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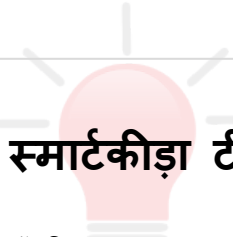
Hi Folks! We hope you all are doing well. We would like to state here that this PDF is meant for preparing for the upcoming MockDrill Test of September 2021 Month at Testzone. In this Current Affairs PDF we have added all the important Current Affairs information in form of 'Key-points' which are crucial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

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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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National & States Affairs

201. On September 7, Ministry of Coal has constituted a Task Force and an Expert Committee to prepare road map for Coal based Hydrogen Production. Coal is one of the important sources of hydrogen making (Brown Hydrogen). Almost 100% of Hydrogen produced in India is through Natural Gas. The Task Force is constituted under the Chairmanship of Vinod Kumar Tiwari. Further, the Expert Committee is constituted under the chairmanship of R. K. Malhotra. Besides, Ayana Renewable Power, a renewable energy platform majority controlled by National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF), and Greenstat Hydrogen India, a Norwegian energy organisation, have signed an MoU to accelerate the hydrogen technology development in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Coal – constituted a Task Force & an Expert Committee to review Coal based Hydrogen Production
- Task Force is constituted under – Vinod Kumar Tiwari (Additional Secretary, Coal Ministry)
- Expert Committee is constituted under – R. K. Malhotra (DG, Federation of Indian Petroleum Industry)
- Ayana Renewable Power (NIIF) + Greenstat Hydrogen India (Norway) = an MoU to accelerate Hydrogen Technology
- Ministry of Coal & Ministry of Mines: Pralhad Joshi | Constituency – Dharwad, Karnataka
- MoS in Ministry of Coal & Ministry of Mines: Danve Raosaheb Dadarao

202. As on September 7, In collaboration with Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), the TRIFED is setting up “Atmanirbhar Bharat corners” in 75 Indian Missions/Embassies across the world in the next 90 days. The first Atma Nirbhar Bharat corner has been successfully inaugurated at Indian Embassy in Bangkok, Thailand. The corner will be an exclusive space to promote GI tagged tribal art and craft products besides natural and organic products. Additionally, TRIFED will also be establishing an Atmanirbhar corners in 75 embassies of foreign countries set up in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- TRIFED + MEA = setting up “Atmanirbhar Bharat corners” in 75 Indian Missions/Embassies across the world
- The first Atma Nirbhar Bharat corner is successfully inaugurated at Indian Embassy – in Bangkok, Thailand
- HQs of TRIFED – New Delhi | MD – Pravir Krishna | Chairman – Ramesh Chand Meena | Founded in – 1987
- Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs: Hardeep Singh Puri | Constituency – Uttar Pradesh
- MoS in Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs: Kaushal Kishore

203. On September 8, Minister of State for Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY) Rajeev Chandrasekhar has launched the drive under “Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan” (PMGDISHA) and announced campaign for 100% digital literacy at all digital villages at an event organised by CSC SPV under “Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav” celebrations. PMGDISHA scheme aims to cover 6 Cr people in rural areas to be digitally literate. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- MeitY – launched a drive under “PMGDISHA” to provide 100% digital literacy at all digital villages
- Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology: Ashwini Vaishnaw | Constituency – Odisha
- MoS in Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology: Rajeev Chandrasekhar

204. On September 8, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) has constituted a 8-member committee for framing/preparing new drugs, cosmetics and medical device laws. The panel is headed by Drug Controller General of India V. G. Somani. The issued order is titled ‘Constitution of Committee for Framing of New Drugs, Cosmetics and Medical Devices Act’. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MoHFW – constituted a 8-member committee to frame new drugs, cosmetics & medical device laws
- The panel is headed by – V. G. Somani (Drug Controller General of India)
- Ministry of Health & Family Welfare: Mansukh L. Mandaviya | Constituency – Palitana, Gujarat
- MoS in Ministry of Health & Family Welfare: Bharati Pravin Pawar

205. On September 8, The Union Cabinet has approved the signing of an MoU on cooperation in the field of Geosciences between Russia’s Joint Stock Company Rosgeologia and the Geological Survey of India (GSI), Ministry of Mines. Besides, the cabinet also approved the procurement of 56 C-295MW transport aircraft from M/s Airbus Defence and Space S.A., Spain for the Indian Air Force. And for this, the government has approved \$3 billion for Airbus-Tata project to replace the old Avro-748 planes of IAF. Moreover, the union cabinet approved the signing of an agreement between India and Portugal on the recruitment of Indian citizens to work in Portugal. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Union Cabinet has given its approval for:
 - An MoU on cooperation in the field of Geosciences – between Rosgeologia (Russia) & GSI (India)
 - The procurement of 56 C-295MW transport aircraft from M/s Airbus Defence & Space (Spain)
 - An MoU on the recruitment of Indian citizens to work in the Portugal – between Portugal & India
- Government approved \$3 billion for ‘Airbus-Tata project’ to replace the old ‘Avro-748’ planes of IAF

206. On September 8, The Union Cabinet has approved the PLI Scheme for Textiles for MMF Apparel, MMF Fabrics and 10 segments/ products of Technical Textiles with a budgetary outlay of Rs 10,683 Cr for 5 years. Besides, the cabinet also approved the increase in the Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for all mandated Rabi crops for Rabi Marketing Season (RMS) 2022-23. Moreover, Cabinet has approved the signing of an MoU between the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) and the Chamber of Auditors of Azerbaijan. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Union Cabinet has approved:
 - PLI Scheme for Textiles sector for 5 years with an outlay of Rs 10,683 Cr
 - Increase in the MSP for all mandated Rabi crops
 - An MoU between ICAI & Chamber of Auditors of Azerbaijan

207. On September 6, National Aluminium Company Ltd (NALCO) has launched the 'NALCO Micro And Small enterprise Yogayog Application' (NAMASYA), a bi-lingual App developed exclusively for the benefit of the Company's MSE Vendors. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NALCO – launched the “NAMASYA app” exclusively for the benefit of the Company's MSE Vendors
- NAMASYA – **NALCO Micro And Small enterprise Yogayog Application**
- [HQs of Nalco – Bhubaneswar, Odisha](#) | [CMD – Sridhar Patra](#)

208. On September 6, Chandigarh has received its first Pollen Calendar developed by the Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER) and Panjab University. The calendar will help physicians identify the potential allergy triggers and advise them to limit exposure to high pollen areas and seasons. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Chandigarh – received its first Pollen Calendar to identify the potential allergy triggers
- It is developed by PGIMER & Panjab University

209. On September 8, Walmart-owned Flipkart has launched “Flipkart Boost”, a new programme aimed at helping digital-first consumer brands to grow their business. Through a service fee model, Flipkart Boost will provide end-to-end support covering planning, advertising, cataloguing, logistics, quality control and mentoring to emerging 'Made in India' brands. Flipkart cited an Avendus Capital report to state that the D2C (direct to customer) sector in India is currently worth \$44.6 billion (end of FY 2021) and is expected to be worth \$100 billion by 2025. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Flipkart – launched a new programme “Flipkart Boost” to help digital-first consumer brands to grow their business
- D2C sector in India is currently worth \$44.6 billion (end of FY 2021) | expected to be worth \$100 billion by 2025
- [HQs of Flipkart – Bangalore, Karnataka](#) | [Chairperson – Binny Bansal](#) | [CEO – Kalyan Krishnamurthy](#)



210. On September 4, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL) has launched its branded store “Happy Shop”, marking its foray into the non-fuel retailing business. HPCL has opened the branded store at one of its petrol pumps in Mumbai, Maharashtra. HPCL also launched “poWer 100”, an ultra-premium grade petrol with Octane rating of 100 to cater to the growing number of high-end cars and bikes. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- HPCL – launched its first branded store “Happy Shop” in Mumbai
- HPCL – launched “poWer 100” - an ultra-premium grade petrol with Octane rating of 100
- HQs of HPCL – Mumbai, MH | CEO & Chairperson – Mukesh Kumar Surana

211. On September 14, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has laid the foundation stone of Raja Mahendra Pratap Singh State University in Aligarh. The university is being established by the Uttar Pradesh government in the memory and honour of Raja Mahendra Pratap Singh, the great freedom fighter, educationist and social reformer. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of Raja Mahendra Pratap Singh State University – in Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

212. On September 5, According to the “Ladakh Resident Certificate Order 2021”, the Ladakh administration has decided to issue “Resident Certificate” only to the Permanent Resident Certificate (PRC) holders of the region. For entry into government services against all posts, the Administration also enhanced the upper age limit for the reserved category candidates from 43 years to 45 years, for the general category candidates from 40 to 42 years and for the physically challenged candidates from 42 to 44 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ladakh administration – decided to issue “Resident Certificate” only to the Permanent Resident Certificate holders
- Ladakh administration enhanced the upper age limit by two year:
 - 45 years for the reserved category candidates
 - 42 years for the general category candidates
 - 44 years for the physically challenged candidates
- Ladakh: Capital – Leh | Lt. Governor – R. K. Mathur

213. On September 9, Union Ministers Rajnath Singh and Nitin Gadkari inaugurated an emergency landing strip at Satta-Gandhav stretch on National Highway 925 in Barmer, Rajasthan. The 3-km section of Satta-Gandhav stretch is developed by National Highways Authority of India (NHAI). NH-925 is India's first national highway to be used for emergency landing of IAF aircraft. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- India's first emergency landing facility for IAF aircraft – at Satta-Gandhav stretch on NH-925, in Barmer, Rajasthan
- Rajasthan: Capital – Jaipur | CM – Ashok Gehlot | Governor – Kalraj Mishra
- HQs of IAF – New Delhi | Chief – Air Marshal Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria | Vice Chief – Vivek Ram Chaudhari

214. On September 9, Minister of State in Jal Shakti Ministry, Prahlad Singh Patel has presided over the e-launch of “Swachh Survekshan Grameen 2021” under ‘Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) Phase-II’ at an event organized by Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DDWS). The minister also released the SSG 2021 Protocol document, SSG 2021 Dashboard and the mobile App for Citizens’ feedback. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Jal Shakti Ministry – launched “Swachh Survekshan Grameen 2021” under ‘Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) Phase-II’
- Ministry of Jal Shakti: Gajendra Singh Sekhawat | Constituency – Jodhpur, Rajasthan
- MoS in Ministry of Jal Shakti: Prahlad Singh Patel

215. On September 9, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) in collaboration with the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY) has launched “Main Bhi Digital 3.0” - a special campaign for digital onboarding and training for Street Vendors under “PM SVANidhi” scheme across 223 cities in India. BharatPe, Mswipe, PhonePe, Paytm and Aceware are participating in this drive to issue UPI IDs, QR code and provide digital training. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MoHUA + MeitY = launched “Main Bhi Digital 3.0” for digital onboarding & training of ‘Street Vendors’
- “PM SVANidhi” scheme:
 - Launched in June, 2020 by MoHUA
 - Affordable working capital loan of up to ₹10,000
 - An interest subsidy on regular repayment at 7%

216. The Karnataka government has decided to establish a “Spices Park” at Ambale in Chikkamagaluru district. It has been a long-pending demand of the Malnad region. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Karnataka – to establish a “Spices Park” at Ambale, in Chikmagalur district of Karnataka
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – Basavaraj Bommai | Governor – Thaawarchand Gehlot



217. On September 7, India's tallest air purifier with 24-metre height was inaugurated in Chandigarh. The inauguration comes on the International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies. The air purifier is capable of cleaning the air in a radius of around 1 km and it has been installed by Pious Air Pvt Ltd, a firm based in Delhi. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India's tallest air purifier with 24-metre height was inaugurated in – Chandigarh
- Capacity of cleaning the air in a radius of around 1 km | Tower is installed by – Pious Air Pvt Ltd

218. On September 9, India's first indigenously designed High Ash Coal Gasification based Methanol Production Plant was inaugurated at BHEL R&D Centre, Hyderabad in Telangana. The project was supported by the Department of Science and Technology with Rs 10 Cr grant. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India's 1st indigenously designed High Ash Coal Gasification based Methanol Production Plant – in Hyderabad
- It was inaugurated at – BHEL R&D Centre, Hyderabad in Telangana
- [Telangana: Capital – Hyderabad | CM – K. Chandrashekar Rao | Governor – Tamilisai Soundararajan](#)

219. On September 11, Indian government has enhanced the scope of Transport and Marketing Assistance (TMA) scheme for specified Agriculture products by including Dairy products under its purview and increasing the rates of assistance. The scheme has been extended till March 31, 2022. The rates of assistance have been increased, by 50% for exports by Sea and 100% through Air. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Government enhanced the scope of Transport & Marketing Assistance (TMA) scheme for Agriculture products
- Government included Dairy products under the purview of TMA Scheme | Scheme extended till – March 31, 2022
- Government increased the rates of assistance: 50% for exports by Sea & 100% for exports by Air

220. Haryana has become the first state in India in installation of Off-Grid Solar Pumps under “Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha Evam Utthan Mahaabhiyaan (PM-KUSUM)” with installation of 14,418 pumps against 15,000 sanctioned pumps for the year 2020-21. Ministry of New and Renewable Energy had launched the “PMKUSUM” scheme in 2019 with target to install 20 lakh standalone solar pumps. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Haryana – became the first state in India in installation of Off-Grid Solar Pumps under “PM-KUSUM”
- “PM-KUSUM” scheme – launched by Ministry of New and Renewable Energy in 2019
- [Haryana: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Manohar Lal Khattar | Governor – Bandaru Dattatraya](#)



221. On September 8, The Jharkhand Assembly has passed “The Jharkhand State Employment of Local Candidates Bill, 2021”, which provides 75% reservation for local people in the private sector up to ₹40,000 salary a month. Once notified, Jharkhand will become the third State in India, after Andhra Pradesh and Haryana, to pass such law. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Jharkhand – 3rd state to pass a bill providing 75% reservation for local people in the Private Sector up to ₹40,000 salary
- Jharkhand: Capital – Ranchi | CM – Hemant Soren | Governor – Ramesh Bais

222. On September 10, Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) Chief Mohan Bhagwat has launched a mobile app named “Audio Kumbh” developed to make more accessible works of national thinkers. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mohan Bhagwat (RSS Chief) – launched a mobile app named “Audio Kumbh”
- HQs of RSS – Nagpur, Maharashtra | Sarsanghchalak (Chief) – Mohan Bhagwat

223. On September 11, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has announced the setting up of “Subramanya Bharati Chair” in memory of Tamil poet Subramania Bharati at Banaras Hindu University (BHU) for Tamil studies. PM Modi made the announcement on the 100th death anniversary of Subramania Bharati, while inaugurating Ahmedabad-based “Sardardham Bhavan” virtually. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Modi – announced to set up of “Subramanya Bharati Chair” at BHU for Tamil studies
- The announcement was made on the 100th death anniversary of – Subramania Bharati (a Tamil Poet)
- Narendra Modi – inaugurated “Sardardham Bhavan” – in Ahmedabad, Gujarat

224. On September 13, Assam Electronics Development Corporation Ltd (AMTRON) has appointed tech firm “iBus Networks” as its Exclusive Business Partner for deploying and operating digital infrastructure on commercial premises. With this partnership, the two entities will offer connectivity solutions on large campuses, IT parks, hospitals, SEZs and commercial buildings. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- AMTRON – appointed “iBus Networks” as its Exclusive Business Partner to deploy & operate Digital Infrastructure
- HQs of iBus Networks – Bengaluru, Karnataka | MD & CEO – Ram Sellaratnam
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Himanta Biswa Sarma | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi



International Affairs

225. On September 6, Greece's center-right government has created a new Ministry to address the impact of Climate Change and named former European Union commissioner Christos Stylianides as Minister. Before serving as commissioner, Mr. Stylianides was the European Union's head coordinator for the bloc's response to the Ebola epidemic in West Africa. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Greece – created a new Ministry to address the impact of Climate Change | Minister – Christos Stylianides
- Greece – Athens – Euro | PM – Kyriakos Mitsotakis

226. On September 9, Switzerland's start-up Climeworks and Iceland's Carbfix has built the world's largest plant "Orca" which started operating in Iceland. It extract carbon dioxide (CO₂) directly from the air and deposits it underground. Orca is named after the Icelandic word "Orka" meaning "Energy". Orca plant can draw 4,000 tonnes of CO₂ out of the air every year. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- World's largest plant to extract CO₂ from air "Orca" – started operating in Iceland
- The plant is built by = Climeworks (Switzerland) + Carbfix (Iceland) | Capacity – 4,000 tonnes of CO₂ annually
- Iceland – Reykjavik – Krona | President – Guoni Th. Johannesson

227. In September 2021, South Korea has successfully completed an underwater test-launch of an indigenous submarine-launched ballistic missile (SLBM) named "Hyunmoo-2B" ballistic missile, with the range of 500 km. The test was conducted by Dosan Ahn Chang-ho submarine. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- South Korea – successfully conducted its 1st underwater test-launch of "Hyunmoo-2B" ballistic missile
- Range of the missile – 500 km | Test was conducted by – Dosan Ahn Chang-ho submarine
- South Korea – Seoul – Korean Republic won | President – Moon Jae-in

228. On September 9, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, India and Denmark have launched the "Centre of Excellence on Offshore Wind" as part of the Green Strategic Partnership between the two nations. Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) has set a target of adding 30 gigawatts (GW) of offshore wind energy projects by 2030. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India + Denmark = launched the "Centre of Excellence on Offshore Wind" as part of Green Strategic Partnership
- Denmark – Copenhagen – Danish krone | PM – Mette Frederiksen



229. Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas Hardeep Singh Puri has co-chaired a virtual Ministerial meeting with the U.S. Secretary of Energy Jennifer Granholm to launch the revamped “US-India Strategic Clean Energy Partnership (SCEP)”. Both countries agreed to expand their Energy Partnership by adding Emerging Fuels to the list of areas of cooperation as a 5th Pillar. The SCEP was launched in accordance with the “US-India Climate and Clean Energy Agenda 2030 Partnership”. A new “India-US Task Force on Biofuels” was also announced to build on the scope of work on cooperation in Biofuels Sector. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- US & India – to launch the revamped “US-India Strategic Clean Energy Partnership (SCEP)”
- US & India – agreed to expand their Energy Partnership by adding ‘Emerging Fuels’ to the list of areas of cooperation
- “India-US Task Force on Biofuels” to be set up for cooperation in ‘Biofuels Sector’
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46th President – Joe Biden | 49th VP – Kamala Harris

230. On September 8, North Korea has been suspended from the International Olympic Committee (IOC) until the end of 2022, after failing to send a team to the Tokyo Olympics. It means, North Korea will miss the “2022 Winter Olympics” which is scheduled to take place in Beijing from February 4 to 20, 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- North Korea – suspended from the IOC until the end of 2022
- “2022 Winter Olympics” – scheduled to take place in Beijing, China (from Feb 4 to 20, 2022)
- North Korea – Pyongyang – North Korean won | President – Kim Jong-un

231. On September 7, Cuba has become the first country in the world to vaccinate children from the age of two against Covid-19. It started distributing jabs in the 2-11 age group in the central province of Cienfuegos. The Cuban vaccines was the first developed in Latin America & it has not yet undergone international, scientific peer review. Chile recently approved the Chinese “Sinovac” vaccines for children between 6 and 12. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Cuba – became the first country in the world to vaccinate children from the age of 2 against Covid-19
- Chile – recently approved the Chinese “Sinovac” vaccines for children between 6 to 12
- Cuba – Havana – Peso | President – Miguel Diaz-Canel
- Chile – Santiago – Peso | President – Sebastian Pinera



Banking & Economic Affairs

232. On September 7, The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has set up 3 Boards for Advance Rulings (BAR) to offer greater clarity on tax implications of transactions, which in turn will help avoid income tax disputes. This will replace the Authority for Advance Rulings (AAR), which was set up in 1993. Out of the three BARs, two will be in Delhi and one in Mumbai. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CBDT – set up 3 “BARs” to replace “AARs” for offering greater clarity on tax implications of transactions
- Out of 3 BARs: 2 in Delhi & 1 in Mumbai
- BARs – **B**oards for **A**dvance **R**ulings | AARs – **A**uthority for **A**dvance **R**ulings (AARs was set up in 1993)
- HQs of CBDT – New Delhi | Chairman – Jagannath Bidyadhar Mohapatra | Formed in – 1944

233. On September 9, SBM Bank India has partnered with Lendingkart to launch a customised overdraft facility for over 1 lakh customers of the fintech. The collaboration is aimed at solving such challenges through technology, efficiency and customised solutions. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SBM Bank India + Lendingkart – partnership to launch a customised Overdraft Facility
- HQs of Lendingkart – Ahmedabad, Gujarat | CEO & Co-founder – Harshvardhan Lunia
- 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

234. On September 9, The RBI has removed UCO Bank from its Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) framework subject to certain conditions and continuous monitoring. RBI had initiated prompt corrective action on the bank in May 2017 in view of high non-performing assets and negative return on assets. Now, Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) and Central Bank of India are under this framework. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI – removed “UCO Bank” from its **P**rompt **C**orrective **A**ction (PCA) framework (initiated in May, 2017)
- Now, IOB & CBoI are under PCA framework (as on September 9, 2021)
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April, 1935
- HQs of UCO Bank – Kolkata, West Bengal | CEO – Atul Kumar Goel

235. On September 10, Karnataka Bank in collaboration with Mswipe Technologies Pvt Ltd has launched “WisePOSGo” - a point of sales (POS) device that processes business payments of its merchant customers. It is an all-in-one swiping machine. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Karnataka Bank + Mswipe Technologies = launched “WisePOSGo” - a point of sales (POS) device
- HQs of Karnataka Bank – Mangalore, Karnataka | CEO – Mahabaleshwara M. S
- HQs of Mswipe Technologies – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Manish Patel



236. On September 8, Bank of Baroda has launched its digital banking platform “Bob World” to provide all banking services under one roof. Over 220 services will be converged into one single app. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bank of Baroda – launched its digital banking platform “Bob World”
- HQs of BOB – Vadodara, Gujarat | CEO – Sanjiv Chadha | Tagline – “India’s International Bank”

237. On September 8, South Indian Bank, in association with OneCard, launched the “SIB - OneCard Credit Card”. The internationally valid credit card on the Visa Signature platform can be controlled through the OneCard App. The card is based on NFC (Near Field Technology) facility. OneCard has been launched by FPL Technologies - a fintech start-up which aims to digitally revolutionise credit and payments. South Indian Bank is the first bank in the private sector in India to open a Currency Chest on behalf of the RBI in April 1992. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- South Indian Bank + OneCard = partnership to launch “SIB - OneCard Credit Card”
- The card is based on – **Near Field Technology (NFC)** facility
- South Indian Bank – the first private sector bank in India to open a Currency Chest on behalf of RBI (in April 1992)
- HQs of OneCard – Riyadh, Saudi Arabia | CEO – Anurag Sinha (launched by - FPL Technologies)
- HQs of South Indian Bank – Thrissur, Kerala | CEO – Murali Ramakrishnan

238. On September 6, Bank of Baroda has ranked number 1 with a total of 86% marks on the scorecard issued by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) for February and March 2021. The scorecard ranked 44 banks on various parameters on the digital business. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bank of Baroda – topped “MeitY Digital Payment Scorecard” for February & March 2021
- HQs of BOB – Vadodara, Gujarat | CEO – Sanjiv Chadha | Tagline – “India’s International Bank”

239. On September 9, Paytm Money has partnered with WealthDesk to offer curated investment portfolios called “WealthBaskets”. A WealthBasket is a custom portfolio of stocks/ETFs created by SEBI-registered investment professionals. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Paytm Money + WealthDesk = to offer curated investment portfolios called “WealthBaskets”
- HQs of Paytm Money – Bengaluru, Karnataka | CEO – Varun Sridhar | Founded in – 2009

240. On September 8, The RBI has expanded the Tokenization facility from earlier device-based Tokenization framework to “Card-on-File Tokenization (CoFT) Services”. RBI has set a December-2021 deadline to prohibit payments aggregators, merchants and service providers like Amazon and Netflix from storing customer card details in their servers. Tokenization is a solution for the payments industry. Tokenisation means replacing the actual card details with codes known as ‘Token’. Moreover, In order to simplify recurring payments, Worldline has introduced an innovative “Subscription Payments Platform” focused on comprehensive subscription life-cycle management and payment processing services. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- RBI – expanded the Tokenization facility from device-based Tokenization framework to “CoFT Services”
- CoFT – Card-on-File Tokenization
- Worldline – introduced an innovative “Subscription Payments Platform”
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April, 1935

241. On September 8, Amazon Pay has partnered with Kuvera, owned by Arevuk Advisory Services to offer Wealth Management Services to its 50 million Indian customers. It is the first and only wealth management tie-up for Amazon in the world. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Amazon Pay + Kuvera = to offer Wealth Management Services to its 50 million Indian customers
- HQs of Amazon – Seattle , USA | CEO – Andy Jassy | Incorporated in – 1994
- HQs of Kuvera – Bangalore, Karnataka | Founder & CEO – Gaurav Rastogi

Defence Affairs

242. On September 7, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has released an order on “Delegation of Financial Powers to Defence Services (DFPDS) 2021”, providing enhanced delegation of Revenue Procurement Powers to the Armed Forces. A new schedule on hiring of Aircraft and associated Equipment has been introduced for Indian Air Force which includes hiring of Air to Air re-fuellers. Delegated Financial Powers of Vice Chiefs of the Services have been increased by 10%, subject to an overall ceiling of Rs 500 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rajnath Singh – released an order on “Delegation of Financial Powers to Defence Services (DFPDS) 2021”
- Rajnath Singh – approved an enhanced delegation of ‘Revenue Procurement Powers’ to the Armed Forces
- A new schedule on hiring of Aircraft and associated Equipment is introduced for – Indian Air Force
- Delegated Financial Powers of Vice Chiefs of the Services have been increased – by 10% (with ceiling of - Rs 500 Cr)
- Ministry of Defence: Rajnath Singh | Constituency – Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- MoS in Ministry of Defence: Ajay Bhatt

243. On September 7, Sea trials of India’s first Floating missile Test Range (FTR), INS Anvesh, are set to begin with the ship expected to be commissioned in the next two months. It is built by Cochin Shipyard and designed by the Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO). [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Sea trials of India's first Floating missile Test Range (FTR) "INS Anvesh" – began in September
- It is built by – Cochin Shipyard Ltd & designed by – DRDO
- HQs of Cochin Shipyard – Kochi, Kerala | Chairman & MD – Madhu S. Nair
- HQs of DRDO – New Delhi | Chairman – G. Satheesh Reddy | Established in – 1958

244. On September 9, In a significant boost to India's defence capabilities, the DRDO has handed over the first deliverable Firing Unit (FU) of Medium Range Surface to Air Missile (MRSAM) System or "Barak-8" Missile System to the Indian Air Force (IAF) in the presence of Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh at Air Force Station, Jaisalmer in Rajasthan. The MRSAM (IAF) is an advanced network centric combat Air Defence System developed jointly by DRDO & Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- DRDO handed over 1st deliverable Firing Unit of "MRSAM" or "Barak-8" missile system to IAF – at Jaisalmer, Rajasthan
- "MRSAM" or "Barak-8" missile system – is jointly developed by DRDO & Israel Aerospace Industries
- HQs of DRDO – New Delhi | Chairman – G. Satheesh Reddy | Established in – 1958
- Rajasthan: Capital – Jaipur | CM – Ashok Gehlot | Governor – Kalraj Mishra

245. On September 9, Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Ltd (GRSE) has signed an MoU with French defence firm Naval Group to collaborate on surface ships to cater to the requirements of India and Global Naval Forces. The MoU will help the two entities to collaborate on offering high-end surface ships based on sea proven 'Gowind' design developed for export market. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- GRSE + Naval Group (France) = an MoU to offer high-end surface ships based on sea proven 'Gowind' design
- HQs of GRSE – Kolkata, India | Chairman & MD – Rear Admiral Vipin Kumar Saxena | Founded in – 1884

Schemes & Initiatives

246. On September 14, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel has launched "Millet Mission" initiative aimed at giving the farmers right price for small cereal crops. He also signed an MoU with Indian Institute of Millet Research (IIMR), Hyderabad under the "Millet Mission". He also stated that the year 2023 will be celebrated as the "International Year of Millet". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Chhattisgarh – launched "Millet Mission" initiative to provide right price to farmers for small cereal crops
- Chhattisgarh + IIMR (Hyderabad) = an MoU under the "Millet Mission" initiative
- 2023 – "International Year of Millet"



Sports & Games

247. Mahendra Singh Dhoni will join Team India as their mentor in the upcoming “T20 World Cup” in the UAE, as announced by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) on September 10. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mahendra Singh Dhoni – to join Team India as their mentor in the “T20 World Cup” in the UAE
- HQs of BCCI – Mumbai, MH | Chairman – Sourav Ganguly | Secretary – Jay Shah | Founded in – 1928

248. A veteran of Zimbabwe cricket & former Zimbabwe captain Brendan Taylor has announced his retirement from International Cricket. He made his debut in 2004. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Brendan Taylor ([Zimbabwe](#)) – retired from International Cricket
- Zimbabwe – Harare – Dollar | President – Emmerson Mnangagwa

249. On September 12, Australian Daniel Ricciardo of McLaren team has won the “Formula One (F1) Italian Grand Prix 2021” defeating Lando Norris. The victory was McLaren's first since 2012 and Ricciardo's first since he was at Red Bull in 2018. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Daniel Ricciardo – won the “F1 Italian Grand Prix 2021” (defeating Lando Norris)
- Daniel Ricciardo ([Australia](#)) – McLaren team

Important Days & Dates

250. On September 9, the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) organised “Himalayan Diwas” in association with Naula Foundation. This year's theme is “Contribution of Himalayas and our Responsibilities”. Himalaya Diwas is celebrated every year on 9th September in Uttarakhand. It was officially declared as Himalaya Day in 2015. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- September 9 – Himalayan Diwas or Himalaya Day – organised by NMCG & Naula Foundation
- 2021's theme – “Contribution of Himalayas and our Responsibilities”
- Himalaya Diwas is celebrated every year in Uttarakhand | Since – 2015

251. The United Nation's “International Day to Protect Education from Attack” was recently observed on September 9 to protect the right to education for all. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- September 9 – UN’s “International Day to Protect Education from Attack”

252. World Suicide Prevention Day is observed annually on September 10. The theme this year is “Creating hope through Action”. This day is organised by the International Association for Suicide Prevention (IASP) and endorsed by the World Health Organization (WHO). For the first time, this day was marked on September 10, 2003. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- September 10 – World Suicide Prevention Day
- Theme – “Creating hope through Action”

253. The 9th of September has marked “World Electric Vehicle (EV) Day 2021”. The day marks the celebration of e-mobility. World EV Day was an initiative created by sustainability media company, Green TV. The first World EV day was observed in 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- September 9 – 2nd edition of “World Electric Vehicle (EV) Day” (since 2020)

254. On September 11, National Forest Martyrs Day is observed in India. It is a day to pay tribute to those who sacrificed their lives to protect the wildlife, forests, and jungles in India. The ministry selected 11 September because, on this day in 1730, the “Khejarli massacre” took place in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- September 11 – National Forest Martyrs Day
- “Khejarli massacre” took place in Rajasthan on September 11, 1730

255. Every year, World First Aid Day is observed on the 2nd Saturday of September to increase awareness and accessibility to first aid. This year, World First Aid Day will be celebrated on September 11, 2021 across the globe. In 2021, the theme is “First Aid and Road Safety”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- September 11 – World First Aid Day (2nd Saturday of September)
- 2021’s Theme – “First Aid and Road Safety”

256. On September 12, To commemorate the death anniversary of freedom fighter Subramania Bharati, Tamil Nadu government has declared September 11 as “Mahakavi” Day. She has contributed in Tamil literature. In “The Coming Age”, published by Penguin Modern Classics, edited and presented by his great-granddaughter Mira T. Sundara Rajan, we get a peep into Bharati’s original English writings. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- September 11 – “Mahakavi” Day – declared by Tamil Nadu (death anniversary of Subramania Bharati)
- “The Coming Age” book – authored by Mira T. Sundara Rajan | Publisher – Penguin Modern Classics



257. The “United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation” is an initiative for the Economic, Social and Political developments of the countries in the Southern region. Every year, this day is celebrated globally on September 12. This day also commemorates the adoption of the “Buenos Aires Plan of Action (BAPA)” in 1978. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- September 12 – “United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation”

Meetings, Conferences and Summits

258. Air Chief Marshal RKS Bhadauria attended the “Pacific Air Chiefs Symposium 2021 (PACS-21)” organised at Hawaii from 30 August to 2 September, 2021. The event themed “Enduring Cooperation towards Regional Stability” was attended by Air Chiefs from countries in the Indo-Pacific region. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RKS Bhadauria – attended the “Pacific Air Chiefs Symposium 2021 (PACS-21)” organised at Hawaii, US
- Theme – “Enduring Cooperation towards Regional Stability”
- HQs of IAF – New Delhi | Chief – Air Marshal Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria | Vice Chief – Vivek Ram Chaudhari

259. September 9, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has chaired the 13th BRICS Summit virtually. The theme of the Summit, chosen by India, was “BRICS@15: Intra-BRICS Cooperation for Continuity, Consolidation and Consensus”. At the conclusion of the Summit, the leaders adopted the ‘New Delhi Declaration’. Prime Minister called for enhanced BRICS cooperation under the motto of “Build-back Resiliently, Innovatively, Credibly and Sustainably”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Modi – chaired the 13th BRICS Summit
- Theme of the Summit – “BRICS@15: Intra-BRICS Cooperation for Continuity, Consolidation and Consensus”
- BRICS Member Countries: 5 – Brazil, Russia, India, China & South Africa | Chairmanship in 2021 – India

260. On September 7, Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare Dr. Bharati Pravin Pawar has represented India at the 74th session of the World Health Organization-South East Asia Regional Office (WHO-SEARO) organized by Nepal. She highlighted the key measures and strategies planned to ‘build back better’ to achieve Universal Health Care and health related Sustainable Development Goals and to strengthen health system resilience for the future. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bharati Pravin Pawar – represented India at the 74th session of the “WHO-SEARO” – organized by Nepal
- HQs of WHO-SEARO – New Delhi, India | Regional Director – Poonam Khetrpal Singh | Member Countries – 11
- Ministry of Health & Family Welfare: Mansukh L. Mandaviya | Constituency – Palitana, Gujarat
- MoS in Ministry of Health & Family Welfare: Bharati Pravin Pawar



261. Lok Sabha Speaker Om Prakash Birla has participated in the 5th World Conference of Speakers of Parliament (5WCSP) organised by the Austrian Parliament, Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and the United Nations on September 7-8 in Vienna. He also attended the first global parliamentary summit on countering terrorism on September 9 in Vienna. Theme of the Conference was “Parliamentary leadership for more Effective Multilateralism”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Om Prakash Birla – participated in the 5th World Conference of Speakers of Parliament in Vienna, Austria
- Conference was organised by = Austria + IPU + UN
- Theme of the Conference – “Parliamentary leadership for more Effective Multilateralism”
- HQs of IPU – Geneva, Switzerland | President – Duarte Pacheco | SG – Martin Chungong | Formed in – 1889
- HQs of UN – New York, United States | Secretary-General – Antonio Guterres
- Austria – Vienna – Euro | President – Alexander Van der Bellen
- India's Ambassador to Austria – Jaideep Mazumder

262. The 4th Conference of the Protectors of Emigrants was held on September 10, 2021, coinciding with the date of enactment of the “Emigration Act, 1983”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 4th Conference of the Protectors of Emigrants – held on September 10, 2021



263. On September 6, Writer Namita Gokhale has been chosen as the recipient of the 7th “Yamin Hazarika Woman of Substance Award 2021”. This award is being organised by the collective of women professionals from the year 2015. Yamin Hazarika was the first woman from Northeast India to be selected for Delhi, Andaman & Nicobar Islands Police Service (DANIPS). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Namita Gokhale – 7th edition of “Yamin Hazarika Woman of Substance Award” for 2021
- Yamin Hazarika – the first woman from Northeast India to be selected for DANIPS

264. On September 8, Vedic-GPS, a documentary film that was commissioned by the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, New Delhi, has bagged the “Best Research-based Documentary Award” at the first Hermetic International Film Festival, in Venice, Italy. The 50-minute documentary was directed by Latha Krishna. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Vedic-GPS” a documentary film – received the “Best Research-based Documentary Award” – at the first Hermetic International Film Festival, in Venice, Italy
- Director – Latha Krishna



265. On September 8, Hyderabad-based International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) has been awarded the “Africa Food Prize 2021” for work that has improved food security across 13 countries in sub-Saharan Africa. Institute recognised for helping 25 million farmers in 13 countries to improve income and food production. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ICRISAT ([Hyderabad](#)) – awarded the “Africa Food Prize 2021” for improving food security in sub-Saharan Africa

266. On September 7, Indian advertising doyen Ramesh Narayan will be inducted into the “Asian Federation of Advertising Associations (AFAA) Hall of Fame” at AdAsia 2021 scheduled to be held in December, 2021. Ramesh has been honoured with AAAI Lifetime Achievement Award, the International Advertising Association Global Champion Award, the Public Relations Society of India Special Award, the Association of Business Communicators of India Lifetime Achievement Award, and an induction into the Hall of Fame of the India Chapter of the IAA. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ramesh Narayan – to be inducted into “Asian Federation of Advertising Associations Hall of Fame” at AdAsia 2021

267. September 9, British writer Susanna Clarke has won the prestigious “Women’s Prize for Fiction 2021” for her novel “Piranesi”. She was awarded the 30,000 pound (\$41,000) prize for her second novel published 16 years after her first novel, “Jonathan Strange & Mr. Norrell”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Susanna Clarke – won the prestigious “Women’s Prize for Fiction 2021” for her “Piranesi” novel
- Her other books: “Jonathan Strange & Mr. Norrell”

268. On September 9, Ayaan Shankta, a 12-year-old Environmental Activist from Mumbai has been named as a “2021 International Young Eco-Hero” in recognition of his efforts to solve tough Environmental problems. He won the third place in the 8-14 age category for his project ‘Conservation and Rehabilitation of Powai Lake’. This award is given by Action For Nature (AFN) to the youth aged 8 to 16 who are taking crucial steps to solve tough Environmental problems. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ayaan Shankta ([Mumbai](#)) – named as a “2021 International Young Eco-Hero”
- 3rd place in the 8-14 age category – for his project “Conservation & Rehabilitation of Powai Lake”
- “International Young Eco-Hero” award is given by Action For Nature (AFN) to the Youth aged 8 to 16



Appointments & Resignations

269. On September 7, The government has appointed Union Minister for Commerce & Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution and Textile Piyush Goyal as Sherpa for the “G20 Summit”, replacing former Union Minister Suresh Prabhu. Moreover, India will be part of the G20 Troika [Preceding, current & incoming Presidencies] from December 1, 2021 till November 30, 2024. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Piyush Goyal – appointed as Sherpa for the “G20 Summit” (replacing - Suresh Prabhu)
- India will be part of the ‘G20 Troika’ – from December 1, 2021 till November 30, 2024
- [Presidency of G20 Summit: 2021 – Italy | 2022 – Indonesia | 2023 – India | 2024 – Brazil](#)

270. On September 4, Satyajit Tripathy has been appointed as the Chairman-cum-Managing Director of United India Insurance Company Limited (UIIC). Tripathy is currently General Manager and Director at The New India Assurance Company Ltd. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Satyajit Tripathy – appointed as the CMD of United India Insurance Company Ltd
- [HQs of UIIC – Chennai, Tamil Nadu | CMD – Satyajit Tripathy](#)

271. On September 9, A. G. Thankappan, S N Trust executive committee member and SNDP Yogam councillor, has taken charge as the Chairman of Spices Board of India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- A. G. Thankappan – appointed as the Chairman of Spices Board of India
- [HQs of Spices Board of India – Kochi, Kerala | Chairman – A. G. Thankappan](#)

272. In September 2021, Lieutenant General Gurmit Singh (retd) has been appointed as the new governor of Uttarakhand. He was chosen for this new post by President of India Ram Nath Kovind after the resignation of Baby Rani Maurya. While, Banwarilal Purohit, Governor of Tamil Nadu holding additional charge of the Governor of Punjab, is appointed as regular Governor of Punjab. Ravindra Narayan Ravi, who was overseeing affairs in Nagaland, has been transferred to take charge as the Governor of Tamil Nadu. And Assam governor Jagdish Mukhi is assigned the additional responsibility of Nagaland until regular arrangements are made. Moreover, Bhupendra Patel is appointed as new Governor of Gujarat after the resignation of Vijay Rupani. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Lt. Gen. Gurmit Singh – appointed as new Governor of Uttarakhand
- Banwarilal Purohit – appointed as new Governor of Punjab
- R. N. Ravi – appointed as new Governor of Tamil Nadu
- Bhupendra Patel – appointed as new Governor of Gujarat



- Jagdish Mukhi – given additional charge as the Governor of Nagaland
- The Governor of a State is appointed by the President under 'Article 155' of the Indian Constitution
- Uttarakhand: Capital – Dehradun & Gairsain | CM – Pushkar Singh Dhami | Governor – Lt. Gen. Gurmit Singh
- Punjab: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – S. Charanjit Singh Channi | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin | Governor – Ravindra Narayan Ravi
- Nagaland: Capital – Kohima | CM – Neiphiu Rio | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi (addi. charge)
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Bhupendra Patel | Governor – Acharya Devvrat

273. On September 7, The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India G. C. Murmu has been elected as the Chairman of the Assembly of Asian Organisation of Supreme Audit Institutions (ASOSAI) from 2024-2027. India is set to host the 16th ASOSAI in 2024. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- G. C. Murmu – elected as the Chairman of the ASOSAI from 2024-2027
- India – to host the 16th ASOSAI in 2024
- CAG – G. C. Murmu | CGA – Deepak Das

274. On September 6, Satish Parekh has taken over as the President of India Chapter (IC) of International Road Federation (IRF). He took over from Subhmay Gangopadhyay. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Satish Parekh – appointed as the President of India Chapter of International Road Federation (IRF)
- HQs of IRF – Geneva, Switzerland | President of IC IRF – Satish Parekh | Chairman of IRF – Abdullah A. Al-Mogbel

275. September 7, The Madhya Pradesh government has appointed Indian hockey player Vivek Sagar as Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) in the state police. He was part of the Indian squad that won the bronze medal at the Tokyo Olympics. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Vivek Sagar (Indian Hockey Player) – appointed as the DSP in Madhya Pradesh
- Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Mangubhai Chhaganbhai Patel

276. On September 7, The Andhra Pradesh government has appointed former Chairman of the SBI, Rajnish Kumar as its Economic Advisor for two year. While, Sameer Sharma is appointed as Chief Secretary of Andhra Pradesh. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rajnish Kumar – appointed as Economic Advisor of Andhra Pradesh for 2 years
- Sameer Sharma – appointed as Chief Secretary of Andhra Pradesh
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan



277. On September 11, Piramal Realty, the real estate arm of the Piramal Group, has roped in Rahul Dravid as a brand ambassador for its portfolio of residential projects in Mumbai and Thane. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rahul Dravid – appointed as the Brand Ambassador of Piramal Realty (a real estate arm of Piramal Group)
- HQs of Piramal Realty – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Ajay Piramal

278. On September 11, Morocco's King Mohammed VI has appointed Aziz Akhannouch as the country's new Prime Minister. The announcement came after Akhannouch's National Rally of Independents (RNI) party triumphed in parliamentary polls. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Aziz Akhannouch – appointed as new Prime Minister of Morocco
- Morocco – Rabat – Dirham | PM – Saad-Eddine El Othmani

279. On September 8, The Taliban announced that Mullah Mohammad Hasan Akhund has been appointed as interim Prime Minister of Afghanistan with two deputies Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar and Molavi Abdul Salam Hanafi. He has been an influential figure in Afghanistan since the inception of the militant group in the 1990s. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mullah Mohammad Hasan Akhund – appointed as interim Prime Minister of Afghanistan
- Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar & Molavi Abdul Salam Hanafi – appointed as Deputy PMs of Afghanistan
- Afghanistan – Kabul – Afghani | Care taker President – Amrullah Saleh | Interim PM – Mullah Hasan Akhund

280. Yahoo has announced the appointment of the Chief Executive Officer Tinder, Jim Lanzone as its new Chief Executive Officer, effective from September 27, 2021. Lanzone will succeed Guru Gowrappan, who has been named Senior Advisor to Apollo's private equity business. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Jim Lanzone – appointed as new CEO of Yahoo (succeeding - Guru Gowrappan)
- HQs of Yahoo – California, US | CEO – Jim Lanzone

281. On September 14, Ujjivan Financial Services has appointed Sanjeev Barnwal as its new Chief Executive Officer. His elevation comes as former head Carol Furtado assumed charge as the CEO of subsidiary Ujjivan Small Finance Bank in August, 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sanjeev Barnwal – appointed as new CEO of Ujjivan Financial Services
- HQs of Ujjivan Financial Services – Bangalore, Karnataka | CEO – Sanjeev Barnwal



282. On September 11, Former IPS officer Sardar Iqbal Singh Lalpura has been appointed as the Chairman of the National Commission for Minorities (NCM). Iqbal has succeeded Syed Ghayorul Hasan Rizvi. The commission's Vice Chairperson is Atif Rasheed. The Union government had set up the NCM under the "National Commission for Minorities Act, 1992". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Iqbal Singh Lalpura – appointed as the Chairman of the National Commission for Minorities (NCM)
- NCM – was set up under the "National Commission for Minorities Act, 1992"
- HQs of NCM – New Delhi | Chairman – Iqbal Singh Lalpura | VC – Atif Rasheed

283. On September 11, Adobe Inc. recently appointed Prativa Mohapatra as Vice President and Managing Director for Adobe India. With this, Mohapatra became the first woman to lead the global software maker's operations in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Prativa Mohapatra – became the first woman to be appointed as Vice President & MD for Adobe India
- HQs of Adobe Inc – California, US | CEO – Shantanu Narayen | Co-Founders – Charles Geschke, John Warnock

284. On September 11, Senior BJP leader and former Union minister Vijay Goel has been appointed as the Vice-Chairman of the Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti. The appointment was notified by the Union culture ministry which is the nodal ministry for the society. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Vijay Goel – appointed as the Vice-Chairman of the Gandhi Smriti & Darshan Samiti

Ranks, Reports & Surveys

285. On September 9, IIT Madras has continued to remain the top among institutes in 'Overall' as well as in 'Engineering' category across India for the 3rd consecutive year followed by IISc Bengaluru and IIT-Bombay according to the 6th edition of the Ministry of Education's National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF). The institutions have been ranked under 11 different categories. For the first time, the ministry has added the 'Research' category in NIRF. The IISc Bengaluru topped the 'Research' category list followed by IIT Madras, IIT Bombay and IIT Delhi. The IISc Bengaluru also topped the 'University' category followed by JNU, BHU, and Calcutta University. AIIMS Delhi ranked first in the 'Medical Institutes' category. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 6th edition of National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) – released by Ministry of Education (11 categories)
- 'Overall' & 'Engineering' category: Top – IIT Madras (3rd consecutive year)
- 'Research' & 'University' category: Top – IISc, Bengaluru (this category is added for the first time)
- 'Medical Institutes' category: Top – AIIMS, Delhi



Acquisitions & Mergers

286. On September 9, The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved acquisition of 100% equity share capital of Inflow Technologies Pvt Ltd by Savex Technologies Pvt Ltd. Moreover, the CCI has given its nod for Nextbillion Technology Private Ltd that owns online platform Groww, to acquire 100% shareholding in Indiabulls Asset Management Company Ltd (IAMCL) and Indiabulls Trustee Company Ltd (ITCL). Meanwhile, the CCI has also approved GAIL (India) Ltd' acquisition of bankrupt Infrastructure Leasing and Financial Services' (IL&FS) 26% stake in ONGC Tripura Power Company Ltd. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The CCI has approved the acquisition of:
 - 100% stake of Inflow Technologies Pvt Ltd – by Savex Technologies Pvt Ltd
 - IL&FS's 26% stake in ONGC Tripura Power Company Ltd – by GAIL (India) Ltd
 - 100% stake in Indiabulls AMC & Indiabulls Trustee Company – by Nextbillion Technology Pvt Ltd
- HQs of CCI – New Delhi | Chairman – Ashok Kumar Gupta | Established in – 2003

MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

287. On September 7, All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) under Ministry of AYUSH, has signed a MoU with NICM Western Sydney University in Australia, to appoint an Academic Chair in Ayurveda. This Ayurveda Academic Chair will be based at Western Sydney University's NICM Health Research Institute for a period of 3 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- AIIA + NICM Western Sydney University (Australia) – to appoint an Academic Chair in Ayurveda – for 3 years
- HQs of AIIA – New Delhi | Director – Tanuja Nesari

288. On September 7, Coal India Limited (CIL), under the Ministry of Coal has signed an MoU with Department of Sports, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, for betterment of sports infrastructure in India. Under the MoU, CIL, under its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) program will contribute Rs 75 Cr towards the National Sports Development Fund (NSDF). CIL's contribution will be used for construction of 3 large hostels meant for sports persons. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CIL + Department of Sports = an MoU for betterment of Sports Infrastructure in India
- CIL – to contribute Rs 75 Cr towards the National Sports Development Fund (NSDF) & will develop 3 Hostels
- HQs of CIL – Kolkata, West Bengal | Director – Anil Kumar Jha | CMD – Pramod Agrawal



289. On September 8, In a major development for the ongoing Naga peace process, the government of India and the Niki Sumi-led “National Socialist Council of Nagaland - Khaplang (NSCN-K)” have signed a fresh ceasefire agreement in New Delhi. The NSCN (K) in 2015 unilaterally abrogated its 2001 ceasefire agreement, following which the Union Home Ministry declared the group as a banned outfit and an “unlawful association”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian government + NSCN-K (led by Niki Sumi) = signed a new ceasefire agreement in New Delhi
- NSCN (K) unilaterally abrogated its “2001 ceasefire agreement” with the Centre – in 2015
- Nagaland: Capital – Kohima | CM – Neiphiu Rio | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi (addi. charge)

290. On September 8, Fashion and beauty products retailer Shoppers Stop has partnered with Accenture to accelerate its digital transformation across multiple retail channels. Accenture will help the retailer with real-time data and analytics to enhance customer experience. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Shoppers Stop + Accenture = partnership accelerate its digital transformation across multiple retail channels
- HQs of Shoppers Stop – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Venu Nair
- HQs of Accenture – Dublin, Ireland | CEO – Julie Sweet | MD (in India) – Rekha Menon

291. On September 5, Coal India Ltd (CIL), under the Ministry of Coal has signed an MoU with the Department of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of Assam for strengthening the health infrastructure at Silchar Medical College & Hospital in Assam. In this new CSR initiative, CIL will contribute Rs 5 Cr which will benefit over 40 lakh people of the State. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CIL + Assam = an MoU to strengthen the health infrastructure at Silchar Medical College & Hospital in Assam
- CIL will contribute Rs 5 Cr in this new CSR initiative
- HQs of CIL – Kolkata, West Bengal | Director – Anil Kumar Jha | CMD – Pramod Agrawal
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Himanta Biswa Sarma | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi

292. On September 10, At a jointly hosted session at “Satellite 2021” in Maryland, US, Hughes Network Systems and OneWeb have signed a distribution agreement for Low Earth Orbit (LEO) satellite service in US and India. Hughes, through its parent company EchoStar, is an investor in OneWeb. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Hughes Network Systems + OneWeb = an MoU for Low Earth Orbit (LEO) satellite service in US & India
- HQs of Hughes Network Systems – Maryland, US | President & CEO – Pradman Kaul
- HQs of OneWeb – London, UK | CEO – Adrian Steckel | Executive Chairman – Sunil Bharti Mittal
- OneWeb – co-owned by Bharti Global & the UK



293. On September 9, An arm of Rockefeller Foundation, Smart Power India (SPI) and Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) have partnered with the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) to elucidate the role of Decentralised Renewable Energy (DRE) & Energy Efficiency (EE) innovations for the overall development of the nation. This partnership came as part of the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Smart Power India + GIZ + MNRE = to encourage Decentralised Renewable Energy (DRE) & Energy Efficiency innovations
- HQs of Smart Power India – Gurugram, Haryana | CEO – Jaideep Mukherji
- Ministry of Power and Ministry New & Renewable Energy: Raj Kumar Singh | Constituency – Arrah, Bihar
- MoS in Ministry of Power: Krishan Pal

Books & Authors

294. The late former director general U. L. Baruah’s long-forgotten All India Radio despatches, written 50 years ago, reappears in a new book, “A Bangladesh War Commentary: 1971 Radio Dispatches: Vol 1”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “A Bangladesh War Commentary: 1971 Radio Dispatches: Vol 1” book – authored by U. L. Baruah

295. A memoir titled “The Custodian of Trust” is authored by former Chairman of State Bank of India (SBI) Rajnish Kumar. The book gives a rare insight of how the financial system in our country works.

Key Points:

- “The Custodian of Trust” memoir – authored by Rajnish Kumar

Obituaries

296. On September 6, Rajni Kaul, a distinguished broadcaster, passed away in Faridabad. She was 93. Kaul worked with All India Radio (AIR) in New Delhi before joining the Voice of America (VOA) in Washington and then BBC in London. She was the first woman to join BBC Hindi as a staffer and became the first woman to read a news bulletin in Hindi on the BBC network in 1961. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rajni Kaul – an India-origin British Broadcaster & Radio Presenter – passed away
- She was the first woman to join BBC Hindi as a staffer



Person in News

297. On September 11, Shivani Meena, an IIT Jodhpur alumna, has become the first woman Excavation Engineer to work in an open cast mine at Central Coalfields Ltd (CCL), a Jharkhand-based arm of Coal India Ltd. She will be posted at CCL's Rajrappa project. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Shivani Meena – became the first woman Excavation Engineer to work in an Open Cast Mine at CIL's arm CCL
- HQs of CCL – Ranchi, Jharkhand | CMD – P. M. Prasad
- HQs of CIL – Kolkata, West Bengal | Director – Anil Kumar Jha | CMD – Pramod Agrawal

Science & Technology

298. On September 4, A team of researchers at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) and Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) have developed a modular, self-contained device to cultivate microorganisms. This could enable scientists to carry out biological experiments in outer space. It was published in the journal Acta Astronautica. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IISc (Bangalore) + ISRO = developed a device to carry out biological experiments in Outer Space
- Published in – “Acta Astronautica” journal
- HQs of ISRO – Bengaluru, Karnataka | Director – Kailasavadivoo Sivan | Formed on – August 15, 1969

299. On September 8, IIT Bombay has signed an MoU with the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA), valid for a period of 5 years, for extending the ongoing collaboration for operations and scientific utilisation of the “GROWTH - India Telescope”. The “GROWTH - India Telescope” was set up jointly by IIA and IIT Bombay under a project supported by DST-SERB and the Indo-US Science and Technology Forum, and became operational in 2018. The operations of the “GROWTH - India Telescope” are supported by generous contribution from IIT Bombay Alumni Class of 1994. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IIT Bombay + IIA = an MoU valid for 5 years to extend research collaboration on “GROWTH - India Telescope”
- “GROWTH - India Telescope” was jointly set up by – IIA & IIT Bombay | It became operational in – 2018
- HQs of IIA – Bengaluru, Karnataka | Director – Annapurni Subramaniam
- Director of IIT Bombay – Subhasis Chaudhuri



300. On September 13, IIT Kanpur and the Indian Air Force (IAF) have signed an MoU to develop strong technologies in the field of Aerospace Technology, both academically and via research. The MoU was signed for the establishment of the Air Vice Marshal Harjinder Singh Chair of Excellence which will promote teaching, research and technology development in Aerospace technologies, Aircraft Structural Integrity & Aircraft Health Monitoring. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IIT Kanpur + IAF = MoU to develop strong technologies in the field of Aerospace Technology
- The MoU was also signed for the establishment of the Air Vice Marshal Harjinder Singh Chair of Excellence
- Director of IIT Kanpur – Abhay Karandikar
- HQs of IAF – New Delhi | Chief – Air Marshal Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria | Vice Chief – Vivek Ram Chaudhari





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