Author Suman Dubey’s forthcoming debut novel, “The Fixer: Winning Has A Price. How Much Will You Pay?” narrates the tale of a cricketer-turned-fixer who finds himself up against the wall when his family business takes an unfortunate turn. [{Read more}](#)

##### Key Points:

- “The Fixer: Winning Has A Price. How Much Will You Pay?” debut novel – written by Suman Dubey

#### 646. Important Days & Dates

October 24 is observed as “World Polio Day” every year in order to call on countries to stay vigilant in their fight against the disease. The theme for this year is “A win against polio is a win for global health”. [{Read more}](#)

##### Key Points:

- October 24 – World Polio Day
- Theme – “A win against polio is a win for global health”

#### 647. National & States Affairs

“Joginder War Memorial” has been inaugurated in at Bum La in Arunachal Pradesh. Joginder Singh of 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion the Sikh Regt received the highest gallantry award, ‘Param Vir Chakra’ in the Eastern Theatre during the 1962 Sino-India War. [{Read more}](#)

##### Key Points:

- “Joginder War Memorial” – inaugurated in at ‘Bum La’ in Arunachal Pradesh
- Arunachal Pradesh: Capital – Itanagar | CM – Pema Khandu | Governor – B D Mishra



### 648. National & States Affairs

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated 3 major projects in his home state Gujarat. He virtually inaugurated the Paediatric Heart Hospital, which is attached with the UN Mehta Institute of Cardiology and Research Centre in Gujarat. PM Modi also inaugurated the 2,320 metres long ropeway at Girnar mountain in Junagadh, Gujarat. He has launched the 'Kisan Suryodaya Yojana' for the farmers in Gujarat. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Narendra Modi – inaugurated 3 major projects in Gujarat
- 1. Paediatric Heart Hospital | 2. Girnar Ropeway in Junagadh, Gujarat | 3. Kisan Suryodaya Yojana
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat

### 649. National & States Affairs

The Indian government has released a commemorative postage stamp on the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United Nations. External Affairs S Jaishankar, External Affairs Minister was the chief guest at the event. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- India – released a commemorative postage stamp on the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the UN
- HQs of UN – New York, United States | Director – Antonio Guterres

### 650. Appointments & Resignations

Apurva Chandra, Secretary (Labour and Employment) has been elected as the Chairperson of the Governing Body of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) for the period October 2020-June 2021. India, after a gap of 35 years, assumed the Chairmanship of the ILO. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Apurva Chandra – elected as the Chairperson of 'ILO' for the period October 2020 - June 2021
- HQs of ILO – Geneva, Switzerland | DG – Guy Ryder

### 651. National & States Affairs

Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma has launched the "Micro ATM" service in rural areas of the state. He distributed the handheld devices, through which money could be withdrawn. The initiative is being promoted by the Meghalaya State Rural Livelihood Society (MSRLS) in partnership with the Meghalaya Rural Bank (MRB) and the NABARD. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Conrad K Sangma launched – "Micro ATM" service in rural areas – promoted by MSRLS + MRB + NABARD
- HQs of NABARD – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Chintala Govinda Rajulu
- Meghalaya: Capital – Shillong | CM – Conrad Kongkal Sangma | Governor – Satya Pal Malik





## 652. Science & Technology

While carrying out research on prostate cancer, Scientists in the Netherlands have discovered a potential new organ namely “Tubarial Salivary Glands” in the human throat that they stumbled upon. The study was published in the journal Radiotherapy and Oncology. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Netherlands – discovered a potential new organ namely “Tubarial Salivary Glands” in the human throat
- Netherlands – Amsterdam – Euro

## 653. International Affairs

Intergovernmental Coordination Group for Indian Ocean Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System (ICG/IOTWMS) of UNESCO-IOC has recently conducted “Indian Ocean wide Tsunami Mock Exercise (IOWave20)” for Tsunami preparedness in the Indian Ocean region. In India, the exercise is coordinated by Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS). [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- ICG/IOTWMS – conducted “Indian Ocean wide Tsunami Mock Exercise (IOWave20)”
- ICG/IOTWMS functions under – UNESCO
- Location of INCOIS – Hyderabad, Telangana | Director – Tummala Srinivasa Kumar | Founded in – 1998
- HQs of UNESCO – Paris, France | Director-General – Audrey Azoulay

## 654. National & States Affairs

Chennai Metro Rail has become the first in the country to use Micro-Plasma Oxidation System, a technology used in high-end defence and medical applications, to disinfect rolling stock and stations following the COVID-19 pandemic. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Chennai Metro Rail – became the first in the country to use Micro-Plasma Oxidation System
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Thiru Edappadi K. Palaniswami | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit

## 655. National & States Affairs

The Central government has increased the election campaign expenditure limit by 10% for all future elections. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Central government – increased the election campaign expenditure limit by 10%



## 656. Persons in News

Election Commission of India (ECI) has set up a committee for review of candidate expenditure limit. The poll panel has set up a committee under its Director General Umesh Sinha and ex Indian Revenue Service officer Harish Kumar to examine the existing expenditure limits for election candidates. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

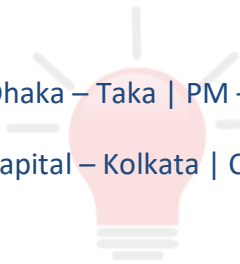
- ECI – set up a committee for review of candidate expenditure limit – under Umesh Sinha & Harish Kumar
- HQs of ECI – New Delhi | Chief Election Commissioner – Sunil Arora (23<sup>rd</sup>)

## 657. National & States Affairs

Passenger Train Services from Dhaka to Siliguri are planned to be started from 26 March, 2021. The work on the Bangabandhu railway bridge would also start in November. The bridge would improve rail connectivity between the two countries immensely. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Passenger Train Services from Dhaka (Bangladesh) to Siliguri (West Bengal) – to be started from 26 March, 2021
- Bangladesh – Dhaka – Taka | PM – Sheikh Hasina | President – Abdul Hamid
- West Bengal: Capital – Kolkata | CM – Mamta Banerjee | Governor – Jagdeep Dhankar



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## 658. Science & Technology

The spacecraft making a planetary swing is “BepiColombo”, which is really two spacecraft wrapped into one to explore ‘Mercury’. The vehicle consists of one spacecraft overseen by the European Space Agency and another overseen by the Japanese Aerospace Exploration Agency. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- “BepiColombo” space craft – launched to explore ‘Mercury’
- The vehicle consists of two spacecraft wrapped into one – by ESA + JAXA

## 659. Current GK

The Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre (KSNDMC) has reported that Chincholi in Kalaburagi and Raichur have received the highest rainfall recently in October. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Chincholi Wildlife Sanctuary – Karnataka
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – BS Yediyurappa | Governor – Vajubhai Vala



## 660. Science & Technology

IIT Kharagpur has developed a low-cost portable COVID-19 testing device named “COVIRAP”. It is a cuboid-shaped portable testing device that can deliver results in an hour and it has also received certification from the ICMR. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- IIT Kharagpur – developed “COVIRAP” a low-cost portable COVID-19 testing device

## 661. National & States Affairs

Haryana has the best Anemia Mukht Bharat (AMB) Index among all the states in India. The Anemia Mukht Bharat, an initiative of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and UNICEF, has been launched to reduce the prevalence of Anemia all over India. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Haryana – the best Anemia Mukht Bharat (AMB) Index
- Anemia Mukht Bharat – an initiative of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare + UNICEF
- Haryana: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Manohar Lal Khattar | Governor – Satyadev Narayan Arya

## 662. Science & Technology

‘Nokia Oyj’ has been chosen by NASA to build the first ever cellular network on the moon. Nokia’s Bell Labs unit is planning to build what it describes as an “Ultra-compact, low-power, space-hardened, end-to-end LTE solution” that will be available on the moon by late 2022. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- NASA chose – ‘Nokia Oyj’ to build the first ever cellular network on the moon - by late 2022
- NASA HQs – Washington D.C., USA | Administrator – Jim Bridenstine

## 663. National & States Affairs

Maharashtra government has fixed the maximum rates for N95 to Rs 49 and double-triple layer masks to Rs 3 and thus, it has become the first state to cap the prices of facemasks in India. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Maharashtra – the first state to cap the prices of facemasks in India
- N95 – Rs 49 | Double-triple layer masks – Rs 3
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari



## 664. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

For the first time since the inception, “International Solar Alliance (ISA) Awards” were conferred on countries of the region as well as institutions working for solar. Haryana Chief Minister M L Khattar has announced the “Kalpana Chawla Awards” to Bhim Singh from IIT Delhi (India) and Aesha Alnuaimi from Dubai Electricity and Water Authority (UAE). Karnataka Additional Chief Secretary Mahendra Jain has announced “Visvesvaraya Award” (named after Bharat Ratna M Visvesvaraya) to Japan & Netherlands. The “Diwakar Award” instituted by ISA has been awarded to Arpan Institute (Haryana) and Arushi Society. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- “Kalpana Chawla Awards” by Haryana – Bhim Singh (IIT Delhi) & Aesha Alnuaimi (UAE)
- “Visvesvaraya Award” by Karnataka – Japan & Netherlands
- “Diwakar Award” by ISA – Arpan Institute (Haryana) and Arushi Society (Madhya Pradesh)

## 665. National & States Affairs

The Airports Authority of India (AAI) is planning to develop at least 100 airports, waterdromes, and heliports across the country by 2024 under the regional air connectivity scheme, also known as UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik). The fourth anniversary of "UDAN" scheme was commemorated on October 21, 2020. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- AAI will develop at least 100 airports, waterdromes, and heliports across India by 2024 under “UDAN” scheme
- October 21 – 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary of "UDAN" scheme (launched in 2016)
- HQs of AAI – New Delhi | Chairman – Arvind Singh

## 666. Defence Affairs

The last of 4 indigenously built Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) stealth corvettes “INS Kavaratti” under Project 28 (Kamorta class) is scheduled to be commissioned into Indian Navy at Naval Dockyard, Visakhapatnam. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- INS Kavaratti – scheduled to be commissioned at Naval Dockyard, Visakhapatnam
- All of the 4 corvettes: 1. INS Kamorta 2. INS Kadmatt 3. INS Kiltan 4. INS Kavaratti
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amaravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan



### 667. Important Days & Dates

The “International Stuttering Awareness Day (ISAD)” is marked every year on October 22 to increase awareness about the speech disorder that is said to affect 70 million people worldwide. The theme for ISAD 2020 is “Journey of Words - Resilience and Bouncing Back.” [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- October 22 – “International Stuttering Awareness Day (ISAD)”
- Theme – “Journey of Words - Resilience and Bouncing Back”

### 668. Current GK

After Kaziranga National Park and Manas National Park, now the Orang National Park and Tiger Reserve will finally be opened for visitors on 1<sup>st</sup> November after eight months of closure. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Kaziranga National Park + Manas National Park + Orang National Park and Tiger Reserve = located in Assam
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Sarbananda Sonowal | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi

### 669. Appointments & Resignations

Sushil Kumar Singhal, a 2000-batch Indian Foreign Service officer, has been appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the Solomon Islands. He is presently serving as the High Commissioner of India to Papua New Guinea. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Sushil Kumar Singhal – appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to – Solomon Islands
- Solomon Islands – Honiara – Dollar

### 670. International Affairs

A Godwit bird has travelled 12,200 kilometres in 11 days, to set a record for longest non-stop flight by a bird. The bar-tailed godwit bird has a 5gm satellite tag, fitted on its lower back that helps experts track it. The bird started from south-west Alaska, USA and arrived at Auckland, New Zealand. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Bar-Tailed Godwit Bird – travelled 12,200 Km in 11 days to set a record for longest non-stop flight



### 671. Current GK

A famous UNESCO Heritage Site in Peru, the Nazca Lines, has recently garnered much attention on social media. The Nazca Lines is famous for its larger-than-life depictions of imaginary beings, plants and animals. The recent attention is due to the discovery of the carving of a massive resting cat on a steep hill's slope and the etchings are believed to be over 2,000 years old. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- The “Nazca Lines” – A famous UNESCO Heritage Site in ‘Peru’
- Peru – Lima – Sol | President – Martin Vizcarra

### 672. Current GK

India-assisted “Mangdechhu Hydroelectric Project” in Bhutan has been awarded the prestigious “Brunel Medal for Excellence in Civil Engineering” by the UK-based Institute of Civil Engineers. Prime Minister Narendra Modi had inaugurated the 720 MW project on August 17 last year during his visit to Bhutan. It is built on the Mangdechhu River at a cost of Rs 4,500-crore. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Mangdechhu Hydroelectric Project (Bhutan) – awarded “Brunel Medal for Excellence in Civil Engineering” in UK
- Project assisted by – India | built on – Mangdechhu River | Capacity – 720 MW | Cost – Rs 4,500-crore
- Bhutan – Thimphu – Bhutanese Ngultrum | PM – Lotay Tshering

### 673. Amount & Agreements

The US Agency for International Development (USAID) has announced 2 new awards totaling \$5 million to Catalyst Management Service’s COVID Action Collaborative (CAC) and the Wadhvani Institute for Artificial Intelligence as part of the US government’s support to India’s Covid-19 response. This financial assistance will bring USAID’s COVID-19 assistance to India to over \$13 million in total. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- USAID announced \$5 million as part of the US government’s support to India’s Covid-19 response
- USAID HQs – Washington D.C., USA | Administrator – Mark Green

### 674. Current GK

Krishna Wildlife Sanctuary is a wildlife sanctuary located in Andhra Pradesh, India. It is one of the rarest eco-regions of the world. [{Read more}](#)



### Key Points:

- Krishna Wildlife Sanctuary – Andhra Pradesh
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amaravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan

### 675. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

The study, published in the Lancet journal, noted that life expectancy in India has risen from 59.6 years in 1990 to 70.8 years in 2019, ranging from 77.3 years in Kerala to 66.9 years in Uttar Pradesh. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Life Expectancy in India rose to 70.8 years in 2019 (from 59.6 years in 1990) – as per ‘Lancet journal’
- Highest: Kerala – 77.3 years | Lowest: Uttar Pradesh – 66.9 years

### 676. Current GK

The Centre has rejected the Trivendra Singh Rawat Government’s plans to temporarily divert a patch of “Rajaji National Park” forest area in Uttarakhand for the construction of housing, toilets and parking facilities for the Haridwar Maha Kumbh pilgrims. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Rajaji National Park – in Uttarakhand
- Uttarakhand: Capital – Dehradun & Gairsain | CM – Trivendra Singh Rawat | Governor – Baby Rani Maurya

### 677. Obituaries

Former IAS officer B. Venkataraman who was an authority on Chola History and Architecture has passed away recently. He was 95. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- B. Venkataraman – Author & Architecture – passed away

### 678. Current GK

The Covid-19 outbreak may have kept animal lovers away from “Nandankanan Zoological Park” in the City but its 'Adopt an Animal' scheme has brought them closer to its inmates. [{Read more}](#)



**Key Points:**

- “Nandankanan Zoological Park” – located in Odisha
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

**679. Meetings, Conferences and Summits**

Dr Harsh Vardhan has virtually addressed the “World Bank - IMF annual meeting 2020”. The theme of the meeting was “Unleashing the South Asian Century through Human Capital for All” and “Investing in Covid-19 Vaccines and Primary Healthcare Delivery System”. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Dr Harsh Vardhan – addressed the “World Bank - IMF annual meeting 2020”
- Ministry of Health and Family Welfare – Dr. Harsh Vardhan (Chandni Chowk, Delhi)
- World Bank HQs – Washington D.C., USA | Member Countries – 189
- President – David Malpass | MD & CFO – Anshula Kant
- HQs of IMF – Washington, D.C., USA | President – Kristalina Georgieva | Member countries – 190

**680. Current GK**

Illegal stone mining and stone crushing in the Eco-sensitive Zone of the “Great Indian Bustard Sanctuary” in Ahmednagar, Maharashtra has caused irreparable environmental damage and affected water sources even after a National Green Tribunal (NGT) order last year. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Great Indian Bustard Sanctuary – in Ahmednagar, Maharashtra
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

**681. Current GK**

Delhi airport (Indira Gandhi International Airport) is certified as the 2<sup>nd</sup> safest airport globally with a score of 4.6 out of 5 for Covid-related safety protocols. Changi Airport, Singapore has secured 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Safest Aerodrome globally with a score of 4.7 out of 5. Besides, Frankfurt Airport and Chengdu Shuangliu International Airport have also secured the second position. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Changi Airport (Singapore) – secured the 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Safest Aerodrome globally
- Delhi airport (Indira Gandhi International Airport) – 2<sup>nd</sup> Safest Airport globally
- Frankfurt Airport (Germany) + Chengdu Shuangliu Airport (China) = also stood at the 2<sup>nd</sup> position





## 682. Science & Technology

India has successfully carried out the 10<sup>th</sup> and final trial of the DRDO developed “Nag” anti-tank guided missile (ATGM) with a warhead after which the weapon system is now ready for induction into the Indian Army. The Nag missile was fired from a Nag Missile Carrier (NAMICA) at Pokhran, Rajasthan. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- India – carried out the 10<sup>th</sup> and final trial of “Nag” Anti-Tank Guided Missile (ATGM) (Developed by - DRDO)
- Fired from a Nag Missile Carrier (NAMICA) at Pokhran, Rajasthan
- HQs of DRDO – New Delhi | Chairman – G. Satheesh Reddy

## 683. Important Days & Dates

Culture and Tourism Minister Prahlad Singh Patel has taken part in the commemoration event of 77<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Formation of ‘Azad Hind Government’ at Red Fort in Delhi. It was established in 1943. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- October 21 – 77<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Formation of Azad Hind Government (established in 1943)
- Prahlad Singh Patel took part in the event
- Prahlad Singh Patel – Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of Culture (Constituency – Damoh, Madhya Pradesh)

## 684. National & States Affairs

In order to improve its feeder service, Maharashtra Metro Rail Corporation Limited (Maha Metro) has launched a mobile app namely “Bharat Rides” to enable passengers to book auto-rickshaws. It can be downloaded from Google Playstore. It functions like Ola or Uber apps. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- MahaMetro launched a mobile app namely "Bharat Rides" to enable passengers to book auto-rickshaws
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

## 685. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

The 6<sup>th</sup> edition of the India International Science Festival (IISF) will be held virtually this year from December 22-25. The previous editions of Science Festivals were hosted by New Delhi, Lucknow and Kolkata. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- 6<sup>th</sup> edition of the India International Science Festival (IISF) – to be held from December 22-25



### 686. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

At least 14 States have reported a reduction in 'Parasitic Intestinal Worm Infection Prevalence' or 'Soil-Transmitted Helminthiasis' (STH) in children, as per the latest report by the Union Health Ministry. The Health ministry has also appointed the National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) as the nodal agency to coordinate and conduct nationwide baseline STH mapping. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- 14 States have reported a reduction in 'Parasitic Intestinal Worm Infection Prevalence' or 'STH' – in children
- STH – Soil-Transmitted Helminthiasis
- Health ministry appointed the 'NCDC' for STH mapping
- HQs of NCDC – New Delhi | Agency executive – Dr Sujeet Kumar Singh

### 687. National & States Affairs

The Tamil Nadu School Education Department has proposed to start free online coaching classes for students of government and aided schools who will be taking up NEET in 2021. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Tamil Nadu – proposed to start free online coaching classes for students appearing in NEET in 2021
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Thiru Edappadi K. Palaniswami | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit

### 688. Books & Authors

President Ram Nath Kovind has received a copy of a book titled "Mere Prarambhik Kahaniyan" from Union Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' at Rashtrapati Bhavan. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- "Mere Prarambhik Kahaniyan" book – authored by Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'
- Ministry of Education – Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' (Constituency – Haridwar, Uttarakhand)

### 689. Current GK

Denying reports about the displacement of the villagers and reduction in their forest rights due to Lemru Elephant Reserve, Chhattisgarh Forest Minister Mohammad Akbar assured that the project will not infringe on the rights of villages and forest dwellers. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Lemru Elephant Reserve – located in 'Chhattisgarh'
- Chhattisgarh: Capital – Raipur | CM – Bhupesh Baghel | Governor – Anusuiya Uikey



## 690. Schemes & Initiatives

Gujarat government has changed the name of its ambitious scheme of providing electricity to all the farmers during daytime from “Dinkar Yojana” to “Kisan Suryoday Yojana”. The first phase of the scheme was virtually launched by PM Narendra Modi on October 24, 2020. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- “Dinkar Yojana” renamed as “Kisan Suryoday Yojana” – Gujarat
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat

## 691. National & States Affairs

The third phase of the National Supercomputing Mission (NSM) will be started in January, 2021. The Rs 4,500 crore-National Supercomputers Mission (NSM) envisages nearly 50 supercomputers across the country in three phases. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> phase of the National Supercomputing Mission (NSM) will be started in January, 2021 (Cost: Rs 4,500 Cr)

## 692. Schemes & Initiatives

Tamil Nadu government is implementing the “Smart Black Board scheme” in 80,000 government schools to ensure better teaching environment. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Tamil Nadu is implementing the “Smart Black Board scheme” in 80,000 government schools
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Thiru Edappadi K. Palaniswami | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit

## 693. National & States Affairs

Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has launched “e-Dharti Geo Portal” service to provide Property Certificate by Land & Development Office (L&DO) to integrate the legacy drawings like maps and lease plans in Management Information System (MIS). [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs – launched “e-Dharti Geo Portal” service for certification by L&DO
- MIS – Management Information System
- MoHUA Minister – Hardeep Singh Puri



## 694. Science & Technology

Scientists from Agharkar Research Institute (ARI) have developed a wheat variety called “MACS 6478”. It has doubled the crop yield for farmers in Karanjkhop, a village in Maharashtra. A research paper on this variety has been published in ‘International Journal of Current Microbiology and Applied Sciences’. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Scientists from Agharkar Research Institute (Pune) – developed “MACS 6478” – variety of Wheat
- Published in – ‘International Journal of Current Microbiology and Applied Sciences’

## 695. Current GK

Due to heavy inflows into Vijayawada's Prakasam Barrage, Nagarjuna Sagar Dam has recorded an inflow of 4 to 4.5 lakh cusecs and has discharged most of it to Pulichintala project. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Nagarjuna Sagar Dam – built over ‘Krishna’ river – located in Andhra Pradesh + Telangana
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amaravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan
- Telangana: Capital – Hyderabad | CM – K. Chandrashekar Rao | Governor – Tamilisai Soundararajan

## 696. National & States Affairs

Assam has inaugurated “Agar International Trade Centre”, which is the first-of-its-kind in the country at Dabidubi in Golaghat district. The Assam Agar International Trade Centre would be a step towards making a self reliant Assam. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Agar International Trade Centre – inaugurated in Golaghat, Assam
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Sarbananda Sonowal | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi

## 697. Schemes & Initiatives

Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy has launched “YSR Bima”, an insurance scheme to benefit 1.41 crore BPL families. Rs 510 crore is to be paid by the government a year as insurance premium. And the Insurance coverage is as follow. [{Read more}](#)



### Key Points:

- Andhra Pradesh launched – “YSR Bima” insurance scheme to benefit 1.41 crore BPL families
- Accidental death & total permanent disability (Age: 18-50) = Rs 5 lakh
- Accidental death & total permanent disability (Age: 51-70) = Rs 3 lakh
- Natural Death (Age : 18-50) = Rs 2 lakh
- Partial permanent disability due to an accident (Age : 18-70) = Rs 1.5 lakh
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amaravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan

### 698. Important Days & Dates

Government hospitals in the city have observed “World Trauma Day” through awareness programmes on October 17. Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital also observed World Trauma Day. The day was first observed in 2011. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- October 17 – “World Trauma Day” – since 2011
- Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital – located in Chennai, Tamil Nadu

### 699. National & States Affairs

Indian Railways has given a boost to ‘Make in India’ and ‘Atma Nirbhar Bharat’ initiatives. Rail Wheel Factory (RWF) has created history by rolling its 4 millionth wheel as many as 40 lakh wheels in a period of 40 years. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Rail Wheel Factory – created history by rolling its 4 millionth wheel or 40 lakh wheels in a period of 40 years
- HQs of RWF – Yelahanka, Bengaluru | Chairman – Vinay Mittal | Founded – 1984
- Chairman of Indian Railways – Vinod Kumar Yadav | HQs – New Delhi

### 700. Banking & Economic Affairs

Yes Bank has launched its festive campaign titled ‘Khushiyon ki karein Zimmedari se Tayyari’ aimed at empowering customers with enhanced access to digital finance and e-solutions. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Yes Bank – launched titled ‘Khushiyon ki karein Zimmedari se Tayyari’
- HQs of Yes Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Prashant Kumar | Tagline – “Experience our Expertise”





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