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All the best!

Regards

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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 सितम्बर माह में Testzone पर होने वाले MockDrill 100 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 पढना, समझना और उसे याद रखना भी अति आवश्यक है क्योंकि MockDrill में शामिल किए गए प्रश्नPDF में दी गयी सूचना या जानकारी पर ही आधारित होंगे।

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आभार,

टीम स्मार्टकीड़ा



201. Science & Technology

Zvezda, a research and development enterprise, has started manufacturing space suits for Indian astronauts, who are likely to be part of the Gaganyaan mission. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Zvezda – started manufacturing Space Suits for Indian astronauts
- HQs of Zvezda – Lobnya, Russia | Founder – Konstantin Krivenko

202. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

India has fallen 26 spots to the 105th position on the Global Economic Freedom Index 2020 from 79th spot in 2019. Hong Kong topped the Index with a score of 8.94. This annual reports is released by Canada's Fraser Institute. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Global Economic Freedom Index 2020” report – released by Canada's Fraser Institute
- India – 105th position | Topped by – Hong Kong

203. Ordinance, Bills and Acts

The Union cabinet has approved amendments to 3 labour codes on social security, industrial relations, and occupational safety and health (OSH). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Union cabinet approved amendments to – 3 Labour Codes

204. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

Dr Harsh Vardhan has attended 73rd session of WHO South East Asia Region through video conferencing hosted by Thailand. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dr Harsh Vardhan – attended 73rd session of WHO South East Asia Region – hosted by Thailand
- Union Health & Family Welfare Minister – Dr Harsh Vardhan (Constituency – Chandni Chowk, New Delhi)



205. Sports & Games

Martial artist Poonam Khatri, who won a silver medal at the Wushu World Championship has been upgraded to a gold medal after Iran's Maryam Hashemi failed her dope test. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Poonam Khatri (Martial Art/Wushu) – Silver medalist at 'Wushu World Championship' – now upgraded to 'Gold'

206. National & States Affairs

Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog, has launched "Aatmanirbhar Bharat ARISE-Atal New India Challenges" to spur applied research and innovation in Indian MSMEs and startups. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- AIM launched – "Aatmanirbhar Bharat ARISE-Atal New India Challenges"
- AIM – a flagship of NITI Aayog | AIM Director – Ramanan Ramanathan
- HQs of NITI Aayog – New Delhi | CEO – Amitabh Kant
- Chairperson – Narendra Modi | Vice Chairperson – Rajiv Kumar

207. Obituaries

British actress Dame Diana Rigg, who recently appeared in "Game of Thrones", has passed away. He was 82. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dame Diana Rigg (UK) – British Actress – passed away

208. Important Days & Dates

UN General Assembly Resolution has established the "International Day to Protect Education from Attack" on 9 September. This year, the theme was "Protect Education, Save a Generation". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- September 9 – "International Day to Protect Education from Attack"
- Theme – "Protect Education, Save a Generation"



209. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

After Kanyashree scheme, West Bengal government project has received another global prize - “World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS)” award for its Sabuj Sathi scheme. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- West Bengal received – “World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS)” award for ‘Sabuj Sathi scheme’
- West Bengal: Capital – Kolkata | CM – Mamta Banerjee | Governor – Jagdeep Dhankar

210. Schemes & Initiatives

“Deendayal Antyodaya Rasoi Scheme” was re-introduced in Madhya Pradesh to provide meals at a subsidised rate to underprivileged people. Now the rate per thali has been increased to Rs 10 from Rs 5. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Madhya Pradesh re-introduced – “Deendayal Antyodaya Rasoi Scheme” – to provide meals at Rs 10
- Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Anandiben Patel

211. Appointments & Resignations

Retired IAS officer C. Partha Sarathi has been appointed as the Election Commissioner of Telangana for 3 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- C. Partha Sarathi – appointed as the Election Commissioner of Telangana – for 3 years
- Telangana: Capital – Hyderabad | CM – K. Chandrashekar Rao | Governor – Tamilisai Soundararajan

212. Current GK

Airport Authority of India’s Cargo and Logistic Allied Services (AAI-CLAS), a cargo business handling wing of AAI, has rolled out Domestic Air Cargo Operation from ‘Devi Ahilyabai Holkar Airport’. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ‘Devi Ahilyabai Holkar Airport’ – Madhya Pradesh
- Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Anandiben Patel



213. Science & Technology

Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati in collaboration with Workspace Metal Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Udaipur, has developed a first-of-its-kind Self-Check Kiosk. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IIT Guwahati + Workspace Metal Solutions = developed Self-Check Kiosk
- HQs of Workspace Metal Solutions Pvt. Ltd – Udaipur, Rajasthan

214. Amount & Agreements

ICICI Prudential Life Insurance has entered into a corporate agency agreement with NSDL Payments Bank, a subsidiary of National Securities Depository Ltd (NSDL) to offer insurance products. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ICICI Prudential Life Insurance + NSDL = entered into a corporate agency agreement
- HQs of ICICI Prudential Life Ins. – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – N. S. Kannan
- HQs of NSDL – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – G.V. Nageswara Rao

215. Banking & Economic Affairs

State Bank of India is planning to launch a loan product "SAFAL" primarily focused on organic cotton growers who don't have any credit history. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SBI – is planning to launch a loan product "SAFAL"
- HQs of SBI Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Rajnish Kumar
- MD & CEO – Challa Sreenivasulu Setty | Deputy MD & CFO – Chalasani Venkat Nageswar

216. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

India having one of the most coronary heart disease deaths due to Trans fats. The World Health Organization (WHO) has set a target to achieve a world free of industrially produced trans fats by 2023. According to a report of the WHO, around 5,00,000 deaths are caused per year due to coronary heart disease. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- WHO set a target to achieve a world free of industrially produced trans fats – by 2023
- 5,00,000 deaths / year – caused due to heart disease
- WHO HQs – Geneva, Switzerland | DG – Tedros Adhanom | Member Countries – 194



217. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

Nirmala Sitharaman has inaugurated Doorstep Banking Services by PSBs and participated in the awards ceremony to felicitate best performing banks on EASE Banking Reforms Index. Bank of Baroda, State Bank of India and Oriental Bank of Commerce were felicitated for being the top three (in that order) in the 'Top Performing Banks' category according to the EASE 2.0 Index Results. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurated – Doorstep Banking Services by PSBs
- EASE 2.0 awards for FY19-20 'Top Performing Banks': 1st – BOB | 2nd – SBI | 3rd – OBC

218. National & States Affairs

5 Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) under Petroleum and Natural Gas Ministry have joined International Solar Alliance (ISA)'s Coalition for Sustainable Climate Action (ISA-CSCA) as Corporate Partners and have contributed to ISA's Corpus Fund. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 5 PSUs – joined ISA-CSCA as Corporate Partners
- HQs of ISA – Gurugram, Haryana | DG – Upendra Tripathy | Member Countries – 121

219. National & States Affairs

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Edappadi K. Palaniswami has pledged to donate his eyes as part of the 'National Eye Donation' Fortnight and also launched a portal for registration. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tamil Nadu – launched a portal for 'Eye Donation' registration
- Edappadi K. Palaniswami – pledged to donate his eyes as part of the 'National Eye Donation'
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Thiru Edappadi K. Palaniswami | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit

220. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Dell Technologies in association with NITI Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) has launched 'SheCodes Innovation Challenge', aimed to encourage girls to create, tinker, sustain and innovate. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dell Technologies + AIM = launched 'SheCodes Innovation Challenge' to encourage girls
- HQs of Dell Technologies – Texas, USA | CEO – Michael S. Dell
- AIM – a flagship of NITI Aayog (NITI Aayog HQs – New Delhi | CEO – Amitabh Kant)
- Chairperson – Narendra Modi | Vice Chairperson – Rajiv Kumar



221. Science & Technology

Haryana has launched first of its kind educational whatsapp chatbot 'Apka Mitra' to resolve any admission related queries of the students. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Haryana launched – Educational whatsapp chatbot 'Apka Mitra'
- Haryana: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Manohar Lal Khattar | Governor – Satyadev Narayan Arya
- HQs of Whatsapp – California, USA | CEO – Jan Koum

222. Amount & Agreements

India and Japan have signed an Acquisition and Cross-Servicing Agreement (ACSA) for reciprocal provision of supplies and services between their defence forces. It is expected to drive closer military cooperation and contribute to regional security. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India & Japan – signed "Acquisition and Cross-Servicing Agreement (ACSA)" between their Defence Forces
- Japan – Tokyo – Yen | PM – Shinzo Abe

223. Banking & Economic Affairs

Minister for MSME and Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari has reiterated that he aims to enhance MSMEs' contribution to the GDP from about 30% to 50%, and in exports from 49% to 60%. The government is aiming to create 5 crore additional jobs in the MSME sector in 5 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Nitin Gadkari targets to increase MSME contribution to GDP to 50% (from 30%)
- In exports to 60% (from 49%) | to create 5 crore additional jobs in MSME – in 5 years
- Nitin Gadkari – Ministry of Road Transport and Highway, Ministry of MSMEs (Nagpur, Maharashtra)

224. National & States Affairs

Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh has launched the "e-Office File Management System" of the State government, a move which he said was to do away with traditional paper files or daks system. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Manipur – launched "e-Office File Management System"
- Manipur: Capital – Imphal | CM – N. Biren Singh | Governor – Najma Heptulla



225. Persons in News

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), a flagship scheme for focused and sustainable development of fisheries sector in the country. PM Modi also inaugurated the “e-Gopala App”, a comprehensive breed improvement marketplace and information portal for direct use of farmers. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

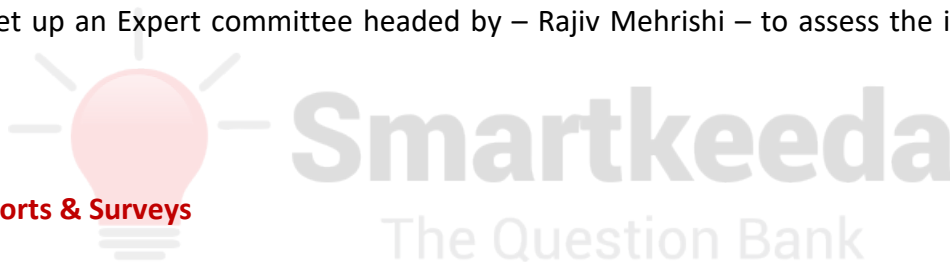
- Narendra Modi launched – “Matsya Sampada Yojana”
- Narendra Modi launched – “e-Gopala App”

226. Persons in News

The government has set up an Expert committee headed by former Comptroller & Auditor General (CAG) Rajiv Mehrishi to assess the impact of waiving interest and interest on interest on loans during the moratorium offered to Covid-hit borrowers that ended August 31. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Government set up an Expert committee headed by – Rajiv Mehrishi – to assess the impact of waiving interest



227. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

Public Sector Bank (PSB) performance on EASE Index has improved by 37% over March 2019-20 from 49.2 to 67.4 out of 100. The steps have resulted in a 67% decrease in retail loan turnaround time from 30 days to 10 days. Gross non-performing assets (NPAs) reduced from Rs 8.96 lakh crore in March 2018 to Rs 6.78 lakh crore in March 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- PSB performance on EASE Index – improved by 37% – to 67.4 (from 49.2)
- 67% decrease in retail loan turnaround time – to 10 days (from 30 days)
- Gross NPAs reduced – to Rs 6.78 lakh crore (from Rs 8.96 lakh crore)

228. Important Days & Dates

World Suicide Prevention Day (WSPD) is observed on 10 September every year around the world since 2003. The International Association for Suicide Prevention (IASP) has collaborated with the World Health Organization (WHO) and the World Federation for Mental Health (WFMH) to host World Suicide Prevention Day. The theme given by WHO for last two years was “Working Together to Prevent Suicide”. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- September 10 – World Suicide Prevention Day – since 2003
- Theme – “Working Together to Prevent Suicide”
- IASP + WHO + WFMH = to host ‘World Suicide Prevention Day’

229. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

India, France and Australia have held the 1st Trilateral Dialogue with focus on Indo-Pacific to discuss geo-strategic challenges, enhancing cooperation and to build strong bilateral relations between the trio. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India + France + Australia = held the 1st Trilateral Dialogue with focus on Indo-Pacific
- France – Paris – Euro | President – Emmanuel Macron | New PM – Jean Castex
- Australia – Canberra – Australian Dollar | PM – Scott Morrison

230. Appointments & Resignations

UNICEF India has announced Ayushmann Khurrana as its celebrity advocate for children's rights campaign - 'For Every Child'. He will support UNICEF towards ending violence against children. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- UNICEF India announced – ‘Ayushmann Khurrana’ as its celebrity advocate for children's rights campaign - 'For Every Child'
- UNICEF HQs – New York, United States | Executive Director – Henrietta H. Fore

231. Current GK

Union government has approved long-pending demand of renaming the Hubballi Railway Station after Shree Siddharoodha Swamiji. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Hubballi Railway Station – renamed as ‘Shree Siddharoodha Swamiji railway station’ – located in Karnataka
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – BS Yediyurappa | Governor – Vajubhai Vala



232. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

World Wildlife Fund's Living Planet Report 2020 reveals 68% decline in wildlife population on average in less than 50 years from 1970-2016. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "World Wildlife Fund's Living Planet Report 2020" – 68% decline in wildlife population from 1970-2016
- HQs of WWF International – Gland, Switzerland | Director General – Marco Lambertini

233. Persons in News

Union Minister Mansukh Mandaviya has launched a dispute redressal mechanism namely "SAROD-Ports (Society for Affordable Redressal of Disputes - Ports)" to facilitate affordable and timely resolution of disputes for the maritime sector. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mansukh Mandaviya – launched a dispute redressal mechanism namely "SAROD-Ports"
- MoS I/C in Ministry of Shipping – Mansukh L. Mandaviya

234. Science & Technology

Razorpay has launched a collateral free line of credit called 'Cash Advance'. In a bid to rescue MSMEs and improve their cash flows. MSMEs can borrow working capital with a credit limit of Rs 50,000 to Rs 10 lakh within 10 seconds through Razorpay. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Razorpay – launched a collateral free line of credit called 'Cash Advance'
- MSMEs can borrow working capital with a credit limit of Rs 50,000 to Rs 10 lakh within 10 seconds
- HQs of Razorpay – Bengaluru, Karnataka | CEO – Harshil Mathur

235. Science & Technology

100 million light-years away from Earth, an unusual supernova known as "Supernova LSQ14fmg" is exploding. It was discovered by a 37-member international research team from Florida State University (FSU). The research was published in The Astrophysical Journal. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Research team from Florida State University – discovered "Supernova LSQ14fmg" 100 million light-years away
- The research was published in – The Astrophysical Journal



236. International Affairs

The government of Bangladesh has launched a campaign named 'Asol Chini' or 'real-sugar' to fight fake information and rumour spreading on social media. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bangladesh – launched a campaign named 'Asol Chini' or 'real-sugar'
- Bangladesh – Dhaka – Taka | PM – Seikh Hasina | President – Abdul Hamid

237. Important Days & Dates

'Himalaya Diwas' was celebrated on September 9 by Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology (WIHG), an autonomous institute of the Department of Science & Technology. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- September 9 – "Himalaya Diwas" – by WIHG
- Theme – "The Himalaya and Nature"
- HQs of WIHG – Dehradun, Uttarakhand | Chairman – Prof. Ashok Sahni

238. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

Union Culture Minister Prahlad Singh Patel has recently attended 17th "SCO Culture Ministers' meeting" held via video conferencing. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Prahlad Singh Patel – attended 17th "SCO Culture Ministers' meeting"
- Prahlad Singh Patel – Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of Culture (Constituency – Damoh, Madhya Pradesh)

239. National & States Affairs

Food Processing Industries Minister Harsimrat Kaur Badal has inaugurated the Organic Food Processing Unit in Barabanki, Uttar Pradesh through video conference. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Harsimrat Kaur Badal inaugurated – Organic Food Processing Unit in Barabanki, Uttar Pradesh
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel





240. Ordinance, Bills and Acts

Union cabinet has approved a hike in the cap of foreign direct investment through automatic approval in the defence sector from 49% to 74%. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Union cabinet approved a hike in the FDI limit in Defence sector to 74% (from 49%)

241. National & States Affairs

Karnataka Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa has inaugurated and named a 400-metre flyover in Yelahanka after Hindutva ideologue Veer Savarkar. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Karnataka inaugurated – 400-metre flyover in Yelahanka – after Veer Savarkar
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – BS Yediyurappa | Governor – Vajubhai Vala

242. Science & Technology

Google has announced 'Verified Calls' feature for its Phone app. It will identify the caller, reason for calling. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Google – announced 'Verified Calls' feature for its Phone app
- Google HQs – California, United States | CEO – Sundar Pichai

243. Science & Technology

Mastercard has launched Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDCs) Testing Platform, enabling central banks to assess and explore national digital currencies. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mastercard launched – Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDCs) Testing Platform
- HQs of Mastercard – New York, USA | CEO – Ajay Banga (From Jan 2021 - Michael Miebach)



244. Science & Technology

The Nagaland government has launched a tele-medicine platform “Naga Telehealth” to enable people have access to qualified doctors for consultation. The state government has developed this platform in partnership with US Agency for International Development (USAID). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Nagaland launched – a tele-medicine platform “Naga Telehealth”
- Nagaland: Capital – Kohima | CM – Neiphiu Rio | Governor – Ravindra Narayana Ravi
- HQs of USAID – Washington D.C., USA | Administrator – Mark Green

245. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

US President Donald Trump has been nominated for “2021 Nobel Peace Prize” following his efforts to broker peace between Israel and the United Arab Emirates (UAE). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Donald Trump – nominated for “2021 Nobel Peace Prize”
- USA – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | President – Donald Trump

246. Appointments & Resignations

Emmbros Overseas, a company in the beauty and HPC (health and personal care) category, has roped in actor Vaani Kapoor as brand ambassador for the beauty and wellness brand, St. Botanica. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Vaani Kapoor – appointed as the Brand Ambassador – of St. Botanica

247. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

The Minister of State (I/C) for Labour and Employment Shri Santosh Gangwar has attended the G-20 Labour and Employment Ministers meeting recently. Shri Gangwar also appreciated the efforts of the Saudi Presidency in developing the G20 Youth Roadmap 2025. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Santosh Gangwar – attended the G-20 Labour and Employment Ministers meeting
- MoS in Ministry of Labour and Employment – Santosh Gangwar



248. Current GK

The Wild with Bear Grylls episode featuring Akshay Kumar was recently shot in 'Bandipur National Park' and Tiger Reserve. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 'Bandipur National Park/Tiger Reserve' – Karnataka
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – BS Yediyurappa | Governor – Vajubhai Vala

249. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has launched the website of "Aero India 2021" considered Asia's largest aerospace exhibition. The 13th edition of "Aero India-21" will be held at Air Force Station, Yelahanka, Bengaluru in Karnataka from February 3 to February 7, 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rajnath Singh – launched the website of "Aero India 2021"
- 13th edition of "Aero India-21" – will be held in Bengaluru, Karnataka
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – BS Yediyurappa | Governor – Vajubhai Vala

250. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

Minister of State for External Affairs V. Muraleedharan has attended the 10th East Asia Summit Foreign Ministers' (EASFM) Meeting virtually. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- V. Muraleedharan – attended the 10th East Asia Summit Foreign Ministers' (EASFM) Meeting
- Minister of External Affairs – Subrahmanyam Jaishankar | Constituency – Gujarat
- Minister of State for External Affairs – V. Muraleedharan

251. Obituaries

Govind Swarup, the man who pioneered radio astronomy in India and regarded as the "Father of Indian Radio Astronomy" has passed away recently in September. He was 91. Swarup is credited with conceptualising and leading the team that set up the Ooty Radio Telescope (ORT) and Giant Meterwave Radio Telescope (GMRT). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Govind Swarup – Radio Astronomer (Father of Indian Radio Astronomy) – passed away



252. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) and LinkedIn have joined hands to provide access to free LinkedIn Learning resources for imparting digital skills to youth for enhancing employability. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NSDC + LinkedIn = partnership to impart free digital skills training
- HQs of NSDC – New Delhi | MD & CEO – Manish Kumar
- HQs of LinkedIn – California, USA | CEO – Ryan Roslansky

253. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

The 3rd annual Indo-Pacific Business Forum is scheduled to be held in Vietnam's capital Hanoi on October 28 and 29. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 3rd Indo-Pacific Business Forum – to be held in Hanoi, Vietnam
- Vietnam – Hanoi – Vietnamese Dong | PM – Nguyen Xuan Phuc

254. Obituaries

Veteran Telugu stage and film actor Jayaprakash Reddy has passed away of heart attack. He was 74. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Jayaprakash Reddy – Telugu Actor – passed away

255. Banking & Economic Affairs

State Bank of India has modernized its Payment Switching System with ACI Worldwide Technology. SBI is India's largest public sector bank, with a network of more than 22,000 branches spread across the country, as well as a presence in 32 countries around the world. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SBI – modernized its Payment Switching System with ACI Worldwide Technology
- HQs of SBI Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Rajnish Kumar
- MD & CEO – Challa Sreenivasulu Setty | Deputy MD & CFO – Chalasani Venkat Nageswar



256. Important Days & Dates

Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organisation (PESO) under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry completed 123 years of service on September 9, 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- September 9 – Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organisation completed 123 years
- PESO works under – Ministry of Commerce & Industry
- Piyush Goyal – Ministry of Railways, Ministry of Commerce & Industry | Constituency – Maharashtra

257. National & States Affairs

Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani has announced 16% rebate in gas bill to the ceramic industry in the state. This will exempt the ceramic industry from Rs. 2.50 per standard cubic meter (SCM) hike by Gujarat Gas Company Limited and Sabarmati Gas Limited. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Gujarat – has announced 16% rebate in gas bill to the ceramic industry in the state.
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat

258. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

The Industries and Commerce Department of the Telangana government and UK India Business Council have renewed their MoU to strengthen the state's industrial development. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Telangana + UKIBC = renewed their MoU to strengthen the state's industrial development
- Telangana: Capital – Hyderabad | CM – K. Chandrashekar Rao | Governor – Tamilisai Soundararajan
- HQs of UKIBC – London, UK | CEO – Jayant Krishna

259. Appointments & Resignations

The All India Tennis Association (AITA) has elected BJP Rajya Sabha member Anil Jain as its new President while Anil Dhupar was chosen as its Secretary General during the national federation's Annual General Meeting. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Anil Jain – elected as the new President of All India Tennis Association (AITA)
- Anil Dhupar – elected as Secretary General of AITA
- HQs of AITA – New Delhi | President – Praveen Mahajan



260. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

According to the 'Levels & Trends in Child Mortality' Report 2020, the number of global under-5 deaths dropped to its lowest point on record in 2019 down to 5.2 million from 12.5 million in 1990. The number of under-5 deaths (child mortality rate) in India has dropped from 3.4 million in 1990 to 8.24 lakh in 2019. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- According to the 'Levels & Trends in Child Mortality' Report 2020
- Global Child Mortality rate – to 5.2 million in 2019 (from 12.5 million in 1990)
- India's Child Mortality rate – to 8.24 lakh in 2019 (from 3.4 million in 1990)

261. International Affairs

India has initiated an anti-dumping investigation on imports of Vitamin C from China on the basis of a complaint by Bajaj Healthcare Limited to the Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India initiated an anti-dumping investigation on imports of 'Vitamin C' from – China
- China – Beijing – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping

262. International Affairs

The Bangladesh Parliament has unanimously adopted a condolence motion on former Indian President Pranab Mukherjee, who passed away in August. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bangladesh adopted a condolence motion on former Indian President – Pranab Mukherjee
- Bangladesh – Dhaka – Taka | PM – Sheikh Hasina | President – Abdul Hamid

263. Schemes & Initiatives

The Vice President, Shri M Venkaiah Naidu has suggested to include milk in 'Mid-Day Meal Scheme' in order to improve the nutritional levels of children. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- M Venkaiah Naidu – suggested to include milk in 'Mid-Day Meal Scheme'



264. National & States Affairs

PayU Finance, India's leading alternate lending platform, launched a first-of-its-kind digital revolving credit line called 'LazyPlus' that combines the power of UPI and the Buy-Now-Pay-Later concept. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- PayU Finance launched – 'LazyPlus' - a first-of-its-kind digital revolving credit line (UPI + Buy-Now-Pay-Later)
- HQs of PayU – Netherlands | CEO – Laurent le Moal

265. Amount & Agreements

The government of Himachal Pradesh and the World Bank have signed \$82 million loan for the implementation of Himachal Pradesh State Roads Transformation Project. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Himachal Pradesh + World Bank = signed \$82 million loan for Roads Transformation Project
- Himachal Pradesh: Capital – Shimla & Dharamshala | CM – Jai Ram Thakur | Governor – Bandaru Dattatreya
- World Bank HQs – Washington D.C., USA | Member Countries – 189
- President – David Malpass | MD & CFO – Anshula Kant

266. National & States Affairs

Karnataka Chief Minister B. S. Yediyurappa has launched an integrated Air Ambulance service equipped with a state-of-the-art German Isolation Pod at Jakkur Aerodrome, Bengaluru. It will enable safe transport of critical COVID-19 patients. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- B. S. Yediyurappa – launched an integrated Air Ambulance service – in Bengaluru
- It is equipped with – German Isolation Pod
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – BS Yediyurappa | Governor – Vajubhai Vala



267. International Affairs

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) will undertake the responsibility of procuring and supplying an effective vaccine to about 92 low and middle-income countries of the world under the Covax Global Vaccines Facility. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- UNICEF – will undertake the responsibility of procuring and supplying an effective vaccine
- HQs of UNICEF – New York, United States | Executive Director – Henrietta H. Fore

268. Amount & Agreements

Integrated agri value-chain company – Lawrencedale Agro Processing India (LEAF) has entered into an agreement with the Government of Andhra Pradesh to expand the scope of food processing in the State. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- LEAF + Andhra Pradesh = an agreement to expand the scope of food processing
- HQs of LEAF – Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan

269. International Affairs

According to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), Iran now has more than 10 times the amount of enriched uranium permitted under an international agreement. Iran's enriched uranium stockpile had reached 2,105kg. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Iran – has more than 10 times the amount of enriched uranium permitted
- Iran – Tehran – Rial | President – Ali Khamenei

270. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

DBS Bank has been recognised as the World's Best Bank for the third year in a row. DBS' latest global best bank accolade comes from the New York-based financial publication Global Finance, which named DBS 'Best Bank in the World' for the second time in 3 years in its World's Best Global Banks 2020 Awards. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- DBS Bank – recognised as the World's Best Bank for the third year
- HQs of DBS Bank – Singapore | CEO – Piyush Gupta



271. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

A partnership agreement was signed by ISA with NTPC Ltd to help India's largest power generation utility secure solar projects in 47 least developed and small island developing ISA member countries. Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) and ISA have also signed a partnership agreement for providing technical assistance in deploying 1 million solar irrigation pumps. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ISA + NTPC = an agreement to help India's largest power generation utility
- ISA + GGGI = an agreement to provide technical assistance in deploying 1 million solar irrigation pumps
- HQs of ISA – Gurugram, Haryana | DG – Upendra Tripathy | Member Countries – 121
- HQs of GGGI – Seoul, South Korea | Director-General – Frank Rijsberman

272. Current GK

The construction work at the Deoghar airport in Jharkhand is being developed by the Airports Authority of India (AAI) in collaboration with the Defense Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and state government at an investment of Rs 400 Crore. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Deoghar Airport – in Jharkhand – developed by AAI + DRDO
- Jharkhand: Capital – Ranchi | CM – Hemant Soren | Governor – Draupadi Murmu
- HQs of AAI – New Delhi | Chairman – Arvind Singh
- DRDO: HQs – New Delhi | Chairman – G. Satheesh Reddy

273. Current GK

International flight operations from the Kushinagar airport will commence in October. At present, 2 international airports Chaudhary Charan Singh International Airport at Lucknow and Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport at Varanasi are operational in the state. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kushinagar Airport + Chaudhary Charan Singh Int. Airport + Lal Bahadur Shastri Int. Airport – Uttar Pradesh
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel



274. Appointments & Resignations

The Australian government has appointed former cricketer Matthew Hayden and Indian-origin politician Lisa Singh as Trade Envoys for advancing business ties with India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Matthew Hayden (Cricketer) & Lisa Sing (Australian Politician) – appointed as Trade Envoys by Australia to India
- Australia – Canberra – Australian Dollar | PM – Scott Morrison

275. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

Former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh has conferred the “Indira Gandhi Peace Prize” on British broadcaster David Attenborough at a virtual event. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- David Attenborough conferred with – “Indira Gandhi Peace Prize” – by Manmohan Singh

276. Banking & Economic Affairs

Bank of India has launched an international contactless debit card, “Signature Visa Debit Card” for the affluent/high net worth individuals maintaining an average quarterly balance of ₹10 lakhs and above. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bank of India launched – “Signature Visa Debit Card” – for the affluent maintaining quarterly balance of ₹10 lakhs
- HQs of BOI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Shri Atanu Kumar Das

277. Persons in News

Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has inaugurated the Delhi government's e-filing consumer complaint system, which aims to help Delhiites during the coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Arvind Kejriwal – inaugurated the Delhi government's e-filing consumer complaint system
- Delhi: CM – Arvind Kejriwal | Governor – Anil Bajjal | Chief Secretary – Vijay Dev



278. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

The Andhra Pradesh government has tied-up with UiPath, a leading enterprise Robotic Process Automation (RPA) software company, for skill development colleges in the state. It will provide students with training in robotic process automation. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Andhra Pradesh + UiPath = partnership for skill development colleges in the state
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan

279. National & States Affairs

A proposal to transfer partial ownership of a terminal at India's busiest Mundra port in Gujarat to a Chinese company is now under the scanner of the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) and the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), after an agreement between the Adani Group's French joint venture partner CMA Terminals and the China Merchants Group (CMG). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- A proposal to transfer partial ownership of 'Mundra port' (Gujarat) is under the scanner of MEA & MHA
- Ministry of External Affairs – Subrahmanyam Jaishankar | Constituency – Gujarat
- Ministry of Home Affairs – Shri Amit Shah | Constituency – Gandhinagar, Gujarat

280. Obituaries

Oscar-winning Czech film Director 'Jiri Menzel' has passed away recently. He was 82. Menzel won the Academy Award for the best foreign-language film with "Closely Watched Trains", a World War II drama, in 1967. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Jiri Menzel – Czech film Director – passed away (Oscar winner)
- Czech Republic – Prague – Koruna

281. Current GK

Glaciers in Rishikesh catchment area of world heritage site 'Nanda Devi Biosphere Reserve' are depleting fast due to climate change, with a reduction of almost 10% in almost four decades. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Nanda Devi Biosphere Reserve – Uttarakhand
- Uttarakhand: Capital – Dehradun & Gairsain | CM – Trivendra Singh Rawat | Governor – Baby Rani Maurya



282. National & States Affairs

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved monetisation of assets of Power Grid Corp. of India Ltd (PGCIL) through Infrastructure Investment Trust (InvIT) model which would help the firm garner Rs 7,000 crore in the first lot. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Power Grid Corp. of India Ltd (PGCIL) – approved monetization through InvIT model
- HQs of PGCIL – Gurgaon, Haryana | CMD – Kandikuppa Sreekant

283. Appointments & Resignations

Ghanaian President, Nana Akufo-Addo is elected as the new Chairman of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Nana Akufo-Addo – elected as the new Chairman of ECOWAS
- Ghana – Accra – Cedi | President – Nana Akufo-Addo
- HQs of ECOWAS – FCT, Nigeria

284. National & States Affairs

SBI Mutual Fund has launched 'SBI Magnum Children's Benefit Fund' - Investment Plan, an open-ended fund to help parents to invest for their children's future. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SBI Mutual Fund launched – 'SBI Magnum Children's Benefit Fund'
- HQs of SBI Mutual Fund – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Vinay M. Tonse

285. International Affairs

Britain has named former Australian Prime Minister 'Tony Abbott' as a Trade Adviser rejecting criticism that his conservative views on gender, same sex marriage and climate change made him unfit to represent the United Kingdom. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Britain – named former Australian Prime Minister 'Tony Abbott' as a Trade Adviser
- Britain – London – Pound sterling



286. National & States Affairs

In a bid to increase the state's electronics industry output to \$100 billion by 2025, the Tamil Nadu government has released a new Electronics Hardware Manufacturing Policy, seeking to contribute 25% of India's total electronic exports to the world over a period of 5 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tamil Nadu – released a new Electronics Hardware Manufacturing Policy
- Target: State's Electronics industry output to \$100 billion – by 2025
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Thiru Edappadi K. Palaniswami | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit

287. Banking & Economic Affairs

Goldman Sachs has forecast a 14.8% contraction in India's economy in FY21. Possibly it is the deepest cut estimated so far. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- According to Goldman Sachs – India's GDP contraction in FY21 – 14.8% [{Flexible News}](#)
- HQs of Goldman Sachs – New York, USA | CEO – David M. Solomon

288. Appointments & Resignations

R Masakui has been appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to Jamaica. Masakui is presently Ambassador of India to the Republic of Zimbabwe. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- R Masakui – appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to Jamaica
- Jamaica – Kingston – Jamaican dollar

289. Appointments & Resignations

Playerzpot, the fantasy sports gaming platforms, announced the signing of cricketers Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Smriti Mandhana as its Brand Ambassadors. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bhuvneshwar Kumar & Smriti Mandhana – appointed as the Brand Ambassadors of – Playerzpot
- HQs of Playerzpot – Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra



290. Books & Authors

Radha Nair's book titled 'Breaking The Cocoon @ 40' is a delightful collection of select events from her life. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Breaking The Cocoon @ 40" book – authored by 'Radha Nair'

291. National & States Affairs

Mahindra Finance is set to enter the business of online insurance broking giving digital services to the customers of its insurance brokerage subsidiary, 'Mahindra Insurance Brokers'. It has decided to launch portal called 'PayBima'. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mahindra Finance – has decided to launch portal called 'PayBima'
- HQs of Mahindra Finance – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & VC – Ramesh Iyer

292. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

President Kovind has conferred National Award to 47 educators on the occasion of Teachers' Day in virtual ceremony at New Delhi. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- President Kovind conferred National Award to – 47 educators

293. Amount & Agreements

The government has signed a USD 500-million loan agreement with the Asian Development Bank for funding the 82-kilometre Delhi-Meerut Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) corridor. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Government + ADB = USD 500 million loan agreement for 82-Km Delhi-Meerut RRTS corridor
- ADB: HQs – Mandaluyong, Philippines | President – Masatsugu Asakawa | Member countries – 68

294. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Uttar Pradesh State Rural Livelihood Mission (SRLM) has signed an MoU with UN World Food Programme for manufacture and supply of Take Home Ration (THR) through SHGs. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- UP SRLM + UN WFP = signed an MoU for manufacture and supply of Take Home Ration Scheme
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel
- HQs of UNWFP – Rome, Italy | ED – David Muldrow Beasley | Countries – 36

295. National & States Affairs

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the “Patrika Gate” in Jaipur through video conferencing. The iconic gate has been built by the Patrika Group of Newspapers on the Jawaharlal Nehru Marg in Jaipur, Rajasthan. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the “Patrika Gate” in – Jaipur, Rajasthan
- Rajasthan: Capital – Jaipur | CM – Ashok Gehlot | Governor – Kalraj Mishra

296. National & States Affairs

The Central Institute of Petrochemicals Engineering and Technology (CIPET) will soon set up new centres for skilling and technical support at Bhagalpur and Varanasi. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CIPET – will set up new centres for skilling and technical support – at Bhagalpur (Bihar) & Varanasi (UP)
- Location of CIPET – Chennai, Tamil Nadu

297. Persons in News

Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar has launched 22 bamboo clusters in 9 states. In a virtual event, Tomar also released the logo for National Bamboo Mission (NBM). The NBM logo was chosen through a contest. Sai Ram Goudi Edigi emerged winner of the contest who designed the logo for NBM. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Singh Tomar has launched 22 bamboo clusters in 9 states
- Sai Ram Goudi Edigi – designed the logo for NBM
- Minister of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare and Rural Development – Narendra Singh Tomar (Morena, MP)



298. National & States Affairs

The Uttarakhand government will present its master plan worth Rs 424 Cr to the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) for the beautification of Badrinath and expansion of facilities for devotees around the Himalayan temple. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Uttarakhand – will present its Master Plan to PMO – for the beautification of 'Badrinath'
- Uttarakhand: Capital – Dehradun & Gairsain | CM – Trivendra Singh Rawat | Governor – Baby Rani Maurya

299. International Affairs

Apple has unveiled its 1st floating Apple store on the waters of Marina Bay in Singapore, describing it as the iPhone-maker's most ambitious retail project. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Apple has unveiled its 1st floating Apple store on the waters of Marina Bay – in Singapore
- Singapore – Singapore – Dollar | PM – Lee Hsien Loong | President – Halimah Yacob
- HQs of Apple – California, United States | CEO – Tim Cook

300. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Women's incubator WE HUB has joined hands with NutriHub to promote virtual co-incubation for women-led startups in the agripreneurship space, especially millet processing. NutriHub is supported by the Department of Science & Technology (DST) and hosted by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research-Indian Institute of Millet Research, ICAR-IIMR, Hyderabad. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- WE HUB + NutriHub = to promote virtual co-incubation for women-led startups in the agripreneurship space
- NutriHub – supported by Dept of S & T | hosted by – ICAR-IIMR (Hyderabad)
- HQs of WE HUB – Hyderabad, Telangana | CEO – Deepthi Ravula
- Location of NutriHub – Hyderabad, Telangana
- Telangana: Capital – Hyderabad | CM – K. Chandrashekar Rao | Governor – Tamilisai Soundararajan





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