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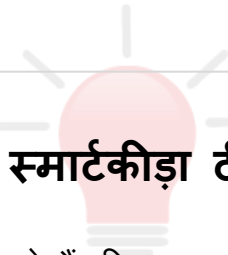
Hi Folks! We hope you all are doing well. We would like to state here that this PDF is meant for preparing for the upcoming MockDrill 100 of August 2020 Month at Testzone. In this Current Affairs PDF we have added all the important Current Affairs information in form of 'Key-points' which are crucial 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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601. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

The 17th edition of the “India-Vietnam Joint Commission Meeting” on Trade, Economic, Scientific and Technological Cooperation was held recently via video-conference. India and Vietnam decided to expand their Indo-Pacific partnership. It was co-chaired by India’s External Affairs Minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar and his Vietnamese counterpart Pham Binh Minh. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 17th edition of the “India-Vietnam Joint Commission Meeting” – participated by Subrahmanyam Jaishankar
- Vietnam – Hanoi – Vietnamese dong | PM – Nguyen Xuan Phuc

602. Current GK

The second 220 MW unit at the ‘Narora Atomic Power Station’ (NAPS) in Uttar Pradesh has completed 2 years of continuous safe operation. The second unit at NAPS has become the fourth Indian reactor to achieve this milestone after Kaiga Atomic Power Station. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ‘Narora Atomic Power Station’ (Uttar Pradesh) – completed 2 years of continuous safe operation
- ‘Kaiga Atomic Power Station’ – located in Karnataka

603. National & States Affairs

The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has developed a ‘Vendor Performance Evaluation System’ in order to establish a transparent and comprehensive ‘Performance Rating’ System for its Consultants, Contractors and Concessionaires. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NHAI developed – ‘Vendor Performance Evaluation System’
- HQs of NHAI – New Delhi | Chairman – Sukhbir Singh Sandhu

604. National & States Affairs

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has launched “One-Stop Portal for NRIs”, especially for those from Uttar Pradesh. It will help not only in bringing in investment but also assist those seeking jobs abroad. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister launched – “One-Stop Portal for NRIs”
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel



605. Current GK

With an aim to increase the speed of cleaning of Dal Lake, the Jammu & Kashmir Lakes and Waterways Development Authority (LAWDA) has procured new high-tech machines through the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Srinagar's Dal Lake – will now be cleaned with High-Tech Machines – procured from DMRC
- J &K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha

606. Books & Authors

A book named 'Cricket Drona' on one of India's most respected cricket coaches, Vasoo Paranjpe, was released on September 2. The book published by Penguin has been co-authored by Jatin Paranjpe along with Anand Vasu. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- A book titled 'Cricket Drona' – co-authored by “Jatin Paranjpe + Anand Vasu”
- The book is written on – Vasoo Paranjpe (one of India's most respected cricket coaches)
- Released by – Penguin Random House

607. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

Africa has been declared free from Wild Polio by the independent body, the Africa Regional Certification Commission which is responsible to report to the WHO. The disease is now only found in Afghanistan and Pakistan. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Africa has been declared – free from 'Wild Polio' – by the WHO
- WHO HQs – Geneva, Switzerland | DG – Tedros Adhanom | Member Countries – 194

608. National & States Affairs

Nitin Gadkari has inaugurated and laid the foundation stones for 45 highway projects in Madhya Pradesh. These projects carry a road length of 1,361 kilometers and involve a construction value of Rs 11,427 crore. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Nitin Gadkari inaugurated 45 highway projects – in Madhya Pradesh (Length: 1361 km & Worth: Rs 11427 Cr)
- Nitin Gadkari – Ministry of Road Transport and Highway, Ministry of MSMEs (Nagpur, Maharashtra)
- Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Anandiben Patel



609. National & States Affairs

Tata Group is planning to launch an all-in-one “Super app” by the end of this year or early next year. It will bring all the services on single platform. This Omni-channel Digital Platform is likely to be developed by the newly formed entity Tata Digital. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tata Group will launch – an all-in-one “Super app” – to bring all the services on single platform
- HQ of Tata Group – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – N. Chandrasekaran

610. Persons in News

Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu has remembered Tanguturi Prakasam Pantulu, a great freedom fighter and statesman on his birth anniversary on August 23. He is also known as ‘Andhra Kesari’- the lion of Andhra. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- M Venkaiah Naidu remembered – Tanguturi Prakasam Pantulu – on his birth anniversary on August 23
- He is also known as – ‘Andhra Kesari’- the lion of Andhra
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan

611. Banking & Economic Affairs

Axis Bank has announced the launch of its ‘Liberty Savings Account’ to address the ever-changing lifestyle needs of the young and digitally-savvy Indian. This unique proposition offers customers the flexibility to either maintain a minimum balance of Rs 25,000 per month or spend the same amount every month. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Axis Bank – to launch ‘Liberty Savings Account’ for the Indian Youth (minimum balance of Rs 25000/m)
- HQs of Axis Bank – Mumbai | MD & CEO – Amitabh Chaudhry

612. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

Niti Aayog in partnership with the Institute of Competitiveness released the 1st “Export Preparedness Index (EPI)-2020”. Gujarat has topped the list followed by Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu in the second and third place respectively. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Niti Aayog + Institute of Competitiveness = released the 1st “Export Preparedness Index (EPI)-2020”
- Rankings: 1st – Gujarat | 2nd – Maharashtra | 3rd – Tamil Nadu
- HQs of Institute of Competitiveness – Gurugram, Haryana
- NITI Aayog HQs – New Delhi | CEO – Amitabh Kant
- Chairperson – Narendra Modi | Vice Chairperson – Rajiv Kumar

613. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

Karnataka Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa has addressed a virtual “Indo-Japan Business Forum” from Bengaluru. This forum was organised by Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Karnataka CM addressed – a virtual “Indo-Japan Business Forum” – from Bengaluru, Karnataka
- The forum organized by – Indian Chamber of Commerce
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – B S Yediyurappa | Governor – Vajubhai Vala

614. Schemes & Initiatives

Under “Atal Bimit Vyakti Kalyan Yojana”, the Employees’ State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) has approved the relaxations in eligibility criteria and enhancement to ensure payment of unemployment benefits. 40 lakh unemployed workers will get 50% of 3 months wages as ESIC has relaxed the norms. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Under “Atal Bimit Vyakti Kalyan Yojana” – 40 lakh unemployed workers will get 50% of 3 months wages
- HQs of ESIC – New Delhi | Director General – Ms. Anuradha Prasad

615. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

The Veer Surendra Sai University of Technology (VSSUT) has become the first University in the country to set up a Space Innovation-cum-Incubation Centre in collaboration with the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- VSSUT + ISRO = signed an MoU to set up a Space Innovation-cum-Incubation Centre
- Location of VSSUT – Sambalpur, Odisha | Vice-Chancellor – Prof. Atal Chaudhury
- HQs of ISRO – Bengaluru, Karnataka | Director – Kailasavadivoo Sivan



616. Banking & Economic Affairs

Axis Bank has planned to employ nearly 1,000 people under its new hiring initiative 'Gig-a-Opportunities', a model devised to attract skilled talent that can work with the bank remotely, from anywhere in the country. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Axis Bank – will employ nearly 1,000 people – under 'Gig-a-Opportunities' initiative
- HQs of Axis Bank – Mumbai | MD & CEO – Amitabh Chaudhry

617. International Affairs

A pair of Gold-plated spectacles believed to have been worn by Mahatma Gandhi and presented as a gift in the 1900s have broken all records for a UK auction house by selling for 260,000 pounds (approximately \$340,327 or Rs. 2.53 Cr). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- A pair of Gold-plated spectacles worn by Mahatma Gandhi – sold for 260,000 pounds (Rs. 2.53 Cr) – in the UK
- UK – London – Pound Sterling | PM – Boris Johnson

618. Banking & Economic Affairs

The RBI has decided to dissolve the 'Banking Codes and Standards Board of India (BCSBI)'. BCSBI was set up by the RBI in February 2006 as an independent and autonomous body, assigned to formulate codes of conduct to be adopted by banks voluntarily for ensuring fair treatment of customers. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI – decided to dissolve the 'Banking Codes and Standards Board of India (BCSBI)
- BCSBI – set up by the RBI – in February 2006
- RBI: HQs – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th)

619. Banking & Economic Affairs

HSBC India has recently introduced "Omni Collect" that will be a one-stop solution for businesses to provide multiple payment options through a single platform. It will help to support both in store as well as online purchases across multiple providers. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- HSBC India – introduced "Omni Collect" a one-stop solution for businesses
- HQs of HSBC India – Mumbai, MH | CEO – Surendra Roshia
- HQs of HSBC – London, UK | CEO – Noel Quinn



620. International Affairs

India will launch a new cargo ferry service to the Maldives to further bolster bilateral trade relations. It will link Kochi and Tuticorin with Male. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India will launch a new cargo ferry service – to “Maldives” to bolster bilateral trade relations
- It will link ‘Kochi and Tuticorin’ with – Male (Maldives)
- Maldives – Male – Maldivian rufiyaa | President – Ibrahim Mohamed Solih
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

621. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

MasterCard and Goals101.ai have partnered to create targeted and personalised offers for bank cardholders. This alliance will help to improve the efficiency of customer interaction and will make the customer's banking experience more personalised. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “MasterCard” + “Goals101.ai” = partnership to create targeted and personalised offers for bank cardholders
- HQs of Mastercard – New York, USA | CEO – Ajay Banga (From Jan 2021 - Michael Miebach)
- HQs of Goals101.ai – New Delhi | Chairman & MD – Visham Sikand

622. Sports & Games

The 27-year-old German Sophia Popov has won her maiden major title at the ‘Women's British Open’ and become the first female golfer from Germany to do so. She is world's No. 304. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sophia Popov (Germany) – Golf – won ‘Women's British Open’
- Germany – Berlin – Euro

623. Sports & Games

India's ace Table Tennis player and Arjuna Award winner, Poulomi Ghatak, has announced her retirement at the age of 37. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Poulomi Ghatak – took retirement – From Table Tennis



624. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Energy solutions provider Greenko Energies has signed an agreement with NTPC Vidyut Vyapar Nigam to explore energy storage and renewable energy power supply solutions. Greenko is also developing and building over 40 GWh of pumped hydro storage projects across 6 states in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Greenko Energies + NTPC Vidyut Vyapar Nigam = an MoU to explore energy storage and renewable energy
- HQs of – Hyderabad, Telangana | CEO & MD – Anil Kumar Chalamalasetty
- HQs of NTPC – New Delhi | CMD – Gurdeep Singh

625. Banking & Economic Affairs

The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has introduced a dedicated debt and credit guarantee product to ensure a smooth flow of credit in rural areas hit by the COVID-19 pandemic. It has launched 'Credit Guarantee Programme' for NBFC-MFIs (Micro Finance Institutions). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NABARD launched – 'Credit Guarantee Programme' for NBFC-MFIs
- HQs of NABARD – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Chintala Govinda Rajulu

626. Defence Affairs

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has launched a mobile application called "DGNCC" to assist in online training of NCC (National Cadet Corps) in the country. This app aims at providing NCC cadets all training materials, including syllabus, training videos and frequently asked questions, on one platform. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Defence Minister launched – a mobile application called "DGNCC" – for NCC Cadets
- Ministry of Defence – Rajnath Singh (Constituency – Lucknow, UP)
- NCC HQs – New Delhi | Director General – Lt. Gen. Rajeev Chopra

627. National & States Affairs

Total sowing area coverage under 'kharif crops' in India has registered an increase of more than 8.5% this year. Kharif crops have been sown in nearly 1 thousand 63 lakh hectare area of the country till now. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Total sowing area coverage under 'kharif crops' in India – registered an increase of more than 8.5% in 2020



628. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

The report of Niti Aayog Task Force on “Sugarcane and Sugar Industry”, headed by Ramesh Chand, has recommended linking sugarcane prices to sugar rates to keep the industry in sound financial health. It has also pitched for a one-time increase in minimum sugar price to Rs 33 per kilo to help sugar mills cover the cost of production. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The report of Niti Aayog Task Force on “Sugarcane and Sugar Industry” – recommended linking sugarcane prices to sugar rates
- The Task Force is headed by – Ramesh Chand
- NITI Aayog HQs – New Delhi | CEO – Amitabh Kant
- Chairperson – Narendra Modi | Vice Chairperson – Rajiv Kumar

629. Important Days & Dates

The “World Water Week” or “World Water Week at Home” was observed between August 24-28 this year. It is organized by Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI). In 2020, the theme will be “Water and Climate Change: Accelerating Action.” [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- August 24-28 – “World Water Week” or “World Water Week at Home” – organized by SIWI
- Theme – “Water and Climate Change: Accelerating Action”

630. Books & Authors

The book “Who painted my lust red?” authored by Sree Iyer has recently been launched in August. This is the second book in this series of Sree Iyer's “Money Trilogy series”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Who painted my lust red?” book – authored by ‘Sree Iyer’

631. Sports & Games

James Anderson has become the first fast bowler in history to take 600 Test wickets. However, Anderson, playing his 156th Test, is the slowest to reach the 600-wicket milestone. The quickest was Muralitharan (101 matches). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- James Anderson (UK) – become the first fast bowler in history to take 600 Test wickets
- UK – London – Pound Sterling | PM – Boris Johnson



632. National & States Affairs

National Fertilizers Limited (NFL), Vijaipur is going to set up an Organic Waste Converter (OWC) Plant. This unit will produce Compost from Biodegradable waste. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- National Fertilizers Limited (NFL), Vijaipur – will set up an Organic Waste Converter (OWC) Plant
- NFL-Vijaipur – Madhya Pradesh
- HQs of NFL – Noida, UP | MD & Chairman – Virendra Nath Datt

633. Banking & Economic Affairs

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in its 2019-20 annual report released as on August 28, has stated that India's growth is projected at minus 4.5% for 2020-21. According to RBI, Global growth is projected at (-) 6.0% in the single hit scenario and (-) 7.6% in the double hit scenario. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI projected India's GDP for 2020-21 – at minus 4.5% [{Flexible News}](#)
- RBI: HQs – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th)

634. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Walmart-owned Flipkart has entered into a strategic partnership with Nepal's Sastodeal. This move will help lakhs of Flipkart sellers get access to the neighbouring country's e-commerce market. Sastodeal will host over 5,000 products from Flipkart marketplace sellers. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Flipkart + Sastodeal = strategic partnership
- HQs of Flipkart – Bangalore, Karnataka | Chairperson – Binny Bansal
- HQs of Sastodeal – Kathmandu, Nepal | CEO – Amun Thapa

635. Science & Technology

A team of researchers from the Department of Zoology, Andhra University has seen a rare fish called 'Mahseer' (scientific name Tor) and it was fished out from the upper part of Sileru river. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- A rare fish called 'Mahseer' (Tor) – fished out – in Sileru river – in Andhra Pradesh
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan



636. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd (PGCIL) has signed an MoU with Advance Centre for Treatment, Research and Education in Cancer (ACTREC), Tata Memorial Centre (TMC) for construction of “PowerGrid OT Complex” in Navi Mumbai. TMC is a Cancer Research Institute under the Department of Atomic Energy, Government of India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- PGCIL + ACTREC = signed an MoU for construction of “PowerGrid OT Complex” – in Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra
- HQs of PGCIL – Gurgaon, Haryana | CMD – Kandikuppa Sreekant
- HQs of ACTREC – Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra | Director – Dr. Sudeep Gupta

637. Current GK

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has recently shared some beautiful visuals of the iconic ‘Modhera Sun Temple’ through video on Twitter. Set along the backdrop of River Pushpavati, this is one of the legacies of the Solanki rulers, according to the official website of Gujarat tourism. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ‘Modhera Sun Temple’ – in Gujarat | Legacies of – Solanki rulers
- It is set along the backdrop of – River Pushpavati
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat

638. Sports & Games

Bayern Munich Football club has overcome Paris Saint-Germain 1-0 to lift the "UEFA Champions League" 2019-20 trophy in Lisbon. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bayern Munich FC (Germany) – won "UEFA Champions League" 2019-20 trophy in Lisbon
- Portugal – Lisbon – Euro

639. Banking & Economic Affairs

ICICI Bank has introduced the use of satellite data to assess credit worthiness of its customers employed in the farm sector. ICICI Bank has become the 1st bank in India to use such a technique. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ICICI Bank – 1st bank to introduce the use of satellite data to assess credit worthiness of farmers
- HQs of ICICI Bank – Mumbai | MD & CEO – Sandeep Bakhshi | Tagline – “Hum Hain Na!”



640. Current GK

Bangladesh is planning to start the process of relocating Rohingya refugees from the crowded camps of Cox's Bazar to the newly built facility at 'Bhashan Char' island after the monsoon session. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 'Bhashan Char' island – located in Bangladesh
- Bangladesh – Dhaka – Taka | PM – Sheikh Hasina | President – Abdul Hamid

641. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

The Department of Employment, Haryana has signed an MoU with the M3M Foundation to facilitate online preparation, training and mentoring to students for government jobs. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Haryana + M3M Foundation = signed an MoU to help students get into Government Jobs
- Haryana: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Manohar Lal Khattar | Governor – Satyadev Narayan Arya
- HQs of M3M Foundation – Gurugram, Haryana | Founder – LAL Chand Bansal

642. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

As per the annual report of RBI for the year 2019-20, Bank frauds of Rs 1 lakh and above have more than doubled in 2019-20 period to Rs 1.85 trillion from Rs 71,543 crore in 2018-19 period, up 159%. A total number of fraud cases have risen 28% to 8,707 in 2019-20 from 6,799 in 2018-19. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bank frauds of Rs 1 lakh and above – to Rs 1.85 trillion in 2019-20 | Rs 71,543 crore in 2018-19 (up 159%)
- Number of fraud cases risen – 28% (8,707 from 6,799)
- RBI: HQs – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th)

643. Science & Technology

India's second lunar mission "Chandrayaan-2" completed 1 year in orbit around the moon. Chandrayaan-2 was launched on July 22, 2019 and inserted into the lunar orbit on August 20, 2019. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India's second lunar mission "Chandrayaan-2" completed 1 year in orbit around the moon
- Launched on – July 22, 2019 | Inserted into the lunar orbit on – August 20, 2019



644. Amount & Agreements

The Government of India, the Government of Maharashtra, Mumbai Railway Vikas Corporation and the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) signed a loan agreement for a \$500 million Mumbai Urban Transport Project-III to improve network capacity of Mumbai Suburban Rail. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Gol + Maharashtra + AIIB = agreement for \$500 million – to improve network capacity of Mumbai Suburban Rail
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari
- HQs of AIIB – Beijing, China | President – Jin Liqun

645. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

UTI Infrastructure Technology and Services Limited (UTIITSL) has signed an MoU with National Health Authority (NHA) for providing the printing services of 'e-cards' to the beneficiaries under 'Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY)'. This scheme provides an annual health cover of Rs 5 lakh to 53 crore poor eligible citizens. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- UTIITSL + NHA = an MoU for providing the printing services of 'e-cards' to the beneficiaries under 'AB PM-JAY'
- HQs of UTIITSL – Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Vijay K Jain
- HQs of NHA – New Delhi | CEO – Indu Bhushan (CEO of AB-PMJAY too)

646. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) NLC India Ltd (NLCIL) has won the 'Swachhta Hi Seva' (cleanliness is service) 2019 award, for transforming Neyveli township into a plastic-free, clean and green campus. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NLC India Ltd – won the 'Swachhta Hi Seva' (cleanliness is service) 2019 award
- HQs of NLC India Ltd – Chennai, Tamil Nadu | Chairman & MD – Sarat Kumar Acharya

647. Current GK

As many as 124 incidents of domestic livestock being attacked by wild animals, particularly leopards, were reported in Morni Hills and Pinjore and in the areas near Kalesar National Park. 'Kalesar National Park' shares boundaries with Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 'Kalesar National Park' & 'Morni Hills' – located in Haryana
- Haryana: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Manohar Lal Khattar | Governor – Satyadev Narayan Arya



648. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

Over 15 crore loans amounting to ₹4.78-lakh-crore have been disbursed to women borrowers under "Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana" (PMMY). Tamil Nadu has topped the list in availing the loan under this scheme followed by women in West Bengal and Karnataka. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Over 15 Cr loans amounting to ₹4.78 lakh Cr disbursed to women – under "Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana"
- State-wise disbursing: 1st – Tamil Nadu | 2nd – West Bengal | 3rd – Karnataka
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Thiru Edappadi K. Palaniswami | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit

649. Defence Affairs

"BrahMos Aerospace", a joint venture of India and Russia, is one of the platforms which can be exported to friendly nations. India will export BrahMos missiles to friendly nations. The India Pavilion at the "Army-2020 International Military and Technical Forum" was inaugurated in Russia. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "BrahMos Aerospace" a joint venture of – India & Russia
- The India Pavilion at the "Army-2020 International Military and Technical Forum" inaugurated in – Russia
- Russia – Moscow – Russian Ruble | PM – Mikhail Mishustin | President – Vladimir Putin

650. Current GK

Pin Valley National Park is a National park of India located within the Lahaul and Spiti district, in the state of Himachal Pradesh, in far northern India.

Key Points:

- "Pin Valley National Park" – located in Himachal Pradesh
- Himachal Pradesh: Capital – Shimla & Dharamshala | CM – Jai Ram Thakur | Governor – Bandaru Dattatreya

651. Current GK

The Highest Railway Bridge in India and the world is being constructed over River Chenab in Jammu and Kashmir. The main arch of this Chenab railway bridge has just been launched. It is above the Chenab River at 359 metres & 1.3 km-long. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The Highest Railway Bridge in the world is being constructed over "River Chenab" – in Reasi, J & K
- Height – 359 m | Length – 1.3 km
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha



652. Appointments & Resignations

Indian Energy Exchange (IEX) board has accepted resignation of MD & CEO Rajiv Srivastava. The company has given the additional charge of Managing Director and CEO to Satyanarayan Goel. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rajiv Srivastava – resigned from the post of MD & CEO – of IEX
- Satyanarayan Goel – given additional charge as the MD & CEO – of IEX
- HQs of IEX – New Delhi | Interim MD & CEO – Satyanarayan Goel

653. Current GK

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has extended his good wishes to the farmers on 'Nuakhai Juhar' and wished for their prosperity and good health. 'Nuakhai Juhar' also known as 'Nuakhai Parab', is one of the most ancient festivals celebrated in Odisha & Chhattisgarh. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 'Nuakhai Juhar' or 'Nuakhai Parab' festivals – celebrated in Odisha & Chhattisgarh
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal
- Chhattisgarh: Capital – Raipur | CM – Bhupesh Baghel | Governor – Anusuiya Uikey

654. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

The Himachal Pradesh has signed an MoU worth ₹110 Crore with Microtek New Technologies Private Ltd for setting up a manufacturing unit of thermometers, online/offline UPS, high capacity invertors, oxymeters and other electrical products in Solan district's Baddi area. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Himachal Pradesh + Microtek New Technologies = an MoU to set up a manufacturing unit of thermometers
- HQs of Microtek New Technologies – New Delhi
- Himachal Pradesh: Capital – Shimla & Dharamshala | CM – Jai Ram Thakur | Governor – Bandaru Dattatreya

655. National & States Affairs

'Aarogya Setu' app has launched a new feature called 'Open API Service' that will enable organisations to get the health status of their employees or any other user without violating their data privacy. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Aarogya Setu' app launched a new feature – 'Open API Service'



656. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu has released 2 reports - 'Status of Sex Ratio at Birth in India' & 'Elderly Population in India: Status and Support Systems', brought out by the Indian Association of Parliamentarians for Population and Development (IAPPD). Prof. P. J. Kurien, the Chairman of IAPPD was also present in that occasion. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- M Venkaiah Naidu released 2 reports – 'Status of Sex Ratio at Birth in India' & 'Elderly Population in India: Status and Support Systems'
- The reports are prepared by – IAPPD (HQs – New Delhi | Chairman – P. J. Kurien)
- Vice President of India – M Venkaiah Naidu (Constituency – Nellore, Andhra Pradesh)

657. National & States Affairs

In Gujarat, Ahmedabad Railway Division has successfully introduced a Baggage Sanitization and Wrapping machine at Ahmedabad Railway Station. It is a first of its kind across the Indian Railways. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ahmedabad Railway Station (Gujarat) introduced – 'Baggage Sanitization and Wrapping machine'
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat

658. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has announced the winners of its 'Online Short Film Contest' where Abhijit Paul's short film "Am I?" has won the 1st prize. This contest was organised by I&B Ministry along with National Film Development Corporation (NFDC). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Abhijit Paul's "Am I?" short film – won the 1st prize – in 'Online Short Film Contest'
- The contest was organized by = I&B Ministry + NFDC
- Prakash Javadekar – Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (Constituency – Maharashtra)

659. National & States Affairs

Multi Commodity Exchange of India (MCX) has launched Futures trading on the country's first tradeable real-time bullion index, MCX iCOMDEX Bullion. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MCX launched = MCX iCOMDEX Bullion or BULLDEX - India's first real-time Bullion Index
- HQs of MCX – Mumbai, MH | CEO – P. S. Reddy | Chairperson – Mr. Saurabh Chandra



660. National & States Affairs

Indian Railways has generated more than 6.4 lakh man-days of work under the 'Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan' in Bihar, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh. Around 165 railway infrastructure projects are being executed in these states. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian Railways has generated more than 6.4 lakh man-days of work – under 'PM Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan'
- 165 Railway Infrastructure Projects are being executed
- Chairman of Indian Railways – Vinod Kumar Yadav | HQs – New Delhi
- Piyush Goyal – Ministry of Railways, Ministry of Commerce & Industry | Constituency – Maharashtra

661. Obituaries

Former Congolese president Pascal Lissouba has passed away recently. He won his country's first multi-party presidential elections in 1992. He was 88 and belonged to Pan-African Union for Social Democracy (UADS) Party. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Pascal Lissouba – Former President of Congo – passed away
- Congo – Kinshasa – Franc

662. Current GK

The Centre has shortlisted 3 firms for the construction of the long-pending strategic project of the construction of 'Zojila Tunnel' in the Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The Centre shortlisted 3 firms for the construction – 'Zojila Tunnel' – located in "J & K + Ladakh"
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha
- Ladakh: Capital – Leh | Lt. Governor – R K Mathur

663. Science & Technology

A team of international astronomers led by the scientists from the Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics (IUCAA) in Pune has discovered 'UV light' emanating from a galaxy called "AUDFs01" that is 9.3 billion light-years away from Earth. The light was seen using "AstroSat", India's first multi-wavelength satellite. The study has been published by 'Nature Astronomy'. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India's first multi-wavelength satellite "AstroSat" – discovered 'UV light' emanating from "AUDFs01" galaxy
- The study is published – by 'Nature Astronomy' journal
- HQs of IUCAA – Pune, Maharashtra | Director – Somak Raychaudhury



664. Science & Technology

China successfully launched a new Optical Remote-Sensing Satellite namely “Gaofen-9 05” by a Long March-2D carrier rocket from its Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre in northwest China. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- China launched – an Optical Remote-Sensing Satellite namely “Gaofen-9 05” – by Long March-2D carrier rocket
- China – Beijing – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping

665. Current GK

19 districts of Assam were under water and 8.54 lakh people were hit by the flood recently in August. The Brahmaputra was flowing above the danger mark. There was an imminent threat to “Manas National Park”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Manas National Park” – located in Assam – is in a threat of flood
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Sarbananda Sonowal | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi

666. Schemes & Initiatives

The Odisha government has launched a new scheme for promoting Intensive Aquaculture through ‘Biofloc Technology’ in fisheries and to provide employment to people during the pandemic period. Biofloc based farming system is a new technology for the promotion of intensive fish/ shrimp production in a limited area without significantly increasing the usage of the basic natural resources of water and land. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Odisha launched – a new scheme for promoting Intensive Aquaculture through ‘Biofloc Technology’ in fisheries
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

667. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

Water technology major “Va Tech Wabag” has won the prestigious “Global Water Award” for its 45 million litres a day Tertiary Treatment Reverse Osmosis (TTRO) plant at Koyambedu in Chennai. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Va Tech Wabag – won “Global Water Award” – For its 45 million Lt./day TTRO Plant at Chennai, TN
- HQs of Va Tech Wabag – Chennai, Tamil Nadu | CEO – Rajiv Mittal



668. Defence Affairs

Air Chief Marshal Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria has launched a mobile application 'My IAF' to provide career related information and job details to candidates. The app will have details about the selection process, training syllabus, pay and other relevant details for both officer and airmen posts. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria launched – 'My IAF' application – to provide career related information
- IAF Chief – Air Marshal Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria

669. Books & Authors

"Running Toward Mystery: The Adventure of an Unconventional Life" book was released on August 24. It is written by Tenzin Priyadarshi, the President & CEO of 'The Dalai Lama Center for Ethics and Transformative Values' at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The book is co-written with Iranian American author Zara Houshmand. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Running Toward Mystery: The Adventure of an Unconventional Life" book = Tenzin Priyadarshi + Zara Houshmand

670. Books & Authors

After rejection from Bloomsbury, the book titled "Delhi Riots 2020: The Untold Story" has found another publisher 'Garuda Prakashan'. The book is authored by advocate Monika Arora and Delhi University teachers Sonali Chitalkar & Prerna Malhotra. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Delhi Riots 2020: The Untold Story" book – authored by 'Monika Arora' + 'Sonali Chitalkar' + 'Prerna Malhotra'
- The book will be published by – 'Garuda Prakashan'

671. Banking & Economic Affairs

Yes Bank has decided to sell its asset management company 'Yes Mutual Fund'. Yes Mutual Fund reported net loss around Rs 16 crore in FY19 as compared to Rs 4.5 crore in FY18. The AUM of Yes Mutual Fund is at Rs 57 crore as of June 2020 while it was Rs 2000 crore in March 2019. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Yes Bank decided to sell its asset management company – 'Yes Mutual Fund'
- AUM – **A**ssets **U**nder **M**anagement
- HQs of Yes Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Prashant Kumar | Tagline – "Experience our Expertise"



672. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

India and Uzbekistan have held their first meeting of the National Coordination Committee for monitoring implementation of mutually agreed projects between two countries. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India + Uzbekistan = held their first meeting of 'National Coordination Committee'
- Uzbekistan – Tashkent – So'm

673. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

The Chamber of Marathwada Industries and Agriculture (CMIA) has joined hands with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to set up a help desk which will provide support to MSMEs. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CMIA + UNDP = partnership to set up a help desk to support MSMEs
- HQs of CMIA – Aurangabad, Maharashtra
- HQs of UNDP – New York, USA | Administrator – Achim Steiner

674. National & States Affairs

Union Health Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan has launched a first-of-its-kind interactive video game 'Corona Fighters' to spread awareness about the coronavirus pandemic. He also launched 2 new promotional videos urging people to adhere to key COVID-19-appropriate behaviours. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dr. Harsh Vardhan launched – first-of-its-kind interactive video game 'Corona Fighters'
- Dr. Harsh Vardhan – Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Ministry of Sci. & Tech., Ministry of Earth Science
- Constituency – Chandni Chowk, New Delhi

675. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

According to a survey by the NCERT, at least 27% students do not have access to smartphones or laptops to attend online classes, while 28% students and parents believe intermittent or lack of electricity is one of the major concerns hindering teaching-learning. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- According NCERT – at least 27% students do not have access to smartphones or laptops to attend online class
- 28% students and parents believe intermittent or lack of electricity
- HQs of NCERT – New Delhi | Director – Hrushikesh Senapaty



676. National & States Affairs

SBI General Insurance, one of the leading general insurance companies in India, has announced the launch of first-of-its-kind offering, “Shagun - Gift an Insurance”, a unique gift of Personal Accident policy. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SBI General Insurance launched – 1st “Shagun - Gift an Insurance” a unique gift of Personal Accident policy
- HQs of SBI Gen Ins. – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Prakash Chandra Kandpal
- Tagline – ‘Suraksha aur Bharosa Dono’

677. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

Legendary South African all-rounder Jaques Kallis, Pakistan batting great Zaheer Abbas and Pune-born former Australian captain Lisa Sthalekar have been inducted into the “International Cricket Council’s Hall of Fame” in a virtual ceremony. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Jaques Kallis + Zaheer Abbas + Lisa Sthalekar = inducted into the “ICC’s Hall of Fame”
- HQs of ICC – Dubai, UAE | Interim Chairman – Imran Khwaja | CEO – Manu Sawhney

678. National & States Affairs

The Maharashtra government has extended Rs 50 lakh insurance cover to private doctors who die of coronavirus infection during the pandemic. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Maharashtra extended insurance cover to private doctors – of Rs 50 lakh
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

679. Current GK

WWF-India State unit has joined hands with the Society for Odonate Studies (SOS) and Thumbipuram for the first-ever State Dragonfly Festival in Kerala christened - “Thumbimahotsavam 2020”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- WWF-India + SOS = celebrated “Thumbimahotsavam 2020” - the first-ever State Dragonfly Festival – in Kerala
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan



680. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Tech Mahindra has collaborated with the Niti Aayog's Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP) to support women entrepreneurs across the country. As part of the collaboration, Tech Mahindra has partnered with the winners of Women Transforming India (WTI) Awards, an initiative of the Niti Aayog, to recognise women leaders in entrepreneurship. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tech Mahindra + Niti Aayog's WEP = partnership to support women entrepreneurs
- HQs of Tech Mahindra – Pune, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Chander Prakash Gurnani
- Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP) & Women Transforming India (WTI) Awards – belongs to NITI Aayog
- NITI Aayog HQs – New Delhi | CEO – Amitabh Kant
- Chairperson – Narendra Modi | Vice Chairperson – Rajiv Kumar

681. National & States Affairs

The state government of Assam has inaugurated a 1.8 km ropeway across the river Brahmaputra and described it as the country's longest river ropeway. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Assam inaugurated 1.8 km ropeway – across 'Brahmaputra river' (country's longest river ropeway)
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Sarbananda Sonowal | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi

682. Schemes & Initiatives

The Delhi government has launched a 15-day 'Nirman Mazdoor Registration Abhiyan'. Online registration Camps will be set up across all assembly constituencies to help construction workers get registered for a welfare fund. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Delhi launched – 15-day 'Nirman Mazdoor Registration Abhiyan'
- Delhi: CM – Arvind Kejriwal | Governor – Anil Bajjal | Chief Secretary – Vijay Dev

683. Science & Technology

IIT Bombay students Kunal Deshmukh and Kritti Sharma, working on a research project, have discovered "2020 QG" - the closest-known asteroid to fly by Earth without impacting the planet. An SUV-sized asteroid soared just 2,950 km above the surface of Earth. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kunal Deshmukh & Kritti Sharma (IIT Bombay) – discovered "2020 QG" - the closest-known asteroid to fly by Earth



684. Defence Affairs

K Shanmugam, Chief Secretary to Government of Tamil Nadu has commissioned Indian Coast Guard Ship 'C-449' at Chennai. The ship is 49th amongst the 54 in their series being indigenously designed and built by Larsen & Toubro Limited (East Campus), Hazira (Surat). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ICGS 'C-449' commissioned at – Chennai, Tamil Nadu (49th/54)
- Designed and built by – Larsen & Toubro (L&T) Ltd (East Campus), Hazira (Surat)
- HQs of Larsen & Toubro– Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Dinanath Dubhashi
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Thiru Edappadi K. Palaniswami | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit

685. Acquisitions & Mergers

Axis Bank will acquire 17.002% of the equity share capital of Max Life Insurance, resulting in total ownership of 18.0% post the transaction. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Axis Bank will acquire 17% stake – in Max Life Insurance
- HQs of Axis Bank – Mumbai | MD & CEO – Amitabh Chaudhry
- HQs of Max Life Ins. – New Delhi | MD & CEO – Prashant Tripathy

686. National & States Affairs

Tech Mahindra has launched a new 'Upskilling-as-a-Service' (UaaS) platform to accelerate new-age skill development for over 60,000 employees globally to create a 'fit for future' workforce. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tech Mahindra launched – 'Upskilling-as-a-Service' (UaaS) platform
- HQs of Tech Mahindra – Pune, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Chander Prakash Gurnani

687. National & States Affairs

Madhya Pradesh will become the first state in India to offer government jobs on the basis marks obtained in the Common Eligibility Test (CET) conducted by the National Recruitment Agency (NRA). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Madhya Pradesh – the first state to offer government jobs on the basis of marks obtained in the CET
- Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Anandiben Patel



688. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Clean energy firm ReNew Power has partnered with UNEP's 'District Energy in Cities' initiative as an implementation partner for better Clean Energy access & renewable energy installations across India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ReNew Power + UNEP = partnership for better Clean Energy access & renewable energy installations
- 'District Energy in Cities' initiative – belongs to UNEP
- HQs of UNEP – Nairobi, Kenya | Executive Director – Inger Andersen

689. National & States Affairs

All serving and retired soldiers in Maharashtra will be exempted from the Gram Panchayat Property Tax. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Maharashtra – exempted all serving and retired soldiers – From 'Gram Panchayat Property Tax'
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

690. Persons in News

25-year-old Neelakanta Bhanu Prakash of Hyderabad has emerged as the fastest human calculator in the world after winning first-ever Gold for India in 'Mental Calculation World Championship' at Mind Sports Olympiad (MSO) held in London recently. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Neelakanta Bhanu Prakash (Hyderabad) – emerged as the fastest human calculator in the world
- He has won 1st ever Gold for India – in 'Mental Calculation World Championship' – in London
- Telangana: Capital – Hyderabad | CM – K. Chandrashekar Rao | Governor – Tamilisai Soundararajan

691. Current GK

Odisha state has set up Elephant Conservation Projects in "Similipal National Park" and in the Mahanadi and Sambalpur ranges. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Odisha set up 'Elephant Conservation Projects' – in 'Similipal National Park'
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal



692. Important Days & Dates

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has extended wishes to all Gujaratis on the occasion of “World Gujarati Day” that was observed on August 24 to commemorate the birth anniversary of the famous Gujarati poet Narmadashankar Dave. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- August 24 – “World Gujarati Day” (the birth anniversary of Gujarati poet – Narmadashankar Dave)
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat

693. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

“Naval Commanders Conference-2020” was recently held in New Delhi from August 19 to 21, 2020. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh addressed the opening session of Naval Commanders' Conference-2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Naval Commanders Conference-2020” – held in New Delhi
- Ministry of Defence – Rajnath Singh (Constituency – Lucknow, UP)
- Chief of Indian Navy – Admiral Karambir Singh | Vice Chief – G. Ashok Kumar

694. National & States Affairs

At least 80 years after it was established, the Labour Bureau, the data and survey wing of the union labour ministry, has finally launched a new logo. It encapsulates the essence of three core areas - rural, agriculture and industrial workers. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Labour Bureau (of Labour Ministry) – launched its new logo – after 80 years
- MoS in Ministry of Labour and Employment – Santosh Gangwar

695. Science & Technology

Tata Steel has launched “FerroHaat” - a first-of-its-kind mobile application, to source steel scrap from the traders. The FerroHaat App is a LIVE 24x7 market place to sell scrap. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tata Steel launched – “FerroHaat” - a first-of-its-kind mobile application – to source steel scrap from Traders
- HQs of Tata Steel Ltd – Mumbai | CEO – T. V. Narendran
- HQs of Indian Steel Association (ISA) – New Delhi | President – Dilip Oommen



696. Current GK

The Union Culture Minister Prahlad Singh Patel has announced to combine 'Mini Circle' with 'Delhi Circle'. It will also result in less budget allocation to Delhi. There were 110 ancient buildings including famous world heritage sites such as Qutub Minar, Lal Quila, Hauz Khas and Humayun's Tomb with the Delhi circle. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Prahlad Singh Patel announced to combine – 'Mini Circle' with 'Delhi Circle'
- Qutub Minar, Lal Quila, Hauz Khas and Humayun's Tomb – located in Delhi
- Delhi: CM – Arvind Kejriwal | Governor – Anil Bajjal | Chief Secretary – Vijay Dev

697. Appointments & Resignations

Renowned scientist G Satheesh Reddy has been given 2-year extension as the Chairman of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO). He was appointed to the post in August 2018 for 2 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- G Satheesh Reddy – given 2-year extension as the Chairman of – DRDO
- HQs of DRDO – New Delhi | Chairman – G. Satheesh Reddy

698. National & States Affairs

The Centre has constituted India's first 'National Council for Transgender Persons' under Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019. This council is headed by Union Social Justice Minister Thawar Chand Gehlot. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The Centre constituted – India's first 'National Council for Transgender Persons'
- Formed under – Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019
- Chairperson – Union Social Justice Minister (Thawar Chand Gehlot – Shajapur, Madhya Pradesh)

699. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) has signed MoUs with AFC India Limited and National Cooperative Union of India (NCUI) to synergize the activities in the interest of agriculture and allied sectors. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- APEDA + AFC India Ltd + NCUI = to synergize the activities in the interest of agriculture & allied sectors
- HQs of APEDA – New Delhi | Chairman – Paban K. Borthakur
- HQs of AFC India Ltd – Mumbai, Maharashtra
- HQs of NCUI – New Delhi | President – Dr. Chandra Pal Singh Yadav



700. Important Days & Dates

“International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition” is observed on 23 August. This year the theme is “Confronting Slavery’s Legacy of Racism Together”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- August 23 – “International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition”
- Theme – “Confronting Slavery’s Legacy of Racism Together”





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