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All the best!

Regards

Team Smartkeeda



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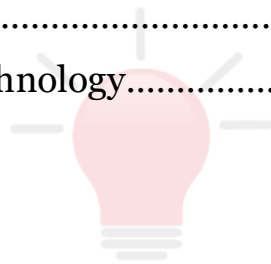
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National & States Affairs

701. In October 2021, the Textiles Ministry has approved a pilot project on skilling of design or commissioning technical personnel associated with application of Geo-textiles in infrastructure projects including roads, highways, railways and water resources. The project will be conducted concurrently by the IISc Bangalore, IIT Madras and IIT Roorkee. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Textiles Ministry – approved a pilot project on skilling of Design or commissioning Technical Personnel
- The project will be conducted by = IISc Bangalore + IIT Madras + IIT Roorkee
- Ministry of Textiles: Piyush Goyal | Constituency – Maharashtra
- MoS in Ministry of Textiles: Darshana Vikram Jardosh

702. In October 2021, Minister of Ayush, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated the “Incubation Centre for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (AIIA- iCAINE)” at All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) in New Delhi. The program was organized as a part of the celebrations of 6th Ayurveda Day on the theme “Ayurveda for Poshan”. A national seminar on “Start-ups in Ayush Sector - Scope and Opportunities (AYUR-UDYAMAH)” was also organized as a part of the program. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sarbananda Sonowal – inaugurated “Incubation Centre for Innovation & Entrepreneurship (AIIA- iCAINE)” in New Delhi
- Ministry of AYUSH: Sarbananda Sonowal | Constituency – Majuli, Assam
- MoS in Ministry of AYUSH: Munjapara Mahendrabhai

703. In October 2021, Uttarakhand forest department has inaugurated the biggest Aromatic Garden of India in Lalkuan of Nainital district. The garden has 140 different species of aromatic species from across India. The project has been funded under “CAMPA” (Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority) scheme of the central government. In 2006, ad hoc CAMPA was established for the management of Compensatory afforestation fund. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The biggest Aromatic Garden of India – inaugurated in Lalkuan, Nainital, Uttarakhand
- CAMPA scheme – launched by central government in 2006
- Uttarakhand: Capital – Dehradun & Gairsain | CM – Pushkar Singh Dhami | Governor – Lt. Gen. Gurmit Singh

704. Guwahati is among the three cities in the world chosen by WasteAid, UK-based non-profit organisation, to launch a Zero Waste Cities Challenge. The aim was to find entrepreneurs with innovative business ideas that can help reduce or recycle waste and create green employment opportunities. The non-profit has now chosen two winners from Guwahati - entrepreneurs from Shree Guru Plastic and Inside Out, for their work on promoting circular economy and reducing the usage of plastics. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Guwahati is among the 3 cities in the world chosen by WasteAid for the 'Zero Waste Cities Challenge'
- Guwahati has 2 winners for work on waste models
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Himanta Biswa Sarma | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi

705. On October 29, Ramky Enviro Engineers Ltd (REEL) has inaugurated India's largest landfill gas-to-compressed biogas (CBG) plant at Hyderabad Integrated Municipal Solid Waste in Telangana. The project is focused on the conversion of landfill gas into CBG for use as a vehicle fuel. The final product will be sold to Bhagyanagar Gas Limited through its retail outlets in Hyderabad. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- REEL – inaugurated India's largest landfill gas-to-CBG plant – at Hyderabad, Telangana
- Telangana: Capital – Hyderabad | CM – K. Chandrashekar Rao | Governor – Tamilisai Soundararajan

706. On October 31, India has launched its first manned ocean mission "Samudrayan", joining six other nations engaged in exploring the ocean depths for studies and research. The 'Samudrayan' project is undertaken by the National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT) and will be a part of the ₹6,000 Cr Deep Ocean Mission. A deep-sea vehicle "Matsya 6000" is designed under 'Samudrayan' initiative to carry three persons. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – launched its first manned ocean mission "Samudrayan" – from NIOT, Chennai
- The 'Samudrayan' project is undertaken by – National Institute of Ocean Technology (Chennai, Tamil Nadu)
- A deep-sea vehicle "Matsya 6000" will carry 3 persons under 'Samudrayan' initiative

707. On October 28, Ramdas Athawale, Minister of State for Social Justice & Empowerment inaugurated the 52nd edition of "India Handicraft and Gift Fair-Delhi Fair - Autumn 2021" held from October 28 -31, 2021 at India Expo Centre & Mart, Greater Noida Expressway. The Handicrafts exports during the 6 months of current financial year from April to September, 2021-22 is Rs 15,995.73 Cr registering a growth of over 60.34% over the same period in 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ramdas Athawale – inaugurated the 52nd edition of "India Handicraft & Gift Fair-Delhi Fair - Autumn 2021" at India Expo Centre & Mart, on Greater Noida Expressway

708. On October 29, The Brahmaputra Mail Special became the first Mail/Express train of Indian Railways to run entirely on electric traction and it recently arrived at Kamakhya station in Guwahati, Assam. It is operated by the Northeast Frontier Railway zone. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Brahmaputra Mail Special" became the first Mail/Express train to run entirely on Electric Traction
- The train arrived at Kamakhya station in Guwahati, Assam | Operated by – Northeast Frontier Railway zone

709. On October 30, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar launched “Uttam Beej Portal”, which will benefit farmers of the state. The State is producing 30-35 lakh quintals certified seed of Wheat and other crops. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Haryana – launched “Uttam Beej Portal” to benefit farmers of the state
- Haryana: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Manohar Lal Khattar | Governor – Bandaru Dattatraya

710. On October 31, the Gujarat government launched its “e-Sarkar” app on a pilot basis in its effort to make administrative works paperless, quick and easy for citizens. The e-Sarkar app will be applicable to various government departments at the Secretariat, district and taluka levels. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Gujarat – launched its “e-Sarkar” app on a pilot basis for paperless administration
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Bhupendra Patel | Governor – Acharya Devvrat

711. In October 2021, the SEBI reconstituted a 7-member Technical Advisory Committee to recommend measures for changes and improvements in market structure in view of the technological changes. Dr. Deepak B. Phatak, Padma Shri & Professor of IIT Bombay, will be the Chairman of the committee. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SEBI – reconstituted a Technical Advisory Committee to recommend measures for technical changes in market structure
- Chairman of the committee – Deepak B. Phatak
- HQs of SEBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Ajay Tyagi | Established in – 1992

712. Enabling access to civic services and providing ease of living for all citizens, eGov Foundation’s “DIGIT” (Digital Infrastructures for Governance, Impact and Transformation) platform will now support the National Urban Digital Mission (NUDM) with the objective of supporting effective citizen-centric governance. The NUDM aims to set up integrated platforms, to drive the digital initiatives of Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) to transform urban India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- eGov Foundation’s “DIGIT” platform will now support the “National Urban Digital Mission (NUDM)”
- DIGIT – Digital Infrastructures for Governance, Impact and Transformation

713. The 3-day 2nd “National Tribal Dance Festival” was observed on October 28, 2021 at Science College ground in Raipur, the capital of Chhattisgarh. It was jointly inaugurated by of Jharkhand's CM Hemant Soren and Chhattisgarh's CM Bhupesh Baghel. The dance performances will be held in two prominent categories - ‘wedding ceremonies’ and ‘other prominent rituals’. The first edition of the dance festival was held in 2019. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 3-day 2nd “National Tribal Dance Festival” – observed in Raipur, Chhattisgarh (first edition held in 2019)
- Chhattisgarh: Capital – Raipur | CM – Bhupesh Baghel | Governor – Anusuiya Uikey

714. In October 2021, Ministry of Food Processing Industries, in association with the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED) launched “Dilli Bakes” - the first ‘One District, One Product’ in the bakery products category under the Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro food processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme in New Delhi. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MoFPI + NAFED = launched “Dilli Bakes” - the first ‘One District, One Product’ in bakery products category in Delhi
- Ministry of Food Processing Industries: Pashu Pati Kumar Paras | Constituency – Hajipur, Bihar
- MoS in Ministry of Food Processing Industries: Prahalad Singh Patel
- HQs of NAFED – New Delhi | MD – Sanjeev Kumar Chadha | Chairman – Bijender Singh

715. In October 2021, Union Health Minister Dr. Mansukh L. Mandaviya launched a nationwide expansion of Pneumococcal 13-valent Conjugate Vaccine (PCV) under the Universal Immunisation Programme (UIP) as a part of ‘Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav’. It is for the first time in India that PCV would be available for universal use. Around 16% of deaths in children occur due to pneumonia in India. The nationwide roll-out of PCV will reduce child mortality by around 60%. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mansukh L. Mandaviya – launched Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV) under “Universal Immunisation Programme”
- Ministry of Health & Family Welfare: Mansukh L. Mandaviya | Constituency – Palitana, Gujarat
- MoS in Ministry of Health & Family Welfare: Bharati Pravin Pawar

716. In October 2021, Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami and Union minister for minority affairs Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi jointly inaugurated the 30th edition of “Hunar Haat” in Dehradun, Uttarakhand. The fair went on for 10 days. Over 500 handicraftsmen and skilled craftsmen from more than 30 states and Union territories participated in it. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Pushkar Singh Dhami + Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi = inaugurated the 30th edition of “Hunar Haat” in Dehradun, Uttarakhand
- ‘Hunar Haat’ is organised by – Ministry of Minority Affairs
- Uttarakhand: Capital – Dehradun & Gairsain | CM – Pushkar Singh Dhami | Governor – Lt. Gen. Gurmit Singh
- Ministry of Minority Affairs: Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi | Constituency – Jharkhand
- MoS in Ministry of Minority Affairs: John Barla



Banking, Finance, Insurance & Economic Affairs

717. On October 29, The RBI eased Current Account (CA) rules for bank exposures less than Rs 5 Cr, allowing lenders to open current account, cash credit and overdraft facilities without any restriction. The RBI asked banks to implement the changes within 1 month. For borrowers, where the exposure of the banking system is less than Rs 5 Cr, there is no restriction on opening of Current Accounts or on provision of CC/OD facility by banks. For borrowers where the exposure is more than Rs 5 Cr, will continue to maintain current accounts with any one of the banks with which they have cash credit or overdraft facility, provided that the bank has at least 10% of the exposure of the banking system to that borrower. The RBI also clarified that other lending banks will only be allowed to open Current Accounts. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI – eased Current Account (CA) rules for bank exposures less than Rs 5 Cr
- No restriction for borrowers on opening of CAs where the exposure of the banking system is less than Rs 5 Cr
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April, 1935

718. On October 29, The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a \$250 million (about Rs 1,875 Cr) loan to support India's National Industrial Corridor Development Program (NICDP). This is the first subprogram of the programmatic \$500 million loan to develop 11 industrial corridors spanning 17 states. As part of NICDP, it is also developing guidelines for Green Corridor Frameworks and Climate-Resilient Infrastructure as well as focusing on enhancing skills for the participation of female labour. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ADB – approved a \$250 million (about Rs 1,875 Cr) loan to support India's NICDP
- HQs of ADB – Mandaluyong, Philippines | President – Masatsugu Asakawa | Members – 68 | Established in – 1966

719. In October 2021, Government of India, in consultation with the RBI, has decided to issue Sovereign Gold Bonds. The Sovereign Gold Bonds will be issued in 4 tranches from October 2021 to March 2022. The Bonds will be denominated in multiples of gram(s) of gold with the minimum permissible investment limit of 1 gram. While the maximum limit of subscription shall be 4 KG for individual, 4 Kg for HUF and 20 Kg for trusts and similar entities per fiscal (April-March). The tenor of the Bond will be for a period of 8 years with exit option after 5th year. Bonds will be sold through Commercial banks (except Small Finance Banks and Payment Banks), Stock Holding Corporation of India Limited (SHCIL), Clearing Corporation of India Ltd (CCIL), designated Post Offices (as may be notified) and recognised Stock Exchanges. The investors will be compensated at a fixed rate of 2.50% per annum payable semi-annually on the nominal value. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sovereign Gold Bonds will be issued in 4 tranches from October 2021 to March 2022
- Points related to Sovereign Gold Bonds:
 - Assured return on bond – 2.50% per annum (payable semi-annually)
 - Minimum Purchase limit – 1 gram of gold | Maximum Purchase limit – 4 Kg of gold



- Tenor of the bond – 8 years
- To be sold through: Scheduled Commercial Banks, SHCIL, CCIL, Post Offices & Stock Exchanges (except SFBs & PBs)
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April, 1935

720. On October 30, Finance Ministry approved the proposal of Ministry of Labour to provide 8.5% rate of interest on provident funds for 2020-21. The interest rate is understood to have been decided on an income of Rs 70,300 Cr from sale of debt and equity investments, leaving a surplus of around Rs 300 Cr with the EPFO. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Finance Ministry approved the proposal of Ministry of Labour to provide 8.5% rate of interest on provident funds
- Ministry of Finance: Nirmala Sitharaman | Constituency – Karnataka
- MoS in Ministry of Finance: Pankaj Chaowdhary & Bhagwat Kishanrao Karad

721. In October 2021, China-based Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) along with the Asian Development (ADB) is processing a \$2 billion loan for India to purchase COVID-19 vaccines under ADB's Asia-Pacific Vaccine Access Facility (APVAX). Besides funding various infra projects in India, the AIIB has also granted USD 1.75 billion to India for the COVID-19 relief budget support. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- AIIB + ADB = processing a \$2 billion loan for India to purchase COVID-19 vaccines under ADB's 'APVAX'
- HQs of ADB – Mandaluyong, Philippines | President – Masatsugu Asakawa | Members – 68 | Established in – 1966
- HQs of AIIB – Beijing, China | President – Jin Liqun | Established in – 2016 | Members – 104

722. On October 31, the board of Ujjivan Financial Services has approved the amalgamation of the company with its subsidiary, Ujjivan Small Finance Bank, to meet the minimum public shareholding norms of SEBI. Ujjivan Finance Services currently holds 83.32% of the total paid-up equity share capital of Ujjivan SFB. Under RBI norms, the promoter's minimum initial contribution to the paid-up equity capital of SFB should be at least 40%, which shall be locked in for a period of 5 years. In the case of Ujjivan SFB, the 5-year period expires on January 31, 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ujjivan Financial Services – approved the amalgamation of the company with its subsidiary Ujjivan SFB
- The promoter's minimum initial contribution to the paid-up equity capital of SFB should be at least 40%
- HQs of Ujjivan SFB – Bengaluru, Karnataka | MD & CEO – Ittira Davis | Founded in – 2004

Defence Affairs

723. The Indian Navy received its first 'P15B' stealth guided-missile destroyer named "Visakhapatnam" built by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd (MDL). The contract for 4 ships of 'Project 15B', known as the Visakhapatnam class ships, was signed in January 2011. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian Navy – received its first 'P15B' stealth guided-missile destroyer named "Visakhapatnam" – from MDL
- The contract for 4 ships of 'Project 15B' was signed – in January, 2011
- HQs of Indian Navy – Delhi | Chief – Admiral Karambir Singh | VC – S. N. Ghormade | Founded in – 26th Jan, 1950

Schemes & Initiatives

724. On October 29, the Madhya Pradesh government has launched a scheme namely "Mukhyamantri Awasiya Bhu-adhikar Yojna" to provide free plots of land to families who do not have land to build their houses in rural areas. The maximum area of the plot for allotment will be 60 sq m. For getting a residential plot, applications have to be submitted online through 'SAARA' portal. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Madhya Pradesh – launched "Mukhyamantri Awasiya Bhu-adhikar Yojna" to provide free plots of land to families
- Applications to get a plot can be submitted through 'SAARA' portal
- Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Mangubhai Chhaganbhai Patel

725. On October 30, To bring a sharper focus on moving women to the higher economic order, the central government has launched an initiative on creating "Lakhpati SHG women", to enable rural self-help groups (SHGs) women to earn at least Rs 1 lakh per annum. The Ministry of Rural Development has envisioned livelihood support to 25 million rural SHG women in the next 2 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Central government launched an initiative on creating "Lakhpati SHG women"
- The initiative will ensure women associated with SHGs earn ₹1 lakh per year
- MoRD – envisioned livelihood support to 25 million rural SHG women in the next 2 years

726. Shri Amit Shah, Union Minister of Home Affairs and Cooperation launched the "Dairy Sahakar" scheme at Anand, Gujarat, during the function organised by Amul for celebration of 75th Foundation Year of Amul. The 'Dairy Sahakar' scheme with a total investment of Rs 5000 Cr will be implemented by National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) under Ministry of Cooperation, Government of India to realize the vision, "From Cooperation to Prosperity". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Amit Shah (Ministry of Cooperation) – launched the “Dairy Sahakar” scheme at Anand, Gujarat
- Outlay of the scheme – Rs 5000 Cr | It will be implemented by – NCDC under Ministry of Cooperation
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Bhupendra Patel | Governor – Acharya Devvrat

727. On October 30, the Union Minister of Home Affairs and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah launched the “Mukhyamantri Ghasiyari Kalyan Yojana” and “Computerization of Cooperative Societies” in Dehradun, Uttarakhand. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Amit Shah – launched the “Mukhyamantri Ghasiyari Kalyan Yojana” in Dehradun, Uttarakhand
- Uttarakhand: Capital – Dehradun & Gairsain | CM – Pushkar Singh Dhami | Governor – Lt. Gen. Gurmit Singh

Sports & Games

728. In October 2021, Ireland’s Amy Hunter became the youngest player to score an ODI century, striking an unbeaten 121 to a win against Zimbabwe at the age of 16. She overtook the record previously held by India’s Mithali Raj, who scored 114 not out against Ireland at the age of 16 years and 205 days in June 1999. The youngest male batter to score an ODI century remains Pakistan’s Shahid Afridi, who scored 102 against Sri Lanka in 1996 aged 16 years and 217 days. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Amy Hunter (Ireland) – became the youngest female player to score an ODI century (the age of 16)
- She overtook the record previously held by India’s Mithali Raj
- The youngest male player to score an ODI century – Shahid Afridi (Pakistan)

729. Indian Grandmaster Panneerselvam Iniyan emerged as the winner in the 5th Rujna Zora Chess Tournament held in Serbia. He finished half a point ahead of the second placed Makarian Rudik of Russia. Another Indian player V. S. Raahul stood at the third spot. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- P. Iniyan (Indian GM) – emerged as the winner in the 5th Rujna Zora Chess Tournament held in Serbia
- 2nd – Makarian Rudik (Russia) | 3rd – V. S. Raahul (India)



Important Days & Dates

730. “World Thrift Day” or “World Savings Day” is celebrated every year on October 31, across the world, but in India, the day is celebrated annually on October 30. This year, the theme is “Understanding the importance of Savings”. World Savings Day was established on October 30, 1924. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- October 31 – World Thrift Day or World Savings Day
- India celebrates World Thrift Day on – October 30
- Theme – “Understanding the importance of Savings”

731. “National Unity Day” or “Rashtriya Ekta Diwas” is celebrated on October 31 every year. The Government of India introduced the day in 2014 to mark the birth anniversary of the Iron Man of India - Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. 2021 marks Patel’s 146th birth anniversary. He was appointed as the first Deputy Prime Minister and Home Minister of independent India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- October 31 – “National Unity Day” or “Rashtriya Ekta Diwas” (since - 2014)
- The day marks the 146th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel

732. Every year, World Cities Day is observed across the globe on October 31. This year’s general theme is “Better City, Better life”, and this year’s sub-theme is “Adapting Cities for Climate Resilience”. ‘Urban October’ was launched by UN-Habitat in 2014 to emphasize the world’s urban challenges. Sustainable Development Goal 11 deals with ‘Sustainable Cities & Communities’. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- October 31 – World Cities Day
- 2021’s General Theme – “Better City, Better life”
- 2021’s Sub-Theme – “Adapting Cities for Climate Resilience”
- ‘Urban October’ was launched by UN-Habitat in 2014
- SDG 11 – ‘Sustainable Cities & Communities’

Meetings, Conferences and Summits

733. In October 2021, Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh chaired the “Ambassadors’ Round Table for DefExpo 2022” in New Delhi. The Round Table was aimed to brief the Ambassadors of foreign missions about the planning, arrangements and other details of ‘DefExpo 2022’, which will be held in Gandhinagar, Gujarat between March 10-13, 2022. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Rajnath Singh – chaired the “Ambassadors’ Round Table for DefExpo 2022” in New Delhi
- ‘DefExpo 2022’ will be held in – Gandhinagar, Gujarat (in March 2022)

734. On October 29, Union Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs & Petroleum and Natural Gas Shri Hardeep S. Puri virtually inaugurated the 14th edition of “Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference 2021”. The main theme of this year’s conference is “Mobility for All”. The urban population in 2020 accounted for 56% of the total global population, up from 30% in 1950, and is expected to increase to 60% by 2030. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Hardeep S. Puri – inaugurated the 14th edition of “Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference 2021”
- Theme – “Mobility for All”

735. On October 27, Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh addressed the “Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue (IPRD) 2021” held virtually from October 27-29, 2021. The theme of IPRD 2021 is “Evolution in Maritime Strategy during the 21st Century: Imperatives, Challenges and Way Ahead”. The IPRD is the apex international annual conference of the Indian Navy and was first conducted in 2018. India is fully determined to protect its maritime interests, while it supports the maintenance of rule-based maritime systems, as mandated under UN Convention on the Law of Seas (UNCLOS), 1982. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rajnath Singh – addressed the “Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue (IPRD) 2021”
- Theme – “Evolution in Maritime Strategy during the 21st Century: Imperatives, Challenges and Way Ahead”

736. On October 28, the 13th Meeting of Heads of National Statistical Offices (NSO) of BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa) Countries was held virtually under the Chairship of India. Dr. G. P. Samanta, Chief Statistician of India and Secretary of Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), chaired the meeting. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- G. P. Samanta – chaired the 13th Meeting of Heads of NSO of BRICS
- BRICS Member Countries: 5 – Brazil, Russia, India, China & South Africa | Chairmanship in 2021 – India
- NSO comes under – Ministry of Statistics & Program Implementation (MoS I/C – Rao Inderjit Singh)
- HQs of NSO – New Delhi | Chairperson – Bimal Kumar Roy

737. Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrived in Rome, Italy and participated in the 16th ‘G-20 Summit’ from October 30-31 at the invitation of Italian Prime Minister Mario Draghi. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Modi – participated in the 16th ‘G-20 Summit’ from October 30-31 (summit convened by – Italy)
- Presidency of G20 Summit: 2021 – Italy | 2022 – Indonesia | 2023 – India | 2024 – Brazil

738. The National Commission for Women (NCW), along with National Legal Services Authority (NALSA), launched a pan-India legal awareness programme called “Empowerment of Women through Legal Awareness” in Varanasi to impart practical knowledge about legal rights and remedies provided under various women-related laws. The programme aims to cover all the States and UTs across India through regular sessions to make women aware of the various machineries of the justice delivery system available for redressal of their grievances. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NCW + NALSA = launched “Empowerment of Women through Legal Awareness” programme in Varanasi, UP
- HQs of NCW – New Delhi | Chairperson – Rekha Sharma | Founded in – 1992
- HQs of NALSA – New Delhi | Executive Chairman – Uday U. Lalit | Founded in – 1995

Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

739. In October 2021, Harbhajan Singh and Javagal Srinath have been announced among the 18 new Honorary Life Members of the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC). Srinath has become an ICC match referee after retiring as an ace India pacer, while Harbhajan represents Kolkata Knight Riders in the IPL. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Harbhajan Singh + Javagal Srinath = among the 18 new Honorary Life Members of the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC)
- HQs of MCC – London, UK | CEO – Derek Brewer

740. In October 2021, Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has won the “2021 Hewlett Packard Enterprise (HPE) GreenLake Ecosystem Partner of the Year Award”. The Awards recognise HPE partners committed to customer excellence, strong performance, focus on growth, and dedication to mutual achievements. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- TCS – won the “2021 HPE GreenLake Ecosystem Partner of the Year Award”
- HQs of TCS – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Rajesh Gopinathan | Founded in – 1968

Appointments & Resignations

741. In October 2021, the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet abolished the post of CEO for Development of Museums and Cultural Spaces, and accepted the resignation of retired IAS officer Raghvendra Singh from the post. The Government had created the post in 2019 by upgrading the post of the Director of the National Museum and Mr. Singh, who had retired as Culture Secretary, was appointed for a 3-year term till September 2022. Culture Ministry Additional Secretary Partha Sarthi Sensharma was given additional charge of the post of Director General of National Museum, and Joint Secretary Lily Pandeya was given additional charge of the post of Nehru Memorial Museum and Library director. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Appointments Committee of the Cabinet – abolished the post of CEO for Development of Museums & Cultural Spaces
- It happened after the resignation of 'Raghvendra Singh' from the post | This post was created in 2019
- Partha Sarthi Sensharma – given additional charge of the DG of National Museum
- Lily Pandeya – given additional charge of the Director of Nehru Memorial Museum & Library
- Minister of Culture: G. Kishan Reddy | Constituency – Secunderabad, Telangana
- MoS in Minister of Culture: Arjun Ram Meghwal

742. In October 2021, Isha Ambani has been appointed to the Board of Trustees of Smithsonian's National Museum of Asian Art, for a 4-year term. The Smithsonian's National Museum of Asian Art is part of the Smithsonian Institution, the world's largest museum, education and research complex, based in Washington, D.C, US. This museum was opened as the Freer Gallery of Art in 1923. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Isha Ambani – appointed to the Board of Trustees of Smithsonian's National Museum of Asian Art for a 4-year term
- Smithsonian's National Museum of Asian Art – the world's largest museum ([Washington, D.C, US](#))

743. In October 2021, The government has appointed Justice Ashok Bhushan (former judge of the Supreme Court) as Chairperson of the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) for a period of 4 years. Besides, it has appointed Justice Ramalingam Sudhakar (former Chief Justice of Manipur High Court) as President of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT). The appellate tribunal NCLAT will now have a permanent Chairperson after a gap of almost 19 months. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ashok Bhushan – appointed as Chairperson of the NCLAT for a period of 4 years
- Ramalingam Sudhakar – appointed as President of the NCLT

744. In October 2021, Coca-Cola India has extended partnership with former Indian skipper and BCCI President Sourav Ganguly as its ambassador for another 3 years. Ganguly had earlier signed a pact with Coca-Cola in 2017. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sourav Ganguly – reappointed as the ambassador of Coca-Cola India for another 3 years
- HQs of Coca-Cola India – Gurugram, Haryana
- President Coca-Cola India and South West Asia – Sanket Ray
- CEO of Hindustan Coca-Cola Beverages (HCCB) – Neeraj Garg



745. In October 2021, Tae-Jin Park, Executive Director and Chief Sales & Business Strategy Officer (CSBO) has assumed the role of Managing Director and CEO of Kia India. He has been associated with Kia India since January 2020. T. J. Park succeeded Kookhyun Shim. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tae-Jin Park – appointed as the MD & CEO of Kia India (succeeding - Kookhyun Shim)
- HQs of Kia India – Anantapur, Andhra Pradesh | MD & CEO – Tae-Jin Park

Ranks, Reports & Surveys

746. On October 29, Delhi's Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia announced that the Sex Ratio has improved in Delhi, from 920 females per 1,000 males in 2019 to 933 females per 1,000 males in 2020, according to the annual report of the "Directorate of Economics and Statistics" of the Delhi government. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Directorate of Economics and Statistics" of the Delhi government:
- Sex Ratio in Delhi increased to 933 females per 1,000 males in 2020 (against 920 females per 1,000 males in 2019)
- New Delhi: CM – Arvind Kejriwal | Lt. Governor – Anil Baijal | Chief Secretary – Vijay Dev

747. On October 29, Microsoft, with a market valuation of \$2.46 trillion, became the World's Most Valuable Company replacing Apple Inc whose market capital stands at \$2.41 trillion. Microsoft's stock has surged more than 45% this year. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Microsoft – became the World's Most Valuable Company (mcap - \$2.46 trillion)
- Apple Inc – the 2nd Most Valuable Company in the world (mcap - \$2.41 trillion)
- HQs of Microsoft – Washington, USA | Chairman & CEO – Satya Nadella | Founded in – 1975

Books & Authors

748. In October 2021, Famous writer Amitav Ghosh's new book "The Nutmeg's Curse: Parables for a Planet in Crisis" was released. The book reveals the remarkable ways in which human history is shaped by non-human forces. Other books written by the author include, "Shadow Lines", "The Glass Palace", "The Hungry Tide", "Gun Island" and Ibis Trilogy - "Sea of Poppies", "River of Smoke" and "Flood of Fire". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "The Nutmeg's Curse: Parables for a Planet in Crisis" book – authored by Amitav Ghosh

Obituaries

749. In October 2021, Two former Australian cricketers passed away within a day of each other. Alan Keith Davidson (nick named 'The Claw'), an all-rounder known for his ability to swing the ball both ways, passed away at age 92. Off-spinner Ashley Mallett died at age 76 after a long battle with cancer. Alan was the first player to score 100 runs and take 10 wickets in a Test match. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Alan Keith Davidson ([Australia](#)) – a Cricketer – passed away (Nickname - 'The Claw')
- Ashley Mallett ([Australia](#)) – a Cricketer – passed away
- Alan Keith Davidson – the first player to score 100 runs & take 10 wickets in a Test match
- [Australia – Canberra – Australian Dollar | PM – Scott Morrison](#)

Science & Technology

750. In October 2021, for the first time, scientists at NASA's Chandra X-ray Observatory have discovered an Exoplanet outside the Milky Way galaxy. The potential exoplanet, called 'M51-ULS-1b', lies 28 million light-years away in the spiral galaxy 'Messier 51' (M51), also known as the 'Whirlpool galaxy'. Exoplanets are planets outside our solar system known as 'Milky Way'. The first exoplanet was discovered in 1992 and, since then, most exoplanets found have been less than 3,000 light-years from Earth. Andromeda Galaxy is the closest galaxy to our solar system. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Scientists at Chandra X-ray Observatory have discovered an Exoplanet outside the Milky Way galaxy (1st time)
- The potential exoplanet 'M51-ULS-1b' lies 28 million light-years away in 'Whirlpool galaxy' ('Messier 51' galaxy)
- The first exoplanet was discovered in – 1992
- Andromeda Galaxy – the closest galaxy to our Solar System





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