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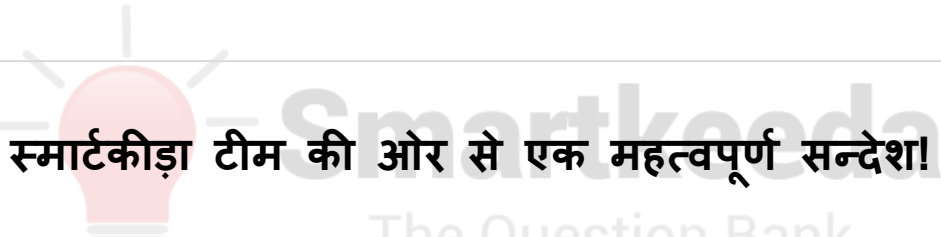
Hi Folks! We hope you all are doing well. We would like to state here that this PDF is meant for preparing for the upcoming MockDrill Test of September 2021 Month at Testzone. In this Current Affairs PDF we have added all the important Current Affairs information in form of 'Key-points' which are crucial if you want to score a high rank in Current Affairs Mocks at Testzone. Therefore, we urge you to go through each piece of information carefully and try to remember the facts and figures because the questions to be asked in the Current Affairs MockDrill will be based on the information given in the PDF only.

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मित्रों! हम आशा करते हैं की आप सभी स्वस्थ और कुशल होंगे। इस सन्देश के माध्यम से हम आपसे यह कहना चाहते हैं की ये PDF सितम्बर 2021 माह में Testzone पर होने वाले MockDrill Test में आपकी तैयारी को बेहतर करने के लिए उपलब्ध करायी जा रही है। इस PDF में हमने कुछ अति आवश्यक 'Key-Points' के माध्यम से आपको सम-सामयिकी (Current Affairs) सूचनाओं से अवगत कराया है और अगर आप MockDrill में अपनी योग्यता सिद्ध करना चाहते हैं तो आपके लिए हर सूचना को पढ़ना, समझना और उसे याद रखना भी अति आवश्यक है क्योंकि MockDrill में शामिल किए गए प्रश्न PDF में दी गयी सूचना या जानकारी पर ही आधारित होंगे।

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

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National & States Affairs

601. On September 22, Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has mandated to reduce the limit of industrially produced trans-fats, to not more than 2%, to make India free from the industrially-produced trans-fats by 2022, which a year-ahead of the WHO guidelines. Currently, only 3.14% or 196 of 6,245 samples of packaged food items contained trans-fat exceeding 2%, as per the FSSAI's survey. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- FSSAI mandated to reduce the limit of industrially produced trans-fats to 2%
- FSSAI's aim to make India free from the industrially-produced trans-fats – by 2022
- FSSAI's survey: Only 3.14% (196) of packaged food item samples contained over 2% trans fat
- HQs of FSSAI – New Delhi | Chairperson – Rita Teotia | CEO – Shri Arun Singhal

602. On September 24, Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has set up Odisha's first ever "Tussar Silk Yarn Production Centre" at Choudwar in Cuttack district. For hundreds of years, Odisha has been known for its exquisite silk, particularly the tussar variety, which provides livelihood to thousands of tribal people, particularly women. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- KVIC – set up Odisha's first ever "Tussar Silk Yarn Production Centre" at Choudwar in Cuttack
- HQs of KVIC – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Vinai Kumar Saxena | Founded in – 1956
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

603. On September 25, Pune-based EV charging infra startup goEgoNetwork has installed its electric vehicle charging facility at Kaza in the Spiti Valley, Himachal Pradesh, making it the world's highest EV charging station. goEgo has collaborated with TVS Motor Company to promote EV infrastructure in Himachal Pradesh. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- goEgoNetwork – installed world's highest EV charging station – at Kaza, in Spiti Valley, Himachal Pradesh
- HQs of goEgoNetwork – Pune, Maharashtra | Co-Founder & CEO Sayantan Chakraborti
- Himachal Pradesh: Capital – Shimla & Dharamshala | CM – Jai Ram Thakur | Governor – Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar

604. On September 27, Judima, the wine brewed by the Dimasa community in Assam, has been awarded the geographical indication (GI) tag. This wine made from rice and a certain herb is the first beverage from the north-east to earn this label. Besides, Sojat Mehndi from Rajasthan has received the GI tag from the government. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- “Judima rice wine” of Assam – received GI Tag (first beverage from the north-east to earn this label)
- This wine is brewed by – Dimasa community
- “Sojat Mehndi” of Rajasthan – received GI Tag
- “Darjeeling Tea” of West Bengal – the first Indian product to get a GI tag in 2004-05
- A registered GI Tag remains valid for the period of – 10 years
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Himanta Biswa Sarma | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi

605. On September 26, In a major child-friendly initiative, Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan has announced the setting up of “Digital de-addiction Centres” in the state to bring children addicted to online games into mainstream society. He also declared 20 more ‘Child-friendly’ police stations, taking the total of such stations to 126 in the state. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kerala – announced to set up “Digital de-addiction Centres” in the state
- Kerala – declared 20 more ‘Child-friendly’ police stations in the state (Total of such stations - 126)
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

606. On September 26, The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) and the Centre for Creative Learning (CCL) at IIT Gandhinagar have jointly launched “30-30 Eklavya”, an online interactive education programme to decode effective implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) across the schools. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CBSE + CCL (IIT Gandhinagar) = launched an online interactive education programme “30-30 Eklavya”
- HQs of CBSE – New Delhi | Chairman – Manoj Ahuja | Formed in – 1962

607. On September 26, Union Minister Anurag Thakur launched High Power Transmitters of Doordarshan and All India Radio to cover remote and border areas near Kargil in Ladakh. The 10KW transmitters are the highest altitude TV and Radio transmitters in India, located at the height of 4,054 metres (about 13,300 ft) above the mean sea level. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Anurag Thakur – launched India’s highest altitude High Power Transmitters in Kargil, Ladakh (Capacity - 10KW)
- Ladakh: Capital – Leh | Lt. Governor – R. K. Mathur

608. In September 2021, Nasscom Foundation and Visa will jointly up-skill women entrepreneurs with digital skills and financial literacy in 5 states - Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, Telangana and West Bengal. In India, Visa has previously empowered women-owned businesses through a grants program with ‘iFundWomen’. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Nasscom Foundation + Visa = will jointly up-skill women entrepreneurs with digital skills & financial literacy in 5 states
- 5 states: Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, Telangana & West Bengal
- HQs of Visa – Foster City, California | CEO – Alfred F. Kelly | Founded in – 1958
- HQs of NASSCOM – New Delhi | President – Debjani Ghosh
- Chairman – Rekha M. Menon | Vice-Chairman – Krishnan Ramanujam

609. On September 27, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has launched Delhi Tourism mobile app named “Dekho Meri Dilli” to boost tourism on the occasion of World Tourism Day. The tourist can locate places within 5 km with the help of the app. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Arvind Kejriwal – launched Delhi Tourism mobile app named “Dekho Meri Dilli” to boost tourism
- New Delhi: CM – Arvind Kejriwal | Lt. Governor – Anil Baijal | Chief Secretary – Vijay Dev

610. On September 24, Ministry of Corporate Affairs has extended the tenure of Company Law Committee by 1 year. The 11-member committee was constituted in 2019 and currently, it is chaired by Corporate Affairs Secretary Rajesh Verma. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Corporate Affairs – extended the tenure of 11-member “Company Law Committee” by 1 year
- CLC is headed by – Rajesh Verma (Corporate Affairs Secretary) | Constituted in – 2019

611. On September 27, PM Narendra Modi has launched “Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission” (ABDM) under the “National Digital Health Mission” (NDHM). Under this, every citizen would now get a ‘Digital Health ID’ and ‘Health Records’ digitally protected. It will be developed by adopting India Enterprise Architecture Framework (IndEA). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Modi – launched “Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission” (ABDM)
- India Enterprise Architecture Framework (IndEA) will adopt this mission

612. On September 24, Nagaland’s ‘Sweet Cucumber’ was awarded a GI tag as an agricultural product under provisions of “The Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999”. Besides, Nagaland’s regional variants of ‘Tree Tomato (Tamarillo)’ and the famed ‘Naga King Chilli’ are also GI tagged. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- ‘Sweet Cucumber’ of Nagaland – received GI tag
- Nagaland’s other GI tagged products: ‘Tree Tomato (Tamarillo)’, ‘Naga Mircha (King Chilli)’ & ‘Chakshesang Shawl’
- A registered GI Tag remains valid for the period of – 10 years
- Nagaland: Capital – Kohima | CM – Neiphiu Rio | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi (addi. charge)

613. A “Weaver Services & Design Resource Centre” will be set up in Kullu to encourage handicraft products of Himachal Pradesh besides providing a better platform for their export. Union minister for commerce and industry Piyush Goyal interacted with handicrafts and handloom artisans under ‘Seva & Samarpan’ campaign. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Weaver Services & Design Resource Centre” – to be set up in Kullu, Himachal Pradesh
- Himachal Pradesh: Capital – Shimla & Dharamshala | CM – Jai Ram Thakur | Governor – Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar

614. On September 27, Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs, Hardeep Singh Puri has launched the 7th consecutive edition of “Swachh Survekshan 2022” at New Delhi under the theme “People First”. Covering over 4,000 Urban Local Bodies (ULBs), it has become the world’s largest Urban Cleanliness Survey conducted by Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban (SBM-U). ‘District Rankings’ have been introduced for the first time. The scope of the survey has been expanded to now cover 100% wards for sampling, as compared to 40% in previous years. A short film, ‘Swachhata Se Samridhi’ that showcases the milestones of the last seven years in the Swachhata journey was also released on the occasion. The Swachh Bharat Mission - Urban (SBM-U) was launched on 2nd October, 2014. While, ‘Swachh Survekshan’ was introduced by MoHUA in 2016 to rank cities on cleanliness parameters in 73 cities. Along with SS 2022’s launch, MoHUA also released a coffee table book titled “A Change of Heart”. Moreover, MoHUA also flagged off the field assessments for the “Safaimitra Suraksha Challenge” which was launched in 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Hardeep Singh Puri – launched the 7th “Swachh Survekshan 2022” at New Delhi | Theme – “People First”
- ‘Swachh Survekshan’ – became the world’s largest Urban Cleanliness Survey conducted by ‘SBM-U’
- Scope of the Survey is expanded to cover 100% wards for sampling (compared to 40% in previous years)
- ‘Swachhata Se Samridhi’ short film was also released on the Occasion
- MoHUA – released a coffee table book titled “A Change of Heart”
- ‘SBM-U’ – launched in 2014 by MoHUA | ‘Swachh Survekshan’ – launched in 2016 by MoHUA
- ‘Safaimitra Suraksha Challenge’ – launched in 2020 by MoHUA



615. In September 2021, The Supreme Court (SC) has introduced the “Fast and Secured Transmission of Electronic Records” (FASTER) system by which its crucial decisions, including orders on bail and stay of arrest, can be communicated electronically to prison authorities and investigating agencies through a secure channel. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Supreme Court – introduced the “Fast and Secured Transmission of Electronic Records” (FASTER)
- Present Chief of Justice of the Supreme Court of India – Justice N. V. Ramana (48th)

616. On September 27, In an endeavour to empower rural women and make them financially independent, National Commission for Women (NCW) has launched a country-wide “Training & Capacity Building Program” for women in Dairy Farming. The first program under the project was organized on ‘Value Added Dairy products’ for women SHG groups at Lala Lajpat Rai University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences in Hisar, Haryana. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NCW – launched a country-wide “Training & Capacity Building Program” for women in Dairy Farming
- The first program under the project was organized on ‘Value Added Dairy products’ – in Hisar, Haryana
- HQs of NCW – New Delhi | Chairperson – Rekha Sharma | Founded in – 1992

617. On September 29, Union Minister for Ports, Shipping & Waterways Sarbananda Sonwal has announced that the government aims to meet 60% of power demand at major ports through Renewable Energy like solar and wind power. Currently, Renewable Energy (RE) meets less than 10% of the Power demand at the ports. 50% of port equipment would be electrified by 2030. The ports aim to reduce carbon emissions/ton of cargo handled by 30% by 2030. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Government aims to meet 60% of Power demand at major Ports through Renewable Energy (RE)
- Currently, RE meets less than 10% of the Power demand at the Ports

618. On September 29, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal has announced to extend the existing Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) till March 31, 2022. India’s merchandise exports during April-September 21 were over \$185 billion. The minister also launched the “Ease of Logistic Portal” developed by Federation of Indian Export Organizations (FIEO) to bring exporters and logistics service providers (LSPs) on a single platform. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of C&I – to extend the existing Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) till March 31, 2022
- Ministry of C&I – launched the “Ease of Logistic Portal” developed by FIEO
- India’s Merchandise exports – over \$185 billion (during April-Sep 2021)
- Ministry of Commerce & Industry: Piyush Goyal | Constituency – Maharashtra
- MoS in Ministry of Commerce & Industry: Anupriya Singh Patel & Som Parkash



International Affairs

619. On September 25, India has signed an implementing arrangement on the joint development of a small satellite for Bhutan. The agreement was inked by ISRO's Scientific Secretary R. Umamaheswaran and Director of Department of Information Technology and Telecom (Bhutan) Jigme Tenzing. A virtual signing ceremony was attended by Ambassador of India to Bhutan Ruchira Kamboj. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India + Bhutan = an implementing arrangement on the joint development of a small satellite for Bhutan
- ISRO's Scientific Secretary – R. Umamaheswaran | India's Ambassador to Bhutan – Ruchira Kamboj
- HQs of ISRO – Bengaluru, Karnataka | Director – Kailasavadivoo Sivan | Formed on – August 15, 1969
- Bhutan – Thimphu – Bhutanese Ngultrum | PM – Lotay Tshering

620. On September 26, The US Department of Energy along with its Indian counterparts launched a new public-private "Hydrogen Task Force" as well as a "Biofuels Task Force" under the Strategic Clean Energy Partnership (SCEP). These groups will help expand the use of clean energy technologies to decarbonize the Energy sector. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- US + India = launched "Hydrogen Task Force" & "Biofuels Task Force" to decarbonize the Energy sector
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46th President – Joe Biden | 49th VP – Kamala Harris

621. On September 27, India and Oman have signed an agreement for exchange of White Shipping Information and to boost Maritime Security Cooperation. The pact was signed by Chief of Navy Staff Admiral Karambir Singh and his Omani counterpart Admiral Saif bin Nasser bin Mohsen Al-Rahbi in Muscat. Both navies have been participating in the biennial maritime exercise "Naseem Al Bahr" since 1993. This exercise was last conducted in 2020 off Goa and the next edition is scheduled in 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India + Oman = an agreement for exchange of White Shipping Information & to boost Maritime Security Cooperation
- "Naseem Al Bahr" a biennial maritime exercise – between India & Oman (since 1993) | Next edition in 2022
- Oman – Muscat – Rial | Sultan – Haitham bin Tariq Al Said

622. In September 2021, Switzerland has recently decided to legalize same-sex marriage. 'Marriage for All' proposal was backed by 64.1% of voters in nationwide referendum. Most countries in Western Europe have already recognised same-sex marriage. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Switzerland – decided to legalize same-sex marriage based on 'Marriage for All' proposal
- Switzerland – Bern – Swiss Franc | President – Guy Parmelin



623. On September 28, India's Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) and the US Customs & Border Protection have agreed to extend greater facilities to Exporters from each other. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CBIC + US Customs & Border Protection = to extend greater facilities to Exporters from each other
- HQs of CBIC – New Delhi | Chairperson – M. Ajit Kumar | Founded in – 1964

Banking & Economic Affairs

624. On September 25, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) has partnered with ICICI Bank to allow customers to use their ICICI Bank FASTag to pay for fuel and lubricants at HPCL retail outlets. HPCL is the first oil marketing company (OMC) in India to enable FASTag for fuel purchases by retail as well as commercial customer. Meanwhile, HPCL has proposed to commission 5,000 electric vehicle (EV) charging stations in the next 3 years and has partnered with various companies for this purpose. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- HPCL + ICICI Bank = to allow customers to use 'ICICI Bank FASTag' to pay for fuel & lubricants at HPCL retail outlets
- HQs of HPCL – Mumbai, MH | CEO & Chairperson – Mukesh Kumar Surana
- HQs of ICICI Lombard – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Bhargav Das Gupta

625. On September 27, ICICI Bank has partnered with Amazon India to offer overdraft (OD) facility up to Rs 25 lakh to Individual Sellers & Small Businesses. Customers of other banks can avail the facility from ICICI Bank, if they are registered as sellers with amazon.in. The sellers will be redirected to ICICI Bank's 'InstaOD' platform to avail this OD facility. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ICICI Bank + Amazon India = to offer overdraft (OD) facility up to Rs 25 lakh to Individual Sellers & Small Businesses
- HQs of ICICI Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Sandeep Bakhshi | Taglines – "Hum Hain Na!" & "Khayal Apka"
- HQs of Amazon India – Hyderabad, Telangana | Country Head – Amit Agarwal

626. On September 28, Paytm Payments Bank Ltd (PPBL) has partnered with Ria Money Transfer, a subsidiary of Euronet Worldwide, to help its 333 million customers receive money from abroad. This partnership makes Paytm India's first platform to accept international remittances directly into a digital wallet. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Paytm Payments Bank + Ria Money Transfer = to accept international remittances directly into a Digital Wallet
- HQs of PPBL – Noida, Uttar Pradesh | MD & CEO – Satish Kumar Gupta
- HQs of Ria Money Transfer – California, US | CEO – Juan C. Bianchi



627. On September 28, Federal Bank has partnered with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) to launch the Federal Bank RuPay Signet Contactless Credit Card. Federal Bank's tie up with Mastercard after the RBI barred Mastercard from acquiring new customers. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Federal Bank + NPCI = to launch the Federal Bank RuPay Signet Contactless Credit Card
- HQs of Federal Bank – Aluva, Kerala | MD & CEO – Shyam Srinivasan | Tagline – “Your Perfect Banking Partner”
- HQs of NPCI – Mumbai | Chairman – Biswamohan Mahapatra | MD&CEO – Dilip Asbe | Established in – 2008

628. On September 27, Vistara (TATA SIA Airlines Ltd) has partnered with IndusInd Bank to launch co-branded credit card namely “Club Vistara IndusInd Bank Explorer” to offer various benefits. Tata Sons Ltd and Singapore Airlines Ltd hold stake in Vistara in the ratio of 51:49. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Vistara + IndusInd Bank = to launch co-branded “Club Vistara IndusInd Bank Explorer” credit card
- HQs of Vistara – Gurugram, Haryana | CEO – Leslie Thng | Tata Sons Ltd : Singapore Airlines Ltd = 51:49
- HQs of IndusInd Bank – Pune, MH | MD & CEO – Sumant Kathpalia | Tagline – “We Make You Feel Richer”

629. In September 2021, the RBI has accorded approval to Jammu & Kashmir government to acquire over 16.76 Cr shares in J&K Bank on preferential basis. Besides, under the Employee Stock Purchase Scheme (ESPS), J&K Bank aims to raise up to Rs 150 Cr by issuing 7.5 Cr equity shares, in one or more tranches, to eligible employees of the bank. Now, the UT government's equity share in the J&K Bank is over 74%. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI accorded approval to J&K government to acquire over 16.76 Cr shares in J&K Bank
- Now, the J&K government's equity share in the J&K Bank is over 74%
- HQs of J&K Bank – Sri Nagar, J & K | MD & CEO – Baldev Prakash
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha

630. On September 27, The government will borrow Rs 5.03 lakh Cr in the second half of the current fiscal (FY22) to fund the Revenue Gap for reviving the pandemic-hit Economy. During the first half (April-September), the government has raised Rs 7.02 lakh Cr by issuing bonds. Out of gross market borrowing of Rs 12.05 lakh Cr projected for FY 2021-22 in the Union Budget, Rs 7.24 lakh Cr was planned to be borrowed in first half along with the Net borrowing of Rs 9.37 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Government will borrow Rs 5.03 lakh Cr in the second half of FY2021-22 to fund the Revenue Gap
- During the first half (April-September), the government raised Rs 7.02 lakh Cr by issuing bonds
- Gross market borrowing projected for FY 2021-22 – Rs 12.05 lakh Cr



631. On September 28, The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has approved a Credit Plan for Yak Husbandry in Arunachal Pradesh. Yak is also referred to as 'mountain cattle'. The scheme was developed by the National Research Centre on Yak (NRCY) at Dirang in Arunachal Pradesh's West Kameng district. The NRCY comes under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NABARD – approved a Credit Plan for Yak Husbandry – in Arunachal Pradesh (Scheme was developed by NRCY)
- NRCY – comes under ICAR
- HQs of NABARD – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Govinda Rajulu Chintala | Founded in – 1982

Defence Affairs

632. The Defence Ministry has dissolved the Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) into 7 Defence Public Sector Units (DPSUs), according to an official order dated September 28. Government of India has decided to transfer the management, control, operations and maintenance of 41 Ordnance Factories into 7 new DPSUs. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Defence Ministry – dissolved the Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) into 7 DPSUs (from 41 Ordnance Factories)
- HQs of OFB – Kolkata, West Bengal | Chairman – C. S. Vishwakarma
- Ministry of Defence: Rajnath Singh | Constituency – Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- MoS in Ministry of Defence: Ajay Bhatt

Schemes & Initiatives

633. On September 25, The Power Ministry has announced that as many as 2.82 Cr families got Electricity Connections under the flagship "Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana - Saubhagya" scheme till March 31, 2021. 'Saubhagya' scheme is one of the largest household electrification drives in the world. This scheme was announced by the PM Narendra Modi on September 25, 2017, the birth centenary of Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya. The total financial outlay of the project was Rs 16,320 Cr while the Gross Budgetary Support (GBS) was Rs 12,320 Cr. The Nodal Agency for implementing the scheme is Rural Electrification Corporation Limited (REC). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- As many as 2.82 Cr families got Electricity Connections under the flagship "Saubhagya" scheme till March 31, 2021
- September 25, 2021 – 105th birth anniversary of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya
- "Saubhagya" scheme: Launched in – 2017 | Outlay – Rs 16,320 Cr | Nodal Agency – REC Ltd



634. On September 24, Arunachal Pradesh government has launched a unique wildlife conservation initiative named “Airgun Surrender Campaign” to prevent animal poaching in the state. The initiative aims at motivating the hunters to surrender their airguns before the authorities concerned. The campaign will be implemented across the country to prevent poaching of birds and animals. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Arunachal Pradesh – launched “Airgun Surrender Campaign” to prevent animal poaching in the state
- Arunachal Pradesh: Capital – Itanagar | CM – Pema Khandu | Governor – B. D. Mishra

635. On September 25, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar has launched “Samarpan” portal wherein people can register themselves to offer voluntary service in the fields of education, skill development, sports and agriculture. The “Samarpan Portal” will provide a platform to people wishing to do something good for society. Besides, in order to make the youth job-giver instead of job-seeker, the state also launched “HUNAR - Haryana, Udyam, Naukri Aur Rozgar” app, developed by Haryana Skill Development Mission. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Haryana – launched “Samarpan” portal for its volunteer programme
- Haryana – also launched “HUNAR” app (Haryana, Udyam, Naukri Aur Rozgar)
- Haryana: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Manohar Lal Khattar | Governor – Bandaru Dattatraya

636. On September 27, the Ministry of Tourism has launched “NIDHI 2.0” (National Integrated Database of Hospitality Industry) scheme and “India Tourism Statistics - At a Glance, 2021” during the events of “World Tourism Day 2021”. An MoU was also signed between Ministry of Tourism, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and The Responsible Tourism Society of India (RTSOI) to actively promote and support ‘Sustainability Initiatives’ in the Tourism sector. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Tourism – launched “NIDHI 2.0” scheme & “India Tourism Statistics - At a Glance, 2021”
- NIDHI – National Integrated Database of Hospitality Industry
- Ministry of Tourism: G. Kishan Reddy | Constituency – Secunderabad, Telangana
- MoS in Ministry of Tourism: Shripad Yesso Naik & Ajay Bhatt

637. On September 28, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy has virtually launched “Dharma Patham”, an initiative by the Endowments Department to revive ancient temple-centric culture. The idea is to give a push to the traditional art, culture, and medical and health programmes that used to be part of temples many years ago. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Andhra Pradesh – launched “Dharma Patham” initiative to revive Ancient Temple-centric Culture
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)



Sports & Games

638. On September 23, Mumbai Indians skipper Rohit Sharma (1015) has become the first player to score 1000 runs against one team in the IPL. David Warner, with 943 runs against Punjab Kings, is second on the list. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rohit Sharma – became the first player to score 1000 runs against one team in the IPL
- 1st – Rohit Sharma (1015 runs) | 2nd – David Warner (943 runs)

639. On September 26, British Formula 1 driver, Lewis Hamilton won the “Russian Grand Prix” and became the first to win 100 races in this sport. The Brit started racing in 2007, with the McLaren team. He currently races for Mercedes team. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Lewis Hamilton – won the F1 “Russian Grand Prix” & became the first to win 100 races in this sport
- Lewis Hamilton (UK) – ‘Mercedes’ Team

640. On September 27, Virat Kohli became the first Indian batsman to reach 10,000 runs in Twenty20 (T20) format. Globally, Virat Kohli is the second man after West Indies’ Chris Gayle to reach the landmark in both T20 and one-day international (ODI) cricket. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Virat Kohli – became the first Indian batsman to reach 10,000 runs in T20 format
- Virat Kohli – 2nd player after Chris Gayle (West Indies) to reach 10,000 runs in both T20 & ODI

641. Star Indian cueist Pankaj Advani has won his 24th World Title when he triumphed at the International Billiards and Snooker Federation (IBSF) 6-Red Snooker World Cup with a victory over Pakistan’s Babar Masih in the final. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Pankaj Advani (Indian Snooker Player) – won his 24th World Title winning “IBSF 6-Red Snooker World Cup”
- HQs of IBSF – Doha, Qatar | President – Mubarak Al-Khayarin | Founded in – 1971

642. England cricketer Moeen Ali has announced his retirement from Test Cricket. However, Moeen will continue to play limited-overs Cricket for England. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Moeen Ali (England) – retired from Test Cricket

643. On September 27, Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju has inaugurated the first “Sports Arbitration Centre of India (SACI)” in Gujarat. The Sports Arbitration Centre of India (SACI) is promoted as an independent body by Ahmedabad-based SE TransStadia Pvt Ltd to fast track disputes in the Sports Sector. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Kiren Rijiju – inaugurated the first “Sports Arbitration Centre of India (SACI)” in Gujarat
- SACI is promoted by – TransStadia Pvt Ltd (Ahmedabad, Gujarat)
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Bhupendra Patel | Governor – Acharya Devvrat

644. On September 27, Team USA defeated Team Europe to win the “2021 Ryder Cup” in Sheboygan, USA. Collin Morikawa sealed the winning half-point for the US team. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- USA – won the “2021 Ryder Cup”
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46th President – Joe Biden | 49th VP – Kamala Harris

Important Days & Dates

645. “World Rivers Day” takes place on fourth Sunday of September every year. In 2021, the day falls on September 26. World Rivers Day is based on BC (British Columbi) Rivers Day, founded and led by Angelo in his native country since 1980. In 2021, the theme is “Waterways in Our Communities”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- September 26 (4th Sunday of September) – World Rivers Day
- Theme – “Waterways in Our Communities”

646. 41st edition of “World Tourism Day” was observed globally on September 27 this year. The day highlights the travel industry's social, economic, political, and cultural significance. This year World Tourism Day holds more significance as the theme is “Tourism for Inclusive Growth”. The United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) instituted World Tourism Day in 1980. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- September 27 – 41st World Tourism Day – instituted by UNWTO (since 1980)
- 2021's Theme – “Tourism for Inclusive Growth”
- HQs of UNWTO – Madrid, Spain | Secretary-General – Zurab Pololikashvili

647. The international community observed “World Contraception Day” on September 26 to recognise the right of all couples and individuals to decide freely and responsibly on the number and spacing of their children. The day was first observed in 2007. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- September 26 – “World Contraception Day” (since 2007)



648. The General Assembly commemorates 26 September as the “International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons”. This Day provides an occasion for the world community to reaffirm its commitment to global nuclear disarmament as a priority. This day has been observed annually since 2014. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- September 26 – “International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons” (since 2014)

649. Since 2011, September 26 is annually observed as “World Environmental Health Day” across the globe. It was established by the International Federation of Environmental Health (IFEH) with a goal to raise awareness regarding the health of our environment. In 2021, the theme is “Prioritising Environmental Health for Healthier Communities in the Global Recovery”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- September 26 – “World Environmental Health Day” – by IFEH (since 2011)
- 2021’s Theme – “Prioritising Environmental Health for Healthier Communities in the Global Recovery”
- HQs of IFEH – London, UK | President – Susana Paixao | Established in – 1986

650. The 10th “Global Media and Information Literacy (MIL) Week” will be commemorated from 24 to 31 October, 2021 under the theme “Media and Information Literacy for the Public Good”, and will be hosted by South Africa. The annual Global MIL Week is led by UNESCO and it was initiated in 2012. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- October 24 to 31 – 10th “Global Media and Information Literacy (MIL) Week”
- Theme – “Media and Information Literacy for the Public Good”

651. As a part of the celebration of “Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav”, Ministry of Commerce & Industry has observed “Vanijya Saptah” from September 20 to 26, in which a slew of programmes and events will be organised across India showcasing India as a rising economic force, and exporter conclaves. The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) organised a soft launch of the ‘National Single Window System’ and ‘Industrial Park Rating System’. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- September 20 to 26 – “Vanijya Saptah” observed by Ministry of Commerce & Industry
- DPIIT – launched the ‘National Single Window System’ and ‘Industrial Park Rating System’
- Ministry of Commerce & Industry: Piyush Goyal | Constituency – Maharashtra
- MoS in Ministry of Commerce & Industry: Anupriya Singh Patel & Som Parkash

652. On September 28, Green Consumer Day is observed globally to raise awareness of purchasing Eco-friendly products. The day highlights the problems of consumerism and its impact on the environment. The green consumer would be the type to drive a hybrid vehicle, buy products made with hemp or those made from recycled materials. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- September 28 – “Green Consumer Day”



653. The “International Day for Universal Access to Information” (IDUAI) is celebrated every year on September 28. Instituted by the United Nations, the day is observed to spread awareness concerning the need to expand laws related to information and their implementation. This year, the theme for IDUAI is “The Right to Know - Building Back Better with Access to Information”. The day was launched with an aim to achieve the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 16: Promote just, peaceful & inclusive societies. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- September 28 – “International Day for Universal Access to Information” – by UN (since 2015)
- 2021’s Theme – “The Right to Know - Building Back Better with Access to Information”
- The day was launched to achieve ‘SDG16: Promote just, peaceful & inclusive societies’

654. World Rabies Day is observed on September 28 every year to raise awareness about the impact of the viral disease and how to prevent it. This day is also observed globally to mark the death anniversary of French biologist, microbiologist and chemist, Louis Pasteur, who developed the first Rabies Vaccine in 1885. The day was observed for the first time in 2007. In 2021, the theme is “Rabies: Facts, not Fear”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- September 28 – World Rabies Day (since 2007)
- 2021’s Theme – “Rabies: Facts, not Fear”
- This day marks the death anniversary of ‘Louis Pasteur’ who developed the first Rabies Vaccine in 1885

655. 99th “Military Engineer Services Raising Day” or “Military Engineer Services Day” was observed across India on September 26. The day marks the establishment of Military Engineer Services (MES) which was established on 26 September, 1923. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- September 26 – 99th “Military Engineer Services Raising Day” or “Military Engineer Services Day”
- HQs of MES – New Delhi | Engineer-In-Chief – Lt. Gen. Harpal Singh | Established on – 26 September, 1923

656. “World Maritime Day 2021” was observed across the globe on September 30 in a tribute to the professionalism and sacrifice of 2 million seafarers who served the world's merchant navy fleet even amid the Covid-19 pandemic situation. The day is observed annually on the last Thursday of September to acknowledge and honour seafarers. In 2021, the theme is “Seafarers: at the Core of Shipping’s Future”. On 17 March 1978, World Maritime Day was celebrated for the first time. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- September 30 – “World Maritime Day 2021” (Last Thursday of September)
- 2021’s Theme – “Seafarers: at the Core of Shipping’s Future”
- April 5 – “National Maritime Day” (additional info.)



657. On September 28, The 195th Gunners' Day was celebrated by Regiment of Artillery to commemorate the raising of the first modern artillery unit called '5 (Bombay) Mountain Battery' in 1827. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- September 28 – 195th Gunners' Day – celebrated by Regiment of Artillery
- Motto of Regiment of Artillery – “Sarvatra Izzat-o-Iqbal” (Everywhere with Honour and Glory) | Founded in – 1827

658. The “International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste” is observed on September 29 to reduce food loss & food waste and restore and build back better and resilient-ready food systems. Globally, around 14% of food produced is lost between harvest and retail, while an estimated 17% of total global food production is wasted. A Global event “Stopping food loss and waste. For the people. For the planet” was organised by Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) & UN Environment Programme (UNEP). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- September 29 – “International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste”
- 14% of food produced is lost between harvest & retail | 17% of total global food production is wasted
- FAO + UNEP = organised a global event “Stopping food loss and waste. For the people. For the planet”
- HQs of FAO – Rome, Italy | DG – QU Dongyu | Formation – 16th October, 1945
- HQs of UNEP – Nairobi, Kenya | Executive Director – Inger Andersen | Founded in – 1972

659. “World Heart Day” is observed annually on September 29 to increase public awareness of cardiovascular diseases. This day was first founded in 1999 by the World Heart Federation (WHF) in collaboration with the World Health Organisation (WHO). In 2021, the theme is “Use Heart to Connect”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- September 29 – “World Heart Day” (since 1999)
- 2021's Theme – “Use Heart to Connect”
- HQs of WHF – Geneva, Switzerland | President – Fausto Pinto

660. On September 28, the Union Home Minister addressed the 17th Formation Day of the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) in New Delhi. The theme of this year's Formation Day is “Cascading effects of disaster events in the Himalayan Region”. The NDMA was established through the ‘Disaster Management Act’ enacted by the Government of India on 23 December, 2005. The NDMA is headed by the Prime Minister of India. Moreover, the NDMA has launched some initiatives like ‘Training Manual of AapdaMitra’, ‘Common Alert Protocol’ & ‘Aapda Mitra scheme’. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- September 28 – 17th Formation Day of the NDMA
- Theme – “Cascading effects of disaster events in the Himalayan Region”
- NDMA's initiatives: ‘Training Manual of AapdaMitra’, ‘Common Alert Protocol’ & ‘Aapda Mitra scheme’
- NDMA functions under – Ministry of Home Affairs
- HQs of NDMA – New Delhi | Headed by – Prime Minister of India | Established in – 2005



Meetings, Conferences and Summits

661. On September 22, As a precursor to the upcoming “India-Australia Energy Dialogue” scheduled to be held in October, the first Joint Working Group (JWG) meeting on Coal & Mines between both countries was held through video conferencing. The meeting was co-chaired by Coal Additional Secretary Vinod Kumar Tiwari from Indian side. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India & Australia – held the first Joint Working Group (JWG) meeting on Coal & Mines
- Australia – Canberra – Australian Dollar | PM – Scott Morrison

662. On September 25, Cooperation Minister Amit Shah has addressed the first Mega Conference on Cooperatives held in New Delhi and outlined the government’s vision and roadmap for development of the sector. This is the first “Sehkarita Sammelan” or “National Cooperative Conference” that Amit Shah has addressed as minister in-charge of the new Ministry of Cooperation. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Amit Shah – addressed the first “Sehkarita Sammelan” or “National Cooperative Conference” – held in New Delhi
- Ministry of Cooperation: Amit Shah | Constituency – Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- MoS in Ministry of Cooperation: B. L. Verma

663. Minister of State for Tribal Affairs, Bisheshwar Tudu has inaugurated 2-day “National Tribal Talent Pool Conclave” organized by National Tribal Research Institute (NTRI), a body of Ministry of Tribal Affairs in Odisha on 23-24 September 2021. Tribal Talent Pool initiative of MoTA aims at the development of the Tribal scholars by providing an environment of learning, support, contribution. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bisheshwar Tudu – inaugurated two days “National Tribal Talent Pool Conclave” in Odisha
- The conclave was organised by – National Tribal Research Institute (under Ministry of Tribal Affairs)
- Ministry of Tribal Affairs: Arjun Munda | Constituency – Khunti, Jharkhand
- MoS in Ministry of Tribal Affairs: Renuka Singh Saruta & Bishweswar Tudu
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

664. On September 25, Union Minister for Information & Broadcasting Anurag Thakur has addressed the “Summit for Information and Democracy” organised at New York, US. The International Partnership for Information and Democracy was launched in New York on 26 September 2019 and it aims to promote freedom of opinion and expression and access to free, pluralistic and reliable information. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Anurag Thakur – addressed the “Summit for Information and Democracy” organised at New York, US
- Ministry of Information & Broadcasting: Anurag Singh Thakur | Constituency – Hamirpur, Himachal Pradesh
- MoS in Ministry of Information & Broadcasting: L. Murugan



665. On September 28, Union Minister of State for Health Bharati Pravin Pawar addressed an inaugural session of the 4th “Indo-US Health Dialogue” which was hosted by India in New Delhi. Indo-US joint meet will boost management of global health threats. Moreover, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW), India signed an MoU with Department of Health and Human Services, USA for cooperation in the field of Health & Biomedical sciences. An MoU was also signed between Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) & National Institute of Allergy & Infectious Diseases (NIAID) for cooperation on International Centre for Excellence in Research (ICER). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bharati Pravin Pawar – addressed an inaugural session of the 4th “Indo-US Health Dialogue” – held in New Delhi
- MoHFW + Dept of Health & Human Services (USA) = an MoU for cooperation in the field of Health & Biomedical sciences
- ICMR + NIAID (USA) = an MoU for cooperation on International Centre for Excellence in Research (ICER)
- Ministry of Health & Family Welfare: Mansukh L. Mandaviya | Constituency – Palitana, Gujarat
- MoS in Ministry of Health & Family Welfare: Bharati Pravin Pawar

Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

666. On September 25, As part of ‘Azaadi ka Amrit Mahotsav’ and on the occasion of ‘Antyodaya Diwas’, National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRD&PR), Hyderabad under the Ministry of Rural Development presented “Hunarbaaz Awards” to 75 differently-abled (diyangjan) candidates from 15 states. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NIRD&PR (Ministry of Rural Dev.) – presented “Hunarbaaz Awards” to 75 differently-abled candidates from 15 states
- Ministry of Rural Development: Giriraj Singh | Constituency – Begusarai, Bihar
- MoS in Ministry of Rural Development: Faggansingh Kulaste & Sadhvi Niranjan Jyoti

667. On September 25, HDFC Bank has been voted as “Overall Most Outstanding Company in India”, in the ‘Asia’s Outstanding Companies Poll’ conducted by reputed publication Asiamoney. HDFC bank has been honoured with for the 4th consecutive year, since the inception of the poll in 2018. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- HDFC Bank – “Overall Most Outstanding Company in India” in the ‘Asia’s Outstanding Companies Poll’ by Asiamoney
- HQs of HDFC Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Sashidhar Jagdishan | Tagline – “We understand your world”



668. On September 27, Vice-President M. Venkaiah Naidu presented the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) Innovation Award to two students of Class 10 of Udupi district namely Anusha and Rakshitha Naik. The award, sponsored by the Union Ministry of Science and Technology, comprises a cash prize of ₹20,000. They received the award for their project, 'Gas Saving Kit'. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- M. Venkaiah Naidu – presented the “CSIR Innovation Award” – to 2 students of Udupi, Karnataka
- The 2 students received the award for developing ‘Gas Saving Kit’
- The award was sponsored by – Ministry of Science & Technology

669. Rukmini Banerji, CEO of India’s Pratham Education Foundation, has been awarded “2021 Yidan Prize” for Education Development. While Eric Hanushek, a professor at Stanford University, has been conferred with the “2021 Yidan Prize” for Education Research. Banerji and Eric will join 9 laureates who have been awarded the Yidan Prize which was founded in 2016 by Charles Chen Yidan. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rukmini Banerji – conferred with the “2021 Yidan Prize” for Education Development
- Eric Hanushek – conferred with the “2021 Yidan Prize” for Education Research
- ‘Yidan Prize’ – founded by Charles Chen Yidan (in 2016)

670. Names of 11 scientists, who received India’s highest science award “Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar (SSB) Prize for Science & Technology 2021”, were announced during the 80th foundation day of the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) on September 26, 2021. The prize is given to Indian scientists below the age of 45 for outstanding research in 7 fields - Biology, Chemistry, Environment Science, Engineering, Mathematics, Medicine and Physics. The names of the winners are given below. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- September 26 – 80th foundation day of the CSIR
- 11 Scientists received “SSB Prize for Science & Technology 2021” in 7 fields/categories:

Category	Winner
Biological Sciences	Amit Singh & Arun Kumar Shukla
Chemical Sciences	Kanishka Biswas & T. Govindaraju
Earth, Atmosphere, Ocean & Planetary Sciences	Binoy Kumar Saikia
Engineering Sciences	Debdeep Mukhopadhyay
Mathematical Sciences	Anish Ghosh & Saket Saurabh
Medical Sciences	Jeemon Panniyammakal & Rohit Srivastava
Physical Sciences	Kanak Saha

- HQs of CSIR – New Delhi | President – Narendra Modi | Director General – Shekhar C. Mande



Appointments & Resignations

671. On September 22, In a major top-level bureaucratic reshuffle, the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has appointed 13 new Secretaries in Union government. The government is selling its entire 100% stake in Air India. As a result, Air India's MD & Chairman Rajiv Bansal appointed as Secretary of Ministry of Civil Aviation. Other important appointments are as given below. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has appointed 13 new Secretaries in Union government:

Officials	Appointed as
Rajiv Bansal	Secretary in Ministry of Civil Aviation
Devendra Kumar Singh	Secretary in Ministry of Cooperation
Sunil Barthwal	Secretary in Ministry of Labour & Employment
Govind Mohan	Secretary in Ministry of Culture
Rajesh Aggarwal	Secretary in Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship
Lok Ranjan	Secretary in Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region
K. Rajaraman	Secretary in Department of Telecommunications
K. Sanjay Murthy	Secretary in Department of Higher Education
Pradip Kumar Tripathi	Secretary in Department of Personnel & Training
Anuraj Jain	Secretary in Department for Promotion of Industry & Internal Trade
Sujata Chaturvedi	Secretary in Department of Sports

672. In September 2021, Yogeshwar Sangwan (IFS: 1994), presently Joint Secretary in the Ministry, has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Paraguay. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Yogeshwar Sangwan – appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Paraguay
- Paraguay – Asuncion – Guarani | President – Mario Abdo Benitez

673. On September 27, Lt. Gen. Gurbirpal Singh took over as the new Director General of the National Cadet Corps (NCC). Lt Gen Singh was commissioned into The Parachute Regiment in 1987. He replaced Lt. Gen. Tarun Kumar Aich. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Lt. Gen. Gurbirpal Singh – took over as new Director General of the NCC (replacing - Lt. Gen. Tarun Kumar Aich)
- HQs of NCC – New Delhi | DG – Lt. Gen. Gurbirpal Singh | Founded on – 16 April, 1948 | Motto – 'Unity & Discipline'

674. On September 24, The chief marketing officer of United Breweries, Debabrata Mukherjee, was unanimously elected as Chairman of the Audit Bureau of Circulations (ABC) for 2021-2022. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Debabrata Mukherjee – elected as Chairman of the Audit Bureau of Circulations (ABC) for 2021-2022
- HQs of ABC – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Debabrata Mukherjee | Founded in – 1948

675. On September 27, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced GST Council's decision to set up 2 Group of Ministers (GoM) to shore up revenues. Karnataka CM Basavaraj Bommaias is appointed as the head of one GoM to review the current Tax Slabs. While Maharashtra Deputy CM Ajit Pawar has been made the head of another GoM on GST System Reforms, which will look at tapping IT tools to minimize Tax Evasion. [{Read more}](#)

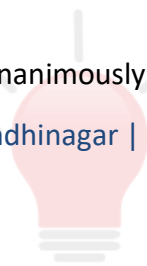
Key Points:

- GST Council – appointed Basavaraj Bommaias as the head of a GoM to review the current Tax Slabs
- GST Council – appointed Ajit Pawar as the head of another GoM on GST System Reforms to minimize Tax Evasion

676. On September 27, A three-time BJP MLA and a two-time Congress MLA, Nimaben Acharya was unanimously elected as the first woman Speaker of the Gujarat Assembly. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Nimaben Acharya – unanimously elected as the first woman Speaker of the Gujarat Assembly
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Bhupendra Patel | Governor – Acharya Devvrat



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Amount & Agreements

677. On September 28, The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a \$251 million loan for Urban Flood Protection and Management in the Chennai-Kosasthalaiyar river basin in India. The project will establish climate-resilient urban flood protection infrastructure. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ADB – approved a \$251 million loan for Urban Flood Protection & Management in the Chennai-Kosasthalaiyar river basin
- HQs of ADB – Mandaluyong, Philippines | President – Masatsugu Asakawa | Member countries – 68

678. On September 24, Ministry of Chemical and Fertilizers notified the “Promotion of Medical Device Parks” scheme for promotion of Medical Device Parks. Total financial outlay of the scheme is Rs 400 Cr and the tenure of the scheme is from FY 2020-2021 to FY 2024-2025. The financial assistance to a selected Medical Device Park would be 70% of the project cost of common infrastructure facilities. Maximum assistance under the scheme for one Medical Device Park would be limited to Rs 100 Cr. 16 States and Union Territories were received under the scheme. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Ministry of Chemical & Fertilizers – notified the “Promotion of Medical Device Parks” scheme
- Outlay of the scheme – Rs 400 Cr | Tenure of the scheme – FY21 to FY25 (5 years)
- Maximum assistance under the scheme for one Medical Device Park – Rs 100 Cr

Ranks, Reports & Surveys

679. On September 22, The World Meteorological Organization has published a new report titled “Climate Indicators and Sustainable Development: Demonstrating the Interconnections”. The aim of the WMO report is to demonstrate the connections between seven climate indicators and the SDGs, which go far beyond ‘SDG 13’ which is for ‘Climate Action’. It also champions the need for greater international collaboration, which is essential for achieving the SDGs, and for limiting global warming to less than 2 °C or even 1.5 °C by the end of this century. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Climate Indicators and Sustainable Development: Demonstrating the Interconnections” report – released by WMO
- 7 climate indicators impacts all 17 SDGs | ‘SDG 13’ is for ‘Climate Action’
- HQs of WMO – Geneva, Switzerland | Secretary-General – Petteri Taalas | Established in – 1950

680. In September 2021, The 3rd Digital Quality of Life Index (DQL) ranks India 59th among 110 countries. The DQL study is conducted by the cybersecurity company Surfshark and evaluates countries based on a set of 5 fundamental digital wellbeing pillars. India ranks 33rd in e-government, 36th in e-security, 47th in internet affordability, 67th in internet quality and 91st in e-infrastructure. India’s e-security ranks higher than China’s as it has improved by 76% since last year. Denmark ranks 1st in DQL for the second year in a row, followed by South Korea & Finland. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 3rd Digital Quality of Life Index (DQL) – released by Surfshark ([Netherlands](#))
- India – 59th | 1st - Denmark, 2nd - South Korea, 3rd - Finland
- ‘DQL Index’ is based on 5 Fundamental Digital Wellbeing Pillars
- India’s e-security improved by 76% since 2020



Arts & Cultural Affairs

681. Eastern Command of Indian Army has organised a cultural event titled “Bijoya Sanskritik Mahotsav” aimed at showcasing the cultural linkages between India and Bangladesh from 26 to 29 September 2021. Lt Gen Manoj Pande, Army Commander of Eastern Command inaugurated the event at Rabindra Sadan, Kolkata. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- EC of Indian Army – organised a cultural event titled “Bijoya Sanskritik Mahotsav” – in Kolkata, West Bengal
- HQs of Eastern Command of Indian Army – Kolkata, West Bengal | Commander – Lt. Gen Manoj Pande
- HQs of Indian Army – New Delhi | Chief – Gen. Manoj Mukund Naravane | Vice Chief – Chandi Prasad Mohanty

MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

682. On September 25, The Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) has signed an MoU with the Natural History Museum (UK) on implementing relevant national and regional laws & regulations concerning biodiversity. They will be working together to collect, study and conserve faunal diversity through international exchange of knowledge. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ZSI + Natural History Museum (UK) = an MoU to conserve faunal diversity through knowledge sharing
- HQs of ZSI – Kolkata, West Bengal | Director – Dhriti Banerjee | Founded on – July 1, 1916

683. On September 25, The MeitY Startup Hub, an initiative of the Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY) has signed an MoU with Amazon Internet Services Pvt Ltd (AISPL) to promote technology innovation and the sustainable growth of startups in India. AISPL undertakes the resale and marketing of Amazon Web Services (AWS) Cloud services in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MeitY Startup Hub + Amazon Internet Services = an MoU to promote technology innovation & startup growth in India
- HQs of AWS – Seattle, Washington, US | CEO – Adam N. Selipsky
- Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology: Ashwini Vaishnav | Constituency – Odisha
- MoS in Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology: Rajeev Chandrasekhar

684. On September 27, As a major boost to India’s Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS), Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has signed a lease agreement with Alliance Air Aviation Ltd for the supply of two Civil “Dornier-228” aircrafts for regional operations in Arunachal Pradesh. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- HAL + Alliance Air = a lease agreement for the supply of two Civil “Dornier-228” aircrafts in Arunachal Pradesh
- HQs of HAL – Bengaluru, Karnataka | CEO – Amitabh Bhatt | Chairma & MD – R. Madhavan
- HQs of Alliance Air – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Vineet Sood

685. On September 29, Karnataka’s Department of Higher Education and Infosys have signed 3 MoUs for prioritizing skill development among students as per National Education Policy (NEP-2020). Karnataka government will utilise ‘Infosys Springboard’ comprising of over 3,000 Skill development courses for college students. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Karnataka + Infosys = 3 MoUs for prioritizing skill development among students as per ‘NEP-2020’
- ‘Infosys Springboard’ comprises of over 3,000 Skill development courses for college students
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – Basavaraj Bommai | Governor – Thaawarchand Gehlot
- HQs of Infosys – Bengaluru, Karnataka | CEO – Salil Parekh | Founded in – 1981

686. On September 28, Newgen Software has partnered with Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) to deploy an enterprise-grade multi-channel, multilingual communication suite for the Banking Service Bureau (BSB) in Israel. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Newgen Software + TCS = partnership for the Banking Service Bureau (BSB) in Israel
- HQs of Newgen Software – New Delhi | MD & Chairman – Diwakar Nigam
- HQs of TCS – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Rajesh Gopinathan | Founded in – 1968
- Israel – Jerusalem – Israeli Shekel | President – Isaac Herzog | PM – Naftali Bennett

687. On September 28, Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has been selected by German commercial bank NORD/LB as a strategic partner for its IT transformation. NORD/LB targets a new business model by 2024. As part of the 5-year partnership, TCS will work with the bank to simplify and transform its application estate across businesses - financial markets, wholesale and retail banking. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- TCS – selected by NORD/LB as a strategic partner for its IT transformation – for 5 years
- Norddeutsche Landesbank (Germany) – targets a new Business model by 2024
- HQs of TCS – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Rajesh Gopinathan | Founded in – 1968

688. On September 27, Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has signed an agreement with the Department of Post for “Print to Post” solutions for printing and dispatching of the policy booklet issued under a life insurance policy. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- LIC + Department of Post = for “Print to Post” solutions for printing & dispatching of the policy booklet
- HQs of LIC – Mumbai | Chairman – M. R. Kumar | Founded in – 1956 | Tagline – “Yogakshemam Vahamyaham”

Books & Authors

689. On September 27, Amitav Ghosh’s “Jungle Nama” has now been released as an audiobook with music and voice of US-based Ali Sethi. It was published by HarperCollins India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Amitav Ghosh’s book “Jungle Nama” – released as an Audiobook | Voice of – Ali Sethi (US)
- Publisher – HarperCollins India

690. A new book titled “The Battle of Rezang La” tells the story of 120 Indian soldiers who fought against the 5,000-strong Chinese military troops in the 1962 Indo-China war. The book is written by ex-Naval officer & author Kulpreet Yadav and published under Penguin Random House’s “Veer” imprint. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “The Battle of Rezang La” book – authored by Kulpreet Yadav
- Publisher – Penguin Random House’s “Veer” imprint

691. Indra Nooyi has encapsulated her journey and learnings in her new book, “My Life in Full: Work, Family, and Our Future”. She is the former chairperson and CEO of PepsiCo and the 11th woman to lead a Fortune 500 company. The book is published by Hachette India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “My Life in Full: Work, Family, and Our Future” memoir – authored by Indra Nooyi
- Publisher – Hachette India

Obituaries

692. On September 25, Eminent women’s rights activist, poet and author Kamla Bhasin passed away. She was 75. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kamla Bhasin – a Feminist Activist, Poet & Author – passed away



Person in News

693. On September 25, The Karnataka Legislative Assembly has named former chief minister B. S. Yediyurappa as the Best Legislator of the year 2020-21. Yediyurappa served the state as a chief minister four times and stepped down on July 26, 2021. He was elected to the Karnataka Assembly in 1983 for the first time. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- B. S. Yediyurappa – named as the Best Legislator of the year 2020-21 – by Karnataka Legislative Assembly
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – Basavaraj Bommai | Governor – Thawarchand Gehlot

Science & Technology

694. On September 22, Harish Hirani (Director of CSIR-Central Mechanical Engineering Research Institute) has handed over the CSIR-CMERI developed “Solar DC Cooking System” to the Asansol Braille Academy, West Bengal. The CSIR-CMERI developed Solar DC Cooking System has 20-25% better efficiency and more Economical in comparison with Conventional Solar based Cooking Systems. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CSIR-CMERI – developed “Solar DC Cooking System” & handed over to the Asansol Braille Academy (West Bengal)
- HQs of CSIR-CMERI – Durgapur, West Bengal | Director – Harish Hirani

695. On September 24, In a world’s first, European Union plans a universal charging port for all mobile phones, tablets and headphones under a European Commission proposal. Under the Commission’s proposal, a ‘USB-C’ connector will become the standard port for all smartphones, tablets, cameras, headphones, portable speakers and handheld videogame consoles. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Under European Commission’s proposal: ‘USB-C’ connector will become the standard port for all smartphones, tablets & headphones
- HQs of EU – Brussels, Belgium | Member Countries – 27
- President of European Parliament – David-Maria Sassoli
- President of European Council – Charles Michel
- President of European Commission – Ursula von der Leye



696. On September 22, The International Astronomical Union (IAU) has named a crater on the South Pole of the Moon after Arctic Explorer Matthew Henson, a Black man who became one of the first people to stand on top of the world. 'Henson Crater' is located in the same region where the 'Artemis' program by the NASA aims to land the next generation of lunar explorers. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IAU named a crater on the South Pole of the Moon after Arctic Explorer 'Matthew Henson'
- 'Artemis' program – belongs to NASA
- HQs of IAU – Paris, France | Presidents – Willy Benz & Debra Meloy Elmegreen
- HQs of NASA – Washington D.C., USA | Administrator – Bill Nelson | Founded on – July 29, 1958

697. In September 2021, Apple co-founder Steve Wozniak is launching a new aerospace startup called "Privateer Space" possibly to clean up debris in the space. Space debris is a growing threat, and startups are trying to tap into the lucrative business of cleaning it up. Steve Wozniak and Ripcord founder Alex Fielding are launching the business. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Steve Wozniak ([Apple Co-founder](#)) – is launching a new aerospace startup called "Privateer Space"

698. On September 28, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) of the US has successfully tested an Air-breathing Hypersonic Weapon built by Raytheon Technologies. Hypersonic weapons travel in the upper atmosphere at speeds of more than five times the speed of sound, or about 6,200 km (3,853 miles) per hour. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- DARPA (US) – successfully tested an Air-breathing Hypersonic Weapon – built by Raytheon Technologies
- HQs of Raytheon Technologies – Massachusetts, US | CEO – Gregory J. Hayes
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46th President – Joe Biden | 49th VP – Kamala Harris

699. On September 28, A new version of the Akash missile named "Akash Prime" was successfully flight-tested by the DRDO from the integrated test range at Chandipur in Odisha. In comparison to the existing Akash system, Akash Prime is equipped with an indigenous active Radio Frequency (RF) seeker for improved accuracy. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- DRDO flight-tested a new version of the Akash missile named "Akash Prime" from Chandipur, Odisha
- Akash Prime is equipped with an indigenous active Radio Frequency (RF) seeker for improved accuracy
- HQs of DRDO – New Delhi | Chairman – G. Satheesh Reddy | Established in – 1958

700. On September 27, IIT Delhi has established a Centre of Excellence (CoE) on Quantum Technologies to bring research activities occurring in various domains of Quantum Technologies at IIT-Delhi under a single umbrella. The Central Government has also announced a commitment worth ₹8,000 Cr in the area of Quantum Technology. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IIT Delhi – established a Centre of Excellence (CoE) on Quantum Technologies
- Director of IIT Delhi – V. Ramgopal Rao





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