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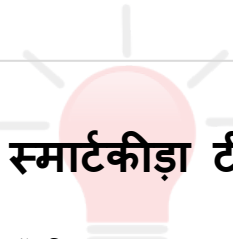
Hi Folks! We hope you all are doing well. We would like to state here that this PDF is meant for preparing for the upcoming MockDrill Test of September 2021 Month at Testzone. In this Current Affairs PDF we have added all the important Current Affairs information in form of 'Key-points' which are crucial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

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National & States Affairs

301. On September 12, India's Largest Open Air Fernery was inaugurated at Ranikhet in Uttarakhand's Almora district by well-known expert on ferns Nilambar Kunetha. It has a collection of 120 different types of ferns and around 30 species which have tremendous medicinal importance. The fernery has been developed under the Centre's compensatory afforestation scheme "Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA)". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Nilambar Kunetha – inaugurated India's Largest Open Air Fernery – at Ranikhet, Almora, Uttarakhand
- Fernery has a collection of 120 different types of ferns & 30 species
- Uttarakhand: Capital – Dehradun & Gairsain | CM – Pushkar Singh Dhami | Governor – Lt. Gen. Gurmit Singh

302. On September 10, Minister of Civil Aviation Jyotiraditya Scindia has launched "Medicines from the Sky (MFTS)" in Vikarabad district of Telangana to deliver medicines/vaccines to remote areas using drones. The project is led by the Emerging Technologies Wing of the state IT department in partnership with World Economic Forum, NITI Aayog, and HealthNet Global (Apollo Hospitals) and aims to undertake Beyond Visual Line of Sight (BVLOS) drone flights to deliver heavier payloads. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Jyotiraditya Scindia – launched "Medicines from the Sky (MFTS)" in Vikarabad, Telangana
- The project is led by = Emerging Technologies + WEF + NITI Aayog + Apollo Hospitals
- BVLoS – Beyond Visual Line of Sight
- Telangana: Capital – Hyderabad | CM – K. Chandrashekar Rao | Governor – Tamilisai Soundararajan

303. On September 13, Prahlad Singh Patel has inaugurated the Food Processing Unit of M/s Sahara Frozen Foods established in Morena, Madhya Pradesh, under the "Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana" (PMKSY). Moreover, Rs 5.41 Cr as Seed Capital has been transferred to Community Based Organisations for 1498 SHG members in Maharashtra, under the PMFME Scheme. The Sahara Frozen Foods unit has been set up at a cost of Rs 21.09 Cr and a grant in aid of Rs 10 Cr from the Ministry. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Prahlad Singh Patel – inaugurated the Food Processing Unit of M/s Sahara Frozen Foods established in Morena, MP
- Rs 5.41 Cr – transferred as Seed Capital to 1498 SHG members in Maharashtra
- Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Mangubhai Chhaganbhai Patel



304. On September 10, A group of prisoners inside Delhi's Rohini jail are for the first time being trained in vocational skills by lawyers, judicial officers and computer teachers to help them find jobs after their release, as part of "Vidhik Sahayak" programme. The first group of 50 prisoners, called "Vidhik Sahayaks" (Law Assistants), is being trained to help them find jobs in courts as clerks, lawyers' assistants, and other legal roles. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Vidhik Sahayak" programme – launched in New Delhi to train a group of 50 prisoners of Rohini jail
- New Delhi: CM – Arvind Kejriwal | Lt. Governor – Anil Bajjal | Chief Secretary – Vijay Dev

305. On September 11, MC Councillor Mamta Ashu has unveiled Punjab's first Breast Milk Pump Bank for infants has been set up in Ludhiana. A few months back, Kerala has also launched the first breast milk bank in Ernakulam. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Punjab's first Breast Milk Pump Bank for infants is set up – in Ludhiana
- Punjab: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – S. Charanjit Singh Channi | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit

306. In September 2021, Coal India Ltd (CIL) Chairman Pramod Agrawal has laid the foundation stone of Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd's ₹285.05 Cr first-mile connectivity (FMC) project of Lajkura SILO at Ib valley in Jharsuguda district. The project would add 15 million tonnes per annum dispatch capacity to Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd. He inaugurated a new Remotely Piloted Aircraft System (RPAS) at MCL. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Foundation stone of MCL's ₹285.05 Cr FMC project of Lajkura SILO was laid – in Jharsuguda, Odisha
- Pramod Agrawal – inaugurated a new Remotely Piloted Aircraft System (RPAS) at MCL (a subsidiary of CIL)
- HQs of MCL – Sambalpur, Odisha | CMD – P. K. Mishra

307. On September 9, The Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM), Government of India has appointed 10 merchant bankers for managing Initial Public Offering (IPO) of Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) of India. The IPOs of LIC will be launched between January to March, 2022. The government has also selected 'Concept Communications' as the advertising agency and 'Kfintech' as the registrar and share transfer agent for the IPO. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- DIPAM appointed 10 merchant bankers for managing IPO of the LIC
- HQs of DIPAM – New Delhi | Secretary – Tuhin Kanta Pandey
- HQs of LIC – Mumbai | Chairman – M. R. Kumar | Founded in – 1956 | Tagline – "Yogakshemam Vahamyaham"



308. On September 14, Hero Insurance Broking India has acquired a composite broking licence from the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI). It will allow the firm to offer reinsurance broking and risk management consultancy services to corporate clients. The IRDAI has permitted the insurer to sell & renew short term COVID-19 policies till March 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Hero Insurance Broking India – received a composite broking licence from the IRDAI
- IRDAI permitted the insurer to sell & renew short term COVID-19 policies – till March, 2022
- HQs of Hero Insurance Broking India – New Delhi | CEO – Sanjay Radhakrishnan
- HQs of IRDAI – Hyderabad, Telangana | Chairman – Subhash Chandra Khuntia | Executive Dr. – Suresh Mathur

309. On September 14, Union Minister for Road Transport Nitin Gadkari has launched “iRASTE”, a two-year pilot project aimed to enhance road safety in Nagpur and reduce fatality. This collaborative initiative is developed by Intel India, IIIT Hyderabad, Central Road Research Institute (CRRI), Mahindra & Mahindra and Nagpur Municipal Corporation (NMC). “iRASTE” - an acronym for Intelligent Solutions for Road Safety through Technology and Engineering. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Nitin Gadkari – launched a two-year pilot project “iRASTE” to enhance road safety in Nagpur, Maharashtra
- iRASTE – Intelligent Solutions for Road Safety through Technology & Engineering
- “iRASTE” - developed by = Intel India + IIIT Hyderabad + CRRI + Mahindra & Mahindra + NMC
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

310. On September 13, The government has planned to revamp LIC’s rules for sharing Surplus. Currently, LIC is allowed to transfer 5% of its surplus to the shareholders’ fund. The remaining 95% goes to the policyholders’ fund for paying bonus on eligible life insurance policies. In case of other life insurance companies, the permissible allocation is in the ratio of 90:10. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The government planned to revamp LIC’s rules for sharing Surplus
- Currently, LIC is allowed to transfer its surplus to policyholders’ fund & shareholders’ fund in the ratio of – 95:5
- In case of other life insurance companies, the ratio is – 90:10
- HQs of LIC – Mumbai | Chairman – M. R. Kumar | Founded in – 1956 | Tagline – “Yogakshemam Vahamyaham”

311. On September 9, ReNew Power has commissioned a 250 MW capacity of its Interstate Transmission System (ISTS) Solar Generation Project in Jaisalmer district, Rajasthan. The parent holding company, ReNew Energy Global, was listed on NASDAQ in August 2021. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- ReNew Power – commissioned 250 MW Solar Project in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan
- Rajasthan: Capital – Jaipur | CM – Ashok Gehlot | Governor – Kalraj Mishra
- HQs of ReNew Power – Gurugram, Haryana | MD & Chairman – Sumant Sinha

312. On September 14, The Ministry of Information & Broadcasting has launched its account on social media platform Telegram to counter fake news. It was launched as “PIB Fact Check”. It is the only central government fact-checking arm, which was established in November 2019. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of I&B – launched its account on Telegram as “PIB Fact Check” to counter fake news
- PIB Fact Check was launched in – 2019
- Ministry of Information & Broadcasting: Anurag Singh Thakur | Constituency – Hamirpur, Himachal Pradesh
- MoS in Ministry of Information & Broadcasting: L. Murugan

313. On September 15, In order to promote door-to-door digital banking and financial services in remote areas of Jammu and Kashmir, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has launched “One Gram Panchayat-One DIGI-Pay Sakhi” in the union territory. Initially, the DIGI-Pay facility will be provided in 2,000 remote villages of the UT. On the occasion, the Lt Governor distributed 80 Aadhaar Enabled Payment Systems (AEPs) among the “DIGI-Pay Sakhis” under the Jammu & Kashmir Rural Livelihoods Mission (JKRLM). He also inaugurated a week-long training program for ‘Krishi Sakhis’ and ‘Pashu Sakhis’ on sustainable agriculture and livestock management. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- J & K – launched “One Gram Panchayat-One DIGI-Pay Sakhi” to promote door-to-door digital banking
- Manoj Sinha – inaugurated a week-long training program for ‘Krishi Sakhis’ and ‘Pashu Sakhis’
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha

314. On September 14, BLS International Services has been authorised by the National Health Authority (NHA) for processing “Ayushman Bharat Cards” under ‘Pradhan Mantri - Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY)’. The AB-PMJAY scheme provides an annual health insurance cover of upto Rs 5 lakhs per family against medical treatment costs, medicines, diagnostics, and pre-hospitalization expenses. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- BLS International Services – authorised by the NHA for processing “Ayushman Bharat Cards” under ‘AB-PMJAY’
- Insurance coverage of “PM-JAY” - world’s largest health insurance scheme – Rs 5 lakh per family per year
- HQs of BLS International Services – New Delhi | MD – Nikhil Gupta



315. On September 14, Union Minister for Panchayati Raj and Rural Development Giriraj Singh has inaugurated a national meet on “Ownership Scheme” or “SVAMITVA Scheme: A Stepping-Stone towards Upliftment of Rural Economy” in New Delhi. The Minister also launched “SVAMITVA Dashboard” for monitoring the implementation of the scheme. SVAMITVA (Survey of Villages and Mapping with Improved Technology in Village Areas) Scheme was launched by PM Narendra Modi on National Panchayati Raj Day, 24th April 2020. SVAMITVA Scheme aims to provide ‘Record of Rights’ to villages household owners. SVAMITVA provides a sense of ownership to the rural people and they can avail the loan with the help of an SVAMITVA card. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Giriraj Singh – inaugurated a national meet on “Ownership Scheme” or “SVAMITVA Scheme: A Stepping-Stone towards Upliftment of Rural Economy” – in New Delhi
- Giriraj Singh – launched “SVAMITVA Dashboard” for monitoring the implementation of the scheme
- SVAMITVA – Survey of Villages and Mapping with Improved Technology in Village Areas

316. On September 11, NITI Aayog’s Atal Innovation Mission in collaboration with ISRO and CBSE has launched “ATL Space Challenge 2021” for school students across India. This challenge has been designed for all the school students, mentors and teachers who not only are associated with schools having Atal Tinkering Labs (ATL) labs but for all the non-ATL schools as well. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- AIM + ISRO + CBSE = launched “ATL Space Challenge 2021” for school students across India
- AIM – a flagship of NITI Aayog (HQs of AIM – New Delhi | Director – Chintan Vaishnav)

317. On September 15, The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) has declared Kushinagar International Airport as a Customs notified airport. This would also facilitate international passenger movements including that of Buddhist pilgrims. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CBIC – declared “Kushinagar Airport” (3rd Int. airport in UP) as a Customs notified airport
- HQs of CBIC – New Delhi | Chairperson – M. Ajit Kumar | Founded in – 1964

318. On September 15, Tata Consultancy Services, India's largest software exporter has crossed \$200 billion in terms of market capitalisation. Reliance Industries is the most valuable Indian company with a market cap of over \$205 billion. Accenture has a market cap of \$216 billion and IBM at \$122 billion, while Infosys is valued by investors at \$99 billion. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- TCS – crossed \$200 billion in terms of m-cap | 1st – Reliance Industries (over \$205 billion)
- HQs of TCS – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Rajesh Gopinathan | Founded in – 1968



319. On September 15, Vodafone Idea (Vi) has partnered with Celltick to deploy an Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) for the Andhra Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority (APSDMA). The IPAWS will deliver real-time geo-targeted warning alerts in more than 10 Indian languages during any natural or man-made disasters to Vi subscribers in the Andhra Pradesh circles. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Vi + Celltick = to deploy an “Integrated Public Alert & Warning System (IPAWS)” in Andhra Pradesh
- HQs of Vi Ltd – Mumbai | MD & CEO – Ravinder Takkar | Non-Executive Chairman – Himanshu Kapania
- HQs of Celltick – New York, US | CEO – Ronen Daniel

320. The Railway Ministry has decided to shut down the Indian Railways Organization of Alternate Fuel (IROAF) with effect from September 7, 2021. The work of IROAF will be transferred to the Railway Board and Northern Railways. The IROAF is a separate enterprise working towards green fuels for transport. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Railway Ministry – to shut down Indian Railways Organization of Alternate Fuel (IROAF)
- The work of IROAF will be transferred to – Railway Board & Northern Railways
- HQs of Indian Railways – New Delhi | Chairman & CEO – Suneet Sharma
- Ministry of Railways: Ashwini Vaishnav | Constituency – Odisha
- MoS in Ministry of Railways: Danve Raosaheb Dadarao & Darshana Vikram Jardosh

321. On September 10, Ford Motor Company has decided to end manufacturing operations in India. The company had accumulated losses of over \$2 billion in the last 10 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ford Motor Company – to end manufacturing operations in India
- HQs of Ford Motor – Dearborn, Michigan, US | CEO – Jim Farley
- HQs of Ford India – Chennai, Tamil Nadu

322. On September 15, Tata Steel has commissioned a 5-tonne-per-day (TPD) Carbon Capture Plant in Jamshedpur, making it the country’s first steel company to adopt such a Carbon Capture Technology that extracts Carbon-Di-Oxide directly from blast furnace gas. Tata Steel will reuse the captured CO₂ on-site to promote the circular carbon economy. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tata Steel – commissioned a 5-tonne-per-day (TPD) Carbon Capture Plant in Jamshedpur, Jharkhand
- Jharkhand: Capital – Ranchi | CM – Hemant Soren | Governor – Ramesh Bais
- HQs of Tata Steel Ltd – Mumbai | MD & CEO – T. V. Narendran



International Affairs

323. On September 13, India and the US have launched the “Climate Action and Finance Mobilization Dialogue (CAFMD)”. The dialogue was formally launched by Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Shri Bhupender Yadav and Mr. John Kerry, U.S. Special Presidential Envoy for Climate (SPEC), at an event held in New Delhi. Moreover, India has announced to invite bids for ‘Green Hydrogen’ to encourage usage of hydrogen as a fuel. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India + US = launched the “Climate Action and Finance Mobilization Dialogue (CAFMD)” in New Delhi
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46th President – Joe Biden | 49th VP – Kamala Harris

324. On September 9, Italy has decided to decriminalise the growing of Cannabis (Marijuana) plants at home for personal use. The farming and selling of marijuana was barred under legislation dating back to the 1990s. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Italy – to decriminalise the growing of Cannabis (Marijuana) plants at home for personal use
- Italy – Rome – Euro | President – Sergio Mattarella | PM – Mario Draghi

325. On September 9, Google has launched a new Google News Initiative (GNI) Startups Lab programme for aspiring news entrepreneurs from across India. GNI Startups Lab is a four-month program to help independent local or single-subject journalism organisations find a pathway to financial and operational sustainability. The program has been created in partnership with the global innovation lab Echos and DIGIPUB News India Foundation. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Google – launched a new “GNI Startups Lab programme” for aspiring news entrepreneurs from across India
- HQs of Google – California, US | CEO – Sundar Pichai | Founded in – 1998

326. On September 13, Israel has unveiled a remote-controlled armed robot called “REX MKII” that can patrol battle zones, track infiltrators and open fire. The robot is reportedly the most advanced so far developed by IAI subsidiary ELTA Systems over the past 15 years. The Israeli drone vehicle was showcased at the “Defense and Security System International Arms Trade Show” in London, UK. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Israel – unveiled a remote-controlled armed robot called “REX MKII” that can patrol battle zones
- “Defense and Security System International Arms Trade Show” – held in London, UK
- Israel – Jerusalem – Israeli Shekel | President – Isaac Herzog | PM – Naftali Bennett



327. On September 16, The Biden administration has announced a new trilateral security partnership “AUKUS” for the Indo-Pacific, between Australia, the U.K. and the U.S. (AUKUS). As part of this, Australia will acquire Nuclear-powered Submarines with help from the U.K. and the U.S. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “AUKUS” - a new trilateral security partnership between = Australia + UK + US
- Australia – to acquire Nuclear-powered Submarines with help from UK & US

Banking & Economic Affairs

328. On September 13, Paytm Payments Bank Ltd (PPBL) has enabled the India’s first FASTag-based metro parking facility in partnership with Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC). Additionally, Paytm Payments Bank has enabled a UPI-based payment solution for 2-wheelers entering the parking site. Paytm Payments Bank is acquirer of toll plazas for the National Electronic Toll Collection (NETC) program. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- PPBL + Delhi Metro = enabled the India’s first FASTag-based Metro Parking Facility
- PPBL – enabled a UPI-based payment solution for 2-wheelers entering the parking site
- HQs of PPBL – Noida, Uttar Pradesh | MD & CEO – Satish Kumar Gupta

329. On September 13, DBS Bank has launched real-time online tracking for cross-border collections for businesses in India in partnership with SWIFT Global Payments Innovation (GPI). DBS is the first bank in India and Asia-Pacific to offer this service to clients. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- DBS Bank + SWIFT GPI = launched real-time online tracking for cross-border collections for businesses in India
- HQs of DBS Bank – Singapore | CEO – Piyush Gupta
- HQs of DBS Bank India – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Surojit Shome
- HQs of SWIFT – La Hulpe, Belgium | CEO – Javier Perez-Tasso

330. On September 14, The RBI has announced the opening of the third cohort under the Regulatory Sandbox. The theme for the third cohort is “MSME Lending”. Eight entities have been selected for the ‘test phase’ of the second cohort on the theme “Cross-Border Payments”. Six entities have completed the ‘test phase’ of the first cohort on the theme “Retail Payments”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI announced to open 3rd cohort under the ‘Regulatory Sandbox’ initiative | Theme – “MSME Lending”
- Theme of the 1st cohort – “Retail Payments” | Theme of the 2nd cohort – “Cross-Border Payments”
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April, 1935



331. On September 14, The SEBI has levied a monetary penalty of Rs 1 lakh on Chandan Gupta, an employee of Titan Company for disclosure lapses, in violation of insider trading norms. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SEBI – levied a penalty of Rs 1 lakh on Chandan Gupta, an employee of Titan Company
- HQs of SEBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Ajay Tyagi | Established in – 1992
- HQs of Titan Company – Bangalore, Karnataka | CEO – C. K. Venkataraman

332. On September 14, Escorts Ltd has signed an MoU with IndusInd Bank to provide financial offerings to its customers. They will jointly come up with various financial programs to enable customers invest in modern farm machinery to enhance their farm productivity and income. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Escorts + IndusInd Bank = an MoU to provide financial offerings to farmers
- HQs of Escorts Ltd – Faridabad, Haryana | Chairperson – Nikhil Nanda
- HQs of IndusInd Bank – Pune, MH | MD & CEO – Sumant Kathpalia | Tagline – “We Make You Feel Richer”

333. On September 14, Punjab & Sind Bank (PSB) has entered into a strategic co-lending alliance with Indiabulls Commercial Credit Ltd (IBCCL) and Indiabulls Housing Finance (IHFL) for MSME and Priority Sector Housing Loans respectively. The co-lending model will improve the flow of credit to the unserved and underserved sector of the economy. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Punjab & Sind Bank + IBCCL + IHFL = a strategic co-lending alliance for MSME & Priority Sector Housing Loans
- HQs of Punjab & Sind Bank – New Delhi | MD & CEO – S. Krishnan
- HQs of IHFL – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Subhash Sheoratan Mundra | Vice-Chairman & MD – Gagan Banga

334. On September 14, In a boost to the Unified Payments Interface, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) have announced a project to link their respective fast payment systems - “UPI” & “PayNow”. The linkage is targeted for operationalisation by July 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI + MAS (Singapore) = announced a project to link “UPI” & “PayNow” by July 2022
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April, 1935
- Singapore – Singapore – Dollar | PM – Lee Hsien Loong | President – Halimah Yacob

335. In September 2021, The RBI has imposed a monetary penalty of Rs 1 lakh on the Kosamba Mercantile Co-operative Bank Ltd for not complying with certain directions issued by RBI on ‘Loans and advances to directors, relatives and firms’. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI imposed a monetary penalty of Rs 1 lakh on Kosamba Mercantile Co-operative Bank (Surat, Gujarat)
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April, 1935



336. On September 15, HSBC India has launched a digital proposition called “HSBC UniTransact” aimed at simplifying cross-border transactions. It aims to provide seamless integration of all aspects of transaction banking while minimising manual intervention through the transaction journey. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- HSBC India – launched a digital proposition called “HSBC UniTransact” to simplify cross-border transactions
- HQs of HSBC – London, UK | CEO – Noel Quinn
- HQs of HSBC India – Mumbai, MH | CEO – Hitendra Dave | Founded in – 1853

337. On September 15, The Union Cabinet has allowed 100% foreign direct investment (FDI) in India’s Telecom sector via the automatic route. Till now, in the telecom sector, there was 100% FDI but only 49% of it was in the automatic route and anything beyond 49% had to necessarily go through the government route. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Cabinet allowed 100% FDI in India’s Telecom sector via automatic route (from 49%)
- Till now, there was 100% FDI in Telecom Sector but only 49% of it was in the automatic route

338. On September 15, The Union Cabinet has approved Rs 26,058 Cr production linked incentive (PLI) scheme for ‘Auto Industry’ and ‘Drone Industry’ to enhance India’s manufacturing capabilities. Incentives worth Rs 26,058 Cr will be provided to industry over 5 years. The PLI scheme for automobile and drone industries is part of the overall announcement of PLI schemes for 13 sectors made earlier during the Union Budget 2021-22, with an outlay of Rs 1.97 lakh Cr. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Cabinet approved Rs 26,058 Cr PLI scheme for ‘Auto Industry’ & ‘Drone Industry’ over 5 years
- Government announced ‘PLI Scheme’ for 13 sectors with an outlay of Rs 1.97 lakh Cr in Union Budget 2021-22

Defence Affairs

339. On September 12, Indian Navy and Sudanese Navy carried out a Bilateral Maritime Exercise in the Red Sea off the Sudanese coast. INS Tabar and two Sudanese Navy ships - Almazz and Nimer- participated in this maiden exercise. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India + Sudan = carried out a Bilateral Maritime Exercise in the Red Sea
- INS Tabar participated in this exercise
- Sudan – Khartoum – Sudanese Pound | PM – Abdalla Hamdok



340. On September 14, The Indian Navy has handed over a Passenger Variant Dornier (PVD) aircraft “MSN 4059” on lease to the Mauritius Police Force (MPF) as part of Vision SAGAR (Security and Growth for All in the Region). This State-of-the-Art PVD is developed by the Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian Navy – handed over a Passenger Variant Dornier (PVD) aircraft “MSN 4059” on lease to Mauritius
- Mauritius – Port Louis – Mauritian rupee | PM – Pravind Kumar Jugnauth
- HQs of Indian Navy – Delhi | Chief – Admiral Karambir Singh | VC – S. N. Ghormade | Founded in – 26th Jan, 1950

341. On September 15, Indian military contingent of 200 personnel has participated in the 6th edition of exercise “SCO Peaceful Mission 2021” hosted by Russia in Orenburg. The aim of the exercise is to foster close relations between SCO member states and to enhance abilities of the military leaders to command multi-national military contingents. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian military – participated in the 6th edition of exercise “SCO Peaceful Mission 2021” hosted by Russia in Orenburg
- Russia – Moscow – Russian Ruble | PM – Mikhail Mishustin | President – Vladimir Putin



Schemes & Initiatives

342. On September 11, Filmmaker Aditya Chopra has launched “Saathi Card” initiative to extend support to the Hindi film industry’s daily wage earners and their families amid the COVID-19 crisis. As part of the initiative, the filmmaker’s ‘The Yash Chopra Foundation’ will provide health insurance, school fee allowance, ration supply, annual health checkups among other benefits to the workers. The production house recently launched “Yash Chopra Saathi Initiative” to provide minimum basic support to thousands of workers and initiated transfer of Rs 5000 to the women and senior citizens of the industry. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Aditya Chopra – launched “Saathi Card” initiative to extend support to the Hindi film industry’s daily wage earners
- Under “Yash Chopra Saathi Initiative”: Minimum basic support of Rs 5000 to Women & Senior Citizens

343. On September 15, NITI Aayog and Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI) launched a campaign “Shoonya” to promote zero-pollution delivery vehicles by working with consumers and industry. The campaign aims to accelerate the adoption of electric vehicles (EVs) in the urban deliveries segment. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NITI Aayog + RMI = launched a campaign “Shoonya” to promote zero-pollution delivery vehicles
- HQs of NITI Aayog – New Delhi | CEO – Amitabh Kant
- Chairperson – Narendra Modi | Vice Chairperson – Rajiv Kumar
- HQs of RMI – Colorado, US | CEO – Jules Kortenhorst

344. On September 15, Uttar Pradesh Chief minister Yogi Adityanath has announced the launch of “Uttar Pradesh Matra Bhumi Yojana” that seeks to make the common man a direct participant in the development work of the state and strengthen the participatory rural economy and infrastructure. He made the announcement while inaugurating and laying the foundation stones of various roads under PM Gramin Sadak Yojana (PMGSY). The government will bear 50% of the total cost of the project, while the remaining 50 % will be contributed by the interested people. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- UP – launched “Matra Bhumi Yojana” to strengthen the rural economy & infrastructure
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

345. On September 15, Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma has launched the “MyMeG Program”, an initiative with the aim to facilitate citizen engagement and participation in the process of governance. The vision is to transform Meghalaya into one of the top ten states in India by 2030. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Meghalaya – launched the “MyMeG Program” to facilitate citizen engagement in the process of governance
- Aim: To transform Meghalaya into one of the top ten states in India by 2030
- Meghalaya: Capital – Shillong | CM – Conrad Kongkal Sangma | Governor – Satya Pal Malik



346. In September 2021, Daniil Medvedev has defeated Serbia’s Novak Djokovic to win US Open 2021 men’s singles title. While Emma Raducanu won the Women’s Singles Title. With this, she became the youngest female to win a Grand Slam Title. In women’s doubles, Samantha Jane Stosur & Zhang Shuai won the title while in men’s doubles, Rajeev Ram & Joe Salisbury pair won the title. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- US Open Tennis Championship 2021:
 - Men’s Singles Title – Daniil Medvedev ([Russia](#))
 - Women’s Singles Title – Emma Raducanu ([Britain](#))
 - Men’s Doubles – Rajeev Ram ([US](#)) & Joe Salisbury ([Britain](#))
 - Women’s Doubles – Samantha Jane Stosur ([Australia](#)) & Zhang Shuai ([China](#))

347. Kenya’s 36-year-old Eliud Kipchoge has won a Gold medal in the men’s marathon at the “2020 Olympic Games”. He finished in 2 hours, 8 minutes, 38 seconds. It was more than 80 seconds ahead of runner-up Abdi Nageeye of the Netherlands. While, Bashir Abdi of Belgium has clinched bronze medal. The approximate distance covered in a Marathon race is 42.2 km. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Eliud Kipchoge ([Kenya - Long-distance Runner](#)) – won Gold medal in men’s marathon at “2020 Olympic Games”
- He finished in 2 hours, 8 minutes, 38 seconds
- Silver – Abdi Nageeye ([Netherlands](#)) | Bronze - Bashir Abdi ([Belgium](#))

348. On September 14, Virat Kohli has become the fastest Cricketer to reach 23,000 International runs. His final run aggregate was 23093 in 490 innings. While, Jasprit Bumrah has become the fastest Indian bowler to take 100 test wickets in 24 tests. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Virat Kohli – became the fastest Cricketer to reach 23,000 International runs (in 490 innings)
- Jasprit Bumrah – became the fastest Indian bowler to take 100 test wickets (in 24 tests)

349. On September 14, Mr. Lokesh Suji, the Director of Esports Federation of India & Vice President of the Asian Esports Federation (AESF) has announced that 8 esports are included in the medal events for the first time at the 19th Asian Games which is going to be held in Hangzhou, China in September 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 8 esports – included in the medal events for the first time at the 19th Asian Games (2022) – in Hangzhou, China
- [Director of Esports Federation of India – Lokesh Suji](#)

350. On September 12, Sri Lanka pace veteran Lasith Malinga has announced his retirement from all forms of Cricket. The 38-year-old Malinga was captain of Sri Lanka's 2014 T20 World Cup winning team. He picked up 107 wickets in 84 T20 Internationals, 338 scalps in 226 ODIs and 101 wickets in 30 Tests. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Lasith Malinga ([Sri Lanka](#)) – retired from all forms of Cricket

Important Days & Dates

351. On September 1, Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan addressed the 61st foundation day of the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT). On the occasion, a publication of NCERT titled ‘Dictionary of Sociology’ was released in three languages English, Hindi and Urdu. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- September 1 – 61st foundation day of NCERT
- NCERT’s publication “Dictionary of Sociology” was released in 3 languages – English, Hindi & Urdu
- [HQs of NCERT – New Delhi | Director – Hrushikesh Senapaty | Founded in – 1961](#)



352. On September 9, Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhara Rao has conveyed his greetings to people of Telangana State on celebrating the Telangana Language Day or Telangana Bhasha Dinosthavam marking the birth anniversary of people's poet and Padma Vibhushan awardee Kaloji Narayana Rao. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- September 9 – “Telangana Language Day” or “Telangana Bhasha Dinosthavam”
- The day marks the birth anniversary of – Kaloji Narayana Rao (a Poet & Padma Vibhushan awardee)
- Telangana: Capital – Hyderabad | CM – K. Chandrashekar Rao | Governor – Tamilisai Soundararajan

353. India celebrates “Hindi Diwas”, also known as “National Hindi Day”, on September 14 every year to commemorate the adoption of Hindi in the Devanagari script as one of the official languages of the nation on September 14, 1949. Officially, the first Hindi Day was celebrated on September 14, 1953. This day also marks the birth anniversary of a renowned Hindi-stalwart Beohar Rajendra Simha. As part of Hindi Divas Celebration, Films Division observed “Hindi Pakhwada” from September 1 to 15, 2021 to promote use of practical Hindi in official work. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- September 14 – “Hindi Diwas” or “National Hindi Day” (since 1953)
- The day marks the birth anniversary of – Beohar Rajendra Simha (a renowned Hindi-stalwart)
- September 1 to 15 – “Hindi Pakhwada” – observed by Films Division
- January 10 – “World Hindi Day”

354. “World Lymphoma Awareness Day” is observed on September 15 every year to raise awareness of cancers of the lymphatic system. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- September 15 – “World Lymphoma Awareness Day”

355. September 15 is celebrated as “International Day of Democracy” after being established in 2007 through a resolution passed by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA). The day was observed for the first time in 2008. In 2021, the theme is “Strengthening democratic resilience in the face of future crises”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- September 15 – UN’s “International Day of Democracy” (since 2008)
- 2021’s Theme – “Strengthening democratic resilience in the face of future crises”

356. Every year, the birth anniversary of Sir Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya is celebrated as “Engineer’s Day” on September 15 since 1968 as a tribute to a the great engineer who helped in building some of the architectural marvels including Krishna Raja Sagar dam in Karnataka. For his contribution towards nation building, Sir M. Visvesvaraya received the Bharat Ratna in 1955. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- September 15 – “Engineer’s Day” – since 1968 (birth anniversary of a great engineer Sir M. Visvesvaraya)
- Sir M. Visvesvaraya received ‘Bharat Ratna’ (1955)

357. As part of the ‘Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav’, States and Union Territories conducted an “Entitlement Awareness Week” for Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) workers to make them aware of their rights and entitlements under the Scheme. The week was observed between 27th August and 2nd September 2021. The financial allocation for MGNREGA in 2021-22 is Rs 73,000 Cr at the Budget Estimate stage. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- August 27 to September 2 – States & UTs conducted an “Entitlement Awareness Week” for MGNREGA workers
- Financial allocation for MGNREGA in 2021-22 – Rs 73,000 Cr

358. “World Ozone Day” or “International day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer” is observed on September 16, every year. It is celebrated to spread awareness among people about the depletion of the Ozone Layer and search for possible solutions to preserve it. The day commemorates the date, in 1987, on which the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer was signed by the United Nations and 45 other countries. This year’s theme is “Montreal Protocol keeping Us, Our Food, and Vaccines Cool”. The first ozone hole was discovered 30 years ago in May 1985 over Antarctica. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- September 16 – “World Ozone Day” or “International day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer”
- ‘Montreal Protocol’ – signed by the UN & 45 other countries in 1987
- 2021’s theme – “Montreal Protocol keeping Us, Our Food, and Vaccines Cool”

359. On September 15, The High Commission of India has celebrated the 57th Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Day in Dhaka, Bangladesh. Deputy Minister for Education of Bangladesh Mohibul Hasan Chowdhury attended the event as the Chief Guest of the event hosted by the High Commissioner of India to Bangladesh Vikram Doraiswami. ITEC was established in 1964 to offer the benefit of India’s development experience and appropriate technologies to the developing countries. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- September 15 – 57th Indian Technical & Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Day – celebrated in Dhaka, Bangladesh
- ITEC was established in – 1964
- [The High Commissioner of India to Bangladesh – Vikram Doraiswami](#)
- [Bangladesh – Dhaka – Taka | PM – Seikh Hasina | President – Abdul Hamid](#)



360. “World Patient Safety Day” is observed every year on September 17 across the globe to raise awareness about patients’ safety. As per World Health Organisation (WHO), the theme this year is “Safe Maternal and Newborn Care” while the slogan is “Act now for safe and respectful childbirth!” [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- September 17 – “World Patient Safety Day
- Theme – “Safe Maternal and Newborn Care”
- Slogan – “Act now for Safe and Respectful Childbirth!”

Meetings, Conferences and Summits

361. On September 11, India has hosted the first-ever “2+2 Ministerial Dialogue” with Australia in New Delhi. External Affairs Minister (EAM) S. Jaishankar and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh have participated in the meeting. Australia will contribute \$10 million to India’s initiative towards Disaster-Resilient Infrastructure. Both sides agreed to work on an ‘Early Harvest Trade Deal’. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India + Australia = hosted the first-ever “2+2 Ministerial Dialogue” in New Delhi
- S. Jaishankar & Rajnath Singh participated in the meeting
- Australia will contribute \$10 million to India’s initiative towards Disaster-Resilient Infrastructure
- [Australia – Canberra – Australian Dollar | PM – Scott Morrison](#)

362. On September 13, India proposed to institutionalise the “India Africa Defence Dialogue” during successive DefExpos to be held once every two years. The first-ever such Defence Dialogue was held in Lucknow on February 6, 2020. The foundation of India-Africa defence relations is based on the two guiding principles namely ‘SAGAR - Security and Growth for All in the Region’ and ‘Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam - The World is One Family’. Rajnath Singh will host the Defence Ministers of African Nations in the 2nd edition of “India Africa Defence Dialogue” in 2022 on the sidelines of the DefExpo that is scheduled to be held at Gandhinagar, Gujarat in March 2022. The broad theme of this India Africa Defence Dialogue will be “India - Africa: Adopting Strategy for Synergizing and Strengthening Defence and Security Cooperation”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – proposed to institutionalise the “India Africa Defence Dialogue”
- Two principles: ‘SAGAR’ & ‘Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam’
- Rajnath Singh – to host the 2nd “India Africa Defence Dialogue” in 2022 | 1st Dialogue held in Lucknow in 2020
- Theme – “India - Africa: Adopting Strategy for Synergizing and Strengthening Defence and Security Cooperation”
- DefExpo – scheduled to be held at Gandhinagar, Gujarat in March 2022



363. On September 14, Anupriya Patel, Minister of State for Commerce and Industry has co-chaired the 18th ASEAN-India Economic Ministers Consultations held virtually with Brunei's Finance Minister Amin Liew Abdullah. Both sides discussed mass vaccination, capacity enhancement & various economic initiatives to address the pandemic. The Minister also recommended ASEAN to establish Joint Committees for the Review of the "India-ASEAN Services and Investment Agreements". The "ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement" was signed on August 13, 2009 and came into force on January 1, 2010. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Anupriya Patel + Amin Liew Abdullah (Brunei) = co-chaired the 18th ASEAN-India Economic Ministers Consultations
- India – recommended to establish Joint Committees for the Review of 'India-ASEAN Services & Investment Agreements'
- "ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement" was signed in 2009 & came into effect in 2010
- [Chairmanship of ASEAN 2021 – Brunei | Secretariat of ASEAN – Jakarta, Indonesia | Members – 10](#)
- [India – 7th largest trading partner of ASEAN](#)

364. On September 14, The two-day "Conference of Tourism and Culture Ministers of North Eastern States" organized by the Ministry of Tourism successfully concluded in Guwahati, Assam. The conference was inaugurated by G. Kishan Reddy. During the conference, Ministry of Tourism signed an MoU with IRCTC to promote tourism. G Kishan Reddy lauded the developments in the tourism sector in the North-Eastern region and sanctioned Rs 200 Cr under the "PRASHAD" scheme for further development. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Tourism – organized "Conference of Tourism and Culture Ministers of North Eastern States" in Guwahati
- Ministry of Tourism + IRCTC = an MoU to promote tourism
- Rs 200 Cr – sanctioned under "PRASHAD" scheme for further development of North-Eastern region
- [Ministry of Tourism: G. Kishan Reddy | Constituency – Secunderabad, Telangana](#)
- [MoS in Ministry of Tourism: Shripad Yesso Naik & Ajay Bhatt](#)
- [Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Himanta Biswa Sarma | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi](#)

365. On September 15, The Indian Council of Cultural Relations (ICCR) has announced India is set to host the 1st edition of the "Global Buddhist Conference" in Bihar and ICCR will institute the first award in 'Buddhist Studies' in November, 2021. The conference's theme is "Buddhism in Literature". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – to host the 1st edition of the "Global Buddhist Conference" – in Bihar (in November, 2021)
- ICCR – to give the first award in 'Buddhist Studies'
- Conference's theme – "Buddhism in Literature"
- [HQs of ICCR – New Delhi | DG – Dineshk Patnaik | Founded in – 1950](#)



366. US president Joe Biden hosted the first ever in-person summit of the leaders of the Quad group of countries on September 24 in Washington DC. PM Narendra Modi along with his counterparts from Australia and Japan, participated in the Summit. Japan will work with India to enhance key investments of approximately \$100 million in the Healthcare sector related to COVID-19, including vaccine and treatment drugs. Moreover, Quad countries form a “Green-Shipping Network” and will organize their work by launching a “Quad Shipping Taskforce”. The Quad Shipping Task Force aims to establish 2 to 3 Quad low-emission or zero-emission shipping corridors by 2030. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- PM Narendra Modi – participated in the first ever in-person “QUAD Leaders’ Summit” – hosted by the US
- Japan will work with India to enhance key investments of approx \$100 million in the Healthcare sector
- Quad countries form a “Green-Shipping Network” & will launch “Quad Shipping Taskforce”
- Quad Shipping Task Force aims to establish 2-3 Quad Low or Zero-emission shipping corridors by 2030
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46th President – Joe Biden | 49th VP – Kamala Harris
- QUAD countries – 4: India, US, Japan & Australia

Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

367. On September 13, Mathematician Anand Kumar was conferred with the “Swami Brahmanand Award 2021” for his contribution in the field of education through his ‘Super 30’ initiative. The award has been instituted in the name of Swami Brahmananda, a freedom fighter, former MP and a saint known for his sacrifices and his contribution in the field of education. The award is given every year to people who have done special work in the Education Sector or for the welfare of the cow. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Anand Kumar – conferred with the “Swami Brahmanand Award 2021” (for his ‘Super 30’ initiative)
- This award is given every year in the field of ‘Education Sector’ or for the ‘Welfare of the Cow’

368. On September 10, DBS Bank is named the world’s best bank in Euromoney’s “Global Award for Excellence 2021” for the second time in two years. While Morgan Stanley is named the world’s best investment bank for its overwhelmingly deft navigation of the highs and lows of a turbulent period in the markets. DBS is also recognised as the world’s best digital bank. Singapore-based UOB is named the best bank for SMEs, while the best bank in the emerging markets is Indonesia’s Bank Central Asia. And BNP Paribas is named the world’s best bank for sustainable finance. Bank of America is named best bank for corporate responsibility. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Euromoney’s “Global Award for Excellence 2021”:

Winner	Category
DBS Bank (Singapore)	World’s Best Bank + World’s Best Digital Bank
Morgan Stanley (US)	World’s Best Investment Bank
UOB (Singapore)	Best Bank for SMEs
Bank Central Asia (Indonesia)	Best Bank in the Emerging Markets
BNP Paribas (France)	World’s Best Bank for Sustainable Finance
Bank of America (US)	Best Bank for Corporate Responsibility



369. On September 15, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and Serum Institute of India Chief Executive Officer Adar Poonawalla have been named among the “World’s 100 Most Influential People of 2021” by Time magazine. SII CEO Poonawalla has been listed among the 15 people whom the magazine called “Pioneers” inside the influential 100 list. Taliban’s Abdul Ghani Baradar, the current deputy PM of Afghanistan, was called “a charismatic military leader and a deeply pious figure” by the magazine. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “World’s 100 Most Influential People of 2021” – by Time magazine
- Narendra Modi + Mamata Banerjee + Adar Poonawalla = are among World’s 100 Most Influential People of 2021

370. On September 17, President Ram Nath Kovind has presented the “National Florence Nightingale Award 2020” to 51 nurses across India. This annual award was instituted by the Union Health Ministry in 1973. The winners were awarded Rs 50,000 as cash prize, a certificate, a citation and a medal. Gujarat’s Bhanumati Gheewala has been selected for “National Florence Nightingale Award 2021” for COVID-19 Duty. She has been handling the delivery of Covid-19 positive pregnant women as well as taking care of newborns. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ram Nath Kovind – presented the “National Florence Nightingale Award 2020” to 51 Nurses across India
- This award was instituted by Union Health Ministry – in 1973
- Bhanumati Gheewala (Gujarat) – selected for “National Florence Nightingale Award 2021” for Covid-19 Duty



Appointments & Resignations

371. On September 10, Wonderchef has roped in actress Kriti Sanon as its Brand Ambassador. Wonderchef is a world-class & most trusted Cookware, Bakeware, Kitchen Appliances & Kitchen Tools brand. Besides, the American watches and accessories firm, Fossil, has also appointed Indian Bollywood actor Kriti Sanon as its newest celebrity brand ambassador in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kriti Sanon – appointed as Brand Ambassador of ‘Wonderchef’
- Kriti Sanon – appointed as Brand Ambassador of ‘Fossil’
- HQs of Wonderchef – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Arun Nalavadi
- HQs of Fossil Group – Texas, US | CEO – Kosta N. Kartsotis

372. On September 13, Justice M. Venugopal has been appointed as the Acting Chairperson of the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT). In the last 18 months, the NCLAT had three acting Chairpersons. No permanent Chairperson has been appointed in the last 18 months. The NCLAT was constituted under ‘Section 410’ of the Companies Act, 2013. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- M. Venugopal – appointed as the Acting Chairperson of the NCLAT (3rd Acting Chairperson in last 18 months)



373. On September 11, India's Raja Randhir Singh has taken over as acting President of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA). A five-time Olympic shooter and an Asian Games Gold medallist in 1978, Singh was promoted to the role from his position as an honorary life vice president. He replaces Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Raja Randhir Singh ([Indian Shooter](#)) – took over as acting President of the Olympic Council of Asia
- HQs of OCA – Kuwait | Acting President – Raja Randhir Singh | Founded in – 1982

374. On September 9, TAGG, a tech-driven lifestyle electronics brand, has roped in the vice-captain of the Indian cricket team and the captain of Mumbai Indians, Rohit Sharma as a Brand Ambassador. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rohit Sharma – appointed as Brand Ambassador of 'TAGG'

Amount & Agreements

375. On September 11, Tamil Nadu government has signed an MoU with DP World for proposed investment of ₹2,000 Cr to establish a slew of projects in Tamil Nadu. The MoU was signed in the presence of Chief Minister M. K. Stalin and officials of DP World. The company plans the establishment of a container terminal, a minor port, a cold storage facility, a free trade zone, and data centres. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tamil Nadu + DP World = an MoU for investment of ₹2,000 Cr to establish a slew of projects in Tamil Nadu
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin | Governor – Ravindra Narayan Ravi
- HQs of DP World – Dubai, UAE | CEO – Sultan Ahmed bin Sulayem

376. On September 15, The Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has agreed to set up an innovation fund in partnership with the Assam government to promote start-ups. SIDBI handed over a commitment letter of Rs 350 Cr to the Assam government under Cluster Development Fund. Efforts would be taken to create clusters to promote "One District-One-Product" initiative. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SIDBI + Assam = to set up an 'Innovation Fund' to promote start-ups
- SIDBI – handed over a commitment letter of Rs 350 Cr to Assam government under 'Cluster Development Fund'
- HQs of SIDBI – Lucknow, UP | MD & Chairman – Sivasubramanian Ramann | Established in – 1990
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Himanta Biswa Sarma | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi



Ranks, Reports & Surveys

377. On September 10, National Statistical Office (NSO) has released its 77th round of survey titled “Situation Assessment Survey (SAS) of Agricultural Households”, conducted during the period 1st January 2019 to 31st December 2019 on the theme “Land and Livestock Holdings of Households and Situation Assessment of Agricultural Households”. As per the survey, the percentage of indebted agricultural households was 50.2%. And average amount of outstanding loan per agricultural household was Rs 74,121. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 77th round of “Situation Assessment Survey (SAS) of Agricultural Households” – released by the NSO
- Percentage of indebted agricultural households – 50.2%
- Average amount of outstanding loan per agricultural household – Rs 74,121
- HQs of NSO – New Delhi | Chairperson – Bimal Kumar Roy

378. On September 10, In the latest edition of “Quacquarelli Symonds Global MBA Rankings 2022”, IIM Ahmedabad has emerged as the best business school from India. The institute has moved up 4 spots and has achieved 46th rank this year. IIM Bangalore ranked at 50th globally. Stanford Graduate School of Business is the world’s best MBA program for the second consecutive year. In the Masters in Management (MIM) rankings, IIM Ahmedabad, Bangalore and Calcutta’s two-year flagship programmes were ranked at 31st, 35th and 51st spots. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Quacquarelli Symonds Global MBA Rankings 2022”
- Globally: Top – Stanford Graduate School of Business (California, US)
- In India: 1st – IIM Ahmedabad (46th) | 2nd – IIM Bangalore (50th) | 3rd – IIM Calcutta – 76th

379. On September 13, Climate change can force some 216 million people in six world regions to migrate within their own countries by 2050, according to a report titled “Groundswell Part 2: Acting on Internal Climate Migration” released by the World Bank. The report also states that immediate action can reduce climate migration by as much as 80%. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Groundswell Part 2: Acting on Internal Climate Migration” report – released by World Bank
- Climate Change can force 216 million people to migrate within their own countries by 2050
- Immediate action can reduce climate migration by as much as 80%
- HQs of World Bank – Washington D.C., USA | Member Countries – 189
- President – David Malpass | MD & CFO – Anshula Kant



380. On September 14, three UN agencies - Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), UN Development Programme (UNDP) and UN Environment Programme (UNEP) released a report titled “A multi-billion-dollar Opportunity: Repurposing Agricultural Support to transform Food Systems”. Currently, countries pump in \$540 billion a year as support to farmers. This is expected to triple by 2030 to \$1.759 trillion. Most countries support farmers in emission-intensive sectors like sugar and the beef production chain. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “A multi-billion-dollar Opportunity: Repurposing Agricultural Support to transform Food Systems” report
- The report was released by = UNFAO + UNDP + UNEP
- Currently, countries pump in \$540 billion a year as support to farmers (expected to triple by 2030 to \$1.759 trillion)

Acquisitions & Mergers

381. On September 15, Punjab National Bank has sold its entire 23% stake in its Canara HSBC OBC Life Insurance (CHOICE). PNB had become a promoter shareholder after the amalgamation with Oriental Bank of Commerce and United Bank of India from April 1, 2020. The plan to exit CHOICE is in keeping with the insurance regulator IRDAI’s norm that a commercial bank should not hold more than 10% stake in two life insurance ventures at the same time. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- PNB – sold its entire 23% stake in its Canara HSBC OBC Life Insurance
- IRDAI’s norm: A commercial bank should not hold more than 10% stake in two life insurance ventures at the same time
- HQs of PNB – New Delhi | MD & CEO – S. S. Mallikarjuna Rao | Tagline – “The Name You Can Bank Upon”
- HQs of IRDAI – Hyderabad, Telangana | Chairman – Subhash Chandra Khuntia | Executive Dr. – Suresh Mathur

MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

382. On September 13, ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel (AMNS) India has signed a pact with National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC) to provide critical steel products to MSMEs in the sector. AMNS will utilise its hypermart network for the initiative. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- AMNS India + NSIC = an MoU to provide critical steel products to MSMEs
- HQs of AMNS India – Surat, Gujarat | CEO – Dilip Oommen
- HQs of NSIC – New Delhi | CMD – Alka Nangia Arora



383. On September 14, The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), HDFC Bank and the Greater Noida Industrial Development Authority (GNIDA) have signed an agreement to set up a facility to manage up to 300 metric tonnes of Dry Waste every month in Noida, Uttar Pradesh. The material recovery facility (MRF) in Greater Noida will come up at a cost of Rs 3 Cr and will be funded by the HDFC bank through its corporate social responsibility (CSR) programme “Parivartan”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- UNDP + HDFC Bank + Greater Noida = to set up material recovery facility to manage up to 300 metric tonnes of Dry Waste in Greater Noida, UP
- HQs of UNDP – New York, USA | Administrator – Achim Steiner | Founded in – 1965
- HQs of HDFC Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Sashidhar Jagdishan | Tagline – “We understand your world”
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

384. On September 14, The Agriculture Ministry has signed 5 MoUs with CISCO, Ninjacart, Jio Platforms Ltd, ITC Ltd and NCDEX e-Markets Ltd (NeML) to conduct pilot projects for promotion of digital technology in the farm sector. A digital agriculture mission has been initiated for 2021-25 by the government. Reliance’s “JioKrishi” platform provides services to create a ‘Data-driven Farmer Ecosystem’. It will roll out a primary intervention module in Jalna and Nashik districts of Maharashtra as a pilot project. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Agriculture Ministry signed 5 MoUs to conduct pilot projects for promotion of digital technology in the Farm Sector
- 5 MoUs with: CISCO, Ninjacart, Jio Platforms Ltd, ITC Ltd & NCDEX e-Markets Ltd
- “JioKrishi” platform provides services to create a ‘Data-driven Farmer Ecosystem’ in Jalna & Nashik, Maharashtra
- Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare: Narendra Singh Tomar | Constituency – Morena, Madhya Pradesh
- MoS in Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare: Shobha Karandlaje & Kailash Choudhary

385. On September 15, The Union Cabinet has approved an MoU between India and Italy for Cooperation in the field of Disaster Risk Reduction and Management. The MoU was signed in June between India’s National Disaster Management Authority and the Department of Civil Protection of the Presidency of the Council Ministers of the Italian Republic. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Cabinet approved an MoU for Cooperation in the field of Disaster Risk Reduction & Management – between India & Italy
- Italy – Rome – Euro | President – Sergio Mattarella | PM – Mario Draghi



Books & Authors

386. On September 12, Subramanian Swamy has come out with a new book titled “Human Rights and Terrorism in India” which traces how the combating of terrorism can be harmonised with human and fundamental rights within reasonable restrictions that is permitted by the Constitution and upheld by the Supreme Court. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Human Rights and Terrorism in India” book – authored by Subramanian Swamy

387. Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, Dr. Bharati Pravin Pawar emphasised the need for greater discussion and awareness on the population as India is estimated to become the most populous country by 2027. She also launched a book “Infant and Child Mortality in Assam - Demographic and Socio-Economic Interrelations” authored by Dr. Dipanjali Haloi and Dr. Suresh Sharma. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Infant and Child Mortality in Assam - Demographic and Socio-Economic Interrelations” book – authored by Dr. Dipanjali Haloi & Dr. Suresh Sharma

388. On September 15, Princeton University Press has announced that Jhumpa Lahiri’s “Translating Myself and Others” will be released in 2022. Lahiri's fiction includes the Pulitzer-winning story collection “The Interpreter of Maladies” and the novels “The Namesake” and “Unaccustomed Earth”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Translating Myself and Others” book – authored by Jhumpa Lahiri | Publisher – Princeton University Press
- She won “Pulitzer Prize” for Fiction in 2000 – for her 1st book “Interpreter of Maladies”
- Her other books: “The Namesake” & “Unaccustomed Earth”

Obituaries

389. On September 14, Former India international Football Player and Mohun Bagan legend Bhabani Roy passed away in Kolkata. He was 75. Roy made his international debut in the Merdeka Cup in 1969. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bhabani Roy – a Football Player – passed away (associated with Mohun Bagan FC)
- He represented India in ‘Merdeka Cup’ in 1969
- Merdeka Cup – related to Football



390. On September 13, Former Union minister and member of Rajya Sabha Oscar Fernandes passed away. He was 80 years old. He served Rajiv Gandhi as his Parliamentary Secretary. He entered the Lok Sabha from Udupi constituency in 1980 Later, he got elected to the Rajya Sabha in 1998. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Oscar Fernandes – a Politician – passed away (Party – INC | Constituency – Udupi, Karnataka)

391. On September 14, Yuriy Sedykh, a two-time Olympic champion in the hammer throw whose world record from 1986 still stands, has died. He was 66. Sedykh threw a world record 86.74 meters at the European Championships in Stuttgart, Germany. [{Read more}](#)

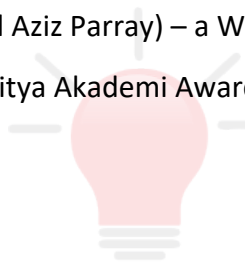
Key Points:

- Yuriy Sedykh – a Hammer Thrower – passed away (World record - 86.74 meters in 1986)

392. On September 12, Noted writer and former secretary of Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages Aziz Hajini (born as Abdul Aziz Parray) passed away. He was 64 years old. He had won “Sahitya Akademi Award” in 2016 for his book ‘Aane Khane’ which is written in Kashmiri. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Aziz Hajini (Abdul Aziz Parray) – a Writer, Poet & Critic – passed away
- His Awards: “Sahitya Akademi Award” (2016) for his book “Aane Khane”



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Person in News

393. On September 9, 49-year-old Chandigarh golfer, Jeev Milkha Singh, has been chosen as the first professional Golfer in the world to be given 10-year ‘Golden Visa’ by the United Arab Emirates. Golden Visa was launched in 2019 by the UAE authorities and it allows foreigners to live, work, or study in the Gulf country without the need for a national sponsor. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Jeev Milkha Singh – the first professional Golfer in the world to be given 10-year ‘Golden Visa’ by the UAE
- UAE – Abu Dhabi – Dirham | President – Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan



Science & Technology

394. In September 2021, A team of researchers has discovered a new island named “Qeqertaq Avannarleq” off the coast of Greenland. It has now become the new northernmost piece of land on Earth. Before this, Oodaaq Island was marked as the Earth’s northernmost terrain. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- A new island named “Qeqertaq Avannarleq” – discovered off the coast of Greenland
- “Qeqertaq Avannarleq” is now Earth’s northernmost piece of land
- [Greenland – Nuuk – Danish krone](#)

395. A professor and his team from IIT Bombay have launched an artificial intelligence (AI)-based software named “Project Udaan” that translates scientific and technical content from English to Hindi and several other Indian languages. This software can translate engineering textbooks and learning material in one-sixth the time it would take for a team of domain and linguistic experts to work manually. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IIT Bombay – launched an AI-based software named “Project Udaan” to help students from linguistic minorities
- The software translates scientific & technical content from English to Hindi & several other languages
- [Director of IIT Bombay – Subhasis Chaudhuri](#)

396. On September 11, Skyroot Aerospace, a Hyderabad-based space technology startup, has become the first private company to formally enter into an agreement with ISRO to use its expertise and access facilities to test and qualify its small rocket ahead of its launch in 2022. Skyroot, founded by former ISRO scientists, is building the Vikram series of rockets to carry small satellites into space. India has formed “IN-SPACe”, the authorisation and regulatory body under the Department of Space for enabling private companies to undertake space activities in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Skyroot Aerospace – become the first private company to formally enter into an agreement with ISRO
- India – formed “IN-SPACe” - a regulatory body to undertake space activities in India
- [HQs of Skyroot Aerospace – Hyderabad, Telangana | CEO – Pawan Kumar Chandana](#)
- [HQs of ISRO – Bengaluru, Karnataka | Director – Kailasavadivoo Sivan | Formed on – August 15, 1969](#)

397. On September 14, SpaceX has launched a flight carrying the first stack of 51 Starlink broadband satellites on ‘Falcon 9 rocket’ into orbit. SpaceX’s Starlink megaconstellation was created with one major goal in mind to provide internet coverage to the world. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- SpaceX – launched a flight carrying the first stack of 51 Starlink broadband satellites on ‘Falcon 9 rocket’ into orbit
- HQs of SpaceX – California, U.S. | CEO – Elon Musk | Founded in – 2002

398. On September 13, “Colexion” is the largest licenced Non-fungible token (NFT) platform for Sports, Entertainment & Art. Colexion will feature NFT collections of global stars using Blockchain Technology. Moreover, Cricket Foundation, the Singapore-headquartered blockchain-based platform has launched first Cricket NFT of its kind named “CricketCrazy.io”. For this, Cricket Foundation has roped in around 120 partners from the cricketing eco-system. The Cricket Token (CRIC) was recently listed on Indian and international crypto exchanges, with a market cap of over \$200 million. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Colexion” – the largest licenced Non-fungible token (NFT) platform for Sports, Entertainment & Art
- Cricket Foundation (Singapore) – launched first Cricket NFT of its kind named “CricketCrazy.io”

399. On September 15, OneWeb has launched 34 more satellites from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan. With this, OneWeb’s total in-orbit constellation now number 322 satellites. The satellites were launched in Low-Earth Orbit (LEO) by Arianespace, a French LEO satellite communications company. With this launch, Arianespace also celebrates passing the mark of 1,000 satellites successfully launched to space. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- OneWeb – launched 34 more satellites from Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan
- The satellites were launched in Low-Earth Orbit (LEO) – by Arianespace
- Now, OneWeb’s total in-orbit constellation number – 322 satellites (as on Sep 15, 2021)
- HQs of OneWeb – London, UK | CEO – Adrian Steckel | Executive Chairman – Sunil Bharti Mittal
- OneWeb – co-owned by Bharti Global & the UK

Ordinance, Bills and Acts

400. On September 14, The Tamil Nadu State Assembly has passed a Bill to make the encroachment of properties belonging to religious institutions (temples) a cognisable and non-bailable offence, amending the “Tamil Nadu Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Act, 1959”. There are about 5 lakh acres of properties belonging to over 40,000 religious institutions, under the control of the HR&CE Department. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tamil Nadu – amended the “Tamil Nadu Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Act, 1959”
- Tamil Nadu – made ‘temple land grabbing’ a cognisable & non-bailable offence
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin | Governor – Ravindra Narayan Ravi





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