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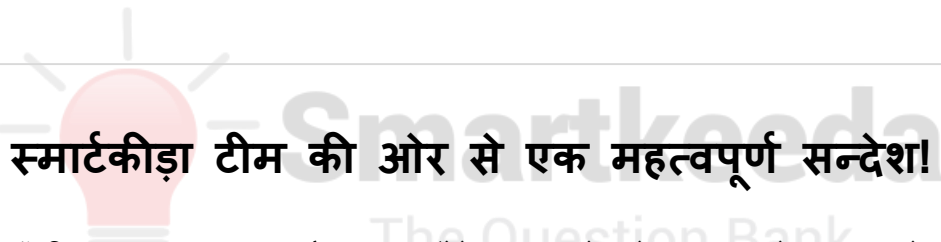
Hi Folks! We hope you all are doing well. We would like to state here that this PDF is meant for preparing for the upcoming MockDrill Test of September 2021 Month at Testzone. In this Current Affairs PDF we have added all the important Current Affairs information in form of 'Key-points' which are crucial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

आभार,

टीम स्मार्टकीड़ा



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National & States Affairs

701. On September 28, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched 35 crop varieties with special traits. They are developed by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) to address the twin challenges of climate change and malnutrition. He also inaugurated the newly constructed campus of the National Institute of Biotic Stress Management (NIBSM) in Raipur, Chhattisgarh. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Modi launched 35 crop varieties with special traits – to address climate change & malnutrition
- They are developed by – ICAR
- Newly constructed campus of the ICAR-National Institute of Biotic Stress Management – in Raipur, Chhattisgarh

702. On September 28, On the occasion of World Rabies Day, the Central government launched a plan called “NAPRE” for the elimination of dog mediated rabies by 2030. Health Minister Mansukh L. Mandaviya and Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Minister Parshottam Rupala unveiled the National Action Plan for dog Mediated Rabies Elimination by 2030 (NAPRE). In villages, the rabies disease is commonly known as ‘Hadakwa’. The National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) has drafted the action plan in consultation with the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Central government – launched the “National Action Plan for dog Mediated Rabies Elimination by 2030 (NAPRE)”
- ‘NAPRE’ plan was unveiled by = Mansukh L. Mandaviya + Parshottam Rupala
- ‘NAPRE’ plan is drafted by = NCDC + Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying

703. On September 28, As a part of its celebration of ‘Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav’ (AKAM), Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA) has organised the launch event for the merger between “PM Formalisation of Micro-food processing Enterprises (PMFME)” & “Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM)” scheme to support Micro Food Processing Units of Urban SHGs. PMFME Scheme was launched by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MoHUA – merged ‘DAY-NULM’ & ‘PMFME’ schemes to support Micro Food Processing Units of Urban SHGs
- ‘PMFME’ scheme: Launched by – MoFPI in 2020 | Outlay – Rs 10,000 Cr | Period – 5 years (2020-21 to 2024-25)
- ‘DAY-NULM’ scheme: Launched by – MoHUA in 2013

704. In September 2021, Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy has inaugurated Nagaland’s first Soil Testing Laboratory at the Directorate of ‘Soil & Water Conservation’ in Kohima. The lab was funded by North Eastern Council (NEC) under the Ministry for Development of North East Region (DoNER) at a cost of Rs 3.71 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- G. Kishan Reddy – inaugurated Nagaland's first Soil Testing Laboratory in Kohima
- Nagaland: Capital – Kohima | CM – Neiphiu Rio | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi (addi. charge)

705. On September 28, Maharashtra Deputy CM Ajit Pawar will launch "Digital Baramati Umbrella App" - a mobile application designed to provide all citizen-centric facilities at a single click to residents of Baramati town in Pune. The app is financially supported by ICICI Foundation and was developed by Unnati Digital Pvt Ltd. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ajit Pawar – launched "Digital Baramati Umbrella App" to provide all citizen-centric facilities – in Baramati, Pune
- Developed by – Unnati Digital Pvt Ltd | Financially supported by – ICICI Foundation
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

706. On September 27, India's first Atal Community Innovation Center (ACIC) was inaugurated at Vivekananda Global University, Jaipur, Jagatpura. It will be set up by Government of India, Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) and NITI Aayog. The program was inaugurated by the Chief Guest Dr. Chintan Vaishnav, the Director of AIM, NITI Aayog. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India's first Atal Community Innovation Center – inaugurated at Vivekananda Global University, Jaipur, Rajasthan
- AIM – a flagship of NITI Aayog (HQs of AIM – New Delhi | Director – Chintan Vaishnav)

707. On September 29, Union Minister for MSMEs Narayan Rane has inaugurated the "India Export Initiative" and "IndiaXports 2021 Portal of India SME Forum" in New Delhi. India aims to drive export growth with the help of MSMEs to achieve the target of \$400 billion by this fiscal, and the target of \$1 trillion in exports by 2027. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narayan Rane – inaugurated "India Export Initiative" & "IndiaXports 2021 Portal of India SME Forum" in New Delhi
- India's aim to drive export growth with the help of MSMEs: \$400 billion by 2021-22 & \$1 trillion by 2026-27
- Ministry of MSME: Narayan Rane | Constituency – Ratnagiri-Sindhudurg, Maharashtra
- MoS in Ministry of MSME: Bhanu Pratap Singh Verma

708. On September 28, The Labour Ministry has reconstituted the Expert Group responsible for determining the National Floor Level Minimum Wages under the 'Code on Wages'. The group will now be headed by the labour expert SP Mukherjee instead of Ajit Mishra. The 'Labour Code on Wages' was passed by the Parliament in August 2019. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Labour Ministry – reconstituted the Expert Group responsible for determining the National Floor Level Minimum Wages
- The group will be headed by – S. P. Mukherjee (replacing - Ajit Mishra)
- [Ministry of Labour & Employment: Bhupender Yadav | Constituency – Rajasthan](#)
- [MoS in Ministry of Labour & Employment: Rameswar Teli](#)

709. On September 28, Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Narendra Singh Tomar launched "Amul Honey" - a product of Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation Ltd (GCMMF) under active cooperation with National Bee Board (NBB). He emphasized the importance of National Beekeeping and Honey Mission with the budgetary allocation of Rs 500 Cr. Besides, 5 large scale Regional Honey Testing Labs and 100 Mini Honey Testing Labs are being set up all over the country. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Singh Tomar – launched "Amul Honey" - a product of Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation
- Budgetary allocation for National Beekeeping & Honey Mission – Rs 500 Cr
- [HQs of National Bee Board \(NBB\) – New Delhi | Chairman – Sanjay Agarwal](#)

710. On September 28, Amazon has launched its global computer science education programme called "Amazon Future Engineer" in India. The initiative will primarily focus on students in grades 6-12, and will also train teachers and educators to teach computer science in a more engaging way. The initiative includes 'Class Chats' and 'Amazon Cyber Robotics Challenge'. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Amazon – launched its global computer science education programme called "Amazon Future Engineer" in India
- [HQs of Amazon – Seattle , USA | CEO – Andy Jassy | Incorporated in – 1994](#)
- [HQs of Amazon India – Hyderabad, Telangana | Country Head – Amit Agarwal](#)

711. On September 30, International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) has constituted an Expert Committee to recommend approach towards development of Sustainable Finance Hub at GIFT-IFSC, Gujarat and provide road map for the same. The expert committee will be chaired by C. K. Mishra, former Secretary of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IFSCA – constituted an Expert Committee for Sustainable Finance Hub – chaired by C. K. Mishra
- [HQs of IFSCA – Gandhinagar, Gujarat | Chairman – Injeti Srinivas](#)



Banking & Economic Affairs

712. On September 28, The Reserve Bank Of India (RBI) in consultation with the Government of India, has fixed the limit for Ways and Means Advances (WMA) for the second half of the FY 2021-22 (October 2021 to March 2022) at Rs 50000 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI – fixed the WMA limit at Rs 50,000 Cr for the second half of the FY 2021-22 (Oct 2021 to March 2022)
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April 1935

713. On September 28, Indian Bank has become the official partner bank for the collection of offline and online treasury for the Integrated Financial and Human Resources Management System (IFHRMS) developed by the Tamil Nadu government. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian Bank – became the Official Partner Bank for the collection of offline & online treasury for TN's IFHRMS
- HQs of Indian Bank – Chennai, Tamil Nadu | MD & CEO – Shanti Lal Jain | Tagline – “Your Own Bank”
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin | Governor – Ravindra Narayan Ravi

714. Suryoday Small Finance Bank has discontinued its ATM services from October 1, 2021 due to operational reasons. Suryoday Small Finance Bank Limited is a scheduled commercial bank (SCB). Suryoday started its operations as an SFB in 2017. Suryoday SFB had reported a ₹48 Cr loss in the quarter ended 30 June 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Suryoday SFB – discontinued its ATM services due to operational reasons
- HQs of Suryoday SFB – Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Baskar Babu Ramachandran

715. On September 30, The RBI has removed Indian Overseas Bank from the Prompt Corrective Action Framework (PCAF), following improvement in various parameters. IOB was placed under PCA in 2015. Now, the Central Bank of India is the only lender under the RBI's PCA framework. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI – removed “IOB” from its Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) framework (placed under PCA in 2015)
- Now, CBoI is the only bank under PCA framework (as on September 30, 2021)
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April 1935
- HQs of IOB – Chennai, TN | MD & CEO – Partha Pratim Sengupta | Tagline – “Good people to grow with”

716. On September 30, The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has approved a framework for the establishment of Gold Exchange during its board meet. The board approved the “Gold Exchange and SEBI Vault Managers Regulations, 2021” that allow bourses to set up a Gold exchange in India. Under the regulation for vault managers, the entities applying to be vault managers should have a net worth of Rs 50 Cr or more. The SEBI board considered and approved the amendments to the “SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015” in relation to regulatory provisions on related party transactions (RPTs). Besides, “SEBI (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) Regulations, 2011” was amended to make merger and acquisition (M&A) transactions more convenient. The SEBI has also decided to relax the framework governing the issue of shares with Superior Voting Rights (SR shares), a move that will help new-age technology companies. Promoters who have a net worth of over Rs 1,000 Cr can have superior voting rights in their companies, from the current Rs 500 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SEBI – approved the “Gold Exchange & SEBI Vault Managers Regulations, 2021”
- The entities applying to be vault managers should have a net worth of Rs 50 Cr or more
- SEBI – amended the “SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015”
- SEBI – amended the “SEBI (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) Regulations, 2011”
- SEBI – relaxed the framework governing the issue of shares with **Superior Voting Rights** (SR shares)
- Promoters with the net worth of over Rs 1,000 Cr can have Superior Voting Rights in their companies
- [HQs of SEBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Ajay Tyagi | Established in – 1992](#)

717. On September 29, Stellapps, a dairy-tech start-up, has joined hands with Airtel Payments Bank (APB) to enable cashless payment transfers to small dairy farmers. The partner ecosystem has been piloted in Uttar Pradesh (Varanasi & Kanpur) and Madhya Pradesh (Gwalior). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Stellapps + APB – partnership to enable cashless payment transfers to Small Dairy Farmers
- Pilot project initiated in – Varanasi & Kanpur ([UP](#)) & Gwalior ([MP](#))
- [Stellapps – IIT-Madras incubated dairy-tech startup | HQs of Stellapps – Bangalore, Karnataka](#)
- [HQs of APB – New Delhi | CEO – Anubrata Biswas | Founded in – 2017](#)
- [Airtel Payments Bank – first to receive a payments bank license from the RBI](#)

718. On September 30, AU Small Finance Bank has signed a pact with the National Bank for Rural and Development (NABARD) to boost ongoing rural development initiatives in Rajasthan. The MoU envisages a joint initiative to benefit farmers, Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs), Self Help Groups (SHGs), rural artisans, agri-entrepreneurs, and agri-startups in the State. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- AU SFB + NABARD = to boost ongoing rural development initiatives in Rajasthan
- [Rajasthan: Capital – Jaipur | CM – Ashok Gehlot | Governor – Kalraj Mishra](#)
- [HQs of AU SFB – Jaipur, Rajasthan | MD & CEO – Sanjay Agarwal | President – Sharad Goklani](#)
- [HQs of NABARD – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Govinda Rajulu Chintala | Founded in – 1982](#)

719. On September 29, State Bank of India (SBI) has signed a Master Agreement with 3 NBFCs - Vedika Credit Capital Ltd (VCCL), Save Microfinance Pvt Ltd (SMPL) and Paisalo Digital Ltd (PDL), for co-lending to individual members of Joint Liability Groups (JLGs) to undertake agriculture and allied activities. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SBI – signed a Master Agreement with 3 NBFCs for co-lending to individual members of Joint Liability Groups (JLGs)
- 3 NBFCs: Vedika Credit Capital + Save Microfinance + Paisalo Digital
- HQs of SBI Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Dinesh Kumar Khara
- MD – Challa Sreenivasulu Setty | Ashwani Bhatia | Ashwini Kumar Tewari | Swaminathan Janakiraman

720. On September 29, NTPC Renewable Energy Ltd (REL), a wholly-owned subsidiary of NTPC Ltd, has signed its first 'Green Term Loan' agreement of ₹500 Cr with Bank of India for the period of 15 years. The loan agreement is for its 470-MW solar projects in Rajasthan and 200-MW solar project in Gujarat. In July 2021, NTPC REL received an approval from government to set up 4750 MW (4.75 GW) Renewable Energy Park (Solar Power Park) in Kutch, Gujarat. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NTPC REL + Bank of India = signed the first 'Green Term Loan' agreement of ₹500 Cr for 15 years
- 'Green Term Loan' agreement for: 470-MW Solar Projects (Rajasthan) + 200-MW Solar Project (Gujarat)
- HQs of NTPC – New Delhi | CMD – Gurdeep Singh | Founded in – 1975
- HQs of BoI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Shri Atanu Kumar Das | Tagline – "Relationship Beyond Banking"

721. On September 29, Indel Money has entered into a first-of-its-kind conventional gold loan co-lending partnership with IndusInd Bank to offer gold loans at competitive rates to a bigger and diverse segment of borrowers. IndusInd Bank will take into its book 80% of the gold loan generated by the co-lending arrangement while the remaining 20% will be funded by Indel Money. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indel Money + IndusInd Bank = a co-lending partnership to offer Gold loans at competitive rates
- HQs of Indel Money – Mumbai, MH | MD & Chairman – Mohanan Gopalakrishna | CEO – Umesh Mohanan
- HQs of IndusInd Bank – Pune, MH | MD & CEO – Sumant Kathpalia | Tagline – "We Make You Feel Richer"

Defence Affairs

722. On September 29, The Defence Ministry has approved the Acceptance of Necessity (AoN) for capital acquisitions proposals for modernisation and operational needs of the Indian Armed Forces worth Rs 13,165 Cr that included 25 indigenously-developed ALH Mark-III helicopters for the Indian Army to boost its combat capabilities. Out of the total procurements, equipment and platforms worth Rs 11,486 Cr (87%) will be sourced from domestic entities. The proposals were approved by the Defence Acquisition Council (DAC). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- DAC – approved the Acceptance of Necessity for defence procurement worth Rs 13,165
- Rs 11,486 Cr (87%) of the total procurements will be sourced from Domestic Entities
- Ministry of Defence: Rajnath Singh | Constituency – Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- MoS in Ministry of Defence: Ajay Bhatt

723. On September 29, The Indian Navy and the Australian Navy signed the 'Terms of Reference' (ToR) to conduct the navy to navy talks under the framework of the "Joint Guidance for the India - Australia Navy to Navy Relationship" document, signed by the two Navy Chiefs in August. This is the first such document signed by the Indian Navy with any country. The inaugural navy to navy talk with Australia was held in 2005. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian Navy + Australian Navy = signed the 'Terms of Reference' (ToR) for navy to navy talks
- HQs of Indian Navy – Delhi | Chief – Admiral Karambir Singh | VC – S. N. Ghormade | Founded in – 26th Jan, 1950
- Australia – Canberra – Australian Dollar | PM – Scott Morrison

Schemes & Initiatives

724. On September 28, In the state-level function organised on the occasion of the 'World Tourism Day', Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot launched "Mukhyamantri Paryatan Udyog Sambal Yojana-2021" to provide relief to the Entrepreneurs of the tourism and hospitality sector affected by COVID-19 pandemic. Along with that the Chief Minister also launched a mobile app "Rajasthan Tourism Official" designed to help tourists visiting Rajasthan in making their tour programmes. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rajasthan CM – launched "Mukhyamantri Paryatan Udyog Sambal Yojana-2021"
- Rajasthan CM – launched a mobile app "Rajasthan Tourism Official"
- Rajasthan: Capital – Jaipur | CM – Ashok Gehlot | Governor – Kalraj Mishra

725. On September 29, The Union Cabinet has approved continuation of the "National Scheme for PM POSHAN in Schools" for 5 years from 2021-22 to 2025-26 at a cost of over Rs 1,30,795 Cr. The earlier name of the scheme was "National Scheme for Mid-Day Meal in Schools" popularly known as "Mid-Day Meal Scheme". During 2020-21, the Centre spent more than Rs 24,400 Cr on the scheme. PM POSHAN is a centrally-sponsored scheme which covers all school children studying in classes 1 to 8 of government and government-aided schools. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Cabinet approved the continuation of "National Scheme for PM POSHAN in Schools" for 5 years (till 2025-26)
- Total outlay of the 'PM POSHAN' scheme will be – Rs 1,30,795
- 'PM POSHAN' scheme covers all school children studying in 'Classes 1 to 8' of government schools



726. On September 29, The Union Cabinet has approved the continuation of the “National Export Insurance Account (NEIA) Scheme” and infusion of Rs 1,650 Cr grant-in-aid over 5 years, from FY2021-2022 to FY2025-2026. NEIA Trust was established in 2006 to promote project exports from India that are of strategic and national importance. In addition, assuming an average 75% Indian content in the projects, in terms of the report “Export to Jobs” by World Bank and International Labour Organisation (ILO), it is estimated that around 12,000 workers will move into formal sector. The Union Cabinet also approved capital infusion of Rs 4,400 Cr in the state-owned Export Credit Guarantee Corporation (ECGC). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Cabinet approved the continuation of “National Export Insurance Account (NEIA) Scheme” for 5 years (till 2025-26)
- Grant-in-aid of Rs 1,650 Cr will be infused in ‘NEIA Scheme’ over 5 years
- “Export to Jobs” report – released by World Bank & ILO
- Cabinet also approved capital infusion of Rs 4,400 Cr in the ECGC

727. On September 29, The government has extended the ₹4.5 lakh Cr Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) till March 31, 2022, to help businesses cope with the pandemic’s adverse effects. As on September 24, loans sanctioned under the ECLGS have crossed ₹2.86 lakh Cr. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Government extended the “ECLGS” till – March 31, 2022 | Outlay of the scheme – ₹4.5 lakh Cr
- Loans sanctioned under the ECLGS crossed ₹2.86 lakh Cr (on September 24)

Sports & Games

728. In September 2021, The International Cricket Council (ICC) has launched the T20 World Cup anthem along with a film featuring ‘Avatars’ of India captain Virat Kohli and West Indies skipper Kieron Pollard among others. The tournament began on October 17 in Oman and UAE, with the final to be played in Dubai on November 14. This animated film is composed by Bollywood music director Amit Trivedi. A total of 16 countries will compete in the sport’s biggest event since the COVID-19 pandemic. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ICC – launched the ‘T20 World Cup’ anthem – composed by Bollywood music director Amit Trivedi
- Kieron Pollard & Virat Kohli – feature in their animated avatars in the T20 World Cup film
- HQs of ICC – Dubai, UAE | Chairman – Greg Barclay | Acting CEO – Geoff Allardice | Members – 106 countries

729. In September 2021, Star Indian tennis player Sania Mirza won her first title of the season with her Chinese partner Shuai Zhang in the women’s doubles final of the Ostrava Open by beating the pair of Kaitlyn Christian and Erin Routliffe. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sania Mirza + Shuai Zhang ([China](#)) = won the “Ostrava Open Women’s Doubles Title” – held in Ostrava, Czech Republic
- [Czech Republic – Prague – Koruna | President – Milos Zeman](#)

730. On September 29, Boxing legend Manny Pacquiao (Emmanuel Dapidran Pacquiao Sr.) has officially announced his retirement from the ring. He is eight-division world champion and Philippines senator. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Manny Pacquiao ([Philippines](#)) – retired from Boxing
- [Philippines – Manila – Peso | President – Rodrigo Duterte](#)

Important Days & Dates

731. September 30 is celebrated globally as “International Translation Day” by the International Federation of Translators (FIT) in honour of translation professionals. The first formal celebrations of the global translation day took place only in 1991. However, the UNGA officially recognised September 30 as the date to celebrate International Translation Day. In 2021, the theme is “United in Translation”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- September 30 – “International Translation Day” – by the International Federation of Translators (FIT)
- 2021’s Theme – “United in Translation”

Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

732. On September 30, Delhi-based environmental organisation Legal Initiative for Forest and Environment (LIFE) has received the “2021 Right Livelihood Award” given by Stockholm-based Right Livelihood Foundation for its grassroots approach of empowering vulnerable communities to protect their livelihoods and claim their right to a clean environment. The award is known as “Sweden’s Alternative Nobel Prize”. It comes with a cash prize of 1 million Swedish crowns (\$115,000). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “LIFE” ([Delhi](#)) – received the “2021 Right Livelihood Award” – given by Right Livelihood Foundation ([Sweden](#))
- The award is known as “Sweden’s Alternative Nobel Prize” | Prize – 1 million Swedish crowns (\$115,000)

Appointments & Resignations

733. On September 30, The National Basketball Association (NBA) has named Bollywood star Ranveer Singh as the NBA Brand Ambassador for India. He will work with the NBA to help grow the league's profile in India throughout its 75th anniversary season in 2021-22. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ranveer Singh – appointed as Brand Ambassador by National Basketball Association (NBA) for India
- HQs of NBA – New York, US | CEO – Adam Silver

734. In September 2021, Aweek Sarkar, the Editor Emeritus and Vice Chairman of the Ananda Bazar Group of Publications, was re-elected as the Chairman of Press Trust of India (PTI) for a two-year-term. K. N. Shanth Kumar was elected as the Vice-Chairman. Sarkar was the founding Managing Director of Penguin India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Aweek Sarkar – re-elected as the Chairman of Press Trust of India (PTI) – for 2 years
- K. N. Shanth Kumar – elected as the Vice-Chairman of PTI
- HQs of PTI – New Delhi | Chairman – Aweek Sarkar | VC – K. N. Shanth Kumar

735. On September 30, The National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL) has appointed Padmaja Chunduru as its new Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer. She will succeed GV Nageswara Rao. Chunduru was earlier the MD and CEO of Indian Bank. NSDL is promoted by the NSE. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Padmaja Chunduru – appointed as MD & CEO of NSDL (succeeding - GV Nageswara Rao)
- HQs of NSDL – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Padmaja Chunduru

736. On September 28, Piramal Pharma Limited's consumer products division has appointed Kareena Kapoor as brand ambassador for its brand Little's - Baby Wipes and Little's Comfy Baby Pants. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kareena Kapoor – appointed as brand ambassador for an Indian baby brand "Little's"



Amount & Agreements

737. On September 30, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) has approved a \$356.67 million loan for the expansion of the Chennai metro rail system. With this loan, the bank has so far approved 28 projects in India amounting a total of \$6.7 billion, making India its largest beneficiary. China is the largest shareholder of the bank with 26.06% voting rights, followed by India (7.5) and Russia (5.93%). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- AIIB – approved a \$356.67 million loan for the expansion of the Chennai metro rail system
- The largest beneficiary of AIIB – India (\$6.7 billion loan)
- The largest shareholder of AIIB – China (26.06%) | 2nd – India, 3rd – Russia
- HQs of AIIB – Beijing, China | President – Jin Lique | Established in – 2016 | Members – 104

Ranks, Reports & Surveys

738. On September 27, Labour and Employment Minister Bhupender Yadav released the report of Quarterly Employment Survey part (April to June 2021) of the “All-India Quarterly Establishment-based Employment Survey (AQEES)” prepared by the Labour Bureau. Employment in 9 selected sectors was at 3.08 Cr in the April-June quarter of 2021-22, reflecting a growth of 29% compared to 2.37 Cr reported in the Economic Census of 2013-14. These 9 selected sectors are Manufacturing, Construction, Trade, Transport, Education, Health, Accommodation and Restaurant, IT/ BPO and Financial Services. IT/ BPO sector recorded the maximum growth of 152%. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bhupender Yadav (Ministry of L&E) – released “All-India Quarterly Establishment-based Employment Survey (AQEES)”
- The survey is prepared by – Labour Bureau
- Employment surveyed in 9 selected sectors in April-June quarter of 2021-22 – 3.08 Cr (growth of 29%)
- ‘IT/ BPO’ sector recorded the maximum growth of – 152%
- Ministry of Labour & Employment: Bhupender Yadav | Constituency – Rajasthan
- MoS in Ministry of Labour & Employment: Rameswar Teli

739. In September 2021, The Indian crypto-tech industry will touch \$241 million by 2030, as per the “Crypto Industry in India” report by the National Association of Software and Services Companies (Nasscom) in association with cryptocurrency platform WazirX. The industry will also be worth \$2.3 billion globally by 2026. The crypto-tech market in India has the potential to create over 800,000 jobs and an economic value-add of \$184 billion by 2030. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Crypto Industry in India” report – released by Nasscom + WazirX
- Indian crypto-tech industry will touch \$241 million by 2030
- Global crypto-tech industry will touch \$2.3 billion by 2026
- HQs of NASSCOM – New Delhi | President – Debjani Ghosh
- Chairman – Rekha M. Menon | Vice-Chairman – Krishnan Ramanujam
- HQs of WazirX – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Nischal Shetty | Parent company – Binance



740. On September 30, Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) Chairman Mukesh Ambani continues to be India's richest man for the 10th straight year with a net worth of Rs 7,18,000 Cr, according to the "IIFL Wealth Hurun India Rich List 2021". He topped the list with a 9% increase in his total net worth this year. Adani Group chairman Gautam Adani has ranked at the second spot as his net worth grew 261% to Rs 5,05,900 in 2021. Shiv Nadar and family occupied the third position with a 67% increase in wealth to Rs 2,36,600 Cr. Cryrus S. Poonawalla and family retained the 6th spot in the list with increase of 74% in their wealth to Rs 1,63,700 Cr, on the back of providing 60 Cr doses (92%) of the Covid-19 vaccines delivered in India. Smita V. Crishna, the 3rd generation inheritor of 'Godrej', is India's richest woman with a wealth of ₹33,000 Cr and ranked at 40th spot in the overall rich list. While, Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw is the richest self-made Indian woman. And Shashvat Nakrani is the Youngest self-made individual. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 10th edition of "IIFL Wealth Hurun India Rich List 2021"
- 1st - Mukesh Ambani (Rs 7,18,000 Cr) | 2nd - Gautam Adani (Rs 5,05,900) | 3rd - Shiv Nadar (Rs 2,36,600 Cr)
- Smita V. Crishna – India's richest woman with a wealth of ₹33,000 Cr (overall rank - 40th)
- Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw – India's richest self-made Indian woman
- Shashvat Nakrani – India's Youngest self-made individual

MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

741. On September 27, Research and Development Centre of National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) and CSIR-Institute of Minerals and Materials Technology (IMMT) have signed an MoU to pursue joint research and development projects and make Indian mineral industry self-reliant. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NMDC + CSIR-IMMT = an MoU to pursue joint R&D projects & make Indian mineral industry self-reliant
- Location of CSIR-IMMT – Bhubaneswar, Odisha
- HQs of NMDC – Hyderabad, Telangana | CMD – Sumit Deb | Founded in – 1958

742. On September 28, Tata Technologies Ltd (TTL) has signed an MoU with Manipur government for 3 years to transform technical training and encourage entrepreneurship and innovation in the state. Under the collaboration, a center for invention, innovation, incubation and Training (CIIT) on industrial experiential learning and development will be established in Manipur. The total investment under this project is estimated at about Rs 200 Cr and the center will be running by Q1 FY23, with the capacity to train 1,500 students every year. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tata Technologies + Manipur = an MoU to establish a Center for Invention, Innovation, Incubation and Training (CIIT)
- Total investment – Rs 200 Cr | Center will be running – by Q1 FY23 | Capacity to train – 1,500 students/year
- Manipur: Capital – Imphal | CM – N. Biren Singh | Governor – La. Ganesan
- HQs of Tata Technologies – Pune, Maharashtra | Chairman – S. Ramadorai | MD & CEO – Warren Harris



743. On September 30, Microsoft India has partnered with the Ministry of Labour and Employment (MoLE) to launch “DigiSaksham” - a collaborative digital skills training initiative to empower jobseekers in an increasingly tech driven economy. DigiSaksham is conceptualized and designed by Microsoft India and will be implemented in the field by Aga Khan Rural Support Programme India (AKRSP-I). The program will impact more than 3,00,000 job seekers in the first year. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Microsoft India + Ministry of L&E = partnership to launch “DigiSaksham” to empower jobseekers
- “DigiSaksham” will be implemented in the field by – Aga Khan Rural Support Programme India (AKRSP-I)
- HQs of Microsoft – Washington, USA | Chairman – Satya Nadella | Founded in – 1975

Books & Authors

744. In September 2021, A book titled “India Vs UK: The Story of an Unprecedented Diplomatic Win” has been authored by Syed Akbaruddin. The book has been published by HarperCollins India. This book offers a behind-the-scenes view of an Indian victory at the UN in 2017. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “India Vs UK: The Story of an Unprecedented Diplomatic Win” book – authored by Syed Akbaruddin
- Publisher – HarperCollins India

745. In September 2021, Bestselling author Chetan Bhagat has released the trailer of his upcoming book “400 Days”. The book, published by Westland, is the third story from the Keshav-Saurabh series after “The Girl in Room 105” and “One Arranged Murder”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “400 Days” book – authored by Chetan Bhagat
- Publisher – Westland
- His other books: “The Girl in Room 105” & “One Arranged Murder”

Obituaries

746. In September 2021, Former striker of Liverpool & England’s World Cup-winning striker Roger Hunt passed away at the age of 83 following a long illness. He was one of the World Cup winners of 1966. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Roger Hunt ([England](#)) – a Football Player – passed away (among World Cup winners of 1966)

747. On September 29, Bala V. Balachandran, Management Guru, Educationist and founder of the Great Lakes Institute of Management, passed away in Chicago. He was 84. Fondly known as 'Professor Bala' or 'Uncle Bala', he was born at Pudukottai city in Tamil Nadu. In 2004, he established the Great Lakes Institute of Management. He received 'Padma Shri' in 2001 for his contribution to Education. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bala V. Balachandran – Educationist & Management Guru – passed away (known as 'Professor Bala' or 'Uncle Bala')
- He established 'Great Lakes Institute of Management' in 2004 | He received 'Padma Shri' (2001) in Education

Person in News

748. On September 29, Fumio Kishida won the Liberal Democratic Party Presidential election and became Japan's next Prime Minister succeeding Yoshihide Suga. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Fumio Kishida – won the Liberal Democratic Party Presidential election
- Fumio Kishida – became Japan's new Prime Minister (succeeding - Yoshihide Suga)
- Japan – Tokyo – Yen | PM – Fumio Kishida



Science & Technology

749. On September 29, North Korea test-fired a newly developed hypersonic missile called "Hwasong-8" off its east coast towards the sea. This series of missiles used liquid-propellant engines with an Ampoule Fuel System. Hypersonic weapons fly towards targets at lower altitudes and can achieve more than 5 times the speed of sound or about 6,200 km per hour. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- North Korea – test-fired a newly developed hypersonic missile called "Hwasong-8"
- North Korea – Pyongyang – North Korean won | President – Kim Jong-un

750. On September 27, NASA's "Landsat 9" satellite was successfully launched from Vandenberg Space Force Base in California. The satellite will monitor the Earth's land surface and provide data to assist in climate change planning. The first launch was in 1972 by the NASA and the US Geological Survey (USGS). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NASA's "Landsat 9" satellite – successfully launched from Vandenberg Space Force Base in California, US
- The first launch was in 1972 (by NASA & USGS)
- HQs of NASA – Washington D.C., USA | Administrator – Bill Nelson | Founded on – July 29, 1958





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