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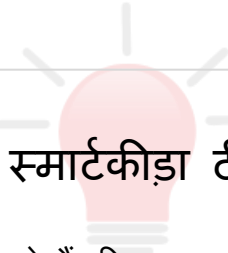
Hi Folks! We hope you all are doing well. We would like to state here that this PDF is meant for preparing for the upcoming MockDrill 100 of September 2020 Month at Testzone. In this Current Affairs PDF we have added all the important Current Affairs information in form of 'Key-points' which are crucial if you want to score a high rank in Current Affairs Mocks at Testzone. Therefore, we urge you to go through each piece of information carefully and try to remember the facts and figures because the questions to be asked in the Current Affairs MockDrill will be based on the information given in the PDF only.

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आभार,

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301. Appointments & Resignations

Jane Fraser is appointed as first female CEO of major global bank Citigroup. Fraser will succeed Mike Corbat, who is retiring in February, 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Jane Fraser – appointed as first female CEO of ‘Citigroup’ (by succeeding Mike Corbat)
- HQs of Citigroup – New York, USA | CEO – Michael Corbat (Jane Fraser - from Feb)

302. National & States Affairs

Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Narendra Singh Tomar announced that the Government has set the target of covering 100 lakh Hectares in 5 years under micro-irrigation. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Singh Tomar announced – to set a target of covering 100 lakh Hectares in 5 years under micro-irrigation
- Minister of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare and Rural Development – Narendra Singh Tomar (Morena, MP)



303. International Affairs

India and China have arrived at a five-point understanding to first disengage, and then de-escalate, along the friction points at Ladakh, particularly Pangong Tso. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India and China – arrived at a 5-point understanding to ease tensions at border
- China: Capital – Beijing | Currency – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping

304. Schemes & Initiatives

Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh has launched a “Smart Ration Card Scheme” for providing subsidised foodgrains to 1.41 crore beneficiaries in the state. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Punjab launched – “Smart Ration Card Scheme”
- Punjab: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Captain Amarinder Singh | Governor – V. P. Singh Badnore



305. Defence Affairs

Iran has begun an expansive annual 3-day Exercise “Zolfaghar-99” near the strategic Strait of Hormuz amid heightened tensions between the Islamic Republic and the US. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Iran began – 3-day annual Exercise “Zolfaghar-99” – near the strategic Strait of Hormuz
- Iran – Tehran – Rial

306. National & States Affairs

The High Court has directed Kerala state government to appoint a woman IPS officer in every district to oversee the investigation into the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act cases. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kerala HC – directed to appoint a woman IPS officer in every district to oversee the investigation of POCSO cases
- The POCSO Act - 2012
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

307. Banking & Economic Affairs

Standard and Poor’s (S&P) has forecast a spike in India’s debt levels to 90.6% of its gross domestic product (GDP) in FY21 from 73.4% a year before. S&P predicted a sharper contraction in India’s real GDP to a record 9% in FY21 than the 5% announced earlier. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- S&P predicted India’s GDP – (-9%) for FY21 [{Flexible News}](#)
- HQs of S&P Global Ratings – New York, USA

308. Sports & Games

Cristiano Ronaldo has become the second man to score 100 international goals after Ali Daei (Iran) who scored 109 times. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Cristiano Ronaldo (Footballer - Portugal) – the 2nd man to score 100 International Goals (1st – Ali Daei)
- Portugal – Lisbon – Euro | Iran – Tehran – Rial



309. Appointments & Resignations

Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL) launched the India's first airport Covid-19 testing facility at Indira Gandhi International Airport in New Delhi for arriving international passengers. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India's first airport Covid-19 testing facility launched at – Indira Gandhi International Airport (New Delhi)
- Delhi: CM – Arvind Kejriwal | Governor – Anil Bajjal | Chief Secretary – Vijay Dev

310. Defence Affairs

The Karlsruhe, a 174-metre light armoured cruiser, was the last of the big German World War II-era warships to remain missing – until its wreckage was found on June 30. The wreckage of the ship, sunk by a British submarine in 1940, was discovered around 20 km off Kristiansand. The Karlsruhe was built in the mid-1920s and commissioned into the German Navy in 1929. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Karlsruhe – the last of the big 'German World War II-era' warships is found (174-metre light armoured cruiser)
- Karlsruhe: Built in – 1920 | Commissioned in – 1929

311. National & States Affairs

Union minister Prahlaad Patel has informed to form a 16 member Expert Committee for conducting a study on the origin and evolution of Indian culture dating back to around 12,000 years ago. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Prahlaad Patel – informed to form a 16 member Expert Committee – to study Ancient Indian culture
- Prahlaad Singh Patel – Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of Culture (Constituency – Damoh, Madhya Pradesh)

312. Sports & Games

Kolkata Knight Riders all set to rope in Ali Khan from the USA as a replacement for seamer Harry Gurney. He will be the first player from the USA to feature in the IPL. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ali Khan – the first player from the USA to feature in the IPL (Kolkata Knight Riders)



313. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Private sector general insurer ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company Ltd has entered into a bancassurance tie-up with Yes Bank for selling its insurance products. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ICICI Lombard General Insurance + Yes Bank = bancassurance tie-up
- HQs of ICICI Lombard – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Bhargav Das Gupta
- HQs of Yes Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Prashant Kumar | Tagline – “Experience our Expertise”

314. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

The Foreign Ministers of Russia, India and China (RIC) have attended the RIC Foreign Ministers Meeting hosted by FM Lavrov in Moscow, Russia. The RIC meet was organised by Russia which holds the current Presidency of RIC. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Foreign Ministers of Russia, India and China attended – ‘RIC Foreign Ministers Meeting’
- Current Presidency of RIC or Meeting hosted in – Moscow, Russia
- Russia – Moscow – Russian Ruble | PM – Mikhail Mishustin | President – Vladimir Putin
- China: Capital – Beijing | Currency – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping

315. Obituaries

Social activist & a former MLA from Haryana, Swami Agnivesh, who was critically ill and was hospitalised due to liver cirrhosis, has passed away recently in September. He was 80. He has founded Arya Sabha, a political party based on the principles of the Arya Samaj. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Swami Agnivesh – Social activist & Politician – passed away (former MLA from Haryana)

316. Appointments & Resignations

Amazon has roped in Amitabh Bachchan to be Alexa’s first Indian celebrity voice from 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Amazon roped in “Amitabh Bachchan” to be Alexa’s first Indian celebrity voice – From 2021
- HQs of Amazon – Seattle , USA | Founder & CEO – Jeff Bezos



317. Current GK

The Home Ministry has approved registration of Golden temple in Amritsar (also known as Sri Harmandir Sahib) under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

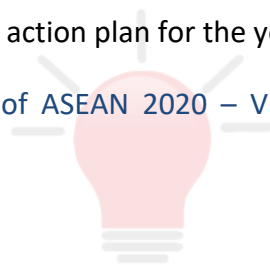
- Golden Temple (Sri Harmandir Sahib) – registered under “Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010”
- Golden Temple located in – Punjab
- Punjab: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Captain Amarinder Singh | Governor – V. P. Singh Badnore

318. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

The virtual ASEAN-India ministerial meeting, co-chaired by external affairs minister S Jaishankar and his Thai counterpart Don Pramudwinai, has adopted the plan of action for 2021-25. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The virtual “ASEAN-India ministerial meeting” – represented by S Jaishankar
- ASEAN- India’s action plan for the year – 2021 to 2025
- Chairmanship of ASEAN 2020 – Vietnam | Secretariat of ASEAN – Jakarta, Indonesia | MC – 10 countries



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319. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

Mumbai-based filmmaker Chaitanya Tamhane's Marathi language feature film "The Disciple" has won the prestigious award for “Best Screenplay at the 77th Venice Film Festival-2020”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "The Disciple" Marathi Film – won “Best Screenplay at the 77th Venice Film Festival-2020”
- Directed by – Chaitanya Tamhane

320. National & States Affairs

The Nagaland government has launched a Tele-medicine platform “Naga Telehealth” to enable people have access to qualified doctors for consultation. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Nagaland – launched a Tele-medicine platform namely “Naga Telehealth”
- Nagaland: Capital – Kohima | CM – Neiphiu Rio | Governor – Ravindra Narayana Ravi



321. Current GK

'River Gomati' is the largest and longest river of Tripura with cumulative length of 180 km. 'Dumbur dam' is built on it in 1974 as part of the Gumti Hydro-Electric Power Project. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 'Dumbur dam' – built on 'River Gomati' – located in Tripura
- Tripura: Capital – Agartala | CM – Biplab Kumar Deb | Governor – Ramesh Bais

322. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

Chief of Defence Staff (CDS), General Bipin Rawat has stated that Defence Exports has witnessed a staggering 700% growth in last 3 years from Rs 1,521 Cr in 2016-17 to Rs 10,745 Cr in 2018-19, an all time high ranking of 19th in the list of defence exporters in 2019. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- From the year 2016-17 to 2018-19, India's Defence Export has grown to – 700% - to Rs 10,745 Cr in 2018-19
- CDS – General Bipin Rawat

323. Sports & Games

Dominic Thiem has become first player since 1949 to win the US Open title. Dominic Thiem, the first-time Grand Slam winner, won a major title in his 4th attempt. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dominic Thiem (Tennis - Austria) – won "Men's Single title of the US Open"

324. National & States Affairs

The 2-days Orientation and Training programme on "iRAD App" was conducted by the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways on 7th & 8th September 2020 for the selected districts of Karnataka, and on 10th & 11th September 2020 for some districts of Uttar Pradesh. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Road Transport & Highways conducted – Orientation and Training programme on "iRAD App"
- For the selected districts of Karnataka & Uttar Pradesh
- Nitin Gadkari – Ministry of Road Transport and Highway, Ministry of MSMEs (Nagpur, Maharashtra)



325. Obituaries

Veteran playback singer Anuradha Paudwal's son, music composer Aditya Paudwal has passed away recently. He was 35. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Aditya Paudwal – Music Composer – passed away

326. International Affairs

Bahrain has become the latest Arab nation to agree to normalise ties with Israel as part of a broader diplomatic push. The agreement makes Bahrain the fourth Arab country, after Egypt, Jordan and the UAE, to have full diplomatic ties with Israel. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bahrain – the 4th Arab country to have full diplomatic ties with Israel
- Bahrain – Manama – Dinar

327. National & States Affairs

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has announced that the airstrip at Sonbhadra will be converted into an airport. He expressed happiness over the completion of Ashtbhuja and Kalikhoh ropeway project on the PPP model. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Uttar Pradesh announced – airstrip at Sonbhadra to be converted into an airport
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

328. National & States Affairs

The foundation stone of the Arun Jaitley Memorial Sports Complex was laid out in Hiranagar of Kathua district on September 12. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The foundation stone of “Arun Jaitley Memorial Sports Complex” – laid out in Kathua, J & K
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha



329. Acquisitions & Mergers

US graphics chip maker Nvidia will buy UK chipmaker Arm from Softbank in \$40 billion deal in a move that would create a global industry powerhouse. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Nvidia – to buy UK chipmaker Arm from Softbank – in \$40 billion deal
- HQs of Nvidia – California, USA | President and CEO – Jensen Huang
- HQs of Softbank – Tokyo, Japan | Founder & CEO – Masayoshi Son

330. International Affairs

Liberia has declared rape a 'National Emergency' and has ordered new measures to tackle the problem after a recent spike of cases in the poor West African state. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Liberia – declared rape a 'National Emergency'
- Liberia – Monrovia – Dollar

331. Sports & Games

Naomi Osaka has won the 140th edition of "Women's Single title of the US Open" final by defeating Victoria Azarenka. She has won the third Grand Slam title. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Naomi Osaka (Tennis - Japan) – won 140th "Women's Single title of the US Open" (her 3rd Grand Slam title)

332. National & States Affairs

Delhi CM Kejriwal's Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) has launched 'Oximitra' campaign to check Oxygen levels of people and it can save lives directly amid the coronavirus pandemic. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Delhi – launched 'Oximitra' campaign to check Oxygen levels of people
- Delhi: CM – Arvind Kejriwal | Governor – Anil Bajjal | Chief Secretary – Vijay Dev



333. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

The International Financial Services Centre Authority (IFSCA) and the India Gold Policy Centre (IGPC) at IIM-Ahmedabad, have signed an MoU at GIFT City in Gandhinagar to provide consultation for the establishment of the International Bullion Exchange (IBE) in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IFSCA + IGPC at IIM-Ahmedabad = signed an MoU at GIFT City in Gandhinagar – to set up IBE in India
- HQs of IFSCA – Gandhinagar, Gujarat | Chairman – Injeti Srinivas
- HQs of IGPC – Ahmedabad, Gujarat | Chairperson – Prof Arvind Sahay

334. International Affairs

The United States has revoked visas for more than 1,000 Chinese nationals under a May 29 presidential proclamation to suspend entry from China of students and researchers deemed security risks. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- USA – revoked visas for more than 1,000 Chinese students & researchers
- USA – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | President – Donald Trump

335. National & States Affairs

In a bid to fight against the novel Coronavirus, the state government of Maharashtra has come up with a new campaign “My family-My responsibility”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Maharashtra – launched a new campaign “My family-My responsibility”
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

336. Appointments & Resignations

The book titled “End of an Era, India Exits Tibet” authored by Claude Arpi is to be released soon. Claude Arpi’s four volumes on Tibet’s relations with India show how China developed its Tibet playbook that includes encroachment, occupation, and the spinning of a narrative of false claims. The last book in the series focuses on the last five years of India’s diplomatic presence in Tibet. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The book titled “End of an Era, India Exits Tibet” – authored by ‘Claude Arpi’



337. National & States Affairs

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan will take part in a virtual 'Grah Pravesh' ceremony of Madhya Pradesh for people who have built homes with assistance provided under the 'Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana'. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- PM Modi – took part in a virtual 'Grah Pravesh' ceremony of Madhya Pradesh
- Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Anandiben Patel

338. Current GK

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has held a fruitful interaction with his Kyrgyz counterpart Chingiz Aidarbekov here on the sidelines of the SCO meeting during which they agreed to further enhance their strategic partnership in all spheres. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- S Jaishankar – held an interaction with his Kyrgyz counterpart 'Chingiz Aidarbekov' – during SCO Meeting
- Minister of External Affairs – Subrahmanyam Jaishankar | Constituency – Gujarat
- Kyrgyzstan – Bishkek – Som

339. Amount & Agreements

The India UN Development Partnership Fund, managed by the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation, has pledged FJ\$1.8 million (USD 850,000) to support a new initiative to create a climate disaster risk financing framework for Fiji. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – pledged FJ\$1.8 million (USD 850,000) to support a new initiative in – Fiji
- Fiji – Suva – Fijian Dollar

340. National & States Affairs

PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the 3 petroleum sector projects in Bihar which cost more than Rs 900 crores. The projects include the Durgapur-Banka section of the Paradip-Haldia-Durgapur Pipeline Augmentation Project and two Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) Bottling Plants in Banka and Champaran. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the 3 petroleum sector projects in – Bihar
- Bihar: Capital – Patna | CM – Nitish Kumar | Governor – Phagu Chauhan



341. Obituaries

Former Union minister and Bihar leader Raghuvansh Prasad Singh has passed away recently in September. He was 74. He had resigned from the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) days ago. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Raghuvansh Prasad Singh – Politician – passed away (Former Union minister & Bihar leader)
- Bihar: Capital – Patna | CM – Nitish Kumar | Governor – Phagu Chauhan

342. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has arrived on a 4-day visit to Russia to attend a meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO). During his stay in Moscow, Jaishankar also attended the meeting of Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM) of SCO. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- S Jaishankar – attended a meeting of the Foreign Ministers of SCO – in Russia
- S Jaishankar – attended a meeting of Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM) of SCO – in Russia
- Ministry of External Affairs – Subrahmanyam Jaishankar | Constituency – Gujarat

343. National & States Affairs

Gujarat government has unveiled the first “Heritage Tourism Policy” and allowed opening up of heritage hotels, museums, banquet halls and restaurants inside historic palaces, forts and buildings. Modhera's Sun Temple is one of the historical sites in Gujarat. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Gujarat – unveiled the 1st “Heritage Tourism Policy”
- Modhera's Sun Temple – located in Gujarat
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat

344. Books & Authors

Arundhati Roy spoke about India’s caste system and racial hierarchy in the USA at a virtual event held to discuss the release of her new book “Azadi: Freedom. Fascism, Fiction”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Azadi: Freedom. Fascism, Fiction” book – Arundhati Roy



345. Sports & Games

Lewis Hamilton has won a hectic "Tuscan Grand Prix" to clinch his 90th Formula One win. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Lewis Hamilton – won a hectic "Tuscan Grand Prix" (90th Formula One win)

346. Important Days & Dates

"Hindi Diwas" is observed on September 14, every year. Hindi is the fourth most spoken language in the world after English, Spanish and Mandarin. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- September 14 – "Hindi Diwas" (Hindi – 4th most spoken language in the world)

347. Current GK

Okhla Bird Sanctuary is now set to open after being closed for 5 months due to the coronavirus-induced lockdown. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Okhla Bird Sanctuary" – Uttar Pradesh
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

348. Schemes & Initiatives

Twitter India has announced an initiative "ThereIsHelp" that will help spread awareness and encourage action to prevent suicide and self harm. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Twitter – announced an initiative "ThereIsHelp" – to prevent suicide and self harm
- HQs of Twitter – San Francisco, California, USA | CEO – Jack Dorsey

349. Appointments & Resignations

Harivansh Narayan Singh has been elected as the Rajya Sabha deputy Chairman, for a second consecutive term. The JD (U) leader is credited for making 'Prabhat Khabar' one of the most widely read Hindi papers in north India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Harivansh Narayan Singh – elected as the Rajya Sabha deputy Chairman
- Harivansh Narayan Singh – credited for making 'Prabhat Khabar' Hindi News paper



350. Schemes & Initiatives

In a significant move, the central government has enhanced scholarship amount for the students of J&K under “Pragati and Saksham Scholarship Schemes” from Rs 5,000 per annum to Rs 50,000 per annum from current academic year 2020-2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Scholarship amount for the students of J&K under ‘Pragati & Saksham Scholarship Scheme’ rised to – Rs 50,000/annum (From – Rs 5,000/annum)
- J &K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha

351. Current GK

“Nagarjuna Sagar Srisailam Tiger Reserve” is the largest of its kind in the area and the Forest Department has been following the scientific methods to conserve tigers. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Nagarjuna Sagar Srisailam Tiger Reserve” – Andhra Pradesh
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan

352. Banking & Economic Affairs

The RBI has laid down guidelines for appointment of chief compliance officer (CCO) in banks to ensure uniform approach across the banking industry. The CCO should be appointed for a minimum fixed period of 3 years. And his age should not be more than 55 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI – laid down guidelines for appointment of CCO
- Appointment for a minimum fixed period of 3 years | Upper limit of Age – 55 years
- RBI: HQs – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th)

353. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

The Central Mechanical Engineering Research Institute (CMERI), Durgapur, and the National Institute of Solar Energy (NISE), Gurgaon, have signed an MoU, a 'strategic association', to bolster the solar energy sector. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CSIR-CMERI (Durgapur) + NISE (Haryana) = signed an MoU a 'strategic association'
- HQs of CSIR – New Delhi | CSIR President – Narendra Modi | Director General – Shekhar C. Mande



354. National & States Affairs

Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has announced a universal health insurance scheme, on the lines of the Centre's Ayushman Bharat, to cover the entire population of the Union territory at an annual expenditure of Rs 123 crore. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Manoj Sinha – announced 'Universal Health Insurance coverage scheme'
- J &K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha

355. National & States Affairs

India's largest piggery mission worth Rs 209 Cr was launched in Meghalaya by the Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Kailash Choudhary. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India's largest piggery mission worth Rs 209 Cr launched in – Meghalaya
- Meghalaya: Capital – Shillong | CM – Conrad Kongkal Sangma | Governor – R N Ravi

356. Banking & Economic Affairs

The RBI has accepted the recommendations by the K V Kamath-led committee on the financial parameters to be considered in the restructuring of loans impacted by the Covid 19 pandemic. The committee has recommended 5 financial ratios for 26 sectors. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI accepted recommendations by the K V Kamath-led committee on the financial parameters
- The committee recommended – 5 financial ratios for 26 sectors
- DSCR – Debt Service Coverage Ratio
- RBI: HQs – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th)

357. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

Reliance Industries (RIL) has become the first Indian company to surpass \$200 billion in market capitalisation (m-cap) as on September 10. With an m-cap of Rs 15.3 trillion (\$208 billion). Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) is a distant second, with an m-cap of Rs 8.75 trillion, (\$119 billion). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Reliance Industries – the 1st Indian company to surpass \$200 billion 'm-cap' – with Rs 15.3 trillion (\$208 billion)
- TCS – 2nd top company with m-cap of Rs. 8.75 trillion
- HQs of Reliance – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Mukesh Ambani



358. International Affairs

India is contributing 2 teams of specialists to fortify medical facilities in UN peacekeeping operations in South Sudan and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) to meet the Covid-19 challenge, according to India's UN mission. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – contributed 2 teams of specialists to fortify medical facilities in South Sudan & Congo
- South Sudan – Juba South – Sudanese Pound | Congo – Kinshasa – Franc

359. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

President of the 74th session of the United Nation's (UN) General Assembly, Tijjani Muhammad-Bande convened the general assembly's annual high-level forum. The theme for this year's event was "The Culture of Peace: Change our world for the better in the age of Covid-19". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 74th session of the UN's General Assembly High-Level Forum on the Culture of Peace held on September 11
- HQs of UNGA – New York, USA | President – Tijjani Muhammad Bande

360. Defence Affairs

Defence Research and Development Organization, DRDO has developed 'P-7' Heavy Drop System which is capable of para dropping military stores up to 7-tonne weight class from 'IL- 76' aircraft. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- DRDO – developed 'P-7' Heavy Drop System
- Capable of para dropping military stores up to 7-tonne – from 'IL- 76' aircraft
- DRDO: HQs – New Delhi | Chairman – G. Satheesh Reddy

361. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has addressed the conclave on "School Education in the 21st Century" on September 11 as a part of the 'Shiksha Parv'. The conclave was organized by the Ministry of Education. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- PM Modi addressed – conclave on "School Education in the 21st Century" as a part of 'Shiksha Parv'
- The conclave organized by – Ministry of Education
- Ministry of Education – Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' (Constituency – Haridwar, Uttarakhand)



362. National & States Affairs

The Centre has extended Price Stabilization Interventions for fruits and vegetables under 'Operation Greens' scheme in Jammu and Kashmir to prevent distress sale. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Price Stabilization Interventions for fruits and vegetables under 'Operation Greens' scheme – extended in J & K
- 'Operation Greens' scheme – Ministry of Food Processing Industries
- J &K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha

363. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Liberty General Insurance Ltd. (Liberty), one of the leading general insurance companies in India, has partnered with SpiceJet to Offer Travel Insurance namely 'Liberty Secure Travel' Insurance Policy to consumers. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Liberty General Ins. + SpiceJet = partnership to offer 'Liberty Secure Travel' Insurance Policy to consumers
- HQs of Liberty General Insurance – Mumbai, MH | CEO – Roopam Asthana
- HQs of SpiceJet – Gurugram, Haryana | CEO – Ajay Singh

364. National & States Affairs

The Supreme Court has put interim stay on reservation for Maratha community in government jobs and educational institutions for undergraduate courses in Maharashtra. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SC – put interim stay on reservation for 'Maratha' community in government jobs – in Maharashtra
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

365. Important Days & Dates

On the occasion of the 15th "National Forest Martyrs Days" that was observed on September 11, Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Prakash Javadekar, has remembered and paid tribute to the martyrs. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- September 11 – 15th "National Forest Martyrs Days"
- Prakash Javadekar – Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Ministry of Info. & Broadcasting
- Constituency – Maharashtra



366. National & States Affairs

Kochi Metro Rail Ltd (KMRL) is all set to implement Kochi Water Metro Project at the cost of Rs 747 Crore with the financial assistance of German Bank, KfW. Kochi is the first city in India wherein water transport has been integrated as a feeder service to the metro. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kochi (Kerala) – the 1st city in India wherein water transport has been integrated
- At a cost of Rs 747 Cr – with a financial assistance from KfW Bank (Germany)
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

367. National & States Affairs

Chief Minister Y S Jaganmohan Reddy has flagged off south India's first "Kisan Rail". The one-of-its-kind train will be particularly helpful for farmers from Rayalaseema region by transporting their produce from Anantapur to New Delhi. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India's first "Kisan Rail" – flagged off from Anantapur (Andhra Pradesh) to New Delhi
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan

368. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

Minister of State for External Affairs, V Muraleedharan has participated in the 27th ASEAN Regional Forum ministerial meeting through video conference, where he shared his views on issues including counter-terrorism, COVID-19 and India-Pacific. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- V Muraleedharan participated in the 27th ASEAN Regional Forum ministerial meeting
- Minister of External Affairs – Subrahmanyam Jaishankar | Constituency – Gujarat
- Minister of State for External Affairs – V. Muraleedharan
- Chairmanship of ASEAN 2020 – Vietnam | Secretariat of ASEAN – Jakarta, Indonesia | MC – 10 countries



369. Persons in News

The government has constituted an Empowered Group of Ministers (EGoM) under the chairmanship of Defence Minister Rajnath Singh to oversee the process of corporatisation of the Ordnance Factory Board (OFB). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Government constituted 'Empowered Group of Ministers' – under the chairmanship of Rajnath Singh
- Ministry of Defence – Rajnath Singh (Constituency – Lucknow, UP)
- HQs of OFB – Kolkata, West Bengal | Chairman – Hari Mohan

370. Important Days & Dates

The Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) has completed its 100 years on 9 September 2020. The authorities will bury a time capsule at a suitable on the university's sprawling campus. And this capsule will contain all the details of the institution's achievements since its inception in 1920. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Aligarh Muslim University (Uttar Pradesh) completed 100 years on – 9 September, 2020
- Inception – 1920

371. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

NASSCOM FutureSkills and Microsoft have joined hands to launch a nation-wide AI skilling initiative. The initiative aims to skill 1 million students in AI by 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NASSCOM FutureSkills + Microsoft = joined hands to launch a nation-wide AI skilling initiative
- Microsoft: HQs – Washington, USA | CEO – Satya Nadella
- HQs of NASSCOM – New Delhi | President – Debjani Ghosh
- Chairman – UB Pravin Rao | Vice-Chairman – Rekha M Menon

372. Banking & Economic Affairs

Fitch Ratings has slashed India's FY21 Growth projection to (-) 10.5%, from (-) 5% estimated earlier. In the 1st quarter of current fiscal India's gross domestic product (GDP) contracted by a massive 23.9%. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Fitch Ratings slashed India's GDP for FY21 – (-) 10.5% [{Flexible News}](#)
- HQs of Fitch Solutions – New York, USA | President – Brian Filanowski



373. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

STEPapp (Student Talent Enhancement Program Application) has partnered with Ministry of Tribal Affairs to implement its gamified learning app across all Tribal Schools in India in a landmark development. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- STEPapp + Ministry of Tribal Affairs = to implement its gamified learning app
- Ministry of Tribal Affairs – Arjun Munda (Constituency – Khunti, Jharkhand)

374. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

Gujarat and Andaman & Nicobar Islands have emerged as the best performers among states and UTs in 'X-category' in the 2nd edition of 'States on Support to Startup Ecosystems 2019' released by DPIIT, followed by Karnataka and Kerala who were top performers. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 'X-category' in the 2nd edition of 'States on Support to Startup Ecosystems 2019' – released by DPIIT
- 1st in State - Gujarat | 1st in UT – Andaman & Nicobar Islands
- DPIIT works under – Ministry of Ministry of Commerce & Industry (Piyush Goyal – Maharashtra)

375. Banking & Economic Affairs

ICICI Bank has launched a comprehensive programme 'iStartup 2.0' for start-ups offering banking services, helping entrepreneurs set-up firm and digitise rapidly among other services. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ICICI Bank launched – a comprehensive programme 'iStartup 2.0' for start-ups
- HQs of ICICI Bank – Mumbai | MD & CEO – Sandeep Bakhshi | Tagline – “Hum Hain Na!”

376. Important Days & Dates

'Forest Martyrs Day' was observed at the Forest Martyrs pylon of the “Nehru Zoological Park” in Hyderabad, Telangana on September 11. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- September 11 – 'Forest Martyrs Day' observed at – “Nehru Zoological Park” in Hyderabad, Telangana
- Telangana: Capital – Hyderabad | CM – K. Chandrashekar Rao | Governor – Tamilisai Soundararajan



377. International Affairs

India, Israel and the USA have begun Trilateral Cooperation on digital leadership and innovation in 5G technology. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India + Israel + USA = begun Trilateral Cooperation/Collaboration on innovation in 5G technology
- Israel – Jerusalem – Israeli Shekel | President – Reuven Rivlin | PM – Benjamin Netanyahu
- USA – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | President – Donald Trump

378. National & States Affairs

India Post has launched “5 Star Villages Scheme” to ensure 100% rural coverage of postal schemes. Gramin Dak Sevaks will lead Public Awareness Campaign on Postal Services. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India Post launched – “5 Star Villages Scheme” to ensure 100% rural coverage of postal schemes
- HQs of India Post – New Delhi | Director General – Arundhaty Ghosh
- Ravi Shankar Prasad – Ministry of Communications, MeitY, Law and Justice (Constituency – Patna Sahib, Bihar)

379. Schemes & Initiatives

Andhra Pradesh has launched the ‘YSR Sampoonna Poshana’ and ‘YSR Sampoonna Poshana Plus’ schemes to provide nutritious food to pregnant women, nursing women, and children. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Andhra Pradesh launched – ‘YSR Sampoonna Poshana’ & ‘YSR Sampoonna Poshana Plus’ schemes
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan

380. Persons in News

Union minister of Housing and Urban Affairs Hardeep Singh Puri has launched “Climate Smart Cities Assessment Framework (CSCAF) 2.0” which provides a roadmap for cities to inculcate a climate-sensitive approach to urban planning and development. He has also launched 'Streets for People Challenge'. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Hardeep Singh Puri launched – “Climate Smart Cities Assessment Framework (CSCAF) 2.0”
- Hardeep Singh Puri launched – “Streets for People Challenge”
- MoHUA Minister – Hardeep Singh Puri



381. Banking & Economic Affairs

According to India Ratings (Ind-Ra), India's real GDP is likely shrink by as much as 11.8% in FY21 revising down its earlier forecast of a 5.3% contraction. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ind-Ra predicted India's GDP for FY21 – (-) 11.8% [{Flexible News}](#)
- HQs of Ind-Ra – Mumbai, Maharashtra

382. National & States Affairs

Employees' Provident Fund Organisation has recommended government to pay 8.5% interest to subscribers for 2019-20. The government-managed fund has recommended that 8.15% interest, from its income from debt investment, be credited immediately into the accounts of its 50 million subscribers. The balance 0.35% will be paid in December, from the sale of investment in exchange-traded equity funds. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- EPFO – recommended government to pay an 8.50% interest to subscribers for 2019-20
- 8.15% interest – from its income from debt investment | 0.35% interest – from the sale of investment
- EPFO HQs – New Delhi | CEO – Shri Sunil Barthwal

383. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

An MoU has been signed between the Government of Odisha and the National Co-operative Development Corporation (NCDC) at Krushi Bhawan for the promotion and management of Farmer Producer Organisation. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Odisha + NCDC = signed an MoU for the promotion of Farmer Producer Organisation
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal
- NCDC works under – Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (Narendra Singh Tomar – Morena, MP)
- HQs of NCDC – New Delhi | MD – Sundeep Kumar Nayak

384. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) has entered top 40 of the world's most valuable firms league as it has become the first Indian company to cross USD 210 billion in market capitalisation intra-day. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Reliance Industries Ltd – entered top 40 of the world's most valuable firms league
- Reliance Industries Ltd – the 1st Indian company to cross USD 210 billion in market cap
- HQs of Reliance – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Mukesh Ambani



385. Banking & Economic Affairs

Ratings agency Moody's has projected India's economic growth would contract 11.5% this fiscal due to the coronavirus pandemic. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Moody's projected India's GDP – (-11.5%) For 2021-22
- HQs of Moody's – New York, USA | CEO – Raymond W. McDaniel

386. Acquisitions & Mergers

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved the acquisition of 20% of the equity share capital of Piramal Pharma Limited (Pharma Co) by CA Clover Intermediate II Investments (Curie), an affiliated entity of CAP V Mauritius Limited (Carlyle Group). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CA Clover Intermediate II Investments (Carlyle Group) – to acquire 20% stake of – Piramal Pharma Ltd
- HQs of Carlyle Group – Washington, D.C., USA | Co-Chief Executive Officers – Kewsong Lee, Glenn Youngkin
- HQs of PPL – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Peter DeYoung

387. Appointments & Resignations

The World Health Organisation's independent panel for pandemic preparedness and response appointed former health secretary Preeti Sudan as one of its 11 panellists from across the world. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Preeti Sudan – appointed as the member of WHO's independent panel for pandemic preparedness & response
- WHO HQs – Geneva, Switzerland | DG – Tedros Adhanom | Member Countries – 194

388. Amount & Agreements

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has signed a pact for a USD 15-million debt financing through the subscription of non-convertible debentures for Suguna Foods, to help sustain poultry farming operations, rural livelihoods and food security in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ADB signed a pact for a USD 15-million debt financing – with Suguna Foods
- ADB: HQs – Mandaluyong, Philippines | President – Masatsugu Asakawa | Member countries – 68
- HQs of Suguna Foods – Coimbatore, TamilNadu | MD – G.B. Sundararajan



389. Banking & Economic Affairs

CRISIL has predicted India's gross domestic production (GDP) to contract 9% in the financial year 2020-21 (FY21). India's GDP fell 23.9% in the first quarter of FY21. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CRISIL predicted India's GDP – (-9%) in FY21 [{Flexible News}](#)
- HQs of CRISIL – Mumbai, Maharashtra

390. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

To pursue expanded opportunities in AI space, HCL Technologies has partnered with NVIDIA Partner Network (NPN). This will enhance their capabilities to build AI-led solutions for multiple HCL clients across industry verticals. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- HCL Technologies + NVIDIA Partner Network = partnership to pursue expanded opportunities in AI space
- HQs of HCL Technologies – Noida, UP | CEO – C Vijayakumar | Chairperson – Roshni Nadar Malhotra

391. Important Days & Dates

“International Day for South-South Cooperation” was observed on 12 September to tackle climate change. This day has been observed since 2011. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- September 12 – “International Day for South-South Cooperation” – since 2011

392. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

India and the USA have held a “Bilateral 2+2 Inter-Sessional Meeting” at the official level during which the 2 sides exchanged views about regional developments and agreed to pursue their quest for a free, open and inclusive Indo-Pacific. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India + USA held = “Bilateral 2+2 Inter-Sessional Meeting”
- USA – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | President – Donald Trump



393. Appointments & Resignations

Paresh Rawal has been appointed as Chairperson of the National School of Drama (NSD), the country's premier institute for theatre students, in Delhi. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Paresh Rawal – appointed as Chairperson of the National School of Drama (New Delhi)
- Delhi: CM – Arvind Kejriwal | Governor – Anil Baijal | Chief Secretary – Vijay Dev

394. Amount & Agreements

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and France's ENGIE group have signed a long-term loan of up to ₹ 466 crore for setting up a 200-MW Raghnesda Solar Power Project in Gujarat. Electro Solaire Private Limited (ESPL), a special purpose vehicle owned by the ENGIE group, will implement the project. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ADB + ENGIE group = to set up a 200-MW solar power project in – Gujarat
- Long-term loan of up to – ₹ 466 Crore
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat

395. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

India is the second-fastest-growing freelance market in the world with a massive increase of 46% in the number of freelancers this year, according to a report on 'Freelancing in 2020: An Abundance of Opportunities' by Payoneer. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 'Freelancing in 2020: An Abundance of Opportunities' – by Payoneer
- India – 2nd fastest-growing freelance market in the world – with 46% increase

396. Important Days & Dates

Every year, the second Saturday of September is observed as "World First Aid Day", this year the day fell on September 12. The day was first observed in 2000 by International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- September 12 (2nd Saturday of September) – "World First Aid Day" – since 2000 – by IFRC
- HQs of IFRC – Geneva, Switzerland



397. National & States Affairs

Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has revamped the multi-cap mutual funds category recently. It has issued new guidelines regarding categorization and rationalization of Mutual Fund Schemes. All the existing Multi Cap Funds shall ensure to invest at least 25% of their portfolios across large-cap, mid cap and small cap companies each. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SEBI – revamped the Multi-Cap Mutual Funds category
- The existing Multi Cap Funds shall ensure to invest at least 25% of their portfolios
- HQs of SEBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Ajay Tyagi

398. Books & Authors

Prime Minister has addressed the inauguration of Patrika Gate in Jaipur via video conferencing. Gulab Kothariji has authored Samvad Upanishad and Akshar Yatra books. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Gulab Kothariji authored – ‘Samvad Upanishad’ & ‘Akshar Yatra’ books

399. Schemes & Initiatives

Odisha chief minister Naveen Patnaik has launched a scheme “Garima” to improve the socio-economic condition and hone the skills of thousands of sanitation workers in the state. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Odisha – launched a scheme “Garima” to improve the socio-economic condition of sanitation workers in the state
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

400. Ordinance, Bills and Acts

The National Green Tribunal has passed an order directing the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) to lay down guidelines for disposal of cigarette and bidi butts within the next 3 months. A study conducted by the Lucknow based CSIR - Indian Institute of Toxicology Research (IITR) has approved the CPCB report. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NGT passed an order for CPCB to lay down guidelines for disposal of cigarette & bidi butts within next 3 months
- Location of CSIR-IITR – Lucknow, UP
- HQs of CPCB – New Delhi | Chairman – Shri Shiv Das Meena





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