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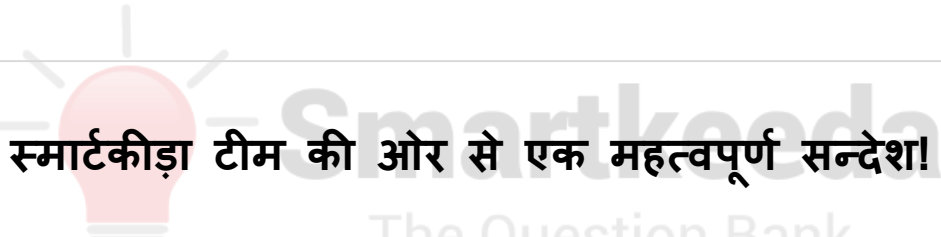
Hi Folks! We hope you all are doing well. We would like to state here that this PDF is meant for preparing for the upcoming MockDrill Test of October 2021 Month at Testzone. In this Current Affairs PDF we have added all the important Current Affairs information in form of 'Key-points' which are crucial if you want to score a high rank in Current Affairs Mocks at Testzone. Therefore, we urge you to go through each piece of information carefully and try to remember the facts and figures because the questions to be asked in the Current Affairs MockDrill will be based on the information given in the PDF only.

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मित्रों! हम आशा करते हैं की आप सभी स्वस्थ और कुशल होंगे। इस सन्देश के माध्यम से हम आपसे यह कहना चाहते हैं की ये PDF अक्टूबर 2021 माह में Testzone पर होने वाले MockDrill Test में आपकी तैयारी को बेहतर करने के लिए उपलब्ध करायी जा रही है। इस PDF में हमने कुछ अति आवश्यक 'Key-Points' के माध्यम से आपको सम-सामयिकी (Current Affairs) सूचनाओं से अवगत कराया है और अगर आप MockDrill में अपनी योग्यता सिद्ध करना चाहते हैं तो आपके लिए हर सूचना को पढ़ना, समझना और उसे याद रखना भी अति आवश्यक है क्योंकि MockDrill में शामिल किए गए प्रश्न PDF में दी गयी सूचना या जानकारी पर ही आधारित होंगे।

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National & States Affairs

351. On October 10, The Indian Railways has launched two long haul freight trains “Trishul” and “Garuda” which are longer than the normal composition of freight trains. Trishul is South Central Railway (SCR)'s first long haul train comprising 3 freight trains. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian Railways – launched two long haul freight trains “Trishul” & “Garuda” for South Central Railway
- HQs of South Central Railway – Secunderabad, Telangana | GM – Gajanan Mallya

352. On October 7, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has announced in Guwahati that Government of India has approved the construction of a 3 km long 4-lane bridge on Brahmaputra river in Kamrup district. The bridge will be constructed at an estimated total cost of Rs 3094 Cr. In another event Smt. Sitharaman laid foundation stone of upgradation work of 90km road from Haflong Tinali to Lower Haflong, under the Asian Development Bank (ADB) aided ‘Assam Road Network Improvement Project (ARNIP)’ in Dima Hasao. The estimated cost of this project is \$375 million, which includes \$300 million assistance from ADB. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Nirmala Sitharaman – announced a 3 km long 4-lane bridge on Brahmaputra river in Kamrup, Assam (Cost - Rs 3094 Cr)
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Himanta Biswa Sarma | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi

353. On October 8, Adani Group has taken over the management & responsibilities of the Jaipur International Airport from the Airports Authority of India (AAI). The airport has been leased out to the group by the government of India for a period of 50 year. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Adani Group – took over the management of “Jaipur International Airport” from the AAI
- HQs of Adani Group – Ahmedabad, Gujarat | Chairman – Gautam Adani | MD – Rajesh Adani

354. On October 13, PM Narendra Modi has launched the ambitious Rs 100 lakh Cr “Gati Shakti Master Plan” to provide multi-modal connectivity to more than 1,200 industrial clusters, including two defence corridors across India. The Prime Minister had announced ‘PM Gati Shakti - National Master Plan’ in his Independence Day speech on August 15, 2021. The various aims under this Master plan are as mentioned below. In line with the goals of ‘PM Gati Shakti’, Mumbai Port Trust is constructing an ‘International Cruise Terminal’ at Ballard Pier extension berth at an estimated cost of Rs 500 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- PM Narendra Modi – launched the ambitious Rs 100 lakh Cr “Gati Shakti Master Plan”
- Here is what Government aims to achieve by 2024-25 under “Gati Shakti Master Plan”:
 - 11 industrial corridors & 2 new defence corridors in Tamil Nadu & Uttar Pradesh



- 4G connectivity in all villages
- Increasing Renewable Energy capacity to 225 GW from 87.7 GW
- Expanding the National Highway Network to 2 lakh km
- Increasing length of Transmission Network to 4,54,200 circuit km
- Creation of 220 new airports, heliports and water aerodromes
- Increasing cargo handling capacity of railways to 1,600 million tons from 1210 million tons
- Adding 17,000 km to Gas Pipeline Network or doubling the Gas Pipeline Network to 35,000 km
- 202 fishing clusters/harbours/landing centres
- Mumbai Port Trust – constructing an ‘International Cruise Terminal’ at the cost of Rs 500 Cr

355. On October 12, The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved the proposal of the Department of Fertilizers for fixation of Nutrient Based Subsidy Rates for Phosphatic & Potassic (P&K) Fertilizers for the year 2021-22 with an outlay of Rs 28,602 Cr. Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) Scheme for Fertilizers was initiated in 2010. The Government brought ‘Potash Derived from Molasses’ (PDM) for the first time under this scheme. Besides, the government is expected to spend Rs 156 Cr annually on PDM as a subsidy and save foreign exchange of Rs 562 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CCEA approved the proposal of Dept of Fertilizers for fixation of Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) Rates for P&K Fertilizers
- Total Outlay – Rs 28,602 Cr | NBS Scheme was launched in – 2010
- Government brought ‘Potash Derived from Molasses’ (PDM) for the first time under NBS Programme
- Government is expected to spend Rs 156 Cr annually on ‘PDM’ as a subsidy

356. On October 12, To leverage the experience of administering 33 Sainik Schools across India, it has been decided to set up 100 new affiliated Sainik Schools by inviting proposals from Government/Private Schools /NGOs to apply for affiliation of existing or new Schools to the Sainik Schools Society. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Cabinet approved affiliation of 100 Schools in Government & Private Sector with Sainik School Society

357. On October 12, Maharashtra has become the first state to release its own “Wildlife Action Plan (2021-30)”. The plan focuses on various 12 areas. The new plan, which will be implemented over the next 10 years, recognises concerns about climate change impacts on wildlife, coastal ecosystems, marine biodiversity, flora and fauna. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Maharashtra – became the first state to release its own “Wildlife Action Plan (2021-30)”
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari



358. On October 14, Delhi Police has launched a patrolling operation called “Operation Satark” to combat and prevent crime and make public spaces safer, particularly during festive season through comprehensive patrols and increased police visibility. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Delhi Police – launched “Operation Satark” to combat & prevent crime & make public spaces safer during festivals
- New Delhi: CM – Arvind Kejriwal | Lt. Governor – Anil Bajjal | Chief Secretary – Vijay Dev

359. On October 13, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M. K. Stalin has virtually launched the preliminary work towards the melting of Gold ornaments, in temples under the control of the ‘Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (HR&CE) Department’ and converting them into gold bars. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tamil Nadu – launched preliminary work to convert Temples’ Gold Jewellery into Gold bars
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin | Governor – Ravindra Narayan Ravi

360. On October 14, India was re-elected to the U.N. Human Rights Council (UNHRC) for the 2022-24 term with an overwhelming majority in the General Assembly. India got 184 votes in the 193-member assembly, while the required majority was 97. India’s Permanent Representative to the UN, T. S. Tirumurti participated in the elections held by the 76th UN General Assembly (UNGA). India gets re-elected to the UNHRC for the 6th term. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – re-elected to the U.N. Human Rights Council (UNHRC) for 2022-24 (6th term)
- India’s Permanent Representative to the UN – T. S. Tirumurti
- HQs of UNHRC – Geneva, Switzerland | President – Nazahat Shameen Khan

361. On October 12, Union Minister for Education and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Dharmendra Pradhan has inaugurated the 29th “Hunar Haat” at Rampur, Uttar Pradesh. Union Ministry of Minority Affairs is organising “Hunar Haat” in Rampur, UP from October 16 to 25, 2021 as a part of series of 75 “Hunar Haat”. Besides, the first “Vishwakarma Vatika” has been set up in “Hunar Haat” at Rampur to protect, preserve and promote India’s glorious legacy of centuries-old skills and craftsmanship. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dharmendra Pradhan – inaugurated the 29th “Hunar Haat” at Rampur, UP – organised by Ministry of Minority Affairs
- First “Vishwakarma Vatika” has been set up in “Hunar Haat” at Rampur, UP
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel



362. On October 15, The South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC) has launched a smart parking mobile application, “MyParkings”, which will allow users to remotely view slot availability. The app has been developed with the help of BECIL. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- South Delhi Municipal Corp – launched a smart parking mobile application, “MyParkings”
- [New Delhi: CM – Arvind Kejriwal](#) | [Lt. Governor – Anil Bajjal](#) | [Chief Secretary – Vijay Dev](#)

363. On October 13, The government has notified new rules under which the upper limit for termination of a pregnancy has been increased from 20 to 24 weeks for certain exceptional categories of women. According to the “Medical Termination of Pregnancy (Amendment) Rules, 2021”, these categories include survivors of sexual assault or rape or incest, minors and women whose marital status changes during an ongoing pregnancy (widowhood and divorce) and women with physical disabilities. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Government notified new rules under “Medical Termination of Pregnancy (Amendment) Rules, 2021”
- Upper limit for termination of a pregnancy increased from 20 to 24 weeks for exceptional categories of women

364. On October 13, The National Testing Agency (NTA), an autonomous testing organisation under the ministry of education, has announced the first-ever National Aptitude Test for school students and youth aged between 13-25 years to assess their conceptual understanding in a scientific manner and help them make better career decisions. Candidates for the test have been divided into 4 age groups. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NTA – announced the first-ever National Aptitude Test for school Students & Youth aged between 13-25 years
- [HQs of NTA – New Delhi](#) | [DG – Vineet Joshi](#) | [Chairperson – M. S. Ananth](#)

365. On October 15, The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has extended the jurisdiction of the Border Security Force (BSF) up to 50 km inside the international borders in Punjab, West Bengal and Assam. The BSF’s powers which include arrest, search and seizure, were limited to up to 15 km in these states. At the same time, the Ministry has reduced BSF’s area of operation in Gujarat from 80 km from the border, to 50 km. The government was exercising the powers under the Border Security Force Act of 1968. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MHA extended the jurisdiction of BSF up to 50 km inside the international borders in Punjab, West Bengal & Assam
- BSF’s powers which include arrest, search & seizure, were limited to up to 15 km in these states
- MHA reduced BSF’s area of operation in Gujarat to 50 km from the border (from 80 km)
- [HQs of BSF – New Delhi](#) | [Director General \(DG\) – Pankaj Kumar Singh](#)



366. On October 14, In order to support the ambitious goal of achieving 450 GW renewable energy target of Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) by 2030, the government has approved the installation of 1000 MWh Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) as a pilot project. This is the joint effort of both Ministry of New and renewable energy and Ministry of Power. Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) has called for the expression of interest for procurement of 1000 MWh BESS. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Government approved the installation of 1000 MWh Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)
- Aim: To support the ambitious goal of achieving 450 GW renewable energy target of MNRE by 2030

International Affairs

367. On October 12, International Energy Agency (IEA) has invited India, the world's third-largest energy consumer, to become its full-time member. Oil Minister Hardeep Singh Puri held online discussions with IEA Executive Director Fatih Birol. India in March 2017 became an associate member of the IEA. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IEA – invited India to become its full-time member
- HQs of IEA – Paris, France | Executive Director – Dr. Fatih Birol | Member countries – 30

368. The World Health Organisation (WHO) has launched the first-ever “Global Roadmap to Defeat Meningitis by 2030”. Meningitis is a debilitating disease that kills hundreds of thousands of people each year. WHO launched the strategy along with a broad coalition of partners like PATH, UNICEF, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, and University College London. They also aim to reduce the overall deaths by 70%. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- WHO – launched the first-ever “Global Roadmap to Defeat Meningitis by 2030”
- HQs of WHO – Geneva, Switzerland | DG – Tedros Adhanom | Member Countries – 194 | Founded in – 1948

369. On October 14, Bhutan and China signed an agreement on a ‘Three-Step Roadmap’ to resolve their boundary disputes. Since 1984, talks between Bhutan and China have largely focused on two separate areas of dispute, including Doklam and other areas in Bhutan’s West. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bhutan + China = an agreement on a ‘Three-Step Roadmap’ to resolve their boundary disputes
- Bhutan – Thimphu – Bhutanese Ngultrum | PM – Lotay Tshering
- China – Beijing – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping



Banking, Finance, Insurance & Economic Affairs

370. On October 13, Indian Bank has picked up 13.27% stake in the proposed bad bank National Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd (NARCL). While SBI, Union Bank of India and PNB picked up over 12% stake each in NARCL. As per the Indian bank, the investment of 13.27% would be reduced to 9.90% by December 31, 2021. Earlier, Government had approved the ₹30,600 Cr as a guarantee to back Security Receipts (SRs) which will be issued by NARCL. NARCL is 51% owned by Public Sector Banks (PSBs). NARCL will acquire bad loans or stressed assets worth Rs 2 lakh Cr from banks via 15% in cash and the remaining 85% will be government-guaranteed Security Receipts (SRs). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian Bank – picked up 13.27% stake in the NARCL
- SBI + UBI + PNB = picked up over 12% stake each in NARCL
- MD of the NARCL – Padmakumar Madhavan Nair | Lead Sponsor – Canara Bank (with 12% equity)

371. On October 14, After Indian Bank, Indian Overseas Bank is now integrated with TN Govt's IFHRMS (Integrated Finance Human Resource Management System) portal designed for collection of all treasury receipts. IFHRMS portal is developed as a comprehensive management system by integrating Human Resources and Financial services to improve operational efficiency. In this connection, IOB has launched an NPS Campaign until October 31. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IOB is now integrated with TN Govt's IFHRMS (after Indian Bank)
- HQs of IOB – Chennai, TN | MD & CEO – Partha Pratim Sengupta | Tagline – “Good people to grow with”
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin | Governor – Ravindra Narayan Ravi

Defence Affairs

372. On October 10, QUAD Nations - India, the US, Japan and Australia conducted the 2nd phase of “2021 Malabar” naval exercise in the Bay of Bengal from October 12 to 15. It will focus on advanced surface and anti-submarine warfare exercises, seamanship evolution and weapon firings. The navies of the Quad nations conducted the first phase of the drills near the Pacific Ocean island of Guam from August 26 to 29, 2021. INS Ranvijay, INS Satpura, P-8I long-range maritime patrol aircraft and a submarine participated in the drill. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- QUAD Nations – conducted the 2nd phase of “2021 Malabar” naval exercise in the Bay of Bengal
- INS Ranvijay + INS Satpura = participated in the exercise
- QUAD countries – 4: India, US, Japan & Australia



Sports & Games

373. On October 11, FIFA has unveiled the official mascot of the U-17 Women's World Cup India 2022 "Ibha" - an Asiatic lioness representing women power. Ibha aims to inspire women and girls across India and around the world to realise their potential. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- FIFA – unveiled the official mascot of the U-17 Women's World Cup India 2022 - "Ibha"
- "Ibha" – an Asiatic lioness representing women power
- HQs of FIFA – Zurich, Switzerland | President – Gianni Infantino | Founded – 1904

374. On October 16, In the 14th Edition of IPL, M. S. Dhoni's Chennai Super Kings (CSK) clinched their 4th title with 27-run win over Eoin Morgan's Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) at Dubai, UAE. Three records were created by captain MS Dhoni in IPL 2021 - 300 appearances as captain in T20 cricket, Oldest captain to win IPL trophy & his 8th trophy as captain in a T20 tournament. In IPL 2021 final, 'Orange Cap' for scoring a massive runs in all matches was given to Ruturaj Gaikwad while 'Purple Cap' for picking up the most number of wickets was given to Harshal Patel. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- M. S. Dhoni's CSK – won the 14th Edition of IPL – defeating Eoin Morgan's KKR (CSK's 4th title)
- Ruturaj Gaikwad – won 'Orange Cap' for scoring a massive runs in all matches of IPL 2021
- Harshal Patel – won 'Purple Cap' for picking up the most number of wickets in IPL 2021
- M. S. Dhoni created 3 records in IPL 2021:
 - 300 appearances as captain in T20 cricket
 - Oldest captain to win IPL trophy
 - 8th trophy as captain in a T20 tournament

Meetings, Conferences and Summits

375. On October 12, The 2-day "National conference for Zoo Directors & Veterinarians" was organized by Central Zoo Authority (CZA) at Sardar Patel Zoological Park, Kevadia, Gujarat. During the conference, three important publications of the Central Zoo Authority were also released - "Vision Plan (2021-2031)", "WASH Manual for Zoos" & "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav - A Compilation (Vol 1)". The dignitaries also gave away the CZA constituted "Prani Mitra Awards" that are given every year under 4 categories. The winners of this year are mentioned below category-wise. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- CZA organised “National Conference for Zoo Directors & Veterinarians” at Sardar Patel Zoological Park (Gujarat)
- CZA’s “Prani Mitra Awards” were given under 4 categories:
 - Outstanding Animal Keeper – Shrimati Lakhidevi
 - Outstanding Educationist/Biologist – Harpal Singh
 - Outstanding Veterinarian – Dr. Illiyaraja
 - Outstanding Director – Dr. Vibhu Prakash Mathur

376. On October 9, Union Minister of State for External Affairs and Culture (MoS) Meenakshi Lekhi is set to visit Belgrade from October 10-13 as the Special Envoy of PM Narendra Modi to attend the high-level commemorative meeting to mark the 60th Anniversary of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM). The 60th Anniversary of the NAM Commemorative Meeting is being jointly co-hosted by Aleksander Vucic who is the President of Serbia and NAM Chair President Aliyev of Azerbaijan. The first NAM Conference was held in Belgrade in 1961. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Meenakshi Lekhi – participated in the 60th Anniversary of NAM Commemorative Meeting – at Belgrade, Serbia
- First NAM Conference was held in Belgrade in 1961
- Ministry of External Affairs: S. Jaishankar | Constituency – Gujarat
- MoS in Ministry of External Affairs: Rajkumar Ranjan Singh, V. Muraleedharan & Meenakshi Lekhi

Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

377. On October 9, ‘Manthalirile 20 Communist Varshangal’, a novel by Benyamin, has won the 45th “Vayalar Ramavarma Memorial Literary Award”. Instituted by the Vayalar Ramavarma Memorial Trust, the award commemorates the celebrated poet and lyricist. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Benyamin – won 45th “Vayalar Ramavarma Memorial Literary Award” for ‘Manthalirile 20 Communist Varshangal’ novel
- Benyamin – an Indian Novelist & short story writer in Malayalam

378. On October 9, The Chairman of DRDO, Dr. G. Satheesh Reddy has been conferred the prestigious “Aryabhata Award” by Astronautical Society of India (ASI) for his outstanding life-time contribution to the promotion of astronautics in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- G. Satheesh Reddy – conferred the prestigious “Aryabhata Award” by Astronautical Society of India (ASI)



379. On October 9, UNHCR has named Nikola Kovacevic as the winner of “UNHCR Regional Nansen Refugee Award” for Europe for his dedication to providing legal assistance to refugees and asylum-seekers in Serbia. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Nikola Kovacevic ([Serbian Lawyer](#)) – winner of “UNHCR Regional Nansen Refugee Award” for Europe
- [HQs of UNHCR – Geneva, Switzerland](#) | [Head – Filippo Grandi](#)

380. On October 8, Well-known Telugu filmmaker Bejawada Gopal has been chosen for the 4th Satyajit Ray Award for his overall contribution to the Indian cinema. The award is instituted by the Satyajit Ray Film Society Kerala. Eminent filmmaker Adoor Gopalakrishnan, actress Madhabi Mukherjee and producer Mohan G were the first three recipients of this award. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bejawada Gopal ([Telugu filmmaker](#)) – chosen for the 4th Satyajit Ray Award – by Satyajit Ray Film Society Kerala
- First 3 recipients: Adoor Gopalakrishnan, Madhabi Mukherjee & Mohan G.

381. On October 11, The Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu presented the 22nd Lal Bahadur Shastri National Award for Excellence to eminent pulmonologist and Director of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Dr. Randeep Guleria. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- M. Venkaiah Naidu presented the 22nd ‘Lal Bahadur Shastri National Award for Excellence’ to – Randeep Guleria
- [HQs of AIIMS – New Delhi](#) | [Director – Randeep Guleria](#)

382. On October 12, Indian American Satya Nadella, the Microsoft CEO, has been honoured with the 2021’s “C. K. Prahlad Award” for Global Business Sustainability Leadership. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Satya Nadella – honoured with the 2021’s “C. K. Prahlad Award” for Global Business Sustainability Leadership

Appointments & Resignations

383. On October 12, As part of a bureaucratic reshuffle effected by the Centre, senior bureaucrats Meera Mohanty has been appointed as the joint secretary in the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) and Ritesh Chauhan is appointed as the CEO of the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY). While, Uma Nanduri will be the Joint Secretary in the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav Secretariat under the Ministry of Culture. Besides, other secretaries were also appointed as given below. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Meera Mohanty – appointed as the Joint Secretary in PMO
- Ritesh Chauhan – appointed as the CEO of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)
- Uma Nanduri – appointed as the Joint Secretary in 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav Secretariat' under 'Ministry of Culture'

384. On October 12, Former bureaucrat Amit Khare has been appointed as Advisor to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for 2 years on contract basis. Mr. Khare, a 1985 batch (retired) IAS officer of Jharkhand cadre, had superannuated on September 30. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Amit Khare – appointed as Advisor to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for 2 years

385. On October 14, S. V. Zaregaonkar has resigned as the Chief Financial Officer of IndusInd Bank with effect from 30 September, 2021. In his place, Gobind Jain has been appointed as the new CFO. IndusInd Bank had reported a 99% year-on-year rise in consolidated net profit at ₹1,016 Cr for the quarter ended June 30, 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Gobind Jain – appointed as the new Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of IndusInd Bank (replacing - S. V. Zaregaonkar)
- HQs of IndusInd Bank – Pune, MH | MD & CEO – Sumant Kathpalia | Tagline – “We Make You Feel Richer”

386. On October 13, Infinity Learn by Sri Chaitanya has appointed Indian cricketer Rohit Sharma as its Brand Ambassador. Learn Infinity is a personal growth education platform dedicated to help you transform yourselves in a holistic way through online live courses. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rohit Sharma – appointed as Brand Ambassador of 'Infinity Learn by Sri Chaitanya'
- HQs of Infinity Learn – Hyderabad, Telangana | CEO – Ujjwal Singh

387. On October 13, Hospitality firm Oravel Stays Ltd (OYO) has appointed Paralympian Deepa Malik as an Independent Director on the company's board. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Deepa Malik (Paralympian) – appointed as an Independent Director on OYO's board
- HQs of OYO – Gurgaon, Haryana | CEO – Ritesh Agarwal



388. E. R. Sheikh assumed charge as first Director General of the Ordnance Directorate (Co-ordination and Services) which is the successor organization of Ordnance Factory Board (OFB). Moreover, the Defence Ministry has recently dissolved the Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) into 7 DPSUs from 41 Ordnance Factories. By 2024, the Ministry of Defence has set a target of achieving a turnover of Rs 1.75 lakh Cr in aerospace and defence goods and services, including exports of Rs 35,000 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- E. R. Sheikh – assumed charge as first Director General of the Directorate of Ordnance
- Ministry of Defence’s target: To achieve a turnover of Rs 1.75 lakh Cr in aerospace and defence goods & services
- HQs of Directorate of Ordnance – Kolkata, West Bengal | DG – E. R. Sheikh

Amount & Agreements

389. On October 14, India and the US reaffirmed their commitment to raise \$100 billion annually from public and private sector sources to help develop the two countries’ efforts to tackle climate change. The Climate Crisis was the first topic of discussion at a meeting of the India-US Economic and Financial Partnership under the leadership of India’s finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman and US treasury secretary Janet Yellen. India-US Economic and Financial Partnership was launched in 2010. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India + US = to raise \$100 billion annually from public & private sector sources to fight Climate Change
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46th President – Joe Biden | 49th VP – Kamala Harris

Ranks, Reports & Surveys

390. On October 12, International Monetary Fund’s (IMF) report titled “Recovery During a Pandemic Health Concerns, Supply Disruptions and Price Pressures”, retained India’s GDP at 9.5% in the current fiscal 2021-22 (FY22) and 8.5% for FY23. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Recovery During a Pandemic Health Concerns, Supply Disruptions and Price Pressures” report – released by IMF
- IMF projected India’s GDP: 9.5% for FY22 & 8.5% for FY23 [{Dynamic Data}](#)
- HQs of IMF – Washington, D.C., US | President – Kristalina Georgieva | Member countries – 190



391. The “Global Hunger Index 2021” has ranked India at 101 position out of a total 116 countries with a score of 27.2. India is also among the 31 countries where hunger has been identified as ‘Serious’. Only 15 countries fare worse than India. India is also behind most of the neighbouring countries. Pakistan was placed at 92nd rank, Nepal at 76 and Bangladesh also at 76. Somalia has the highest level of hunger with a score of 50.8. GHI 2021 is prepared by European NGOs of Concern Worldwide and Welthungerhilfe. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Global Hunger Index 2021” – prepared by Concern Worldwide & Welthungerhilfe
- India – 101st (score – 27.2) | Worst – Somalia (50.8)
- India’s level of hunger is identified as ‘Serious’

392. On October 13, The Global Debt has increased by \$27 trillion (compared to 2019) to a new high of \$226 trillion with India's dues projected to rise to 90.6% in 2021, as per the report titled “Fiscal Monitor: Strengthening the Credibility of Public Finances” released by the International Monetary Fund (IMF). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Fiscal Monitor: Strengthening the Credibility of Public Finances” report – released by IMF
- Global Debt increased by \$27 trillion to \$226 trillion (in 2020)
- India’s debt is projected to rise to 90.6% in 2021 [{Dynamic Data}](#)
- HQs of IMF – Washington, D.C., US | President – Kristalina Georgieva | Member countries – 190

393. India needs to increase its solar power capacity to 5630 GW in order to become a Net-zero Emissions Nation by 2070, according to a report titled “Implications of a Net-zero Target for India’s Sectoral Energy Transitions and Climate Policy” released by the Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW). The government has set an ambitious target to scale up its total renewable energy capacity to 450 GW by 2030. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Implications of a Net-zero Target for India’s Sectoral Energy Transitions & Climate Policy” report – released by CEEW
- India needs to increase its solar power capacity to 5630 GW to become a Net-zero Emissions Nation by 2070
- HQs of CEEW – New Delhi | CEO – Arunabha Ghosh

394. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has released the “Global Financial Stability Report-2021”. The report mainly discusses the opportunities and challenges of the crypto ecosystem. The report stated ‘Bitcoin’ as the most dominant Crypto-currency. But Bitcoin’s market share sharply fell from 70% to less than 45% in 2021. The report stated that Bitcoin could lead to instability because it is extremely volatile. It was trading above \$65,000 just about earlier this year, and then it came down to below \$30,000. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- “Global Financial Stability Report-2021” – released by IMF
- Most dominant Crypto-currency in the market – Bitcoin
- HQs of IMF – Washington, D.C., US | President – Kristalina Georgieva | Member countries – 190

MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

395. On October 9, Denmark’s PM Mette Frederiksen visited India for the first time to enhance the friendly relationship with India. India and Denmark agreed on measures to take forward their unique “Green Strategic Partnership” and created 5-year Action Plan from 2021 to 2026. Both sides signed 4 agreements aimed at boosting cooperation in green technologies and management of Natural Resources such as groundwater. Besides, Denmark-based pump manufacturer Grundfos signed an MoU with TATA Projects to cooperate and explore projects in environment, sustainability and water. Moreover, India and Denmark also signed two agreements on research in Climate Change, while another MoU on setting up a ‘Green Hydrogen’ Electrolyser plant was signed between Reliance Industries and Danish company Stiesdal Fuel Technologies for Zero-Carbon Hydrogen in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India + Denmark = 4 agreements to boost “Green Strategic Partnership” & created 5-year Action Plan (2021-2026)
- Grundfos + TATA Projects = to explore projects in Environment, Sustainability & Water
- India + Denmark = two agreements on research in Climate Change
- Reliance Industries + Stiesdal Fuel Technologies (Denmark) = an MoU to set up ‘Green Hydrogen Electrolyser Plant’
- Denmark – Copenhagen – Danish krone | PM – Mette Frederiksen

396. On October 12, To stabilize prices of Di-ammonium Phosphate (DAP) fertiliser and reduce dependency on the countries like Jordan, Morocco, China, etc, India signed a long-term MoU with Russia on DAP fertiliser supply. Recently, the government has increased the subsidy to 140% on DAP fertiliser in order to retain the selling price for farmers at the current level. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India + Russia = an MoU for Di-ammonium Phosphate fertiliser supply
- Russia – Moscow – Russian Ruble | PM – Mikhail Mishustin | President – Vladimir Putin



Books & Authors

397. On October 11, A recent book, “Forgotten Kashmir, The Other Side of the Line of Control”, by former Ambassador Dinkar P. Srivastava seems to prepare the ground for a change in policy. He examines the policy of Pakistan towards Pakistan Occupied Kashmir (POK) and Gilgit-Baltistan over the last 70 years. The book was published by Harper Collins. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Forgotten Kashmir, The Other Side of the Line of Control” book – authored by Dinkar P. Srivastava
- Publisher – Harper Collins India

Obituaries

398. On October 11, Nedumudi Venu, one of Malayalam cinema’s most versatile character actors, passed away. He was 73. He made his film debut with G. Aravindan’s Thambu in 1978. In a career spanning more than four decades and over 500 films, Venu has portrayed a wide range of characters and also won three National awards. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Nedumudi Venu – a Malayalam Actor – passed away (winner of 3 National Awards)



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Person in News

399. On October 13, Actor William Shatner soared aboard a Blue Origin rocketship on a suborbital trip and landed in the Texas desert to become the oldest person ever to reach space at the age of 90. Shatner was one of four passengers to journey to the edge of space aboard the New Shepard spacecraft which is developed by Blue Origin as a commercial system for suborbital space tourism. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- William Shatner ([Canadian Actor](#)) – became the world’s oldest space traveler at the age of 90
- He traveled in Blue Origin’s ‘New Shepard spacecraft’
- HQs of Blue Origin – Washington, US | CEO – Bob Smith | Founder – Jeff Bezos | Founded in – 2000



Science & Technology

400. On October 14, OneWeb confirmed its successful launch of 36 satellites by Arianespace from the Vostochny Cosmodrome. This latest successful launch brings OneWeb's total in-orbit constellation to 358 satellites, over half of OneWeb's entire 648 LEO satellite fleet that will deliver high-speed, low-latency global connectivity. OneWeb is now over the halfway point toward delivering global service by 2022. Besides, OneWeb partnered with Canada-based Galaxy Broadband to deliver OneWeb's high-speed, low-latency communications services across Canada and the wider Arctic Region. OneWeb has also completed the acquisition of the company formerly known as 'TrustComm', now OneWeb Technologies. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- OneWeb – launched new 36 satellites by Arianespace from the Vostochny Cosmodrome (in Russia)
- Now, OneWeb's total in-orbit constellation – 358 satellites
- OneWeb + Galaxy Broadband (Canada) = partnership to deliver OneWeb's high-speed services across Canada
- OneWeb – completed the acquisition of 'TrustComm' (currently known as 'OneWeb Technologies')
- HQs of OneWeb – London, UK | CEO – Adrian Steckel | Executive Chairman – Sunil Bharti Mittal





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