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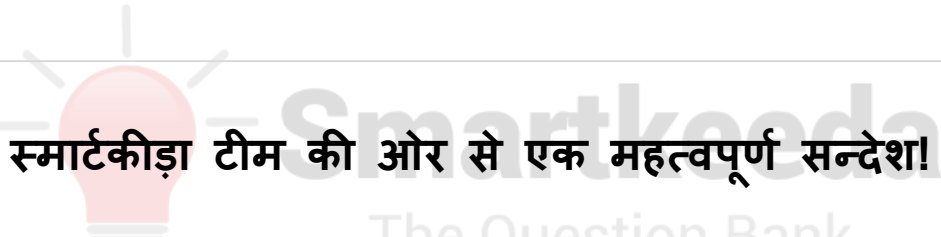
Hi Folks! We hope you all are doing well. We would like to state here that this PDF is meant for preparing for the upcoming MockDrill Test of September 2021 Month at Testzone. In this Current Affairs PDF we have added all the important Current Affairs information in form of 'Key-points' which are crucial 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 सितम्बर 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।

हम आशा करते हैं की आप इस PDF का भरपूर लाभ उठाते हुए आने वाले MockDrill Test में बेहतर अंक प्राप्त करेंगे।

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टीम स्मार्टकीड़ा



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National & States Affairs

101. Jammu & Kashmir based Dulhasti Power Station organized various programs under the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' and handed over ambulance to Seva Bharti NGO under CSR scheme. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dulhasti Power Station (J&K) – organized various programs under the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha

102. Indian Railways in a bid to provide boost to the covid-hit tourism sector has decided to launch a Jungle Tea Toy-Train Safari from Siliguri junction to Rongtong station in West Bengal. Indian Railways' Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) zone has announced this new service. The toy train on this route was declared a UNESCO 'World Heritage Site' in 1999. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian Railways' NFR Zone – to launch a Jungle Tea Toy-Train Safari from Siliguri junction to Rongtong station (in WB)
- Toy train on this route was declared a 'UNESCO World Heritage Site' in 1999
- HQs of Indian Railways – New Delhi | Chairman & CEO – Suneet Sharma
- HQs of NFR Zone – Maligaon, Guwahati | GM – Anshul Gupta

103. The sole female wild buffalo in a conservation centre at Chhattisgarh's Sitanadi-Udanti Tiger Reserve died recently. The state animal is on the verge of extinction with less than 20 individuals of the species left in Chhattisgarh. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sole female Wild Buffalo died recently – in Sitanadi-Udanti Tiger Reserve (Chhattisgarh)
- Wild Water Buffalo – the state animal of Chhattisgarh
- Chhattisgarh: Capital – Raipur | CM – Bhupesh Baghel | Governor – Anusuiya Uikey

104. On September 2, Amazon India has launched "Kisan Store" that will make agri-inputs such as seeds, farm tools and accessories, available to buyers at competitive prices with the added convenience of delivery at their doorstep. Amazon "Kisan Store" was launched by Agriculture Minister, Narendra Singh Tomar. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Amazon India – launched "Kisan Store" to make make agri-inputs available to farmers at their doorstep
- "Kisan Store" was launched by – Narendra Singh Tomar
- HQs of Amazon – Seattle , USA | CEO – Andy Jassy | Incorporated in – 1994
- HQs of Amazon India – Hyderabad, Telangana | Country Head – Amit Agarwal



105. On September 1, Coal India Ltd (CIL) has started a pilot project to replace diesel with Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) in dumpers engaged in transportation of coal. This move will help the PSU to save around ₹500 Cr annually. This is a significant move, as the world's largest coal miner uses over 4 lakh kilolitres of diesel per annum with an annual expense of over ₹3,500 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CIL – started a pilot project to replace diesel with LNG in dumpers engaged in transportation of coal
- This move will help the PSU to save around ₹500 Cr annually
- HQs of CIL – Kolkata, West Bengal | Director – Anil Kumar Jha | CMD – Pramod Agrawal

106. On September 1, Defence Minister Ranjath Singh has launched 180 development projects worth over ₹1,710 Cr in his Lok Sabha constituency - Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh. The development projects were of total 9 departments. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ranjath Singh – launched 180 development projects worth over ₹1,710 Cr in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

107. On September 4, Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID) has laid the foundation stone for first ever Electric Vehicle Charging Station (EVCS) at Lapalang, Shillong in Meghalaya. The EVCS are being developed under Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of (Hybrid) & Electric Vehicles (FAME) India Scheme Phase-II. Under this scheme, POWERGRID shall be developing 11 EVCS in Shillong city. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- POWERGRID – laid the foundation stone for first ever Electric Vehicle Charging Station (EVCS) – in Meghalaya
- The EVCS are being developed under the “FAME India Scheme Phase-II”
- HQs of POWERGRID – Gurgaon, Haryana | MD & Chairman – Kandikuppa Sreekant
- Meghalaya: Capital – Shillong | CM – Conrad Kongkal Sangma | Governor – Satya Pal Malik

108. On September 1, Geological Survey of India Training Institute (GSITI), the training and capacity building wing of the Geological Survey of India (GSI), under the Ministry of Mines, has launched its website for round-the-clock accessibility of various online training courses on ‘Earth Sciences’ for its stakeholders. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- GSITI – launched its website for round-the-clock accessibility of various online training courses on ‘Earth Sciences’
- GSITI – a wing of the GSI – under Ministry of Mines
- HQs of GSITI – Hyderabad, Telangana | Director General – R. S. Garkhal



109. On September 1, In the presence of Union Home Minister, Amit Shah, a historic Karbi Anglong Agreement to end the decades old crisis ensuring Assam's territorial integrity was signed in New Delhi between the Assam Government & Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council. Modi Government will give Special Development Package of around Rs 1000 Cr over 5 years to undertake specific projects for the development of Karbi Anglong area. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Assam + Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council = signed "Karbi Anglong Agreement"
- Government will give Rs 1000 Cr over 5 years for the development of Karbi Anglong area
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Himanta Biswa Sarma | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi

110. A team from the first battalion of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) has successfully scaled the "Mount Balbala" peak at a height of 21,050 feet in Uttarakhand. It was the first summit by any Indian expedition after a Swiss expedition made a successful climb to Mount Balbala in 1947. Codenamed "Parakram", the ITBP expedition was launched on August 7, 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- A team from the first battalion of the ITBP – successfully scaled the "Mount Balbala" peak in Uttarakhand
- Codename of the expedition – "Parakram"
- HQs of ITBP – New Delhi | DG – Sanjay Arora | ADG – Manoj Singh Rawat
- Uttarakhand: Capital – Dehradun & Gairsain | CM – Pushkar Singh Dhami | Governor – Baby Rani Maurya

111. On September 4, The Karnataka Cabinet has decided to ban online gambling or betting in the state by amending the "Karnataka Police Act, 1963". The ban would not include lottery or betting on horse races. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Karnataka – to ban online gambling or betting in the state – by amending the "Karnataka Police Act, 1963"
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – Basavaraj Bommai | Governor – Thaawarchand Gehlot

112. On September 4, Coal India Ltd (CIL), under the Ministry of Coal has launched a new software named "Spectral Enhancement" (SPE), which will help in identifying thin coal seams under the earth crust and improve assessment of coal resources using seismic survey during coal exploration process. CIL accounts for 80% of India's coal output. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Coal India Ltd – launched a new software named "Spectral Enhancement" (SPE)
- HQs of CIL – Kolkata, West Bengal | Director – Anil Kumar Jha | CMD – Pramod Agrawal



113. On September 4, The Tamil Nadu government has announced to set up India's first Dugong or Sea Cow Conservation Reserve in the Palk Bay on the southeast coast of the state. In Tamil Nadu, Dugong is found in Gulf of Mannar and it is an endangered marine mammal that is facing extinction due to habitat loss, sea pollution, and loss of seagrass. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tamil Nadu – to set up India's first Dugong or Sea Cow Conservation Reserve in the Palk Bay
- In Tamil Nadu, Dugong is found in – Gulf of Mannar
- [Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin | Governor – Ravindra Narayan Ravi](#)

114. On September 6, The ICAR-National Bureau of Animal Genetic Resources (ICAR-NBAGR) has recognised the Manda buffalo, found in the Eastern Ghats and plateau of Koraput region of Odisha, as the 19th unique breed of buffaloes found in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ICAR-NBAGR ([Karnal, Haryana](#)) – recognised “Manda Buffalo” as the 19th unique breed of buffaloes found in India
- Manda Buffalo is in the Eastern Ghats & plateau of Koraput region of Odisha
- [Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal](#)

115. The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) has launched the first Mumbai Climate Action Plan (MCAP) to strategise ways to tackle the challenges of climate change. The plan was launched by State Environment minister Aaditya Thackeray. The Action Plan will focus on six areas - waste management, sustainable mobility, clean energy, urban floods and water management, urban green cover and biodiversity, and air quality. Mumbai became a part of the “C40 Cities” climate leadership group in December 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mumbai – the first South Asian city to launch “Climate Action Plan (CAP)” (launched by - Aaditya Thackeray)
- Mumbai – became a part of the “C40 Cities” climate leadership group in December 2020
- [Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari](#)

116. In an effort to enhance electronic payment of taxes and dues easier, the Odisha government has launched a revamped platform “e-Receipt 2.0”. In the new system, payment gateway service providers of Indian Bank and Axis Bank have been integrated with the Odisha Treasury portal. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Odisha – launched a revamped platform “e-Receipt 2.0”
- Payment gateway service providers of Indian Bank & Axis Bank are integrated with ‘Odisha Treasury portal’
- [Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal](#)



117. On September 7, PM Narendra Modi has virtually addressed the inaugural conclave of “Shikshak Parv” organised by the Ministry of Education. The PM launched “Vidyanjali 2.0”, a portal that will facilitate donations, contributions from Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds. Among the initiatives launched by the PM were the “Indian Sign Language Dictionary” (audio and text embedded sign language video for the hearing impaired) and “Talking Books” (audio books for the visually impaired). “NISHTHA 3.0” was initiated for NIPUN Bharat. PM also highlighted the National Digital Educational Architecture, i.e., “N-DEAR” which will play a major role in eradicating inequality in education. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Modi – addressed the inaugural conclave of “Shikshak Parv” organised by Ministry of Education
- Initiatives launched by PM Narendra Modi during the conclave:
 - “Vidyanjali 2.0” portal
 - “NISHTHA 3.0” for NIPUN Bharat
 - “Indian Sign Language Dictionary”
 - “Talking Books”

118. On September 6, A National Level Meeting with all State Animal Husbandry/Veterinary Ministers was convened virtually under the chairmanship of Shri Parshottam Rupala. Union Minister highlighted the Special Livestock Sector Package which has recently been announced by Government of India for next 5 years with an outlay of Rs 9800 Cr. During the meeting, Union Minister also launched the portal for National Livestock Mission (NLM), which was developed by SIDBI in collaboration with the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying. Under National Livestock Mission and Rashtriya Gokul Mission (RGM) schemes, 50% capital subsidy will be provided to the farm producer for increasing the production and supply of high genetic merit heifers. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Parshottam Rupala – chaired the “National Level Meeting with State Animal Husbandry/Veterinary Ministers”
- He also launched a portal for ‘National Livestock Mission’ – developed by SIDBI + Dept of Animal Husbandry & Dairying
- “Special Livestock Sector Package” announced by the Indian government for next 5 years – Rs 9800 Cr
- HQs of SIDBI – Lucknow, UP | MD & Chairman – Sivasubramanian Ramann | Established in – 1990
- Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying: Parshottam Rupala | Constituency – Gujarat
- MoS in Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying: Sanjeev Kumar Balyan & L. Murugan

119. On September 3, State-run telecom research and development organisation C-DoT has launched a “Common Alerting Protocol (CAP) Lab” to design and develop pan-India integrated alert system for disaster management. The Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) has launched the lab at the occasion of its 38th Foundation Day. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- September 3 – 38th Foundation Day of “C-DoT”
- C-DoT – launched a “Common Alerting Protocol (CAP) Lab” to develop pan-India Disaster Alert System
- HQs of C-DoT – New Delhi | Executive Director – Rajkumar Upadhyay

120. On September 5, Dr. Jitendra Singh has inaugurated the latest upgraded state-of-the-art Doppler Weather Radar (DWR) & Indigenous GPS based Pilot Sonde at Indian Meteorological Department's Office in Jammu. The X-Band Doppler Weather Radar installed will help in providing real-time monitoring and reporting of weather events affecting Jammu region. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Jitendra Singh – inaugurated “Doppler Weather Radar & Indigenous GPS based Pilot Sonde” at IMD Office in Jammu
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha

121. On September 3, Environmentalists has expressed concern over the massive diversion of fresh water from the Brahmani river basin. It could pose a grave threat to the famous mangrove vegetation in Odisha. Bhitarkanika, a Ramsar wetland, is home to 62 mangrove species. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Environmentalists expressed concern over the massive diversion of fresh water from – Brahmani River basin
- It could pose a grave threat to the famous mangrove vegetation in – Odisha
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

122. On September 5, the Varanasi-Chunar cruise commenced with its maiden ride from Ravidas Ghat in Varanasi to Chunar Fort in Mirzapur. The ‘Alaknanda’ cruise in Varanasi is the first ever air-conditioned luxury river cruise in the city. This initiative is aimed to boost tourism in Uttar Pradesh. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ‘Alaknanda’ cruise service – started from Varanasi to Chunar (Mirzapur) – to boost tourism in Uttar Pradesh
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

123. On September 2, India’s first bio-brick based building was inaugurated at IIT Hyderabad by Director B. S. Murty. It is part of the Bold Unique Idea Lead Development (BUILD) project to demonstrate the strength and versatility of the material. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India’s first bio-brick based building was inaugurated – at IIT Hyderabad
- Director of IIT Hyderabad – B. S. Murty

124. On September 6, M. Venkaiah Naidu, Vice President of India, has recently inaugurated the Moturi Satyanarayana Centre for Advanced Study in the Humanities and Social Sciences at Krea University in Andhra Pradesh. The centre aims to promote scholarship in the Humanities and Social Sciences, and commemorates the life and legacy of Moturi Satyanarayana, veteran freedom fighter, Member of the Constituent Assembly, and a two-time Rajya Sabha MP. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- M. Venkaiah Naidu – inaugurated Moturi Satyanarayana Centre for Advanced Study in Humanities & Social Sciences
- It was inaugurated at – Krea University in Andhra Pradesh
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan

125. On September 4, Bhupender Yadav has launched “PRANA” portal for tracking & monitoring of the implementation of India’s National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) in 132 cities. Bhupender Yadav also dedicated the first functional ‘Smog Tower’ of India, situated at Anand Vihar in New Delhi at a height of over 20m. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bhupender Yadav – launched “PRANA” portal to monitor the implementation of National Clean Air Programme (NCAP)
- PRANA – Portal for Regulation of Air-pollution in Non-Attainment cities
- Bhupender Yadav – dedicated the first functional ‘Smog Tower’ in New Delhi
- Ministry for Environment, Forest & Climate Change: Bhupender Yadav | Constituency – Rajasthan
- MoS in Ministry for Environment, Forest & Climate Change: Ashwini Kumar Choubey



126. External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar has officially visited Slovenia, Croatia and Denmark from 2-5 September 2021. Slovenia currently holds the Presidency of the Council of the European Union, and has invited S. Jaishankar to attend an informal meeting of the “Ministers of Foreign Affairs of EU Member States” on 3 September 2021. S. Jaishankar attended the “Bled Strategic Forum (BSF)” being held in Slovenia, and participated in the panel discussion on “Partnership for a Rules Based Order in the Indo-Pacific”. During his visit to Denmark on 4-5 September, S. Jaishankar co-chaired the 4th round of the “Indo-Danish Joint Commission Meeting (JCM)” along with Foreign Minister H.E. Mr. Jeppe Kofod. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

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- Slovenia – invited S. Jaishankar to attend an informal meeting of “Ministers of Foreign Affairs of EU Member States”
- S. Jaishankar – attended the “Bled Strategic Forum (BSF)” held in Slovenia
- S. Jaishankar – co-chaired the 4th round of the “Indo-Danish Joint Commission Meeting (JCM)” held in Denmark
- Slovenia – Ljubljana – Euro | PM – Janez Jansa
- Denmark – Copenhagen – Danish krone | PM – Mette Frederiksen
- Croatia – Zagreb – Kuna | PM – Andrej Plenkovic | President – Zoran Milanovic



127. On September 7, The United Arab Emirates has announced a new class of visas intended to ease the restrictions faced by foreigners in pursuing employment opportunities in the country. Under the green visa, foreigners will be allowed to work in the UAE without being sponsored by an employer. Besides UAE, Saudi Arabia and Qatar have recently opened up their countries to wealthy investors with reforms to their paid permanent residency programs and property ownership rules. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- UAE – launched ‘Green Visa’ to allow foreigners to work in the country without being sponsored by the employer
- UAE – Abu Dhabi – Dirham | President – Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan

128. On September 7, El Salvador has become the first country in the world to adopt bitcoin as legal tender or National currency. The plan includes a \$30 credit in bitcoin to those who take up “Chivo” or “Cool”, e-wallets launched by the country. The El Salvador government is also launching a network of 200 bitcoin ATMs. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- El Salvador – became the first country in the world to adopt bitcoin as ‘Legal Tender’ or ‘National Currency’
- The country will credit \$30 in e-wallets - “Chivo” or “Cool” launched by the government
- El Salvador – San Salvador – US Dollar | President – Nayib Bukele



Banking & Economic Affairs

129. On September 1, State Bank of India (SBI) has raised Rs 4,000 Cr by issuing Basel-III compliant debt instruments. The banks raised the amount of Basel compliant additional tier 1 (AT1) bonds at coupon rate of 7.72%. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SBI – raised Rs 4,000 Cr by issuing Basel-III compliant AT1 bonds at coupon rate of 7.72%
- HQs of SBI Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Dinesh Kumar Khara
- MD – Challa Sreenivasulu Setty | Ashwani Bhatia | Ashwini Kumar Tewari | Swaminathan Janakiraman

130. On September 7, Bank of India (BoI) has entered into a co-lending arrangement with Ahmedabad-based MAS Financial Services Ltd (MAS) for MSME loans . The Bank also unveiled various schemes for farmers, including opening of 84 “Star Krishi Vikas Kendra” for quick processing of Kisan loans; “Krishi Ghar Special Scheme” for construction of farm houses; “Star Kisan Sahayata Loan” to mitigate Covid-19 stress; and a scheme for farm mechanisation. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- BoI + MAS Financial Services = a co-lending arrangement for MSME loans
- Bank of India also unveiled various schemes for farmers:
 - 84 “Star Krishi Vikas Kendra” for quick processing of Kisan loans



- “Krishi Ghar Special Scheme” for construction of farm houses
- “Star Kisan Sahayata Loan” to mitigate Covid-19 stress
- HQs of BoI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Shri Atanu Kumar Das | Tagline – “Relationship Beyond Banking”
- HQs of MAS – Ahmedabad, Gujarat | CEO – Darshana S. Pandya | MD & Chairman – Kamlesh Gandhi

131. On September 8, Visa has partnered with payment solutions firm Innoviti to enable the service of storing money in the cards without connectivity. The chip in this new debit card will have a stored value of Rs 2000 maximum daily. The per-transaction limit will be Rs 200. These are the limits presently mandated by the RBI. For this, Visa has already established a proof of concept (PoC) in partnership with Innoviti. The PoC has been executed in partnership with Yes Bank and Axis Bank. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Visa + Innoviti = to enable the service of storing money in the cards without connectivity
- Maximum stored value per day – Rs 2000 | Per-transaction limit – Rs 200
- HQs of Visa – Foster City, California | CEO – Alfred F. Kelly | Founded in – 1958
- HQs of Innoviti Payment Solutions – Bangalore, Karnataka | CEO – Rajeev Agrawal

132. On September 6, UCO Bank has partnered with Finwizard Technology, which runs ‘Fisdom’, to offer wealth management products and services via its ‘mBanking Plus App’. UCO bank's customers can now make investments in Mutual Funds through this app. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- UCO Bank + Fisdom = partnership to offer wealth management products & services via its ‘mBanking Plus App’
- HQs of UCO Bank – Kolkata, West Bengal | CEO – Atul Kumar Goel
- HQs of Fisdom – Bangalore, Karnataka | CEO – Subramanya SV

133. On September 7, HDFC Bank signed an MoU with National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC) to offer credit support to micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) across India. HDFC Bank will provide MSMEs with set of specially tailored schemes to enhance their competitiveness. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- HDFC Bank + NSIC = an MoU to offer credit support to MSMEs across India
- HQs of HDFC Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Sashidhar Jagdishan | Tagline – “We understand your world”
- HQs of NSIC – New Delhi | CMD – Alka Nangia Arora

134. On September 6, SBM Bank has partnered with fintech player OneCard to launch a mobile-based credit card namely “mobile-first”. The company earlier launched the “OneScore” app in 2019 allowing people to monitor and manage their credit health. According to Research and Markets, the Indian Credit Card industry is expected to grow at a CAGR (Compound annual growth rate) of more than 25% during 2020 - 2025 owing to the growing trend of ‘Buy Now Pay Later’. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- SBM Bank + OneCard = partnership to launch a mobile-based credit card namely “mobile-first”
- OneCard – launched the “OneScore” app in 2019 to monitor & manage Credit Health
- Indian Credit Card industry is expected to grow at a CAGR of more than 25% during 2020 – 2025
- HQs of OneCard – Riyadh, Saudi Arabia | CEO – Anurag Sinha
- HQs of SBM Bank India – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Sidharth Rath
- SBM Bank India – the 1st foreign bank in India to obtain a banking licence from the RBI

135. On September 7, Karnataka government has roped in Jana Small Finance Bank (Jana SFB) to build digital payment infrastructure to support its “Namma Shaale Nanna Koduge” (Our school, my contribution) initiative. The “Namma Shaale Nanna Koduge” software was launched to provide accessibility to donors who wish to donate money to government schools in Karnataka. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Karnataka – roped in Jana SFB to build digital payment infrastructure for “Namma Shaale Nanna Koduge” initiative
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – Basavaraj Bommai | Governor – Thaawarchand Gehlot
- HQs Jana SFB – Bengaluru, Karnataka | MD & CEO – Ajay Kanwal

136. On September 8, The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has tied up with Nasdaq-listed fintech firm Fiserv to launch an application programming interface (API) platform called “nFiNi” for startups and banks looking to build credit card-based products on top of the RuPay rails. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NPCI + Fiserv = partnership to launch API platform called “nFiNi” to support Credit Card-based products
- HQs of NPCI – Mumbai | Chairman – Biswamohan Mahapatra | MD&CEO – Dilip Asbe | Established in – 2008
- HQs of Fiserv – Wisconsin, US | President & CEO – Frank J. Bisignano

137. On September 8, Stock markets in India will be able to transfer shares and money into client accounts in 24 hours as the SEBI will initiate the T+1 (Today Plus One) settlement cycle for equity transactions from January 1, 2022. Now, it takes 48 hours or more since India follows the T+2 settlement cycle. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SEBI – to initiate the T+1 (Today Plus One) settlement cycle for equity transactions from January 1, 2022
- Stock markets in India will be able to transfer shares & money into client accounts in 24 hours
- HQs of SEBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Ajay Tyagi | Established in – 1992



138. On September 7, India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) and LIC Housing Finance (LICHFL) have announced a strategic partnership for providing Home Loan products to over 4.5 Cr customers of IPPB. LIC Housing Finance offers home loan starting from 6.66% for loans up to ₹50 lakh for salaried individuals. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IPPB + LICHFL = a strategic partnership to provide Home Loan products to IPPB's customers
- HQs of IPPB – New Delhi | MD & CEO – Venkatram Jayanthi | Established on – 1st Sep, 2018
- HQs of LIC Housing Finance – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Y. Viswanatha Gowd

Defence Affairs

139. India and Singapore have carried out a Mega Naval Wargame in the southern fringes of the South China Sea. The Indian Navy deployed its guided-missile destroyer INS Ranvijay, anti-submarine warfare corvette INS Kiltan and guided-missile corvette INS Kora and one P8I long-range maritime patrol aircraft for the 28th edition of the Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX) from September 2-4, 2021. Initiated in 1994, SIMBEX is the Indian Navy's longest uninterrupted bilateral maritime exercise with any foreign navy. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India & Singapore – conducted the 28th edition of “SIMBEX” in the South China Sea
- INS Ranvijay + INS Kiltan + INS Kora + ‘P8I’ aircraft = participated in the exercise
- Singapore – Singapore – Dollar | PM – Lee Hsien Loong | President – Halimah Yacob

140. India has commissioned the first satellite and ballistic missile tracking ship “Dhruv” from Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh. INS Dhruv was built by the Hindustan Shipyard in collaboration with the DRDO and National Technical Research Organisation (NTRO). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India commissioned the first satellite & ballistic missile tracking ship “Dhruv” – from Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- INS Dhruv is built by = Hindustan Shipyard + DRDO + NTRO
- HQs of Hindustan Shipyard – Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh | MD & Chairman – Hemant Khatri
- HQs of DRDO – New Delhi | Chairman – G. Satheesh Reddy | Established in – 1958
- HQs of NTRO – New Delhi | Chief – Anil Dhasmana

141. Australia's Northern Territory has hosted the biennial “AUSINDEX” maritime warfare exercises between the Royal Australian and the Indian navies at Northern Territory, ahead of the two countries holding their first “2+2” Foreign and Defence Ministers meet in New Delhi. INS Shivalik & Kadmat participated in the Naval exercise. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Biennial “AUSINDEX” maritime warfare exercises – held between Australia & India at Northern Territory
- INS Shivalik & INS Kadmat – participated in this exercise
- Australia – Canberra – Australian Dollar | PM – Scott Morrison

142. Egypt has hosted the “Bright Star” joint military drill with 21 countries at Mohamed Naguib military base in the Mediterranean Sea. It has been hosted by Egypt in cooperation with the US every two years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Egypt – hosted the “Bright Star” joint military drill with 21 countries in the Mediterranean Sea
- “Bright Star” multinational military drill – hosted by Egypt in cooperation with the US every 2 years
- Egypt – Cairo – Egyptian Pound | President – Abdel Fattah el-Sisi

143. The first of two “Krivak” or “Talwar” class stealth frigates being built by Russia is expected to be delivered to India in the middle of 2023, according to the head of United Shipbuilding Corporation (USC) of Russia. In October 2016, India and Russia signed an Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA) for four Krivak or Talwar class stealth frigates - two to be procured directly from Russia and two to be built by the Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Russia – to deliver 1st “Krivak” or “Talwar” class stealth frigate to India by mid of 2023
- An Inter-Governmental Agreement for this purpose was signed in 2016 between both countries
- Russia – Moscow – Russian Ruble | PM – Mikhail Mishustin | President – Vladimir Putin

144. Nepal and Indian Army personnel will participate in the 15th edition of two-week joint military exercise “Suryakiran” from September 20 to October 3. As many as 300 Nepali Army personnel will participate along with similar number of Indian Army personnel. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 15th edition of a joint military exercise “Suryakiran” – held between India & Nepal
- Nepal – Kathmandu – Nepalese Rupee | President – Bidhya Devi Bhandari | PM – Sher Bahadur Deuba



Schemes & Initiatives

145. On September 4, Gujaratis settled outside India and looking to donate for development works in their native villages will now get 40% financial support from the Gujarat government under the newly launched “Vatan Prem Yojana”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Gujarat – launched “Vatan Prem Yojana” for rural development
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat

146. On September 4, Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir has launched the “Tourist Village Network” initiative under the ‘Mission Youth’. The initiative aims at rejuvenating and transforming more than 75 villages in the Union Territory and promoting tourism and sustainable employment for the youth. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- J & K – launched the “Tourist Village Network” initiative under the ‘Mission Youth’ to promote tourism
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha

147. On September 7, Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia has launched the Delhi government’s “Business Blasters” programme which aims at developing Young Entrepreneurs at the school-level. The programme will be implemented in all Delhi government schools under the “Entrepreneurship Mindset Curriculum (EMC)”. The programme is for Class 11 and 12 students who will be provided seed money of Rs 2,000 to start a business. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Manish Sisodia (Delhi) – launched “Business Blasters” programme to develop Young Entrepreneurs at school-level
- The programme is for the student of Class 11 & 12 | Seed money to start a business – Rs 2,000
- New Delhi: CM – Arvind Kejriwal | Lt. Governor – Anil Baijal | Chief Secretary – Vijay Dev

Sports & Games

148. On September 4, Indian shuttler Pramod Bhagat has won Gold medal in the men’s singles (SL3) event at the Tokyo Paralympics. He defeated Great Britain’s Daniel Bethell. He has won the fourth Gold for India at Tokyo Paralympic event. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Pramod Bhagat (Badminton) – won Gold medal in the men’s singles (SL3) event at the “2020 Tokyo Paralympics”
- Mascot of the 2020 Paralympics Games – “Someity”



149. The 38-year-old District Magistrate of Gautam Buddha Nagar (Noida), Suhas Yathiraj has become the first-ever IAS officer to win a medal at the Paralympics. Suhas is currently world No. 3 in 'SL4' category and has won a Silver medal at "2020 Tokyo Paralympics". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Suhas Yathiraj – won a Silver medal in men's singles badminton at "2020 Tokyo Paralympics"
- Suhas Yathiraj ([Badminton](#)) – became the first-ever IAS officer to win a medal at the Paralympics

150. The Red Bull star Max Verstappen has regained the Formula One (F1) world championship lead from Lewis Hamilton after an impressive victory at "Heineken Dutch Grand Prix 2021". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Max Verstappen – won the "F1 Heineken Dutch Grand Prix 2021"
- Max Verstappen ([Belgium](#)) – [Red Bull](#)

151. The 130th edition of the oldest club football tournament in Asia - "The Durand Cup", has kicked off in Kolkata, West Bengal. Mohammedan SC - the first civilian club to win the Durand Cup in 1940, are the sole flag-bearers of Kolkata football in this year's tournament. Durand Cup was first held in 1888 in Annadale, Shimla. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 130th edition of the oldest Club Football Tournament in Asia "The Durand Cup" – kicked off in Kolkata, West Bengal
- [Durand Cup was first held in 1888 – in Annadale, Shimla, Himachal Pradesh](#)

152. Bhavinaben Patel has become the only second Indian woman after Deepa Malik to win a medal at the Paralympics. She has created history, becoming the first Indian para-paddler to win a Silver medal. While, Mariyappan Thangavelu has won Silver medal in the high jump event. India has won total 19 medals (5 Gold, 8 Silver & 6 Bronze) and ranked 24th in the medal tally. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bhavinaben Patel ([Para Table Tennis](#)) – won Silver medal at the "2020 Tokyo Paralympics"
- She is the 1st Indian Para-paddler to win a Silver medal & 2nd Indian woman to win a medal in the Paralympics
- Mariyappan Thangavelu ([Para High Jumper](#)) – won Silver medal at the "2020 Tokyo Paralympics"
- India – ranked 24th in the medal tally with total 19 medals (5 Gold, 8 Silver & 6 Bronze) in "2020 Tokyo Paralympics"

Important Days & Dates

153. Mother Teresa's death anniversary is observed as "International Day of Charity" on September 5 every year. She died on September 5, 1997. Mother Teresa's followers in many parts of the world will commemorate September 5, 2021 as her 24th death anniversary. The International Day of Charity was officially declared by the United Nations General Assembly in 2012. Mother Teresa founded the "Missionaries of Charity" in 1950. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- September 5 – "International Day of Charity" (since 2012)
- This year, September 5 marks 24th death anniversary of Mother Teresa
- Mother Teresa founded "Missionaries of Charity" in 1950

154. "National Teachers' Day" or "Shikshak Divas" is celebrated in India on September 5. World Teachers' Day is celebrated on October 5, but every country celebrates the day on different dates. In India, it is marked on the birthday of Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan who was the first Vice President of India (1952–1962) and also a highly-respected teacher, philosopher and prolific statesman. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- September 5 – "National Teachers' Day" or "Shikshak Divas" (birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan)
- Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan – 2nd President of India
- October 5 – "World Teachers' Day"

155. The "International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies" is celebrated across the world every year on September 7. Facilitated by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the day aims to create awareness about the significance of air quality. This year, the theme is "Healthy Air, Healthy Planet". On this occasion, UNEP launched "European and Central Asian Actions on Air Quality". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- September 7 – "International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies" – facilitated by the UNEP
- Theme – "Healthy Air, Healthy Planet"
- UNEP – launched "European & Central Asian Actions on Air Quality"

156. The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) is observing "Food Processing Week" from September 6 to 12, 2021. A webinar on Tomato Processing and Value Addition under 'One District, One Product' was also organized by the Indian Institute of Food Processing Technology at Damoh, Madhya Pradesh. Prahlad Singh Patel also inaugurated the Food Processing Unit of 'M/s Vibhuti Mart Private Limited' at Food Park Maneri, Mandla, Madhya Pradesh. Besides, the MoFPI has inaugurated 5 Food Processing Projects worth Rs 124.44 Cr in Gujarat, Karnataka & Assam. [{Read more}](#)



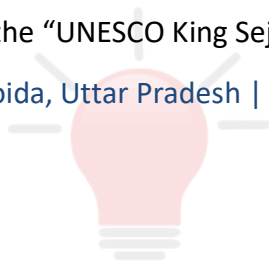
Key Points:

- September 6 to 12 – “Food Processing Week” – observed by Ministry of Food Processing Industries
- Prahalad Singh Patel – inaugurated Food Processing Unit of ‘M/s Vibhuti Mart’ – in Mandla, Madhya Pradesh
- MoFPI – inaugurated 5 Food Processing Projects worth Rs 124.44 Cr – in Gujarat, Karnataka & Assam
- Ministry of Food Processing Industries: Pashu Pati Kumar Paras | Constituency – Hajipur, Bihar
- MoS in Ministry of Food Processing Industries: Prahalad Singh Patel

157. September 8 was proclaimed International Literacy Day by UNESCO in 1966 to remind the international community of the importance of literacy for individuals, communities and societies. The day was first celebrated in 1967. In India, as per the last census in 2011, a total of 74.04% are literate. This year, the theme is “Literacy for a human-centred recovery: Narrowing the digital divide”. India’s National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) has received the “UNESCO King Sejong Literacy Prize” in 2021. NIOS was awarded the prize for its programme on enabling education of persons with disabilities (PWDs). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- September 8 – International Literacy Day – by UNESCO (since 1967)
- 2021’s Theme – “Literacy for a Human-Centred Recovery: Narrowing the Digital Divide”
- NIOS – received the “UNESCO King Sejong Literacy Prize” in 2021
- HQs of NIOS – Noida, Uttar Pradesh | Chairperson – Sridhar Srivastava



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Meetings, Conferences and Summits

158. Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman has chaired the 24th meeting of the Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC) in New Delhi. The meeting deliberated on the various mandates of the FSDC, viz., Financial Stability, Financial Sector Development, Inter-regulatory Coordination, Financial Literacy, Financial Inclusion. The idea to create FSDC was first mooted by Raghuram Rajan Committee. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Nirmala Sitharaman – chaired the 24th meeting of the Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC) in New Delhi
- Idea to create FSDC was first mooted by – Raghuram Rajan Committee

159. On September 4, Union health minister Mansukh Mandaviya has participated in the “G20 Digital Ministers’ Meeting” hosted by Italy. India discussed challenges and opportunities during the Covid-19 pandemic during the BRICS digital health summit. Union minister of state for health and family welfare Dr. Bharati Pravin Pawar represented India at the conclave. The theme of this meeting was “People, Planet and Prosperity”. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Mansukh Mandaviya – participated in the “G20 Digital Ministers’ Meeting” hosted by Italy
- Bharati Pravin Pawar – represented India at the “G20 Digital Ministers’ Meeting”
- Theme of the meeting – “People, Planet and Prosperity”
- Presidency of G20 Summit: 2021 – Italy | 2022 – Indonesia | 2023 – India | 2024 – Brazil
- Ministry of Health & Family Welfare: Mansukh L. Mandaviya | Constituency – Palitana, Gujarat
- MoS in Ministry of Health & Family Welfare: Bharati Pravin Pawar

Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

160. The 8th National Level Exhibition and Project Competition (NLEPC) for the “INSPIRE Awards - MANAK” (Million Minds Augmenting National Aspiration and Knowledge) showcased the innovative ideas from 581 students representing various States and UT’s of India. The “INSPIRE Awards - MANAK scheme” is aligned with the ‘Start-up India’ initiative launched by the Hon’ble Prime Minister of India. The scheme aims to motivate students in the age group of 10-15 years and studying in classes 6 to 10. Mrs. Namita Gupta is the Head of “INSPIRE Awards - MANAK”, under the Department of Science and Technology (DST). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 8th National Level Exhibition and Project Competition (NLEPC) for the “INSPIRE Awards - MANAK” was commenced
- “INSPIRE Awards - MANAK scheme” is aligned with the ‘Start-up India’ initiative
- Scheme aims to motivate students of: Age group – 10 to 15 years & Classes – 6 to 10
- Head of “INSPIRE Awards - MANAK” – Mrs. Namita Gupta (under the DST)

161. Indian biologist Shailendra Singh has been awarded the “Behler Turtle Conservation Award” for bringing three critically endangered turtle conservation species back from the brink of extinction. Shailendra Singh was named to lead the Turtle Survival Alliance (TSA)/Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) India turtle programme. There are 29 species of freshwater turtles and tortoises in India. Among critically endangered turtles, the Northern River Terrapin (Batagur baska) is being conserved at Sunderbans; the Red-crowned Roofed Turtle (Batagur kachuga) at Chambal; and the Black Softshell Turtle (Nilssonina nigricans) at different temples in Assam. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Shailendra Singh – awarded the “Behler Turtle Conservation Award”
- Shailendra Singh – named to lead the Turtle Survival Alliance (TSA)
- There are 29 species of freshwater turtles & tortoises in India
- Northern River Terrapin (Batagur baska) – at Sunderbans
- Red-crowned Roofed Turtle (Batagur kachuga) – at Chambal
- Black Softshell Turtle (Nilssonina nigricans) – at Assam



162. On September 6, The GMR-led Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL) has won two prestigious awards given by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) - “National Energy Leader” and “Excellent Energy Efficient Unit” for ‘Excellence in Energy Management’ at the 22nd National Award Ceremony. DIAL has been recognized with both accolades for the 2nd and 4th year in a row. Besides, Hyderabad International Airport has also clinched the same awards for the 3rd and 5th years in a row, respectively. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “National Energy Leader” & “Excellent Energy Efficient Unit” given by the CII to:
 - Delhi International Airport – for the 2nd and 4th year in a row, respectively
 - Hyderabad International Airport – for the 3rd and 5th years in a row, respectively
- HQs of CII – New Delhi | President – T. V. Narendran | DG – Chandrajit Banerjee | Founded in – 1895

163. On September 5, Union Minister of Education Dharmendra Pradhan has conferred “AICTE- Visvesvaraya Best Teacher Award” to 17 faculty members in Engineering and Technology whereas 3 faculty members were awarded the “AICTE-Dr. Pritam Singh Best Teacher Award” in Management Education. He also conferred “Chhatra Vishwakarma Award” and “Clean & Smart Campus Award 2020” to the winners. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dharmendra Pradhan conferred:
 - “AICTE- Visvesvaraya Best Teacher Award” to 17 faculty members in Engineering & Technology
 - “AICTE-Dr. Pritam Singh Best Teacher Award” to 3 faculty members in Management Education
 - “Chhatra Vishwakarma Award” and “Clean & Smart Campus Award 2020”
- Ministry of Education: Dharmendra Pradhan | Constituency – Madhya Pradesh
- MoS in Ministry of Education: Subhas Sarkar

Appointments & Resignations

164. On September 4, Cyrus Poncha, Secretary of Squash Rackets Federation of India (SRFI), has been elected as the Vice-President of the Asian Squash Federation (ASF) for a 4-year term at the 41st ASF annual General Body Meeting held virtually. The other elected VPs are Fayez Abdullah S. Al Mutairi (Kuwait) and Tae-sook Heo (Korea). David Mui of Hong Kong was elected unopposed for his second term as President of ASF. Cyrus is the third Indian to become the Vice-President. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Cyrus Poncha – elected as the Vice-President of the Asian Squash Federation (ASF) for 4 years
- HQs of ASF – Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia | President – David Mui
- Vice Presidents of ASF – Cyrus Poncha, Fayez Abdullah S. Al Mutairi, Tae-sook Heo



165. The Calcutta High Court has appointed former Chief Justice of the High Court Manjula Chellur to monitor the Special Investigation Team (SIT) probe into the post-poll violence in West Bengal. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Manjula Chellur – appointed to monitor the Special Investigation Team (SIT) probe into the post-poll violence in West Bengal
- Present Chief Justice of Calcutta High Court – Justice Rajesh Bindal
- West Bengal: Capital – Kolkata | CM – Mamta Banerjee | Governor – Jagdeep Dhankar

166. Rajya Sabha chairman M. Venkaiah Naidu has appointed Dr. Parasaram Pattabhi Kesava Ramacharyulu as the new Secretary General of the Upper House of Parliament which is called Rajya Sabha. He succeeds Desh Dipak Verma. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Parasaram Pattabhi Kesava Ramacharyulu – appointed as the new Secretary General of the Rajya Sabha
- The Upper House of Parliament is called “Rajya Sabha” | Chairperson of Rajya Sabha – M. Venkaiah Naidu

167. On September 3, Japanese Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga from Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) has decided to step down from his post. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Yoshihide Suga – stepped down from his post as the PM of Japan (Liberal Democratic Party)
- Japan – Tokyo – Yen



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168. On September 2, The Bar Association of India’s President Prashant Kumar, has been elected unanimously to the Board of Directors of International Legal Assistance Consortium (ILAC). He is the second Asian to serve on the Board of ILAC, a Sweden based international non-governmental organisation. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Prashant Kumar – elected to the Board of Directors of International Legal Assistance Consortium (2nd Asian)
- HQs of ILAC – Stockholm, Sweden | President – Elizabeth Howe

169. On the 60th Teachers’ Day, Assam State Education Minister Ranaj Pegu has appointed Olympian Lovlina Borgohain as the Brand Ambassador of the “Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan” in the state. The move is to boost girls’ education. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Lovlina Borgohain – as the Brand Ambassador of the “Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan” in Assam
- Lovlina Borgohain (Indian Boxer) – won the Bronze medal under 69kg category in “2020 Tokyo Olympic”
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Himanta Biswa Sarma | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi



170. The Automotive Component Manufacturers Association of India (ACMA) has appointed Sunjay J. Kapur (Chairman of SONA Comstar) as its President for 2021-22. Shradha Suri Marwah was appointed as the Vice-President of the industry body. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sunjay J. Kapur – appointed as the President of Automotive Component Manufacturers Association of India (ACMA)
- Shradha Suri Marwah – appointed as the Vice-President the ACMA
- HQs of ACMA – New Delhi | President – Sunjay J. Kapur | VP – Shradha Suri Marwah

171. On September 6, Nirlep Singh Rai has been appointed as Chairman and Managing Director of National Fertilizer Limited (NFL). Prior to his appointment as Chairman & Managing Director, he was holding the position of Director (Technical) in NFL. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Nirlep Singh Rai – appointed as Chairman & MD of National Fertilizer Ltd (replacing - Virendra Nath Datt)
- HQs of NFL – Noida, Uttar Pradesh | MD & Chairman – Nirlep Singh Rai

172. On September 6, The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has granted its approval for the re-appointment of V. Vaidyanathan as the Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer of IDFC FIRST Bank for three years. Vaidyanathan took over as the MD & CEO of IDFC FIRST Bank in December 2018 after Capital First and IDFC Bank merger. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- V. Vaidyanathan – re-appointed as CEO & MD of IDFC FIRST Bank – for 3 years
- HQs of IDFC First Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – V. Vaidyanathan | Established in – 2018
- IDFC Bank + Capital First = IDFC First Bank (merged in 2018)

173. On September 7, The government has appointed Harsha Bhupendra Bangari as the managing director (MD) of Export-Import Bank of India (EXIM Bank) for a period of three years. She has succeeded David Rasquinha. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Harsha Bhupendra Bangari – appointed as MD of EXIM Bank – for 3 years (replacing - David Rasquinha)
- HQs of EXIM Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD – Harsha Bangari | Founded in – 1982

174. On September 8, Tata AIA Life Insurance has announced the signing of a multi-year brand partnership with Indian athlete and Olympic gold medallist Neeraj Chopra, as its Brand Ambassador. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Neeraj Chopra – appointed as Brand Ambassador of Tata AIA Life Insurance
- Neeraj Chopra – won Gold medal in Javelin throw at the “2020 Tokyo Olympics”
- HQs of Tata AIA Life – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Naveen Tahilyani



Arts & Cultural Affairs

175. “Bail Pola Festival” or “Bullock Pola Festival” is celebrated by the farmers of Maharashtra & Chhattisgarh to pay importance to the cows and bullocks. This day falls on Kushopatini Amavasya, on the full moon day of the month of Shravana. This year, Bail Pola festival was celebrated on September 6. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- September 6 – “Bail Pola Festival” or “Bullock Pola Festival” – celebrated by the farmers of Maharashtra & Chhattisgarh
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari
- Chhattisgarh: Capital – Raipur | CM – Bhupesh Baghel | Governor – Anusuiya Uikey

Amount & Agreements

176. On September 3, India and Nepal have signed MoUs for the reconstruction of 14 cultural heritage and 103 health sector projects damaged by the devastating 2015 earthquake in Nepal. These projects will be reconstructed at a cost of NRs 420 Cr (\$36 million). Under the post-earthquake reconstruction package, India has allocated a total grant of \$250 million, including \$50 million each for education, cultural heritage and health sector, and \$100 million for the housing sector. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India + Nepal = MoUs for the reconstruction of 14 cultural heritage & 103 health sector projects
- The projects will be reconstructed at a cost of NRs 420 Cr (\$36 million)
- India has allocated a total grant of \$250 million to Nepal – under the post-earthquake reconstruction package
- Nepal – Kathmandu – Nepalese Rupee | President – Bidhya Devi Bhandari | PM – Sher Bahadur Deuba

177. On September 6, Asian Development Bank has approved a \$150 million (about Rs 1,095 Cr) loan for a Sustainable Housing Project for the urban poor in Tamil Nadu. The loan will provide access to inclusive, resilient, and sustainable housing for the urban poor in Tamil Nadu. In addition, ADB will provide a \$1.5 million (about Rs 10.95 Cr) technical assistance (TA) grant from its Technical Assistance Special Fund to support the capacity building of government agencies. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ADB – approved a \$150 million (Rs 1,095 Cr) loan for a Sustainable Housing Project for the urban poor in Tamil Nadu
- ADB – to also provide a \$1.5 million technical assistance (TA) grant from its ‘Technical Assistance Special Fund’
- HQs of ADB – Mandaluyong, Philippines | President – Masatsugu Asakawa | Member countries – 68
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin | Governor – Ravindra Narayan Ravi



Acquisitions & Mergers

178. L&T has concluded the divestment of its 100% stake in the 99 MW Hydroelectric Power Plant at Singoli-Bhatwari in Uttarakhand. As per the terms, the EPC Projects, Hi-Tech Manufacturing and Services conglomerate received a consideration of 1,001.50 Cr as divestment proceeds from Renew Power on 30 August 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- L&T – concluded the divestment of its 100% stake in 99 MW Hydroelectric Power Plant at Singoli-Bhatwari, Uttarakhand
- Uttarakhand: Capital – Dehradun & Gairsain | CM – Pushkar Singh Dhami | Governor – Baby Rani Maurya
- HQs L&T – Mumbai, MH | CEO – S. N. Subrahmanyam

179. On September 7, First Policy Insurance Brokers has announced the merger of Amicus Insurance Brokers with itself, which helps consolidate its position in the market and become one of the leading insurance brokers in the country. An in-principle approval for this transaction was granted by the IRDAI. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- First Policy Insurance Brokers + Amicus Insurance Brokers – merger to consolidate its position in the market
- HQs of First Policy Insurance Brokers – Pune, Maharashtra
- HQs of Amicus Insurance Brokers – Mumbai, Maharashtra

180. On September 5, Edtech company Byju's has acquired online exam preparation platform Gradeup which was founded in 2015. Gradeup will be rebranded as "Byju's Exam Prep" after the acquisition. Earlier in 2021, Byju's expanded in overseas markets through its 'Future School' offering, entering the US, UK, Brazil, Indonesia and Mexico. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Byju's – acquired an online exam preparation platform "Gradeup" (rebranded as "Byju's Exam Prep")
- HQs of Byju's – Bengaluru, Karnataka | CEO – Byju Raveendran | Founded in – 2011

MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

181. On September 3, The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology's (MeitY) National e-Governance Division (NeGD) has signed an MoU with National Law University, Delhi and National Law Institute University, Bhopal to establish a Cyber Lab for the Online Capacity Building Programme on Cyber Law, Crime Investigation, and Digital Forensics. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- NeGD (Delhi) + NLU (Delhi) + NLIU (Bhopal) = an MoU to establish a “Cyber Lab”
- NeGD – functions under MeitY
- Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology: Ashwini Vaishnaw | Constituency – Odisha
- MoS in Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology: Rajeev Chandrasekhar

182. On September 4, Himachal Pradesh Government has signed 27 Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) worth Rs 3,307 Cr with various industrial organisations that would provide direct and indirect employment opportunities to around 15,000 people. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Himachal Pradesh – signed 27 MoUs worth Rs 3,307 Cr with various industrial organisations
- Himachal Pradesh: Capital – Shimla & Dharamshala | CM – Jai Ram Thakur | Governor – Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar

183. On September 5, The Punjab government and the American Chamber of Commerce in India (Amcham India) have signed an MoU to promote investment in the state as well as further increase the ease of doing business for US member companies. The MoU was signed during the 29th Annual General Meeting of the Amcham India. This is the first-of-its-kind MoU that Amcham India signed with any state. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Punjab + Amcham India = an MoU to promote investment in the state
- Punjab: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Captain Amarinder Singh | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit (addi. charge)

184. On September 6, Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd (IREDA) has entered into a pact with Tamil Nadu Generation & Distribution Corporation Limited (TANGEDCO) for providing technical expertise in developing of renewable energy projects and raising of funds. TANGEDCO is planning to create 25,000 MW of new Energy Capacity in the next 10 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IREDA + TANGEDCO = an MoU to provide Technical Expertise in developing of Renewable Energy projects
- TANGEDCO – plans to create 25,000 MW of new Energy Capacity in the next 10 years
- HQs of IREDA – New Delhi | CMD – Pradip Kumar Das
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin | Governor – Ravindra Narayan Ravi

185. On September 8, Amazon India has signed an MoU with the Industries and Mines Department, Government of Gujarat, to help drive e-commerce exports from the state. As part of the MoU, Amazon will train and onboard MSMEs from the state on Amazon Global Selling, enabling them to sell their unique Made in India products to millions of Amazon customers across over 200 countries and territories. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Amazon + Gujarat = an MoU to boost the state MSMEs' e-commerce exports
- HQs of Amazon – Seattle , USA | CEO – Andy Jassy | Incorporated in – 1994
- HQs of Amazon India – Hyderabad, Telangana | Country Head – Amit Agarwal
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat

Books & Authors

186. “A Rude Life: The Memoir” is authored by one of the most recognised journalists in India, Vir Sanghvi. The memoir displays a classic case of Delhi Syndrome. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “A Rude Life: The Memoir” – authored by Vir Sanghvi

187. Uday Bhatia’s “Bullets Over Bombay: Satya and the Hindi Film Gangster”, is a vivid chronicle of the making of Ram Gopal Varma’s “Satya” (1998). The book is quite an immersive treatise on Satya because it does not only detail the making of the movie, but also gives a sense of what the real world was like back then. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Bullets Over Bombay: Satya and the Hindi Film Gangster” book – authored by Uday Bhatia

188. Lifestyle coach Luke Coutinho and actor Tamannaah Bhatia have authored a new book titled “Back To The Roots”, published by Penguin Random House India (PRHI). Luke Coutinho’s previously authored books on lifestyle and wellness include “The Great Indian Diet with Shilpa Shetty”, “The Magic Weight-Loss Pill with Anushka Shetty” and his most recent digital release “A New Way of Living”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Back To The Roots” book – authored by Tamannaah Bhatia & Luke Coutinho
- Publisher – Penguin Random House India

189. In September 2021, Nirupama Menon Rao, a former Foreign Secretary of India, has authored a new book titled “The Fractured Himalaya”. She brings a practitioner's keen eye to the labyrinth of negotiations and official interactions that took place between the India & China from 1949 to 1962. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “The Fractured Himalaya” book – authored by Nirupama Menon Rao



190. On September 7, Union Minister of Culture Shri Kishan Reddy Gangapuram has launched the book “Gita Govinda: Jaydeva’s Divine Odyssey” by Dr. Utpal K. Banerjee. He also launched an exhibition on “Gita Govinda” and program “Bujurgon ki Baat - Desh Ke Saath”. Utpal K. Banerjee was awarded Padma Shri in 2009. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Gita Govinda: Jaydeva’s Divine Odyssey” book – authored by Dr. Utpal K. Banerjee
- G. Kishan Reddy – launched “Gita Govinda” exhibition & “Bujurgon ki Baat - Desh Ke Saath” program – in New Delhi
- Minister of Culture: G. Kishan Reddy | Constituency – Secunderabad, Telangana
- MoS in Minister of Culture: Arjun Ram Meghwal

Obituaries

191. Former Union Health Secretary Keshav Desiraju passed away. He was 66. He was the grandson of the former President of India Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. Recently, he wrote a book titled “Gifted Voice: The Life and Art of M.S. Subbulakshmi”. He played an important role during the drafting of Mental Healthcare Bill, 2016. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Keshav Desiraju – Former Union Health Secretary – passed away
- He was the grandson of the former (2nd) President of India Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan
- “Gifted Voice: The Life and Art of M.S. Subbulakshmi” – authored by Keshav Desiraju

192. On September 6, Former French footballer Jean-Pierre Adams, who had been in a coma for 39 years, has died at the age of 73. Jean-Pierre Adams was injured during a match. Then he was operated under anaesthesia on March 17, 1982 and fell into a coma. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Jean-Pierre Adams ([France](#)) – a Football Player – passed away
- He had been in a coma for 39 years

193. On September 7, US actor Michael K. Williams passed away recently. He was one of television's most memorable stars of recent years for his role as Omar Little in The Wire. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Michael K. Williams ([US](#)) – an Actor – passed away



Person in News

194. On September 3, Virat Kohli became the first cricketer, first Indian as well as the first Asian to cross the 150 million followers landmark on Instagram. In the overall list, Kohli is the fourth sporting celebrity to reach the 150 million mark on Instagram. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Virat Kohli – became first cricketer, first Indian & first Asian to cross the 150 million followers on Instagram
- Virat Kohli – overall 4th Sporting Celebrity to reach the 150 million mark on Instagram
- HQs of Instagram – California, USA | CEO – Kevin Systrom

Science & Technology

195. On September 3, China has developed a prototype miniature Helicopter for surveillance work on future Mars missions. The prototype is similar in appearance to the robotic helicopter 'Ingenuity', developed by NASA for its 'Perseverance' mission this year. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- China – developed a prototype miniature Helicopter for surveillance work on future Mars missions
- Robotic helicopter 'Ingenuity' – was developed by NASA for its 'Perseverance' mission
- China – Beijing – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping

196. On September 2, Researchers working at the Department of Zoology Goa University and the Thackeray Wildlife Foundation, Mumbai, have discovered a new species of gecko in Goa. It is believed to be endemic to the biodiversity-rich Western Ghats. The species of the Hemiphyllodactylus genus has now been given a scientific name "Hemiphyllodactylus goensis", named after Goa. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- A new species of gecko named "Hemiphyllodactylus goensis" – discovered in Goa
- It was discovered by = Department of Zoology, Goa University + Thackeray Wildlife Foundation (Mumbai)
- Goa: Capital – Panaji | CM – Pramod Sawant | Governor – P. S. Sreedharan Pillai

197. The Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) plans to launch an explorer in 2024 to land on 'Phobos', a Martian moon, to collect 10 grams (0.35 ounce) of soil and bring it back to Earth in 2029. This move is expected to put Japan ahead of the United States and China in bringing back samples from the Martian region. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- JAXA plans to launch an explorer in 2024 to land on 'Phobos', a Martian moon to collect soil sample & bring it back to Earth in 2029
- HQs of JAXA – Tokyo, Japan | Administrator – Hiroshi Yamakawa



198. On September 8, China successfully launched a new Earth observation satellite “Gaofen-5 02” into space to improve the country's hyperspectral observation capacity of the atmosphere, water and land. The satellite was launched aboard a ‘Long March-4C’ rocket from the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Centre in north China's Shanxi Province. It was the 387th flight mission of the Long March carrier rocket series. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- China – successfully launched a new Earth observation satellite “Gaofen-5 02” into space
- The satellite was launched aboard a ‘Long March-4C’ rocket
- [China – Beijing – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping](#)

199. On September 7, Scientists at the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) Bhopal have sequenced the Genome of Giloy (*Tinospora cordifolia*), a plant with medicinal properties, stated to be for the first time in the world. The research was led by Vineet K. Sharma. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Scientists at IISER ([Bhopal](#)) – sequenced the Genome of Giloy (*Tinospora cordifolia*) - a plant with medicinal properties
- The research was led by – Vineet K. Sharma

200. On September 4, The ISRO has announced that “INSPIRESat-1 CubeSat”, developed under the International Satellite Program in Research and Education (INSPIRE), is ready for the launch. INSPIRESat-1 CubeSat is a collaborative effort by Laboratory for Atmospheric and Space Physics in the US, National Central University, Taiwan, Nanyang Technological University in Singapore and Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology (IIST). This satellite is set to blast off aboard ISRO’s upcoming PSLV mission to study earth’s ionosphere. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “INSPIRESat-1 CubeSat” - a collaborative effort by:
 - Laboratory for Atmospheric & Space Physics ([US](#))
 - National Central University ([Taiwan](#))
 - Nanyang Technological University ([Singapore](#))
 - Indian Institute of Space Science & Technology ([India](#))
- “INSPIRESat-1 CubeSat” – will be launched through PSLV mission of the ISRO
- [HQs of ISRO – Bengaluru, Karnataka | Director – Kailasavadivoo Sivan | Formed on – August 15, 1969](#)





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