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We hope you will make the best of use of this PDF and perform well in MockDrill Tests at Testzone.

All the best!

Regards

Team Smartkeeda

स्मार्टकीड़ा टीम की ओर से एक महत्वपूर्ण सन्देश!

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 जुलाई 2021 माह में Testzone पर 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 पढना, 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

1. On July 1, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar has launched a mobile app “Jan Sahayak-Aapka Sahayak” to ensure ‘anywhere-anytime-anybody’ delivery of Government to Citizen (G2C) and Business to Citizen (B2C) services through one-access point. Haryana also launched the first of its kind “Demand Side Management-AC Scheme” to promote energy conservation. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Haryana – launched a mobile app “Jan Sahayak-Aapka Sahayak”
- Haryana – also launched the first of its kind “Demand Side Management-AC Scheme”
- Haryana: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Manohar Lal Khattar | Governor – Bandaru Dattatraya

2. On July 1, ‘Jamwant Jamun’ - a special variety of the Indian blackberry (Jamun) developed by the Central Institute for Subtropical Horticulture, (CISH), Lucknow, has been exported to London. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ‘Jamwant Jamun’ - a special variety of the Indian blackberry – exported to London, UK
- ‘Jamwant Jamun’ is developed by – CISH (Lucknow, UP)

3. On July 1, Narendra Singh Tomar, Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare inaugurated a new Centre of National Horticulture Board (NHB) at Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh. The Centre of NHB at Gwalior will boost horticulture in the region and will benefit 21 districts of Northern Madhya Pradesh. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Singh Tomar inaugurated a new Centre of National Horticulture Board (NHB) – at Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh
- HQs of NHB – Gurugram, Haryana | MD – Rajbir Singh

4. On July 2, Indian Railway Stations Development Corporation Ltd (IRSDC) in collaboration with HNi Aquatic Kingdom has opened Indian Railways first Movable Freshwater Tunnel Aquarium at the Krantivira Sangolli Rayanna (Bengaluru) Railway Station for the general public. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IRSDC opened Indian Railways 1st Movable Freshwater Tunnel Aquarium – at Bengaluru Railway Station
- Krantivira Sangolli Rayanna Railway Station = Bengaluru Railway Station
- HQs of IRSDC – New Delhi | MD & CEO – S. K. Lohia | Chairman – Pradeep Kumar
- HQs of Indian Railways – New Delhi | Chairman & CEO – Suneet Sharma

5. On July 1, The Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) has granted permission to Cipla to import “Moderna mRNA-1273” Covid-19 vaccine for restricted emergency use in India. Moderna’s vaccine is the 4th COVID-19 vaccine to be available in India after Covishield, Covaxin and Sputnik. The Moderna vaccine has been shown to have an efficacy of approximately 94.1% in protecting against Covid-19. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- DCGI granted permission to Cipla to import “Moderna mRNA-1273” vaccine for restricted emergency use in India
- It is the 4th COVID-19 vaccine to be available in India (First three: Covishield, Covaxin & Sputnik)
- The Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) – V G Somani
- HQs of Cipla – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Umang Vohra

6. On July 1, Flipkart has launched Shopsy, an app to help individuals start online businesses without any investment, and also deepen e-commerce penetration, particularly in non-metros. With Shopsy, Flipkart aims to enable over 25 million online entrepreneurs by 2023. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Flipkart launched ‘Shopsy app’ – to help individuals start online businesses without any investment
- HQs of Flipkart – Bangalore, Karnataka | Chairperson – Binny Bansal | CEO – Kalyan Krishnamurthy

7. The Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has launched its “Saral Pension”, an Individual Immediate Annuity Plan, with effect from July 1, 2021. ‘LIC Saral Pension’ is a non-linked and non-participating plan. The minimum annuity is Rs 12,000 per annum. The plan is available for ages from 40 years to 80 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- LIC – launched its “Saral Pension” - an Individual Immediate Annuity Plan
- Minimum annuity – Rs 12,000/annum | available for ages – from 40-80 years
- HQs of LIC – Mumbai, MH | Chairman – M. R. Kumar | MD – Siddhartha Mohanty | Founded in – 1956

8. On July 2, Union Minister Nitin Gadkari has issued an order to revise the definition for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises by including Retailers and Wholesale Traders under the MSMEs. It will benefit 2.5 Cr Retail and Wholesale Traders. Earlier, MSME has only the manufacturing and service enterprises in its definition. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Nitin Gadkari – issued an order to revise the definition for MSMEs
- Central government included – Retailers & Wholesale Traders under the MSMEs
- Nitin Gadkari – Ministry of Road Transport and Highway, Ministry of MSMEs (Nagpur, Maharashtra)

9. Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Prakash Javadekar has set a target of creating additional 2 billion Carbon Sequestration by 2030. On the occasion of Van Mahotsav on July 1, the minister planted ‘Parijaat’ saplings at his residence. The Forest Festival or Van Mahotsav is an annual celebration of the plantation of trees in India. It is celebrated in the first week of July and was turned into a national activity in 1950. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Environment Ministry (India) – set a target of creating additional 2 billion Carbon Sequestration by 2030
- July 1 – Forest Festival or Van Mahotsav

10. A rare species of Black-bellied Coral Snake was spotted in Uttarakhand recently, making it the first in the state. This snake has six generations in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Black-bellied Coral Snake – spotted for the first time in Uttarakhand
- Uttarakhand: Capital – Dehradun & Gairsain | CM – Pushkar Singh Dhami | Governor – Baby Rani Maurya

11. On July 2, The government has extended the superannuation age of IPO-bound LIC Chairman to up to 62 years from 60 years by making amendment to the “Life Insurance Corporation of India (Staff) Regulations, 1960”. The retirement age for the top executives of the majority of PSUs is 60 years. The changes made in the rules will be called the “Life Insurance Corporation of India (Staff) Amendment Rules, 2021”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Central Government amended the “Life Insurance Corporation of India (Staff) Regulations, 1960”
- Central Government extended the superannuation age of IPO-bound LIC Chairman to up-to – 62 years (from 60)
- HQs of LIC – Mumbai, MH | Chairman – M. R. Kumar | MD – Siddhartha Mohanty | Founded in – 1956

12. On July 3, The Commerce Ministry has unveiled plans for ‘Freight Smart Cities’ to improve urban freight efficiency, and create an opportunity for reduction in the logistics costs. On the freight smart city initiatives, the logistics division is working closely with GIZ (Germany), Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI) and RMI India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Commerce Ministry – unveiled plans for ‘Freight Smart Cities’ to improve urban freight efficiency
- Piyush Goyal – Ministry of Railways, Ministry of Commerce & Industry | Constituency – Maharashtra

13. Union Minister of Rural Development Narendra Singh Tomar has released a compendium on best practices gathered from all over India on how ‘DAY-NRLM’ is addressing gender issues through Social Action Committees of SHG federations. It was launched as “Aajeevika - NRLM” by Ministry of Rural Development in 2011 and was renamed to “DAY-NRLM” in 2015. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Singh Tomar – released a compendium on how ‘DAY-NRLM’ is addressing gender issues
- “DAY-NRLM” was launched as “Aajeevika - NRLM” in 2011 (renamed to “DAY-NRLM” in 2015)

14. As part of efforts to improve the mental well-being of the people of Jammu and Kashmir amid COVID-19, the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) has inaugurated “Sukoon”, the J & K’s first 24x7 counselling helpline number to provide mental health counselling. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- J & K – launched “Sukoon” - first 24x7 counselling helpline number to provide mental health counseling
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha

15. The Assam Cabinet has approved one-month compulsory leave every year for the personnel of the armed battalions of the Assam police to enable them spend time with their families. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Assam Cabinet – approved one-month compulsory leave every year for the police personnel
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Himanta Biswa Sarma | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi

16. Meghalaya government has announced Mairang as new and 12th district of the state. The new district would come into existence before Independence Day celebrations. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Meghalaya – announced ‘Mairang’ as new & 12th district of the state
- Meghalaya: Capital – Shillong | CM – Conrad Kongkal Sangma | Governor – Satya Pal Malik

17. On July 2, The Allahabad High Court has issued notices to the central government and director general of Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), to lab test the properties of bacteriophages (a virus that destroys harmful bacteria) found in Ganga water. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Allahabad HC – issued notices to the central gov to lab test the properties of ‘bacteriophages’ – found in Ganga

18. On July 2, Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has initiated a project named “Bamboo Oasis on Lands in Drought” (BOLD) by planting 5,000 saplings of special bamboo species in Rajasthan. The project was launched from the tribal village Nichla Mandwa in Udaipur of Rajasthan. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- KVIC – initiated “Bamboo Oasis on Lands in Drought (BOLD)” project – in Nichla Mandwa, Udaipur, Rajasthan
- Rajasthan: Capital – Jaipur | CM – Ashok Gehlot | Governor – Kalraj Mishra
- HQs of KVIC – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Vinai Kumar Saxena

19. “Purvanchal Expressway”, an ambitious project of the Uttar Pradesh government connecting Lucknow, Sultanpur, Azamgarh and Ghazipur will become operational by August, 2021. The Uttar Pradesh government will soon float tenders for the ₹42,000 Cr Ganga expressway connecting Meerut and Prayagraj. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- “Purvanchal Expressway” an ambitious project of the Uttar Pradesh – become operational by August, 2021
- “Purvanchal Expressway” connects – Lucknow, Sultanpur, Azamgarh & Ghazipur
- “Ganga Expressway” will connect – Meerut & Prayagraj
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

20. On July 3, In Madhya Pradesh, the National Institute of Mental Health and Research is being built at Sehore and a Sports Complex is being constructed for the differently-abled at Gwalior. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- National Institute of Mental Health & Research – being built at Sehore, Madhya Pradesh
- Sports Complex for the differently-abled – being constructed at Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh
- Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Mangubhai Chhaganbhai Patel

21. Union Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal ‘Nishank’ has launched the “National Initiative for Proficiency in Reading with Understanding and Numeracy (NIPUN Bharat) Programme” for ensuring that every child in India necessarily attains foundational literacy and numeracy by the end of Grade 3, by 2026-27. NIPUN Bharat aims to cover the learning needs of children in the age group of 3 to 9 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ramesh Pokhriyal (Ministry of Education) – launched the “NIPUN Bharat” programme
- NIPUN – National Initiative for Proficiency in Reading with Understanding and Numeracy
- Aim: To ensure every child attains foundational literacy & numeracy by the end of Grade 3 – by 2026-27
- Children age group – 3 to 9 years

22. Indian Oil Corp has made its first purchase of Guyana’s Liza light sweet crude. India, the world’s third biggest oil importer and consumer, ships in more than 80% of its oil needs from overseas and relies heavily on the Middle East. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian Oil Corp – became India’s 1st Public sector refinery to buy crude oil from Guyana’s Liza light sweet crude
- Guyana – Georgetown – Guyanese Dollar | President – Irfaan Ali
- HQs of IOCL – New Delhi | Chairperson – Shrikant Madhav Vaidya | Founded in – 1959

23. On July 5, The SEBI has imposed penalties of Rs 26 Cr on IL&FS Securities Services Ltd (IISL) and Rs 3 Cr on Allied Financial Services Pvt Ltd (AFSPL) for lapses in connection with alleged fraudulent transfer of mutual fund units of three companies. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- SEBI imposed penalties of Rs 26 Cr on IL&FS & Rs 3 Cr on AFSP – for fraudulent transfer of MFs from client's a/c
- HQs of SEBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Ajay Tyagi | Established in – 1992
- HQs of IISL – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Priya Shetty

24. On July 5, PM Narendra Modi has addressed the “CoWin Global Conclave 2021” as India offered CoWIN platform as a digital public good to the world to combat COVID19. India will offer an open-source version of CoWIN app to Global forum. The Conclave was jointly organized by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, National Health Authority (NHA) and Ministry of External Affairs. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Modi addressed the “CoWin Global Conclave 2021”
- Conclave was organized by = Ministry of Health & Family Welfare + NHA + Ministry of External Affairs
- India – offered “CoWIN platform” as a digital public good to the world to combat COVID19

25. On July 1, Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has introduced a Financial Literacy Textbook for students of Class VI. As per the release, National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has curated the book. This book will be used for a newly introduced elective subject ‘Financial Literacy’. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CBSE introduced a ‘Financial Literacy Textbook’ for students of Class VI (NPCI curated the book)
- HQs of CBSE – New Delhi | Chairman – Manoj Ahuja | Formed in – 1962
- HQs of NPCI – Mumbai | Chairman – Biswamohan Mahapatra | MD&CEO – Dilip Asbe | Established in – 2008

26. Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) has concluded the first fintech cohort of “AIM-iLEAP” as major step to accelerate Tech Start-ups across India. It was organised AIM (NITI Aayog) in partnership with Startup Reseau and Visa. The objective of the AIM-iLEAP program is to invite technology start-ups across a broad range of functions. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The first fintech cohort of “AIM-iLEAP” organised by = AIM + Startup Reseau + Visa
- AIM – a flagship of NITI Aayog (HQs of AIM – New Delhi | Director – Chintan Vaishnav)
- HQs of Startup Reseau – Mumbai, MH | CEO – Ajay Ramasubramaniam
- HQs of Visa – Foster City, California | CEO – Alfred F. Kelly | Founded in – 1958

27. The 52nd edition of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) will be held in Goa on November 20, 2021, as per the announcement by the Information and Broadcasting Ministry. The Directorate of Film Festivals will organise the mega event in a hybrid format, virtual and physical, in collaboration with the Goa government and the Indian Film Industry. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- 52nd edition of the International Film Festival of India – to be held in “Goa” from November 20 to 28
- Goa: Capital – Panaji | CM – Pramod Sawant | Governor – P. S. Sreedharan Pillai

28. On July 6, The Manipur-based insurgent group, Kuki Revolutionary Army (KRA), has announced Cash Rewards to the first 3 villages in Kangpokpi district that achieve the target of fully vaccinating their population against coronavirus. The first fully vaccinated village will be given Rs 1 lakh, the second Rs 60,000 and third Rs 40,000. Earlier, Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh had announced a reward of Rs 20 lakh to the first fully vaccinated assembly constituency in the state. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kuki Revolutionary Army ([Manipur](#)) – announced Cash Rewards to fully vaccinated villages
- Rewards: Rs 1 lakh – for the 1st | Rs 60,000 – for the 2nd | Rs 40,000 – for the 3rd
- Manipur: Capital – Imphal | CM – N. Biren Singh | Governor – Najma Heptulla

29. On July 5, The Supreme Court has issued a notice to the Centre on the use of ‘Section 66A’ of the IT Act that was scrapped in 2015. The plea is based on data collated by the Internet Freedom Foundation, which has been tracking cases under the ‘Zombie provisions’. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The SC issued a notice to the Centre on the use of ‘Section 66A’ of the IT Act that was scrapped in 2015
- Present Chief of Justice of the Supreme Court of India – Justice N. V. Ramana (48th)

30. Jammu and Kashmir administration has put an end to 149-year-old tradition known as the “Darbar Move”. The Darbar Move was a biannual practice in which the government functions for 6 months each in the two capitals of Srinagar and Jammu. This tradition was started by Maharaja Ranbir Singh in 1872. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- J & K administration – put an end to 149-year-old tradition known as the “Darbar Move”
- This tradition was started by Maharaja Ranbir Singh – in 1872
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha

31. On July 3, Uttar Pradesh government is planning to establish “Health ATMs” to provide better health facilities to the people in state. Through most advance health ATMs machines people would be able to get measured their Body Mass Index, Blood Pressure, Metabolic Age, Body Fat, Hydration, Pulse Rate, Height, Mussel Mass, Body Temperature, Weight and Oxygen level parameters. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Uttar Pradesh – to establish “Health ATMs” to provide better health facilities to the people
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

32. On July 6, The Delhi Metro Railway Corporation in partnership with National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has launched India's 1st FASTag/UPI-based cashless Parking Facility at Kashmere Gate metro station in the national capital. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Delhi Metro + NPCI = launched India's 1st FASTag/UPI-based cashless Parking Facility – at Kashmere Gate, Delhi
- HQs of NPCI – Mumbai | Chairman – Biswamohan Mahapatra | MD&CEO – Dilip Asbe | Established in – 2008

33. On July 5, Minister of Ayush Shri Kiren Rijiju has launched 5 Important Portals - CTRI, AMAR, CCRAS-RMIS, SAHI and e-Medha on Ayush sector. He also released 4 publications related to the Traditional Indian Medicine System. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kiren Rijiju – launched 5 Important Portals - CTRI, AMAR, CCRAS-RMIS, SAHI & e-Medha
 - CTRI – **C**linical **T**rial **R**egistry of India
 - AMAR – **A**yush **M**anuscripts **A**dvanced **R**epository
 - CCRAS-RMIS – CCRAS-**R**esearch **M**anagement **I**nformation **S**ystem
 - SAHI – **S**howcase of **A**yurveda **H**istorical **I**mprints
 - e-Medha – **e**lectronic-**M**edical **H**eritage **A**ccession
- Kiren Rijiju – also launched 4 publications related to the Traditional Indian Medicine System

34. On July 6, The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has set up a 9-member panel to suggest measures to design an Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) that aims to curb monopolistic tendencies of e-commerce platforms. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- DPIIT set up a 9-member panel to suggest measures to design an Open Network For Digital Commerce (ONDC)
- DPIIT works under – Ministry of Commerce & Industry (Piyush Goyal – Maharashtra)
- HQs of DPIIT – New Delhi

35. On July 5, The Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI) has signed an agreement with the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) to safeguard consumers against misleading claims in food and beverage (F&B) advertisements. It will also set up a 3-member expert panel to evaluate F&B advertising identified by the ASCI monitoring team. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ASCI + FSSAI = to safeguard consumers against misleading claims in food and beverage (F&B) advertisements
- HQs of ASCI – Mumbai, MH | Chairman – Subhash Kamath | General Secretary – Manisha Kapoor
- HQs of FSSAI – New Delhi | Chairperson – Rita Teatota | CEO – Shri Arun Singhal



36. On July 5, The National Commodity Derivatives Exchange (NCDEX) has launched two agriculture-focused commodity indices “NCDEX Guarex” and “NCDEX Soydex”. Guarex will track price movement in the futures contracts of its underlying Guar Seed and Guar Gum Refined Splits on a real-time basis. Similarly, Soydex will follow the price changes in futures contracts of Soybean and Refined Soy Oil. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NCDEX – launched two agriculture-focused commodity indices “Guarex” & “Soydex”
- HQs of NCDEX – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Arun Raste

37. On July 2, Maharashtra has become the 5th Indian state after Chhattisgarh, Jammu & Kashmir, Telangana and West Bengal to join the Under2 Coalition, which brings together 125 states from across the globe to combat climate change. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Maharashtra – became the 5th Indian state to join “Under2 Coalition” | after Chhattisgarh, J&K, Telangana & WB
- “Under2 Coalition” – brings together 125 states from across the globe to combat Climate Change

38. On July 5, Indian government has decided to set up two additional Drug Testing Laboratories in Hyderabad and Pune to facilitate expedited testing, along with the pre-release certification of the vaccines. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian government will set up two additional Drug Testing Laboratories – in Hyderabad & Pune

39. On July 6, Karnataka’s first and India’s second, ‘school of mining’ will come up in Ballari to offer training in management of mines (for owners) and technical skills (for workers). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Karnataka’s 1st & India’s 2nd ‘school of mining’ will come up in – Ballari
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – BS Yediyurappa | Governor – Thaawarchand Gehlot

40. On July 6, The Odisha State Co-operative Handicrafts Corporation Ltd has filed an application seeking Geographical Indication (GI) tag for the famous Cuttack’s “Silver Filigree” (Chandi Tarakasi). The applicants have pointed out that silver filigree as a craft has been linked to Cuttack as far back as the reign of Anangabhimadeva III in the early 13th Century. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Silver Filigree (Chandi Tarakasi) of Cuttack, Odisha – seeking GI tag
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

41. On July 3, Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has given its nod to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Education to provide technical assistance for satellite TV classrooms in India to bridge the learning gap due to COVID-induced lockdown. The panel is led by Vinay Sahastrabudde. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ISRO – gave its nod to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Education – led by Vinay Sahastrabudde
- HQs of ISRO – Bengaluru, Karnataka | Director – Kailasavadivoo Sivan | Formed in – 1969

42. On July 6, Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has launched a fellowship programme titled “Lieutenant Governor's Sustainable Development Fellowship (LGSDF)” for engineering, management and other graduates. Under the programme, 10 scholars and graduates from IIT Jammu, IIM Jammu, NIT Srinagar, and other national institutes shall be selected every year. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- J & K – launched a fellowship programme titled “Lieutenant Governor’s Sustainable Development Fellowship (LGSDF)”
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha

43. On July 7, Union Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Minister Giriraj Singh has launched a mobile app “Matsya Setu” to disseminate the latest freshwater aquaculture technologies to India’s aqua farmers. The app has been developed by the ICAR-Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture (ICAR-CIFA), Bhubaneswar, with the funding support of the National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB), Hyderabad. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Giriraj Singh launched a mobile app “Matsya Setu” for Indian Aqua Farmers
- The app is developed by – ICAR-CIFA (Bhubaneswar, Odisha) | Funding support from – NFDB (Hyderabad)
- Shri Giriraj Singh – Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying (Begusarai, Bihar)

44. On July 1, PVSLN Murty has joined as the new Chairman & Managing Director of North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd (NEDFi). Prior to joining NEDFi, Murty was posted as Chief Strategy Officer at SBI. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- PVSLN Murty – joined as the new Chairman & MD of North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd (NEDFi)
- HQs of NEDFi – Guwahati, Assam | Chairman & MD – PVSLN Murty

45. On July 7, The government has merged the Department of Public Enterprises (DPE) with the Finance Ministry to give it a better control over state-owned firms. Finance Ministry will now have 6 departments. Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises will now be called the ‘Ministry of Heavy Industries’. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Department of Public Enterprises + Finance Ministry = merger for better control
- Finance Ministry will now have 6 departments

46. On July 7, The Union government has created a new Ministry of Cooperation to provide a separate administrative, legal and policy framework for strengthening the cooperative movement in India. This new ministry has been created for realizing the vision of 'Sahkar se Samridhhi'. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Government created a new "Ministry of Cooperation" to provide separate administrative, legal & policy framework
- Vision: 'Sahkar se Samridhhi'

47. On July 7, A first commercial shipment of 'Mishri' variety of cherries from Kashmir valley has been exported to Dubai from Srinagar. Jammu and Kashmir produce more than 95% of India's commercial varieties of cherries, including Double, Makhmali, Mishri and Italy. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 'Mishri' a variety of cherry from Kashmir – exported to Dubai
- Varieties of Cherry: Double, Makhmali, Mishri & Italy
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha

48. On July 6, Indian Army has named one of its military firing ranges after Vidya Balan as a way to recognise her contribution to cinema. She was recently invited to join the board of the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences. The Vidya Balan Firing Range is located in Gulmarg, Kashmir. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian Army – named one of its military firing ranges after 'Vidya Balan'
- Vidya Balan Firing Range is located in – Gulmarg, Kashmir

49. On July 3, A Model Anti-Rabies Clinic (Animal Bite Clinic) has been made operational in Government Medical College, Doda in Jammu & Kashmir for prevention and management under National Programme for Rabies Control (NRCP). The aim of this Model Anti-Rabies Clinic is to ensure zero deaths due to Rabies by 2030. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Model Anti-Rabies Clinic (Animal Bite Clinic) – made operational in Doda, J & K under "NRCP"
- Aim: To ensure Zero deaths due to Rabies by 2030
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha

50. On July 6, Health Ministry has launched “COVID GuruKool”, an informational video series on its social media platforms. It is aimed at disseminating authentic information on COVID-19 pandemic and its vaccination program. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Health Ministry launched an informational video series “COVID GuruKool” on its social media platforms
- Ministry of Health and Family Welfare – Dr. Harsh Vardhan (Constituency – Chandni Chowk, Delhi)

51. The 8.5 km all-weather Hi-tech tunnel connecting Qazigund and Banihal in Jammu & Kashmir is expected to open for public this year. The tunnel was built at a cost of Rs 2,100 Cr. Work on the project was started in June 2011. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 8.5 km all-weather Hi-tech tunnel connecting Qazigund & Banihal in J & K – to open for public this year
- Work on this tunnel project was started – in June, 2011
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha

52. On July 7, Jammu and Kashmir, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has launched the Web Portal of Electrical Inspection Wing at Jammu. A time-bound procedure has also been established wherein approval/denial shall be conveyed to the applicant through the website within 12 days. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- J & K – launched a Web Portal of Electrical Inspection Wing at Jammu
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha

53. On July 9, SBI General Insurance has launched a comprehensive health insurance plan “Arogya Supreme”. It is a specific plan that includes 20 basic covers and 8 optional covers. SBI Arogya Supreme promises a wide range of sum insured options up to Rs 5 Cr with a policy tenure ranging from 1 to 3 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SBI General Insurance – launched a comprehensive health insurance plan “Arogya Supreme”
- Sum insured up-to – Rs 5 Cr | Tenure ranging from – 1 to 3 years
- HQs of SBI Gen Ins. – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Prakash Chandra Kandpal | Tagline – ‘Suraksha aur Bharosa Dono’

54. On July 7, Aditya Mishra, Chairman of LPAI (Land Ports Authority of India), during a seminar organized by Centre for Social & Economic Progress (CSEP), announced that India will have 24 Integrated Check Posts (ICPs) along its land borders by 2025. India had inaugurated its 1st ICP at Attari International Land Border (between India-Pakistan) in 2012. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India will have 24 Integrated Check Posts (ICPs) along its land borders by 2025
- India’s 1st ICP was inaugurated in 2012 – at Attari International Land Border (located between India-Pakistan)
- HQs of LPAI – New Delhi | Chairman – Aditya Mishra (LPAI functions under Ministry of Home Affairs)

55. On July 7, The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has set up a 25-member development council for Cement Industry under Dalmia Bharat Group CMD Puneet Dalmia. The council will suggest ways to eliminate waste, obtain maximum production, improve quality, reduce costs and promote standardization of products. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- DPIIT – set up a 25-member development council for ‘Cement Industry’ – under Puneet Dalmia
- HQs of DPIIT – New Delhi
- DPIIT works under – Ministry of Commerce & Industry

56. On July 4, Indian Army has inaugurated a war memorial in Gulmarg near the Line of Control (LOC). The war memorial is dedicated to Captain Gurjinder Singh Suri, who died during the operation “Birsa Munda” which was conducted against a Pakistani post by a Bihar battalion of the Indian Army in 1999. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian Army inaugurated a war memorial dedicated to Capt. Gurjinder Singh Suri – in Gulmarg, J & K
- He died during the operation “Birsa Munda” – conducted against Pakistan by a Bihar battalion in 1999
- HQs of Indian Army – New Delhi | Chief – Gen. Manoj Mukund Naravane | Vice Chief – Chandi Prasad Mohanty

57. On July 9, In the small seaside town of Blokhus in Denmark, the world’s tallest sandcastle has been completed, weighing nearly 5,000 tonnes and towering 21.16 meters high. Its creator is Dutchman Wilfred Stijger. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- World’s tallest sandcastle has been built – in Blokhus, Denmark
- Creator – Dutchman Wilfred Stijger | Weight – 5,000 tonnes | Height – 21.16 meters (69.4 feet)
- Denmark – Copenhagen – Danish krone | PM – Mette Frederiksen

58. On July 8, The first shipment of Geographical Indication (GI) certified Bhalia variety of wheat was exported to Kenya and Sri Lanka from Gujarat. The crop is grown mostly across Bhal region of Gujarat. The Bhalia variety of wheat received GI certification in July, 2011. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The 1st shipment of GI certified ‘Bhalia’ variety of wheat – exported to Kenya & Sri Lanka from Gujarat
- ‘Bhalia’ variety of wheat received GI certification – in July, 2011
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat

59. On July 8, The SEBI has relaxed the ‘Advance Intimation Timelines’ for Stock Exchanges for carrying out modifications in the contract specifications of ‘Commodity Derivatives Contracts’ (CDCs). At present, the advance intimation timelines are 10 days for ‘category A’ and 30 days for ‘category B’ and ‘category C’ contract modifications. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- SEBI relaxed the 'Advance Intimation Timelines' for Stock Exchanges
- Timelines: 10 days - for 'category A' | 30 days - for 'category B' & 'category C'
- HQs of SEBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Ajay Tyagi | Established in – 1992

60. On July 7, The Digital Communications Commission (DCC), formerly the Telecom Commission, has cleared a provision of using satellite connectivity in telecom networks through "VSAT" (Very Small Aperture Terminal) to provide services in remote areas. DoT (Department of Telecom) will come out with the tender for the PPP mode rollout of BharatNet in 16 states in seven days. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- DCC cleared a provision of using satellite connectivity in telecom networks through VSAT
- VSAT – Very Small Aperture Terminal
- DoT – to come out with the tender for the PPP mode rollout of BharatNet in 16 states

61. On July 7, Epsilon Carbon has established India's first "Integrated Carbon Black Complex" with ₹550 Cr investment at Bellary, Karnataka. It has a capacity of 1,15,000 tonnes per annum (tpa). Started in 2010, Epsilon Carbon has manufacturing facilities in Karnataka, Chhattisgarh and Odisha. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Epsilon Carbon – established India's 1st "Integrated Carbon Black Complex" – at Bellary, Karnataka
- Investment made of – ₹550 Cr | Capacity – 1,15,000 tpa
- HQs of Epsilon Carbon – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Saiprasad Jadhav
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – BS Yediyurappa | Governor – Thaawarchand Gehlot

62. On July 7, Google India has published its first transparency report under the new "Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021" which includes details of complaints received from users in India and the action taken across Google's platforms. Google India has become the 1st company which is qualified as "Significant Social Media Intermediaries (SSMIs)" under the rules. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Google India – published its 1st transparency report under the new "Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021"
- Google India–1st company which is qualified as "Significant Social Media Intermediaries(SSMIs)" under new rules
- HQs of Google – California, US | CEO – Sundar Pichai | Founded in – 1998

63. On July 9, The Union Cabinet has decided to modify Rs 1 lakh Cr Central Sector Scheme finance facility under the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF), which will increase capacity of Agriculture Produce Market Committees (APMCs). The Rs 1-lakh Cr Agriculture Infrastructure Fund was provisioned under the 'Atma Nirbhar Bharat' package in the Budget. As per the modifications, Interest subvention for a loan up-to Rs 2 Cr in one location is eligible. The number of projects is increased to 25 for Private sector entities under the interest subvention scheme. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Cabinet decided to modify Rs 1 lakh Cr Central Sector Scheme under the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF)
- The Rs 1-lakh Cr AIF was provisioned under the 'Atma Nirbhar Bharat' package
- Interest subvention for a loan up-to Rs 2 Cr in one location is eligible
- Number of projects is increased to 25 for Private sector entities

64. On July 6, The construction of India's second longest "Ganga Expressway" is all set to begin by September, 2021 after the confirmation of over 80% land acquisition required for the expressway. The project, costing more than ₹36,000 Cr, is expected to be completed within the next 26 months. The proposed length of Ganga Expressway is 594 km, which will start at Bijauli village in Meerut district and end at Judapur Dandu village in Prayagraj. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The construction of India's second longest "Ganga Expressway" is set to begin by Sep, 2021 – in Uttar Pradesh
- Cost – ₹36,000 Cr | length – 594 km | Time duration to complete – 26 months
- "Ganga Expressway" will connect – Meerut & Prayagraj districts of Uttar Pradesh
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

65. On July 9, Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani has virtually inaugurated the first Digital Kendra of e-commerce giant Amazon in Surat city that aims to be a physical resource centre for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) providing third party services in e-commerce. The move is part of Amazon India's commitment to digitise 10 million Indian MSMEs by 2025. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The 1st Digital Kendra of Amazon – inaugurated in Surat, Gujarat
- Amazon India's aim to digitise 10 million Indian MSMEs – by 2025
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat

66. E-commerce giant Flipkart has eliminated all single-use plastic packaging used across its fulfillment centres in India in line with its commitment made in 2019. The Walmart-owned Flipkart has also committed to a 100% transition to electric vehicles in its city logistics network by 2030. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Flipkart – eliminated all single-use plastic packaging used across its fulfillment centres in India
- Flipkart – committed to a 100% transition to Electric Vehicles in its City Logistics Network by 2030
- HQs of Flipkart – Bangalore, Karnataka | Chairperson – Binny Bansal | CEO – Kalyan Krishnamurthy



67. On July 9, The 14-year-old Zaila Avant-Garde from Harvey, Louisiana, has won the championship at “2021 Scripps National Spelling Bee”, becoming the first African American winner and only the second Black champion in the bee's 96-year history. Chaitra Thummala, a 12-year-old from Frisco, Texas, was runner-up. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Zaila Avant-Garde ([Louisiana, US](#)) – won the championship at “2021 Scripps National Spelling Bee”
- She is the 1st African American winner & 2nd Black champion | Her age – 14 years

68. On July 9, The Department of Financial Services (DFS), under Ministry of Finance, has abolished the position of Chairman at the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) and replaced it with the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Managing Director (MD) by making amendments in the LIC Act, 1956. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Finance – abolished the position of Chairman at the LIC and replaced it with CEO & MD
- HQs of LIC – [Mumbai, MH](#) | [Chairman – M. R. Kumar](#) | [Founded in – 1956](#)

69. On July 5, The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has joined with leading public health experts, vaccine regulators and policymakers to form a “Regional Vaccine Advisory Group” to provide its developing member countries (DMCs) with expert technical and scientific advice on the quality, safety and effectiveness of Covid-19 vaccines. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ADB – establishes a “Regional Vaccine Advisory Group” for Covid-19 vaccines
- HQs of ADB – [Mandaluyong, Philippines](#) | [President – Masatsugu Asakawa](#) | [Member countries – 68](#)

70. On July 9, According to Ministry of Commerce and Industry, the India Industrial Land Bank will achieve pan-India integration by December 2021. The system has been integrated with industry-based GIS systems of 17 states. Currently, the India Industrial Land Bank has approximately 4,000 industrial parks mapped across an area of 5.5 lakh hectares of land. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India Industrial Land Bank – to achieve pan-India integration by December 2021
- The system has been integrated with industry-based GIS systems of – 17 states

71. On July 6, Union minister Jitendra Singh has announced that a Common Eligibility Test (CET) for job aspirants will be conducted across India from 2022. National Recruitment Agency (NRA) has been constituted for conducting Common Eligibility Test with the approval of the Union Cabinet. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Common Eligibility Test (CET) for job aspirants will be conducted across India from 2022
- National Recruitment Agency (NRA) is constituted for conducting ‘CET’

72. On July 7, A new Concentrated Solar Thermal (CST)-based 'Test Rig Facility' of the International Advanced Research Centre for Powder Metallurgy and New Materials (ARCI) has been established in Hyderabad. The ARCI received a project from Hindustan Petroleum Corporation (HPCL), R&D unit in Bengaluru. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- A new CST-based 'Test Rig Facility' of the ARCI – established in Hyderabad, Telangana
- ARCI received a project from Hindustan Petroleum Corporation (HPCL)
- HQs of HPCL – Mumbai, MH | CEO & Chairperson – Mukesh Kumar Surana

73. On July 10, The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) along with the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has launched M. Tech programmes in defence technology in 6 specialised streams. In another development, AICTE has launched the "Pragati Scheme" for Technical Education of Girl Students. The council provides ₹50,000 annually to eligible students. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- AICTE + DRDO = launched M. Tech programmes in defence technology in 6 specialised streams
- AICTE launched the "Pragati Scheme" for Technical Education of Girl Students (₹50,000 annually)
- HQs of AICTE – New Delhi | Chairman – Anil D. Sahasrabudhe
- AICTE – functions under Ministry of Education
- HQs of DRDO – New Delhi | Chairman – G. Satheesh Reddy | Established in – 1958

74. On July 10, Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has recently secured trademark registrations in three countries - Bhutan, UAE and Mexico, a big stride towards protecting the identity of brand "Khadi" globally. KVIC's trademark applications are pending in 40 countries across the world. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- KVIC secured trademark registrations for brand name "Khadi" in 3 countries - Bhutan, UAE & Mexico
- HQs of KVIC – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Vinai Kumar Saxena

75. On July 11, India's first Cryptogamic Garden housing nearly 50 species of lichens, ferns and fungi was inaugurated in Uttarakhand's Dehradun district. The garden was inaugurated by social activist Anoop Nautiyal. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India's first Cryptogamic Garden – inaugurated in Dehradun, Uttarakhand
- Uttarakhand: Capital – Dehradun & Gairsain | CM – Pushkar Singh Dhami | Governor – Baby Rani Maurya

76. On July 10, Uttar Pradesh government has proposed a "Population Control Bill" wherein those having more than two children will be debarred from contesting local bodies polls, applying for government jobs or receiving any kind of subsidy. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Uttar Pradesh – proposed a “Population Control Bill”
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

77. On July 7, Kerala State government has proposed to launch its own Over-The-Top (OTT) platform by November 1, 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kerala – proposed to launch its own Over-The-Top (OTT) platform by November 1, 2021
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

78. On July 10, Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has launched the “mySrinagar” mobile app, a one-stop solution catering to the needs of residents and tourists by integrating all available e-services offered by various departments and tourism-related information. The Lt Governor also e-inaugurated multiple projects of Srinagar Smart City including Variable Message Displays (VMDs) installed across the city. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- J&K Lt. Governor Manoj Sinha – launched the “mySrinagar” mobile app
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha

79. On July 11, Union Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari has inaugurated India’s First Private LNG (Liquefied Natural Gas) plant in Nagpur. The plant has been set up by Baidyanath Ayurvedic Group. LNG is a clean and cost effective fuel which is capable of decreasing the logistics cost. It has also potential of creating ample job opportunities. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Nitin Gadkari – inaugurated India’s 1st Private LNG plant in Nagpur, MH – set up by Baidyanath Ayurvedic Group
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

80. On July 13, French medical technology firm, Institut Georges Lopez (IGL), is setting up a manufacturing facility for Organ Preservation Solution at Cheyyar, Tamil Nadu. The company has given an investment commitment of about \$2.5 million (₹20 Cr). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Institut Georges Lopez (France) is setting up a manufacturing facility for Organ Preservation Solution – at Cheyyar, TN
- An investment commitment by IGL – \$2.5 million (₹20 Cr)
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit



81. On July 13, Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari has inaugurated and laid foundation stone for 16 projects. The projects include a ₹45 Cr RCC bridge over the Makru river in Tamenglong district of Manipur. The Makru bridge will improve connectivity between Assam and Manipur. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Nitin Gadkari – inaugurated & laid foundation stone for 16 projects in Manipur
- ₹45 Cr RCC bridge will be built over the Makru river – in Tamenglong, Manipur
- [Manipur: Capital – Imphal | CM – N. Biren Singh | Governor – Najma Heptulla](#)

82. Five more people tested positive for the “Zika Virus” in Kerala, taking the total number of cases of the vector-borne disease to 28 in the state. The latest Zika cases were reported from Thiruvananthapuram city. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kerala is suffering from the “Zika Virus”
- [Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan](#)

83. On July 13, Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) has incorporated National Asset Reconstruction Company (NARCL) also known as ‘Bad Banks/Asset Reconstruction Company (ARC)’ with an authorised capital of Rs 100 Cr and paid-up capital of Rs 74.6 Cr. The Indian Banks Association (IBA) is likely to approach the RBI to seek an ARC (Asset Reconstruction Company) licence. NARCL will house bad loan accounts of Rs 500 Cr or more. Padmakumar Madhavan Nair will serve as the Managing Director of the NARCL. Canara Bank would be the sponsor of NARCL and will hold 12% equity. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MCA incorporated “NARCL” or “Bad Banks/ARC” with an authorised capital of Rs 100 Cr & paid-up capital of Rs 74.6 Cr
- NARCL will house bad loan accounts of Rs 500 Cr or more
- MD of the NARCL – Padmakumar Madhavan Nair | Sponsor – Canara Bank (holds 12% equity)

84. On July 8, The construction work on much-awaited India’s first National Dolphin Research Centre (NDRC) will start in Patna, Bihar post-monsoon. Chief Minister Nitish Kumar had laid the foundation stone of the centre last year. The Gangetic river dolphin is India’s National Aquatic Animal. It is a ‘Schedule I’ animal under the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972. It has been declared an ‘Endangered’ species by the IUCN. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India’s 1st National Dolphin Research Centre (NDRC) – to come up in Patna | ‘Endangered’ species by the IUCN
- Gangetic river dolphin – a ‘Schedule I’ animal under the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972
- [Bihar: Capital – Patna | CM – Nitish Kumar | Governor – Phagu Chauhan](#)



85. On July 12, India aims for an estimated Rs 110 billion “Blue Economy” through its Deep Ocean Mission and marine resources. The mission planned by the Earth Sciences ministry will be carried out in collaboration with the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India aims for an estimated Rs 110 billion “Blue Economy” through its Deep Ocean Mission & marine resources
- Earth Sciences ministry + ISRO = will jointly carry out “Blue Economy” mission
- [MoS for Ministry of Earth Science – Dr. Jitendra Singh](#)

86. On July 15, The BCCI has formed a working group to look after Domestic Cricket. The working group includes Rohan Jaitley (North Zone), Yudhvir Singh (Central), Jaydev Shah (West), Devajit Saikia (North-East), Avishek Dalmiya (East), Santhosh Menon and Mohammad Azharuddin (South). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- BCCI – formed a 7-member working group to look after Domestic Cricket
- [HQs of BCCI – Mumbai, MH | Chairman – Sourav Ganguly | Secretary – Jay Shah | Founded in – 1928](#)

87. On July 10, The Assam Cabinet has decided to create an independent department for the preservation and promotion of indigenous faith and culture. Arunachal Pradesh was the first State in the northeast to create such department. In Assam, communities such as the Bodo and Zeme follow indigenous faiths such as ‘Bathou’ and ‘Heraka’. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Assam – to create an independent department for the preservation & promotion of indigenous faith & culture
- Indigenous faiths such as ‘Bathou’ & ‘Heraka’ – are followed by Bodo & Zeme communities in Assam
- [Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Himanta Biswa Sarma | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi](#)

88. The Karnataka state government has decided to develop a total of 46 Kempegowda Heritage sites identified in 3 circuits at a cost of ₹223 Cr for promoting tourism. A 108-foot statue of Kempegowda would be installed at Bengaluru International Airport at a cost of ₹64 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Karnataka – to develop a total of 46 Kempegowda Heritage sites identified in 3 circuits at a cost of ₹223 Cr
- 108-foot statue of Kempegowda – to be installed at Bengaluru International Airport | Cost – ₹64 Cr
- [Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – BS Yediyurappa | Governor – Thaawarchand Gehlot](#)

89. On July 13, The Board of Directors of National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) has approved the Scheme of Arrangement for Demerger between NMDC Ltd (Demerged Company) and NMDC Steel Ltd (Resulting Company). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NMDC – approved the Scheme of Arrangement for Demerger between NMDC Ltd & NMDC Steel Ltd
- HQs of NMDC – Hyderabad, Telangana | CMD – Sumit Deb

90. On July 14, To bring digital transformation in the way rail assets are being managed in India, the National Capital Regional Transport Corporation (NCRTC) is implementing an integrated real-time Enterprise Asset Management System (iDREAMS). iDREAMS system aims to predict, identify, rectify or remove any risks or shortcomings to the assets. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NCRTC – is implementing “iDREAM” - an integrated real-time Enterprise Asset Management System
- HQs of NCRTC – New Delhi | MD – Vinay Kumar Singh

91. On July 13, NTPC Renewable Energy Ltd (NTPC REL) has received an approval from Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) under Mode 8 (Ultra Mega Renewable Energy Power Park) of Solar Park Scheme to set up 4750 MW Renewable Energy Park at Rann of Kutch in Khavada, Gujarat. Besides, NTPC has successfully commissioned India’s largest Floating Solar of 10 MW on the reservoir of Simhadri Thermal Power Plant in Andhra Pradesh. NTPC aims to build 60 GW Renewable Energy capacity by 2032. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NTPC REL – to set up 4750 MW Renewable Energy Park at Rann of Kutch in Khavada, Gujarat
- NTPC REL – received an approval from MNRE under Mode 8 of “Solar Park Scheme” to set up this RE Park
- NTPC – commissioned India’s largest Floating Solar of 10 MW in Andhra Pradesh
- HQs of NTPC – New Delhi | CMD – Gurdeep Singh | Founded in – 1975
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat

92. On July 12, UK international trade secretary Liz Truss has hailed the export of apples from England to India, for the first time in 50 years, as a sign of the “UK-India Enhanced Trade Partnership” in action. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- UK – exported apples to India for the first time in 50 years – under “UK-India Enhanced Trade Partnership”
- UK – London – Pound Sterling | PM – Boris Johnson

93. On July 12, Under the “Maharashtra Electric Vehicle (EV) Policy-2021”, the state government will provide an incentive of Rs 10,000 to Rs 20 lakh to the buyers of e-buses and housing societies will earn rebates in property tax for setting up charging stations as part of government's big e-mobility push. The state hopes Electric Vehicles (EVs) will make up 10% of all new vehicle registrations by 2025. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Maharashtra – to provide Rs 10,000 to Rs 20 lakh to the buyers of e-buses under “Maharashtra (EV) Policy-2021”
- Maharashtra expects EVs to make up 10% of all new vehicle registrations by 2025
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari



94. On July 10, Ladakh has become the first Union Territory to vaccinate all residents and 'guest population' consisting of migrant labourers, hotel workers and Nepalese citizens earning their livelihoods with the first dose of Covid-19 jab. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ladakh – became the 1st UT to achieve 100% Covid vaccination with 1st dose
- Ladakh: Capital – Leh | Lt. Governor – R K Mathur

95. On July 13, The newly-appointed Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan announced that medical entrance exam “NEET-UG” for the 1st time will be conducted in 13 languages with Malayalam and Punjabi as new additions. A new exam centre for the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET) has been opened in Kuwait to facilitate the Indian student community in the Middle East. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Medical Entrance exam “NEET-UG” – to conducted in 13 languages for the 1st time (New: Malayalam & Punjabi)
- A new exam centre for the NEET is opened in – Kuwait
- Kuwait – Kuwait City – Dinar | PM – Sabah Al-Khalid Al-Sabah | Emir – Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah

96. On July 15, In a bid to generate employment, bring down pollution, reduce carbon emissions and reduce dependence on private vehicles, Karnataka chief minister BS Yediyurappa has unveiled the “Karnataka Electric Bike Taxi scheme-2021” in Bengaluru. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The “Karnataka Electric Bike Taxi scheme-2021” unveiled in Bengaluru
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – BS Yediyurappa | Governor – Thaawarchand Gehlot

97. On July 14, Jammu & Kashmir Lieutenant governor Manoj Sinha has launched “Horticulture Week” by planting saplings at Akhnoor. He also laid e-foundation stone for a 100-acre Mega High Density Plantation Nursery coming up at Chakroi. Besides, he launched Jammu horticulture mobile app ‘Parvaz’ - a market linkage scheme for benefit of farmers. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Manoj Sinha – launched “Horticulture Week” by planting saplings at Akhnoor
- Manoj Sinha – laid e-foundation stone for a 100-acre Mega High Density Plantation Nursery – at Chakroi, J &K
- Manoj Sinha – ‘Parvaz’ - a Jammu horticulture mobile app
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha

98. On July 14, Fertiliser major IFFCO’s arm IFFCO Kisan Sanchar Ltd is setting up 17 Farmer Producer Organisation (FPOs) in Gujarat in association with NABARD and National Co-operative Development Corporation (NCDC). A total of 5,000 farmers will get associated with these FPOs by the end of 2021 and more than 50,000 farmers by 2025. IFFCO collaborated with Bharti Airtel and Star Global Resources Ltd to set up IFFCO Kisan Sanchar Ltd. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- NABARD & NCDC selected IFFCO Kisan Sanchar Ltd – to set up 17 FPOs in Gujarat
- IFFCO + Bharti Airtel + Star Global Resources Ltd = set up IFFCO Kisan Sanchar Ltd
- HQs of NABARD – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Chintala Govinda Rajulu | Founded in – 1982
- HQs of NCDC – New Delhi | MD – Sundeep Kumar Nayak (under – Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare)
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat

99. On July 14, NASSCOM's Centre of Excellence (CoE) for "Internet of Things and Artificial Intelligence" (IoT & AI) has launched "Healthcare Innovation Challenge (HIC) 2.0". The one-of-its-kind initiative aims to address the challenges faced by healthcare providers in digital technology adoption. NASSCOM CoE was set up in July 2016 as part of the Digital India initiative of Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NASSCOM's Centre of Excellence (CoE) for 'IoT & AI' – launched "Healthcare Innovation Challenge (HIC) 2.0"
- 'NASSCOM CoE' was set up in July 2016 – as part of the Digital India initiative of MeitY
- HQs of NASSCOM – New Delhi | President – Debjani Ghosh

100. On July 15, India's first 'Grain ATM' has been set up in Farrukhnagar, Gurugram district of Haryana as a pilot project. It is an automatic machine which works like a bank ATM. Installed under the World Food Programme of the United Nations, it is called Automated, Multi Commodity, Grain Dispensing Machine. It can dispense up to 70 kg of grains within 5 to 7 minutes at a time. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India's first 'Grain ATM' – set up in Farrukhnagar, Gurugram, Haryana – under the UN WFP
- It's also called – Automated, Multi Commodity, Grain Dispensing Machine | Capacity – 70 kg of grains in 5-7 mins
- Haryana: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Manohar Lal Khattar | Governor – Bandaru Dattatraya

101. On July 15, The Union cabinet has increased the Dearness Allowance (DA) and Dearness Relief (DR) for 11.4 million central government employees and pensioners to 28% of basic pay/Pension from 17% effective prospectively from 1 July. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Union cabinet increased the DA&DR of Central Government Employees – to 28% of Basic pay/Pension (from 17%)

102. On July 15, The Union Cabinet has approved an extension by 6 months of the term of the Commission constituted to examine the issue of sub-categorisation within OBCs in the central list. This is the 11th extension of the term of the Commission constituted under 'Article 340' of the Constitution. The Cabinet also approved the continuation of National Ayush Mission (NAM) as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) for another 5 years till 2026. Besides this, the Cabinet announced that NAM would continue from April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2026, with a financial implication of ₹4,607.30 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Cabinet approved an extension of the term of the Commission constituted to examine the issue of sub-categorisation within OBCs in the central list – by 6 months (11th extension)
- Cabinet approved the continuation of “National Ayush Mission” as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme – till 2026

103. On July 16, PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated and dedicated to the nation several key projects of the Railways worth Rs 1,100 Cr in Gujarat through video conference. He also inaugurated the Aquatics & Robotics Gallery and Nature Park in Gujarat’s Ahmedabad Science City. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Modi inaugurated & dedicated several Railway Projects worth Rs 1,100 Cr – in Gujarat
- Narendra Modi inaugurated the Aquatics & Robotics Gallery and Nature Park – in Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat

104. On July 16, PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated an International Cooperation and Convention Centre, also known as “Rudraksha” in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh. As many as 108 Rudraksha have been installed at this convention centre and its roof is shaped like a Shiva Linga. It will be an environment-friendly building, fit for level 3 of Green Rating for Integrated Habitat Assessment (GRIHA). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Modi inaugurated an International Cooperation & Convention Centre “Rudraksha” – in Varanasi, UP
- 108 Rudraksha - installed at this Convention Centre | The building is fit for level 3 of Green Rating for ‘GRIHA’
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

105. On July 12, Union Home Minister Amit Shah has visited the National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU) in Gandhinagar to inaugurate the Centre of Excellence for Research and Analysis of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Amit Shah visited the NFSU – to inaugurate the Centre of Excellence for Research & Analysis of NDPS
- National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU) located in – Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat

106. On July 15, Meghalaya has launched a mobile app on “Pensioner’s Life Certificate Verification” using Face Recognition. Life Certificate Verification is a process in which the Pensioners (Service/Family) of the State Government have to appear in front of the Treasury Officer or Pension Disbursing Authority to prove that they are still alive to receive the pension. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Meghalaya – launched a mobile app on “Pensioner’s Life Certificate Verification” using Face Recognition
- Meghalaya: Capital – Shillong | CM – Conrad Kongkal Sangma | Governor – Satya Pal Malik



107. On July 16, Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR) has celebrated its 93rd foundation day. Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Shri Narendra Singh Tomar and Union Minister of Electronics & Information Technology Shri Ashwini Vaishnav jointly launched "Kisan Sarathi", a digital platform to facilitate farmers to get 'right information at right time' in their desired language. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 16 – 93rd foundation day of the ICAR
- Narendra Singh Tomar + Ashwini Vaishnav = jointly launched a digital platform "Kisan Sarathi"
- HQs of ICAR – New Delhi | DG – Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra | Established in – 1929
- Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY) – Ashwini Vaishnav (Constituency – Odisha)

108. On July 15, Coal India Ltd (CIL) has appointed Accenture Solutions as consultant for digitalisation of mine process in 7 of its select Coalfields for accelerated performance enhancement. 7 coalfields includes 3 mines of South Eastern Coalfields Ltd (SECL) and and 4 mines of Northern Coalfields Ltd (NCL). SECL and NCL are subsidiaries of Coal India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CIL – appointed "Accenture Solutions" as consultant for digitalisation of mine process in 7 of its select Coalfields
- HQs of CIL – Kolkata, WB | Director – Anil Kumar Jha | CMD – Pramod Agrawal

109. On July 16, Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan and Tribal Affairs Minister Arjun Munda have jointly launched the "School Innovation Ambassador Training Program (SIATP)". The program will cater to about 50,000 school teachers. This program has been designed by Innovation Cell of the Ministry of Education in collaboration with All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), Tribal Affairs Ministry and the CBSE. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dharmendra Pradhan + Arjun Munda = launched the "School Innovation Ambassador Training Program (SIATP)"
- This program is designed by = Education Ministry + Tribal Affairs Ministry + AICTE + CBSE
- The program will cater to 50,000 school teachers
- HQs of AICTE – New Delhi | Chairman – Anil D. Sahasrabudhe (AICTE functions under Ministry of Education)
- Ministry of Education – Dharmendra Pradhan (Constituency – Deogarh, Madhya Pradesh)

110. On July 15, PM Narendra Modi has visited his Lok Sabha constituency of Varanasi to inaugurate development works worth over ₹1,500 Cr. The projects include a 100-bed Model Maternal and Child Health (MCH) wing at the Institute of Medical Sciences of the Banaras Hindu University (BHU). PM Modi has also inaugurated a Tourist Facilitation Centre under the Project "Development of Varanasi under PRASHAD Scheme - Phase II". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- PM Modi – visited his Lok Sabha constituency “Varanasi” to inaugurate development works worth over ₹1,500Cr
- PM Modi – inaugurated a 100-bed Model Maternal & Child Health (MCH) wing at BHU
- PM Modi – inaugurated a Tourist Facilitation Centre under “PRASHAD Scheme - Phase II”
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

111. On July 16, The Assam government has presented a Rs 566 Cr deficit budget for 2021-22 in the assembly, without proposing any new tax on the public. Assam cabinet has also announced the creation of “Department of Indigenous Faith & Culture” with a budget of Rs 100 Cr to look into the faith and culture of tribal communities. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Assam – presented a Rs 566 Cr deficit budget for 2021-22
- Assam – announced the creation of “Department of Indigenous Faith & Culture” with a budget of Rs 100 Cr
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Himanta Biswa Sarma | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi

112. On July 14, The European Commission, the executive branch of European Union (EU), has proposed plans for the world’s first “Carbon Border Tax” on imports of carbon-intensive goods from 2026. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- European Commission – proposed plans for the world’s 1st “Carbon Border Tax” on some imports – from 2026
- HQs of European Commission – Brussels, Belgium | President – Ursula von der Leyen

113. On July 15, In a first, scientists of CSIR’s Institute of Himalayan Bioresource Technology (IHBT), Palampur, have introduced the cultivation of ‘monk fruit’ in Kullu district of Himachal Pradesh. Monkfruit (*Siraitia grosvenorii*) was originally grown only in China and known as ‘Luohan Guo’. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CSIR-IHBT (Palampur, HP) – introduced the cultivation of ‘monk fruit’ in Kullu, Himachal Pradesh
- Monkfruit (*Siraitia grosvenorii*) was originally grown only in – China
- China – Beijing – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping
- Himachal Pradesh: Capital – Shimla & Dharamshala | CM – Jai Ram Thakur | Governor – Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar

114. On July 17, The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) has made amendments over the PFRDA Regulations, 2015 and notified a hike in the foreign direct investment (FDI) limit in pension fund management to 74% from 49% under the National Pension System (NPS). The NPS has 7 Pension Fund Managers (PFMs) to manage the funds of individuals. Of the 7 PFMs, only 4 PMFs can make Foreign Investments. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- PFRDA – made amendments over the “PFRDA Regulations, 2015”
- PFRDA – notified a hike in the FDI limit in pension fund management to 74% under the NPS (from 49%)
- The NPS has 7 Pension Fund Managers (PFMs) to manage the funds
- HQs of PFRDA – New Delhi | Chairperson – Supratim Bandyopadhyay

115. On July 16, Shri R. K. Singh, Union Minister for Power and MNRE has inaugurated “Aiming for Sustainable Habitat: New Initiatives in Building Energy Efficiency 2021”. It is a new initiative developed by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE). The initiatives launched included some other announcements also. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- R. K. Singh – inaugurated “Aiming for Sustainable Habitat: New Initiatives in Building Energy Efficiency 2021”
- This initiative is developed by – Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE)
- The initiatives included:
 - The web-based platform “The Handbook of Replicable Designs for Energy Efficient Residential Buildings”
 - Creating an Online Directory of Building Materials
 - Announcement of “NEERMAN” Awards (National Energy Efficiency Roadmap for Movement towards Affordable & Natural Habitat)
 - Training of over 15,000 Architects, Engineers and Government officials on Energy Conservation Building Code (ECBC) 2017 and Eco Niwas Samhita (ENS) 2021
- HQs of BEE – New Delhi | Director General – Abhay Bakre

116. On July 16, The Andhra Pradesh government will launch a flagship startup promotion scheme “Accelerate Startups in AP (ASAP)” for early stage startups to offer plug-and-play office space and access to a network of investors and mentors. It will also set up a Rs 100 Cr “Fund of Funds”, in partnership with a consortium of Venture Capitals and Private Equity firms and universities, for funding startups in the state. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Andhra Pradesh – to launch a flagship startup promotion scheme “Accelerate Startups in AP (ASAP)”
- Andhra Pradesh – will set up a Rs 100 Cr “Fund of Funds”
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan

117. On July 15, Minister for MSME Shri Narayan Rane has launched Khadi’s 2 new exclusive product range - “Cotton Babywear” and unique Khadi “Handmade Paper Slippers” of ‘Use & Throw’ kind in New Delhi. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narayan Rane – launched Khadi’s 2 new exclusive product range - “Cotton Babywear” & “Handmade Paper Slippers”
- Ministry of MSME – Narayan Rane (Constituency – Ratnagiri-Sindhudurg, Maharashtra)

118. On July 15, The Andhra Pradesh government announced 10% reservation for the 'Kapu' community and other Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) for appointments in the initial posts and services in State government in accordance with the Constitution (103rd Amendment) Act, 2019. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Andhra Pradesh – announced 10% reservation for the 'Kapu' community & other EWS
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan

119. On July 15, Andhra Pradesh government has enhanced the income limit for issuances of Other Backward Classes (OBCs) certificate from Rs 6 lakh per annum to Rs 8 lakh per annum. As per the government order issued, 10% of reservations in admissions into educational institutions and appointments in the posts and services for EWS have been made. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Andhra Pradesh – enhanced the income limit for issuances of OBC certificate to Rs 8 lakh per annum
- 10% of reservations in admissions into Educational Institutions & appointments in the services for EWS
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan

120. On July 15, The Manduadih railway station has been renamed as Banaras by the North eastern railways (NER). The formal renaming of Manduadih railway station as Banaras Railway Station was done on September 16, 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Manduadih railway station" – renamed as "Banaras railway station" – in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

121. On July 15, The Ministry of Civil Aviation has issued draft rules to ensure ease of using drones in India on the basis of trust, self-certification and non-intrusive monitoring. The number of forms to be filled to operate drones in India have been reduced to 6 in the draft "Drone Rules, 2021" in comparison to 25 forms mentioned in the Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) Rules, 2021. The "Drone Rules, 2021" will supersede the "UAS Rules, 2021". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Drone Rules, 2021" will replace the "UAS Rules, 2021"
- The number of forms to be filled to operate drones in India is reduced to – 6 forms (from 25)

122. On July 14, The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has asked the States and Union Territories to immediately withdraw the cases registered under the 'Section 66A' of the Information Technology (IT) Act that was scrapped in 2015. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MHA asked the States & UTs to immediately withdraw the cases registered under the 'Section 66A' of the IT Act
- 'Section 66A' of the IT Act was scrapped – in 2015

123. On July 20, Kerala's Health Department launched COVID-19 vaccination for pregnant women under a special campaign called "Mathrukavacham". They can opt for Covishield or Covaxin. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kerala – launched COVID-19 vaccination for pregnant women under a special campaign called "Mathrukavacham"
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

124. On July 14, India's 1st Pod Taxi will operate between Jewar Airport (Noida Airport) and the proposed Film City. This project will cost about ₹862 Cr. The length of corridor for the ambitious project will be 14.5 km. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India's 1st Pod Taxi will operate between Jewar Airport (Noida Int. Airport) & the proposed Film City
- Expected cost of the project – ₹862 Cr | Length of corridor – 14.5 km

125. On July 15, According to Power Ministry, India will exceed its target of reducing Carbon Emission to 33% by 2030 under the Paris agreement. As per the Paris agreement, India has to produce 40% electricity of its total capacity from non-fossil sources by 2030. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – to exceed its target of reducing Carbon Emission to 33% by 2030 under the Paris agreement
- India – to produce 40% electricity of its total capacity from non-fossil sources by 2030
- Ministry of Power and New & Renewable Energy – R. K. Singh (Raj Kumar Singh)

126. On July 18, Rajasthan government has launched "Raj Kisan Organic" mobile app for coordination and negotiation between farmers and the buyers of organic products. The mobile app allows farmers of organic food in Rajasthan to directly bargain and negotiate a price with a pool of buyers on the application. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rajasthan – launched "Raj Kisan Organic" mobile app for purchase & sale of Organic Products
- Rajasthan: Capital – Jaipur | CM – Ashok Gehlot | Governor – Kalraj Mishra

127. On July 17, The Supreme Court has initiated the process of setting up a mechanism namely "FASTER" (Fast and Secure Transmission of Electronic Records). The bench led by Chief Justice of India N. V. Ramana asked the court registry to draw up within 2 weeks, a scheme which would ensure secure and faster transmission of court orders to the jail authorities. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- SC initiated a process of setting up a mechanism - “FASTER”(Fast And Secure Transmission of Electronic Records)
- The bench led by N. V. Ramana asked the court registry to draw up within 2 weeks
- Present Chief of Justice of the Supreme Court of India – Justice N. V. Ramana (48th)

128. On July 18, Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) has launched a new campaign called “Kala Vishwa”, from its Mumbai Centre. Kala Vishwas is a special campaign under the Horizon Series that will be held for the duration of 6 months to reach out to traditional folk artists, local artistes/artisans and those coming from rural areas and give them an opportunity and a platform to perform under this campaign. It took off from Mumbai with a focus on traditional art forms of Maharashtra and Goa. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ICCR – launched a campaign called “Kala Vishwa” from its Mumbai Centre to reach out to traditional folk artists
- HQs of ICCR – New Delhi | DG – Dineshk Patnaik | Founded in – 1950

129. On July 17, The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has introduced a new standardised Expected Loss (EL) based Rating that is divided into a scale of 7 levels. Instruments rated ‘EL 1’ will be considered to have the lowest expected loss over the life of the instruments while those rated ‘EL 7’ will indicate highest expected loss. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SEBI – introduced a new standardised Expected Loss (EL) based Rating that is divided into a scale of 7 levels
- HQs of SEBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Ajay Tyagi | Established in – 1992

130. Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOCL) is all set to build India’s first Green Hydrogen plant with 1 tonne per day capacity at Mathura Refinery to meet the growing energy needs. It will add 25 million tonnes (mt) of refining capacity by 2023-24. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IOCL – to build India’s first Green Hydrogen plant – at Mathura, UP (Capacity - 1 tonne per day)
- HQs of IOCL – New Delhi | Chairperson – Shrikant Madhav Vaidya | Founded in – 1959

131. On July 20, Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik launched the “Subarnarekha Irrigation Project” (SIP) through video conference. Mayurbhanj will be the first in India to provide pipe water to all households. By January 2024, the Subarnarekha project is likely to create irrigation potential of 70,000 hectares in Mayurbhanj district. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Odisha – launched the “Subarnarekha Irrigation Project” (SIP)
- Mayurbhanj – the 1st in India to provide pipe water to all households
- Subarnarekha project is likely to create irrigation potential of 70,000 hectares in Mayurbhanj – by Jan 2024
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

132. On July 20, The 155-km-long corridor is being constructed on National Highway 709B. It will start from Akshardham Mandir in Delhi and end at Saharanpur in Uttar Pradesh. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 155-km-long corridor is being constructed on “NH 709B”
- It starts from Akshardham Mandir ([New Delhi](#)) & end at Saharanpur ([Uttar Pradesh](#))

133. On July 16, Mumbai-based EV solutions provider Magenta has announced setting up of India’s largest public EV charging station in Navi Mumbai as part of its plans to provide 4,000 charging facilities by March, 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Magenta – to set up India’s largest public EV charging station in Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Magenta aims to provide 4,000 charging facilities – by March, 2022
- HQs of Magenta Group – Navi Mumbai, MH | Chairman – Kiran Patel

134. On July 19, To manage hearing loss in newborn and young children, Punjab has become the first state in India to launch “SOHUM” - Automated Auditory Brainstem Response System (AABR) under universal newborn hearing screening programme. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Punjab – became the 1st state in India to launch “SOHUM” - Automated Auditory Brainstem Response System (AABR)
- Punjab: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Captain Amarinder Singh | Governor – V. P. Singh Badnore

135. On July 17, The long-winding and cumbersome nomenclature ‘Common High Court of UT of Jammu and Kashmir and UT of Ladakh’ has been changed to ‘High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh’. President Ram Nath Kovind has signed the “Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation (Removal of Difficulties) Order, 2021” to effect the change. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ‘Common High Court of UT of J&K and UT of Ladakh’ – changed to ‘High Court of J&K and Ladakh’
- Chief Justice of High Court of J&K and Ladakh – Justice Pankaj Mithal
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha
- Ladakh: Capital – Leh | Lt. Governor – R K Mathur

136. On July 21, Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) has launched a new health insurance plan called “Arogya Rakshak”. It is a non-linked, non-participating, regular premium and individual health insurance plan. The cover period will be available for principal insurers, spouses and parents up to 80 years and for children up to 25 years. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- LIC – launched a new health insurance plan called “Arogya Rakshak”
- HQs of LIC – Mumbai | Chairman – M. R. Kumar | Founded in – 1956 | Tagline – “Yogakshemam Vahamyaham”

137. On July 21, The Union government has decided to set up the Indian Institute of Heritage in Noida, Uttar Pradesh, an umbrella body under which all heritage institutes in the country will operate. It will be a world-class university and will focus on conservation of India’s rich tangible heritage and research, development and dissemination of knowledge. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Indian Institute of Heritage” a world-class university – to be set up in Noida, Uttar Pradesh
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

138. On July 16, LegitDoc, a blockchain startup, is helping the Government of Maharashtra implement the world’s largest blockchain-powered “Educational Credentialing System” by issuing nearly 1 million tamper-proof diploma certificates. Now, the Government of Maharashtra (India) becomes only the 4th government entity in the world to achieve this remarkable feat after Malta, Singapore and Bahrain. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- LegitDoc – helping Maharashtra implement world’s largest blockchain-powered “Educational Credentialing System”
- Maharashtra (India) – 4th government entity in the world to implement this system
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

139. On July 19, The new rail line between Jaynagar in Bihar’s Madhubani district and Kurtha in Dhanusa district of Nepal has been completed and a trial run was conducted with a High-Speed Train at the 34.50 km-long section. The railway line was completed at a cost of ₹619 Cr. It has been set up by IRCON (Indian Railway Construction Ltd). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India conducted a trial run with a High-Speed Train – between Jaynagar (Bihar) & Kurtha (Dhanusa, Nepal)
- It is set up by – IRCON
- Nepal – Kathmandu – Nepalese Rupee | President – Bidhya Devi Bhandari | PM – Sher Bahadur Deuba

140. On July 20, The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD) has set up a “Dairy Investment Accelerator” under its Investment Facilitation Cell to offer investors specific inputs for evaluation of opportunities, giving information about government schemes and connecting with strategic partners. India is the largest milk producer contributing 23% of global milk production. It would also generate awareness about the ₹15,000 Cr Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development fund (AHIDF) to support entrepreneurs, private companies, MSME, Farmers Producers Organisations (FPOs) and Section 8 (charitable) companies. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying – set up a “Dairy Investment Accelerator”
- Outlay of Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development fund (AHIDF) – ₹15,000 Cr
- India – largest milk producer in the world | contributing 23% of Global Milk Production

141. On July 21, In Madhya Pradesh, Gwalior and Orchha cities have been selected by UNESCO under “Historic Urban Landscape Project”, which was started in the year 2011, for the inclusive and well-planned development of fast-growing historical cities while preserving the culture and heritage. Six cities of South Asia, including Ajmer and Varanasi in India are already involved in this project. Orchha and Gwalior have been included as the 7th and 8th cities. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Gwalior & Orchha (Madhya Pradesh) – selected by UNESCO under “Historic Urban Landscape Project”
- Historic Urban Landscape Project – started in 2011
- HQs of UNESCO – Paris, France | Director-General – Audrey Azoulay | Founded in – 1945
- Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Mangubhai Chhaganbhai Patel

142. On July 19, Banking and financial services major Goldman Sachs has opened a new facility in Hyderabad as part of its commitment to expand its Global Centre for engineering and business innovation in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Goldman Sachs – opened a new facility to expand its Global Centre in Hyderabad, Telangana
- HQs of Goldman Sachs – New York, USA | CEO – David M. Solomon
- Telangana: Capital – Hyderabad | CM – K. Chandrashekar Rao | Governor – Tamilisai Soundararajan

143. Bihar Agriculture University (BAU) has prepared a “Digital Fertility Map” by collecting more than 2,500 soil samples from across Kishanganj district of Bihar. Similar maps of 3 other districts - Supaul, Khagaria and Purnia, too are being readied and are expected to go online soon. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kishanganj (Bihar) – received a “Digital Fertility Map”
- Bihar: Capital – Patna | CM – Nitish Kumar | Governor – Phagu Chauhan

144. On July 19, Meghalaya cabinet has approved the “Meghalaya Youth Policy 2021”. The policy aims to address major issues and concerns of the youth based on 9 identified key thrust areas that include Education, Health & Wellbeing, Counselling & Mentoring, Employment Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Sports, Cultural & creative industries, Engagement & Leadership, Inclusion and Environmental Consciousness. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Meghalaya – approved the “Youth Policy 2021”
- Meghalaya: Capital – Shillong | CM – Conrad Kongkal Sangma | Governor – Satya Pal Malik

145. On July 18, 5 km from the Kottarakkara town in Kollam district, in the small Kerala village, Perumkulam has become Kerala's first village of books. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Perumkulam – became the first Book Village of Kerala
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

146. On July 20, HDFC ERGO General Insurance has launched “Optima Secure”, a new health indemnity health insurance product that seeks to redefine the value customers can get from their insurance plan. The product has the Secure, Plus, Protect, and Restore benefits built-in. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- HDFC ERGO General Insurance – launched “Optima Secure” Health Policy
- HQs of HDFC ERGO General Insurance – Mumbai, MH | CEO – Ritesh Kumar

147. To provide common people access to judicial proceedings, the Gujarat High Court has become the 1st court of India to formally start live streaming of proceedings on its YouTube channel. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Gujarat HC – 1st court of India to formally start live streaming of proceedings on its YouTube channel
- Chief Justice of Gujarat High Court – Vikram Nath
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat

148. On July 22, The Kerala government has removed the upper age limit for transgender students seeking admission to various courses in the State universities and its affiliated arts and science colleges. Kerala was the first State in India to announce a transgender policy in 2015. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kerala – removed the upper age limit for Transgender Students seeking admission to various courses
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

149. On July 22, Microsoft is in discussions with the Telangana government on a proposal for setting up one of its largest Data Centres with an investment outlay of about \$2 to \$2.25 billion in Hyderabad. Microsoft India Development Centre was set up in 1998 in Hyderabad. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Microsoft – plans to set up one of its largest ‘Data Centre’ in Hyderabad (Outlay - about \$2 to \$2.25 billion)
- HQs of Microsoft – Washington, USA | Chairman – Satya Nadella | Founded in – 1975
- Telangana: Capital – Hyderabad | CM – K. Chandrashekar Rao | Governor – Tamilisai Soundararajan

150. On July 20, NSE Foundation in partnership with the NITI Aayog and UNICEF, has launched a programme called “Project CAVACH” (COVID-19 and Vaccination Assistance Campaign for Health) in 5 Aspirational districts of India to spread awareness on COVID-19 vaccination. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NSE Foundation + NITI Aayog + UNICEF = launched “Project CAVACH” in 5 Aspirational districts
- Location of NSE Foundation – Mumbai, Maharashtra
- HQs of NITI Aayog – New Delhi | CEO – Amitabh Kant
- Chairperson – Narendra Modi | Vice Chairperson – Rajiv Kumar
- HQs of UNICEF – New York, USA | Executive Director – Henrietta H. Fore | Established in – 1946

151. On July 23, In Andhra Pradesh, the fort at Gandikota was identified for development under the Centrally-sponsored “Adopt a Heritage” programme and three monuments - Nagarjuna Konda in Guntur district, the Buddhist in Srikakulam district and Veerabhadra temple in Anantapur district have been identified for development under “Adarsh Smarak” scheme. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- A fort at Gandikota (AP) – identified for development under the Centrally-sponsored “Adopt a Heritage” programme
- Nagarjuna Konda, Buddhist, Veerabhadra temple – identified for development under “Adarsh Smarak” scheme
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan

152. On July 20, Shri Vikram Sahay (Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting) has addressed a webinar on “Digital Media Ethics Code” organized by the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting. Ministry of Information & Broadcasting has received information from over 1,800 publishers. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Vikram Sahay – addressed a webinar on “Digital Media Ethics Code” – organised by Ministry of I&B
- Ministry of Information & Broadcasting – Anurag Singh Thakur | Constituency – Hamirpur, Himachal Pradesh

153. On July 20, The Union Cabinet has approved the establishment of a Central University in Ladakh at a cost of Rs 750 Cr. The new institution will correct regional imbalances and improve the quality of higher education in the Union Territory. The Cabinet also approved an ‘Integrated Multi-Purpose Corporation’ in Ladakh to look after development of industries, tourism, and transport services in the UT. The corporation will be formed under the Companies Act with an authorised share capital of Rs 25 Cr.

Key Points:

- Cabinet approved the establishment of a Central University in Ladakh at a cost of Rs 750 Cr
- Cabinet also approved an ‘Integrated Multi-Purpose Infrastructure Development Corporation’ in Ladakh
- Ladakh: Capital – Leh | Lt. Governor – R. K. Mathur

154. On July 23, Max Bupa Health Insurance Company Ltd, which was rechristened as Niva Bupa Health Insurance Company Limited, has rebranded itself as “Niva Bupa”. This new brand identity of “Niva Bupa” comes in the wake of change in shareholding pattern, with the exit of Max India and entry of Private Equity firm True North in 2019. True North and Bupa backed Niva Bupa Health Insurance aims ₹5,000 Cr Gross Written Premium (GWP) by FY25. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Max Bupa Health Insurance (Niva Bupa Health Insurance) – rebranded itself as “Niva Bupa”
- “Niva Bupa” Health Insurance aims ₹5,000 Cr GWP by FY25 | GWP – **G**ross **W**ritten **P**remium
- [HQs of Niva Bupa Health Insurance – New Delhi | MD & CEO – Krishnan Ramachandran](#)

155. On July 20, A Supreme Court (SC) bench consisting of 3 Justices - R. F. Nariman, K. M. Joseph and B. R. Gavai has struck down part IX B of the Constitution inserted by 97th amendment on cooperative societies. The 97th constitutional amendment, which dealt with issues related to effective management of co-operative societies in India was passed by Parliament in December 2011 and had come into effect from February 15, 2012. The change in the Constitution has amended “Article 19(1)(c)” to give protection to the cooperatives and inserted “Article 43 B” and “Part IX B”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- An SC bench comprising 3 Justices – struck down ‘Part IX B’ of the Constitution inserted by 97th amendment
- 97th constitutional amendment – deals with issues related to effective management of co-operative societies in India
- The change has amended “Article 19(1)(c)” & inserted “Article 43 B” and “Part IX B”
- [Present Chief of Justice of the Supreme Court of India – Justice N. V. Ramana \(48th\)](#)

156. The Union Cabinet has approved a proposal to allow 100% foreign direct investment (FDI) in Oil & Gas (RE) sector refineries under automatic route. The approval by the Cabinet will enable the sale of the government’s 52.98% stake in BPCL to a foreign buyer. At present, only 49% FDI was allowed. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Cabinet approved a proposal to allow 100% FDI in Oil & Gas (RE) sector – under automatic route (from 49%)
- Cabinet will enable the sale of the government’s 52.98% stake in BPCL to a foreign buyer
- [HQs of BPCL – Mumbai, MH | Chairman & MD – Arun Kumar Singh](#)

157. On July 24, Dr. Virendra Kumar has virtually inaugurated the “5th North-East India Traditional Fashion Week (NEIFW) 2021” organised by National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities (NIEPVD), Dehradun, under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Virendra Kumar – inaugurated the “5th North-East India Traditional Fashion Week (NEIFW) 2021”
- The above event was organised by – NIEPVD, Dehradun (under Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment)
- [Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment: Virendra Kumar | Constituency – Sagar, Madhya Pradesh](#)

158. Tripura has initiated steps to promote commercial cultivation of Agar trees by launching “Tripura Agar Wood Policy 2021” which proposed to double agar wood plantation by 2025. Agar is used in perfumeries and other industries. The state has over 50 lakh trees are available in the state and has set a target to achieve Rs 2,000 Cr business from the sector in the next 3 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tripura – initiated steps to promote commercial cultivation of ‘Agar’ trees
- Tripura – launched “Tripura Agar Wood Policy 2021”
- Tripura – set a target to achieve Rs 2,000 Cr business from the sector in the next 3 years
- Tripura: Capital – Agartala | CM – Biplab Kumar Deb | Governor – Satyadev Narayan Arya

159. “Hilsa” or “ilish”, a species of fish has been caught in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Jharkhand for the first time in three decades. Hilsa, the pricey but notoriously bony fish is beloved by Bengalis. Hilsa is rich in Omega-3 polyunsaturated fatty acids, eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA), and docosahexaenoic acid (DHA), which are considered good for the human brain and heart. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Hilsa” or “ilish” a species of fish – caught in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar & Jharkhand for the 1st time in 3 decades
- Hilsa is rich in – Omega-3, EPA & DHA

160. The Union government will set up over 42 Virology Research & Diagnostic Laboratories under a central scheme during the period of 15th Finance Commission (2021-22 to 2025-26) at a cost of Rs 324 Cr. The scheme is under the Department of Health Research (DHR), ICMR and was approved by the Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) in 2013 at an estimated cost of Rs 646.83 Cr for the 12th Plan period. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Government will set up over 42 Virology Research & Diagnostic Laboratories during the 15th Finance Commission
- Cost of the project – Rs 324 Cr | Period of 15th Finance Commission – 2021-22 to 2025-26
- The scheme was approved by the Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) – in 2013

161. On July 22, the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) has decided to promote and brand organic items from Ladakh to boost exports of agricultural produce from the UT and enhance farmers’ incomes. The focus of this collaboration is to ensure that Ladakh achieves the goal of becoming an organic region by 2025. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- APEDA decided to promote & brand organic items from “Ladakh” to boost exports of agricultural produce
- The collaboration aims to ensure Ladakh achieve the goal of becoming an organic region – by 2025
- Ladakh: Capital – Leh | Lt. Governor – R. K. Mathur

162. On July 25, The Kakatiya Rudreshwara (Ramappa) Temple has become the 39th UNESCO World Heritage Site of India. The temple is located at Mulugu district of Telangana. The decision was taken at the 44th session of the World Heritage Committee (WHC) of UNESCO. China is the Chair of the 44th session of the WHC which consists of 21 Members. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 44th session of the World Heritage Committee of UNESCO – held on July 25 | Chaired by – China
- Kakatiya Rudreshwara Temple (Mulugu, Telangana) – became the 39th UNESCO World Heritage Site of India
- Telangana: Capital – Hyderabad | CM – K. Chandrashekar Rao | Governor – Tamilisai Soundararajan
- HQs of UNESCO – Paris, France | Director-General – Audrey Azoulay | Founded in – 1945
- Members of the World Heritage Committee (WHC) – 21

163. On July 25, The Indian Science Technology and Engineering facilities Map (I-STEM) has been accorded extension for 5 years, until 2026 and entered its second phase with added features. The “I-STEM” was initially launched in January 2020 by the PM Narendra Modi. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “I-STEM” – entered its 2nd phase with an extension for 5 years until 2026 (initially launched in January 2020)

164. On July 26, During an online webinar organised by the Bharatiya Shikshan Mandal on the occasion of Vyaas Pooja Mahotsav, Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has launched the “Nadi ko Jano” app with the aim of creating a database on Indian rivers. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dharmendra Pradhan – launched the “Nadi ko Jano” app to create a database on Indian rivers
- Ministry of Education – Dharmendra Pradhan (Constituency – Deogarh, Madhya Pradesh)

165. On July 27, The Assam Cabinet has announced that “Gaon Buras” (village headman) - village-level functionaries of the district administration, will henceforth be called “Gaon Pradhans”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Assam announced that “Gaon Buras” (village headman) – will be called “Gaon Pradhans”
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Himanta Biswa Sarma | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi

166. On July 23, Haryana has initiated epidemiological investigation of India’s first bird flu (H5N1) death. An 11-year-old boy from Gurgaon had succumbed to the infection at AIIMS Delhi. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Haryana – initiated epidemiological investigation of India’s first bird flu (H5N1) death in human
- Haryana: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Manohar Lal Khattar | Governor – Bandaru Dattatraya



167. On July 21, Lohum Cleantech, a lithium ion battery maker and a battery recycling solutions company, has planned to expand its manufacturing capacity of lithium ion batteries from 300 MWh to 1000 MWh (1 GWh) and its recycling capacity 10 times, from 1,000 tonnes per annum to 10,000 tonnes per annum. The company plans to invest ₹300 Cr for expansion. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Lohum Cleantech – plans to expand its ‘manufacturing capacity’ of lithium ion batteries to 1000 MWh (1 GWh)
- To extend its ‘recycling capacity’ to 10,000 tonnes per annum | Investment for expansion – ₹300 Cr
- Lohum Cleantech – to set up India’s largest 3 GWh Li-ion manufacturing & recycling plant in Greater Noida, UP
- HQs of Lohum Cleantech – Noida, Uttar Pradesh
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

168. The ministry of Science and Technology has decided to launch a first-of-its-kind Centre of Excellence in the Northeast under the Centre’s flagship Digital India programme. Department of Biotechnology sanctioned the project for establishing the tech backed “Centre for Bio-Resources and Sustainable Development” as a Centre of Excellence. The project envisages a cost of nearly Rs 50 Cr will come up at Kimin in Papum Pare district of Arunachal Pradesh. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of S & T – to launch a first-of-its-kind Centre of Excellence in the Northeast
- “Centre for Bio-Resources & Sustainable Development” to be established – in Papum Pare, Arunachal Pradesh
- Arunachal Pradesh: Capital – Itanagar | CM – Pema Khandu | Governor – B. D. Mishra

169. The Union Government has decided to set up a National Centre of Excellence for Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming and Comics for creating a world-class talent pool in India to cater to the Indian as well as global industry. It will be set up in collaboration with IIT Bombay. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Government + IIT Bombay = to set up a National Centre of Excellence for Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming & Comics
- Ministry of Information & Broadcasting: Anurag Singh Thakur (Constituency – Hamirpur, Himachal Pradesh)

170. On July 26, The Government has proposed to set up a National Research Foundation (NRF) to strengthen the research ecosystem in India. The total proposed outlay for NRF is Rs 50,000 Cr over a period of 5 years. The Government has taken a number of steps including “AICTE Translation Automation Artificial Intelligence Tool” to translate English language online courses into 11 different languages. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Government proposed to set up an NRF with an outlay of Rs 50,000 Cr for 5 years
- “AICTE Translation Automation AI Tool” will translate English language online courses into 11 different languages

171. On July 26, Union Home Minister Amit Shah laid the foundation stone of Tamulpur Medical College and Hospital in Assam and launched an Assam government scheme to provide ₹1 lakh each to the family members of the nearly 5,000 people who died due to Covid-19. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Amit Shah – laid the foundation stone of Tamulpur Medical College & Hospital in Assam
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Himanta Biswa Sarma | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi

172. On July 25, The Indore Police in Madhya Pradesh has set up a 40-member squad called “Special 40” to protect minor girls from sex offenders and curb crimes against women. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indore Police (MP) – set up a “Special 40” squad to protect minor girls from sex offenders
- Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Mangubhai Chhaganbhai Patel

173. On July 27, Microsoft India has launched its second phase of an artificial intelligence model “Sunny Lives” for predicting heatwave risks in India in partnership with Sustainable Environment and Ecological Development Society (SEEDS). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Microsoft + SEEDS = launched its 2nd phase of an AI model “Sunny Lives” for predicting heatwave risks in India
- HQs of Microsoft – Washington, USA | Chairman – Satya Nadella | Founded in – 1975

174. On July 28, Dholavira, a Harappan-era city in Gujarat, has been conferred the tag of UNESCO World Heritage Site. It became the 40th UNESCO World Heritage Site of India located in Gujarat. Gujarat now has 4 world heritage sites - Dholavira, Champaner near Pavagadh, Rani ki Vav in Patan and the historic city of Ahmedabad. Dholavira was included in the list during the 44th session of the UNESCO's World Heritage Committee (WHC). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 44th session of the World Heritage Committee of UNESCO – chaired by China
- Dholavira (Gujarat) – became the 40th UNESCO World Heritage Site of India
- Dholavira + Champaner + Rani ki Vav + Ahmedabad = 4 UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Gujarat
- HQs of UNESCO – Paris, France | Director-General – Audrey Azoulay | Founded in – 1945
- Members of the World Heritage Committee (WHC) – 21

175. On July 25, Ministry of Women and Child Development has launched the web based portal “pmcaresforchildren.in” to facilitate submission of applications, identification of children eligible to receive support under the ‘PM CARES for Children’ scheme. The scheme aims to ensure comprehensive care and protection of children who have lost their parents to COVID pandemic. It enables their wellbeing through health insurance, empower them through education and equip them for self-sufficient existence with financial support of Rs 10 lakh, on reaching 23 years of age. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Ministry of Women & Child Development – launched the web based portal “pmcaresforchildren.in”
- Financial support of Rs 10 lakh to Covid Orphan Children
- Ministry of Women and Child Development: Smriti Irani | Constituency – Amethi, Uttar Pradesh

176. On July 27, NSDL e-Governance Infrastructure Limited is developing the world’s first Cab-hailing platform, which is enabled by Open-Source Specifications. NSDL e-Gov will be using Beckn protocols. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NSDL e-Governance – is developing the world’s first Cab-hailing platform – enabled by Open-Source Specifications
- HQs of NSDL e-Governance Infrastructure Ltd – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Suresh Sethi

177. On July 27, Puri has become the first city in India where people can avail high quality drinking water directly from the tap on 24-hour basis. Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik inaugurated the ‘Drink from Tap project’. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Puri (Odisha) – became the first city in India to provide quality drinking tap water on 24-hour basis
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

178. On July 26, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has laid the foundation stone of a “Bamboo Industrial Park” at Manderdisa in Dima Hasao district of Assam. The project will be implemented with Rs 50 Cr from Ministry of DoNER. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Himanta Biswa Sarma laid the foundation stone of a “Bamboo Industrial Park” – in Dima Hasao, Assam
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Himanta Biswa Sarma | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi

179. The Central government has launched the “Secured Logistics Document Exchange” and “Calculator for Green House Gas Emissions” with an aim to further improve ease of doing business. The SLDE platform has been developed and executed with banks (ICICI Bank, Axis Bank, State Bank of India (SBI) and HDFC Bank). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Central government launched “Secured Logistics Document Exchange” & “Calculator for Green House Gas Emissions”
- The SLDE platform developed & executed with – ICICI Bank, Axis Bank, SBI & HDFC Bank

180. The Civil Aviation Ministry has formed 3 Advisory Groups for airlines, airports and MRO (Maintenance, Repair & Overhaul), each headed by Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia. The ‘Civil Aviation Advisory Group of Airlines’ will act as a platform for discussion on the issues concerning airlines and to find a solution to the issues. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Civil Aviation Ministry formed 3 Advisory Groups for airlines, airports & MRO (Maintenance, Repair & Overhaul)
- Each group is headed by – Jyotiraditya Scindia
- Ministry of Civil Aviation: Jyotiraditya M. Scindia | Constituency – Guna, Madhya Pradesh

181. Union Minister for Jal Shakti, Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and the Minister of State for Jal Shakti & Food Processing Industries, Shri Prahlad Singh Patel released the “ODF Plus Manuals” under ‘Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) Phase-II’ at an event organized by Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DDWS). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Gajendra Singh Shekhawat + Prahlad Singh Patel = released the “ODF Plus Manuals” (**O**pen **D**efecation **F**ree)
- Ministry of Jal Shakti: Gajendra Singh Sekhawat | Constituency – Jodhpur, Rajasthan
- MoS for Jal Shakti & Food Processing Industries – Prahlad Singh Patel | Constituency – Damoh, Madhya Pradesh

182. Indore has also become the only city to be selected from India for “International Clean Air Catalyst Programme”, a new flagship programme launched by The US Agency for International Development (USAID). The project will be operated for 5 years for clean and pure air in the city. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indore (MP) – became the only city from India selected for “International Clean Air Catalyst Programme” – by USAID
- Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Mangubhai Chhaganbhai Patel
- HQs of USAID – Washington D.C., US | Administrator – Samantha Power | Founded in – 1961

183. Karnataka has become the first state in India to provide 1% reservation for the ‘transgender’ community in all the government services. A notification had already been issued after amending the Karnataka Civil Service (General Recruitment) Rule, 1977. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Karnataka – the 1st state in India to provide 1% reservation for ‘transgender’ community in all government services
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – Basavaraj Bommai | Governor – Thaawarchand Gehlot

184. The Union Home Minister Amit Shah has inaugurated and laid foundation stones of several projects in Shillong. Amit Shah has inaugurated a Cryogenic Oxygen Plant and Paediatric Ward at Umsavali. He also inaugurated the Inter-State Bus Terminal at Maviyang. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Amit Shah – inaugurated a Cryogenic Oxygen Plant and Paediatric Ward at Umsavali, near Shillong, Meghalaya
- Amit Shah – also inaugurated the Inter-State Bus Terminal at Maviyang, near Shillong, Meghalaya
- Meghalaya: Capital – Shillong | CM – Conrad Kongkal Sangma | Governor – Satya Pal Malik

185. On July 26, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has launched the “MyGov-Meri Sarkar” portal. This portal would help the people of the state to communicate their views, suggestions and feedback. [{Read more}](#)

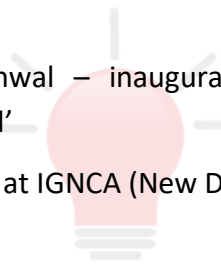
Key Points:

- Uttar Pradesh – launched the “MyGov-Meri Sarkar” portal
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

186. Union Minister of State for Culture and Parliamentary Affairs, Arjun Ram Meghwal has inaugurated the exhibition “Azad Ki Shaurya Gatha” focused on the life of immortal martyr ‘Chandrasekhar Azad’ as part of “Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav” at Indira Gandhi National Center for the Arts (IGNCA), New Delhi. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Arjun Ram Meghwal – inaugurated an exhibition “Azad Ki Shaurya Gatha” focused on the life of ‘Chandrasekhar Azad’
- It was inaugurated at IGNCA (New Delhi)



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187. On July 27, Tata Communications has announced to launch “IZO™ Financial Cloud”, a purpose-built community cloud platform, enabling next-generation digital transformation. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tata Communications – to launch “IZO™ Financial Cloud” platform
- HQs of TCL – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Amur Swaminathan Lakshminarayanan

188. On July 28, A consignment of GI tagged ‘Raja Mircha’ also referred as ‘King Chilli’ from Nagaland was exported to London. The chilli from Nagaland is also referred as ‘Bhoot Jolokia’ and ‘Ghost pepper’. It got GI certification in 2008. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- GI tagged ‘Raja Mircha’ or ‘King Chilli’ from Nagaland – exported to London, UK
- Chilli from Nagaland is also referred as ‘Bhoot Jolokia’ and ‘Ghost pepper’ (GI certification in 2008)
- Nagaland: Capital – Kohima | CM – Neiphiu Rio | Governor – Ravindra Narayana Ravi



189. Parliament has passed the “National Institutes of Food Technology, Entrepreneurship and Management Bill, 2021”. Under this bill, National Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurship and Management (NIFTEM) Kundali (Haryana) and Indian Institute of Food Processing Technology (IIFPT) Thanjabur (Tamil Nadu) under the Ministry of Food Processing Industries became Institutions of National Importance (INI). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Parliament passed the “National Institutes of Food Technology, Entrepreneurship and Management Bill, 2021”
- NIFTEM (Kundali, Haryana) + IIFPT (Thanjabur, Tamil Nadu) = became Institutions of National Importance

190. The Goa government has signed an MoU with edu-tech platform Jio Embibe for adaptive learning based on Artificial Intelligence for students. The MoU covers students of classes 6 to 12 with an exclusive portal for learning subjects like mathematics and science. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Goa + Jio Embibe = an MoU for adaptive learning based on Artificial Intelligence for students
- Jio Embibe – owned by Reliance Industries
- Goa: Capital – Panaji | CM – Pramod Sawant | Governor – P. S. Sreedharan Pillai

191. The US-based First Solar Inc has decided to invest \$684 million in a new, fully vertically integrated photovoltaic (PV) thin film solar module manufacturing facility in Tamil Nadu. It will set-up a 3.3 GW manufacturing facility, generating 1,000 highly skilled jobs in the region. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- First Solar Inc(US) – to invest \$684 mn to develop 3.3 GW PV thin film solar module manufacturing facility – in TN
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit

192. On the occasion of ‘International Tiger Day’ on July 29, Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Bhupender Yadav has announced that 14 Tiger Reserves in India have received accreditation of the Global Conservation Assured Tiger Standards (CA|TS). The 14 tiger reserves are Manas, Kaziranga and Orang in Assam; Satpura, Kanha and Panna in Madhya Pradesh; Pench in Maharashtra; Valmiki in Bihar; Dudhwa in Uttar Pradesh; Sunderbans in West Bengal; Parambikulam in Kerala; Bandipur in Karnataka; and Mudumalai and Anamalai in Tamil Nadu. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 14 Tiger Reserves in India – received accreditation of the Global Conservation Assured Tiger Standards (CA|TS)
- Ministry for Environment, Forest and Climate Change: Bhupender Yadav | Constituency – Rajasthan

193. On July 27, The government is aiming to create a federated National Farmers Database called “Agristack” using digitized land records that will help to offer proactive and personalised services to farmers. The Agriculture Ministry has already commenced the work of creating “Agristack” - a digital ecosystem of agriculture in India. The Agriculture Ministry in consultation with the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology is in the process of bringing out a Data Policy for the Agriculture Sector. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Government is aiming to create a federated National Farmers Database called “Agristack”
- Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare: Narendra Singh Tomar | Constituency – Morena, Madhya Pradesh

194. On July 27, The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways has set up a committee to firm up a comprehensive plan to start Ferry Service between Karaikal Port, Puducherry, India and Kankesanthurai Port, Sri Lanka. 11 waterways have been declared as National Waterways under the National Waterways Act 2016, spread over 24 states in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- A Ferry Service to start between Karaikal Port (Puducherry) & Kankesanthurai Port (Sri Lanka)
- Puducherry: CM – N. Rangasamy | Governor – Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan (Addl. Charge)

195. On July 30, The Union Health Ministry has announced 27% reservation for the OBCs (Other Backward Classes) and 10% quota for the Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) in the All India Quota (AIQ) scheme for undergraduate (UG) and postgraduate (PG) medical/dental courses (MBBS / MD / MS / Diploma / BDS / MDS) from 2021-22 onwards. The AIQ was introduced in 1986 under the directions of the Supreme Court. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Health Ministry announced 27% reservation for OBCs & 10% for EWS in the All India Quota (AIQ) scheme for UG & PG medical/dental courses from 2021-22 onwards
- AIQ was introduced in 1986
- Ministry of Health & Family Welfare: Mansukh L. Mandaviya | Constituency – Palitana, Gujarat

196. On July 28, The Uttar Pradesh government has set aside Rs 1,000 Cr to set up Gram Panchayat Secretariats, giving panchayats the power to purchase furniture, equipment, electronics, etc, that will help in smooth functioning of offices. Each panchayat will get Rs 1.75 lakh to spruce up its office. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Uttar Pradesh – set aside Rs 1,000 Cr to set up Gram Panchayat Secretariats in the state
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

197. On July 28, Indian government is taking steps to undertake the production of “COVID BEEP” on a large scale. It is India’s first indigenous, cost effective, wireless physiological parameters monitoring system for Covid-19 patients. It has been developed by ESIC Medical College (Hyderabad), Electronics Corporation of India Ltd and Electronics Corporation of India Ltd. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “COVID BEEP” – India’s 1st cost effective, wireless physiological parameters monitoring system for Covid-19 patients
- Developed by = ESIC Medical College + Electronics Corporation of India Ltd + Electronics Corporation of India Ltd



International Affairs

1. On July 2, India has joined the “G20-OECD Tax Framework Deal” that seeks to reform international tax rules. A total of 130 countries agreed to an overhaul of Global Tax Norms to ensure multinationals pay taxes wherever they operate and at a minimum 15% rate. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India joined the “G20-OECD Tax Framework Deal” | Total 130 countries agreed to this deal
- Global Minimum Corporate Tax – 15% Tax on multinationals (effective from 2023)

2. On July 2, The United States military has finally left Afghanistan’s Bagram airfield after almost two decades. The Bagram airbase in Afghanistan has been the site of the US military's war against the Taliban and the al-Qaida terrorist outfits. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- US military – left Afghanistan’s “Bagram airfield” after almost two decades
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46th President – Joe Biden | 49th VP – Kamala Harris
- Afghanistan – Kabul – Afghani | President – Ashraf Ghani

3. Cuba has evacuated 1,80,000 people amid fears that “Tropical Storm Elsa” could unleash heavy flooding after battering several Caribbean islands. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Cuba – evacuated 1,80,000 people amid fears of “Tropical Storm Elsa”
- Cuba – Havana – Peso | President – Miguel Diaz-Canel

4. Army Chief Gen. Manoj Naravane has inaugurated an “Indian Army Memorial” in Italy during an official visit to U.K. and Italy from July 5 to 8. Italy has pushed for a central role for India in the European Union’s Indo-Pacific Initiative. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Manoj Naravane – inaugurated an “Indian Army Memorial” in Italy
- Italy – Rome – Euro | President – Sergio Mattarella | PM – Mario Draghi
- HQs of Indian Army – New Delhi | Chief – Gen. Manoj Mukund Naravane | Vice Chief – Chandi Prasad Mohanty

5. On July 1, Turkey has exited from Istanbul Convention on Violence against Women. It’s a landmark international treaty signed by 45 countries and the European Union in May 2011 to prevent and prosecute violence against women. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Turkey – exited from “Istanbul Convention” on Violence against Women (Treaty was negotiated in 2011)
- Turkey – Ankara – Lira | President – Recep Tayyip Erdogan



6. On July 2, India has started work on building “Mega ISRO Ground Station” for ASEAN countries in Vietnam. The estimated cost of the project is 86 billion Vietnamese dollars and work is expected to be completed in 18 months. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India started work on building “Mega ISRO Ground Station” for ASEAN countries in Vietnam
- Vietnam – Hanoi – Vietnamese dong | PM – Pham Minh Chinh | President – Nguyen Xuan Phuc
- HQs of ISRO – Bengaluru, Karnataka | Director – Kailasavadivoo Sivan | Formed in – 1969

7. On July 10, The International Air Transport Association (IATA) has launched the first of its kind “Global Mobility Aids Action Group” to examine and improve the transport journey of mobility aids. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IATA – launched the first of its kind “Global Mobility Aids Action Group”
- HQs of IATA – Montreal, Canada | DG & CEO – Alexandre de Juniac
- HQs of IATA India – Mumbai, Maharashtra

8. On July 10, Belgium has become the latest European country to recognise the Covishield vaccine, which was developed by Oxford-AstraZeneca and is being produced by the Serum Institute of India (SII). With this, a total of 15 countries in the EU have confirmed that they will allow travellers from India who have taken the Covishield shots to enter their territory. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Belgium – the latest European country to recognise the ‘Covishield’ vaccine
- Now, total 15 countries in the EU have officially recognised the ‘Covishield’ vaccine
- Belgium – Brussels – Euro | PM – Alexander De Croo

9. On July 9, Qatar Airways has become the first airline in the Middle East to join the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Turbulence Aware platform. Turbulence Aware initiative was launched as a pilot project in December 2018. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Qatar Airways – became the first airline in the Middle East to join the “IATA Turbulence Aware platform”
- HQs of IATA – Montreal, Canada | DG & CEO – Alexandre de Juniac

10. On July 10, India and Georgia have agreed to work jointly to further strengthen their ties during External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar’s two-day visit. They discussed economic cooperation, tourism, trade and connectivity. He also handed over to Georgia the holy relics of 17th century Georgian Queen St. Ketevan nearly 16 years after they were found in Goa. S. Jaishankar also unveiled a statue of Mahatma Gandhi in Tbilisi Park, Georgia. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India + Georgia = to work jointly to further strengthen their ties
- S. Jaishankar – handed over to Georgia the ‘Holy Relics’ of 17th century Georgian Queen St. Ketevan found in Goa



- S. Jaishankar – also unveiled a statue of Mahatma Gandhi – in Tbilisi Park, Georgia
- Georgia – Tbilisi – Georgian Lari | President – Salome Zourabichvili | PM – Irakli Garibashvili

11. On July 17, The US, Afghanistan, Pakistan and Uzbekistan have agreed in principle to establish a new Quadrilateral Diplomatic Platform focused on enhancing Afghan peace process, stability and trade in the region. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- US, Afghanistan, Pakistan & Uzbekistan – to establish a new Quadrilateral Diplomatic Platform
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46th President – Joe Biden | 49th VP – Kamala Harris
- Afghanistan – Kabul – Afghani | President – Ashraf Ghani
- Pakistan – Islamabad – Pakistani Rupee | PM – Imran Khan | President – Arif Alvi
- Uzbekistan – Tashkent – So'm | President – Shavkat Mirziyoyev

12. On July 16, Africa has become the 1st continent in the world to complete the collection of accurate, comprehensive and harmonised Digital Land Use Data under the “Africa Open DEAL” initiative. This initiative is led by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the African Union Commission (AUC). “Collect Earth”, a free and open source software developed by FAO, was used to collect data through Google Earth. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Africa has become the 1st continent in the world to complete the collection of Digital Land Use Data under the “Africa Open DEAL” initiative – led by FAO & AUC
- “Collect Earth” software – was used to collect Digital Land Use Data (software developed by FAO)
- HQs of FAO – Rome, Italy | DG – QU Dongyu | Formation – 16th October, 1945

13. On July 15, The United Arab Emirates has become the first Gulf nation to open an embassy in Israel. Israel and the UAE announced in August 2020 that they would normalise diplomatic relations. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- UAE – became the first Gulf nation to open an embassy in Israel
- UAE – Abu Dhabi – Dirham | President – Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan
- Israel – Jerusalem – Israeli Shekel | President – Isaac Herzog | PM – Naftali Bennett

14. On July 16, The U.S. government has unveiled an Online Hub for the victims of ransomware attacks. It will make it easier for companies and municipalities to find resources and get assistance if they are targeted by cyber hackers. About \$350 million in ransom was paid to cyber criminals in 2020, a more than 300% increase from the previous year. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- US – unveiled an Online Hub for the victims of ransomware attacks
- About \$350 million in ransom was paid to cyber criminals in 2020
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46th President – Joe Biden | 49th VP – Kamala Harris



15. On July 17, The 74th Cannes Film Festival 2021 was held from July 6-17, 2021 in Cannes, France. Spike Lee served as Jury President of this film festival. The “Palme d’or” was awarded to Titane directed by Julia Ducournau. “Night of Knowing Nothing” directed by Payal Kapadia won the “Oeil d’or (Golden Eye) award” for best documentary at the Film Festival. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 74th “Cannes Film Festival 2021” held from July 6-17 – in Cannes, France
- Jury President – Spike Lee
- Julia Ducournau – won the “Palme d’or” for ‘Titane’
- “Night of Knowing Nothing” – won the “Oeil d’or (Golden Eye) award” (directed by - Payal Kapadia)

16. On July 14, Singapore has unveiled one of the world’s largest floating solar panel farms. It spans an area equivalent to 45 football fields (45 hectares or 111.2 acres) and producing enough electricity to power the island’s 5 water treatment plants. The project is part of efforts by Singapore to meet a goal of quadrupling its solar energy production by 2025 to help tackle climate change. The 60 MW peak solar photovoltaic (PV) farm has been built by a wholly-owned subsidiary of Sembcorp Industries. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Singapore – unveiled one of the world’s largest floating Solar Panel Farms
- 60 MW peak solar photovoltaic (PV) farm | area – 45 hectares or 111.2 acres | built by – Sembcorp Industries
- Singapore’s goal of quadrupling its solar energy production – by 2025
- Singapore – Singapore – Dollar | PM – Lee Hsien Loong | President – Halimah Yacob

17. On July 18, China has reported its first human infection with Monkey B Virus (BV) and subsequent death. A Beijing-based veterinary surgeon was infected with the virus after he dissected two dead monkeys. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- China – reported its first human infection with Monkey B Virus (BV) & subsequent death
- China – Beijing – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping

18. On July 22, China has unveiled the World’s fastest Maglev Train capable of a top speed of 600 kph. Using Electromagnetic force, the maglev train levitates above the track with no contact between body and rail. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- China – unveiled the World’s fastest Maglev Train capable of a top speed of 600 kph
- China – Beijing – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping

19. On July 21, Taiwan will set up its first office in Europe nation Lithuania using the name “Taiwan”, drawing a rebuke from China and praise from the US as it seeks to strengthen its diplomatic presence around the globe in the face of pressure from Beijing. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Taiwan – will set up its first office in Lithuania using the name “Taiwan”
- Taiwan – Taipei – New Taiwan dollar | President – Tsai Ing-wen
- Lithuania – Vilnius – Euro | President – Gitanas Nausėda

20. On July 21, The UK’s “Liverpool Maritime Mercantile City” is removed from the UNESCO World Heritage List citing concerns about overdevelopment including plans for a new football stadium. Just one more than the two-thirds majority is required to delete a site from the global list. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Liverpool Maritime Mercantile City (UK) – removed from the UNESCO World Heritage List
- HQs of UNESCO – Paris, France | Director-General – Audrey Azoulay | Founded in – 1945
- UK – London – Pound Sterling | PM – Boris Johnson

21. On July 22, World’s 1st “3D-printed Steel Bridge” has been opened to the public in Amsterdam, Netherlands. It is developed by MX3D, a Dutch robotics company. It represents a major milestone for 3D-printing technology. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- World’s 1st “3D-printed Steel Bridge” – opened to the public in Amsterdam, Netherlands
- It is developed by – MX3D (HQs of MX3D – Amsterdam, Netherlands)
- Netherlands – Amsterdam – Euro | PM – Mark Rutte

22. China’s National Carbon market, the world’s largest emissions trading system, has begun its online trading on July 16, 2021. China has replaced European Union (EU) as the largest Carbon Market. China is the world’s biggest emitter of Greenhouse gases. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- China’s National Carbon market – began its online trading on July 16
- China – replaced EU as the largest Carbon Market
- China – world’s biggest emitter of Greenhouse gases
- China – Beijing – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping

23. Sweden has ratified and deposited the framework agreement of the International Solar Alliance and its membership of the ISA entered into force on July 17. The ISA is an initiative of India aimed at promoting renewable energy and sustainable development. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Sweden – joined the International Solar Alliance (ISA)
- HQs of ISA – Gurugram, Haryana | DG – Ajay Mathur | Member Countries – 125
- Sweden – Stockholm – Krona | PM – Kjell Stefan Lofven

24. The United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) in partnership with Atal Innovation Mission - NITI Aayog, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and Rabo Foundation launched the “Agritech Challenge 2021”. This is aimed at helping address the issues faced by smallholder farmers. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- UNCDF + AIM + Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation + Rabo Foundation = launched the “Agritech Challenge 2021”
- AIM – a flagship of NITI Aayog (HQs of AIM – New Delhi | Director – Chintan Vaishnav)
- HQs of UNCDF – New York, USA | Executive Secretary – Preeti Sinha
- Location of Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation – US | Location of Rabo Foundation – Netherlands

25. On July 22, Singapore’s Sunseap Group plans to spend \$2 billion to build the world’s largest floating Solar Farm and Energy Storage System in neighbouring Indonesian city Batam, which will double its renewable power generation capacity. Sunseap Group and Batam Indonesia free zone authority signed an MoU for the same. The floating photovoltaic system is expected to have a capacity of 2.2 GigaWatt-peak (GWp). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sunseap Group – to build the world’s largest floating Solar Farm and Energy Storage System in Batam, Indonesia
- Capacity – 2.2 GigaWatt-peak (GWp)
- HQs of Sunseap Group – Singapore | CEO – Mr. Frank Phuan
- Indonesia – Jakarta – Rupiah | President – Joko Widodo

26. On July 19, The United Kingdom has now reported an outbreak of Norovirus. It is a very contagious virus that causes vomiting and diarrhea. The Public Health England (PHE) calls it a “winter vomiting bug”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- UK – reported an outbreak of ‘Norovirus’
- UK – London – Pound Sterling | PM – Boris Johnson

27. On July 23, Philippines has become the world’s first country to approve the commercial production of genetically modified “Golden rice”. It is the first genetically modified rice approved for commercial propagation in South and Southeast Asia. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Philippines – became world's 1st country to approve commercial production of genetically modified "Golden rice"
- Philippines – Manila – Peso | President – Rodrigo Duterte

28. On July 22, World's first 3D-printed steel bridge has been opened to the public in Amsterdam, Netherlands. It was developed by MX3D, a Dutch robotics company. The 12-metre-long steel structure will be a 'living laboratory'. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- World's first 3D-printed steel bridge – opened to the public in Amsterdam, Netherlands
- Netherlands – Amsterdam – Euro | PM – Mark Rutte

29. On July 24, The Bangladesh government is working to develop a social media platform named "Jogajog" as an alternative to Facebook. The platform will help the local entrepreneurs to create their own marketplace for sharing information and data without depending on any foreign platform. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bangladesh – is working to develop a social media platform named "Jogajog" as an alternative to Facebook
- Bangladesh – Dhaka – Taka | PM – Sheikh Hasina | President – Abdul Hamid

30. On July 24, China has launched a 6-month campaign to clean up internet apps violating consumer rights, cyber security and disturbing market order. The order is part of a wider effort to crack down on tech industries and police use of personal information. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- China – launched a 6-month campaign to clean up internet apps violating consumer rights & cyber security
- China – Beijing – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping

31. On July 26, Tunisia's President Kais Saied has dismissed the Prime Minister Hichem Mechichi. President Kais Saied said he would assume executive authority with the assistance of a new Prime Minister. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kais Saied (President of Tunisia) – dismissed the Hichem Mechichi (PM of Tunisia)
- Tunisia – Tunis – Dinar | President – Kais Saied | PM – Hichem Mechichi



Banking & Economic Affairs

1. On July 15, The RBI has cancelled the license of Dr. Shivajirao Patil Nilangekar Urban Co-operative Bank Ltd, Nilanga, Maharashtra as the bank does not have adequate capital and earning prospects. As such, it does not comply with the provisions of section 11(1) and section 22 (3) (d) read with section 56 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949. Meanwhile, the central bank also barred Mastercard from adding new clients in India for non-compliance with local data storage norms from 22 July. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI – cancelled the license of Dr. Shivajirao Patil Nilangekar Urban Co-operative Bank Ltd (Nilanga, Maharashtra)
- RBI – restricted Mastercard from adding new clients in India for non-compliance with local data storage norms
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April 1935

2. On July 14, The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has extended the timeline for implementation of lockable cassettes swap system in all ATMs till March 31, 2022. Earlier in April 2018, the RBI had advised for this based on the recommendations of the Committee on Currency Movement (CCM) under the chairmanship of D. K. Mohanty. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI – extended the timeline for implementation of lockable cassettes swap system in all ATMs till March 31, 2022
- It is done based on the recommendations of Committee on Currency Movement (CCM) – headed by D. K. Mohanty
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April 1935

3. On July 15, BUSY, one of India's leading business accounting software, has partnered with ICICI Bank for banking solutions. The integration will help BUSY users gain better accessibility in managing their Banking, improving their business efficiencies from BUSY itself. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- BUSY + ICICI Bank = partnership for Banking Solutions
- H Qs of ICICI Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Sandeep Bakhshi | Taglines – “Hum Hain Na!” & “Khayal Apka”

4. On July 14, International Financial Services Centre Authority (IFSCA) has set up an Expert Committee to recommend approach towards development of Longevity Finance Hub in the Gift-City in Gujarat and provide a road map for the same. The expert committee is being co-chaired by Kaku Nakhate and Gopalan Srinivasan. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IFSCA – set up an Expert Committee for development of “Longevity Finance Hub” – in the Gift-City, Gujarat
- Expert committee is co-chaired by = Kaku Nakhate + Gopalan Srinivasan
- HQs of IFSCA – Gandhinagar, Gujarat | Chairman – Injeti Srinivas



5. On July 16, The Federal Bank has launched “FEDDY”, an Artificial Intelligence-powered virtual assistant to help customers with banking-related queries anytime. FEDDY can be accessed via Alexa, Google Assistant and WhatsApp. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Federal Bank – launched an AI-powered virtual assistant “FEDDY”
- HQs of Federal Bank – Aluva, Kerala | MD & CEO – Shyam Srinivasan | Tagline – “Your Perfect Banking Partner”

6. On July 15, RBL Bank has entered into an agreement with Visa to issue Credit Cards enabled on the Visa payment network. This agreement was signed after the RBI restricted Mastercard from adding new clients in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBL Bank + Visa = an agreement to issue Credit Cards enabled on the Visa payment network
- HQs of RBL Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Vishwavir Ahuja
- HQs of Visa – Foster City, California | CEO – Alfred F. Kelly | Founded in – 1958

7. On July 16, Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) has signed an MoU with National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development (NABARD) to boost ongoing developmental initiatives linked to Priority Sector Lending in Maharashtra. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- BoM + NABARD = an MoU to boost Priority Sector Lending in Maharashtra
- HQs of BoM – Pune, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – A S Rajeev | Tagline – “One Family One Bank”
- HQs of NABARD – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Chintala Govinda Rajulu | Founded in – 1982

8. On July 1, ICICI Bank has launched a comprehensive banking solution for doctors, called “Salute Doctors”. It provides customized banking as well as value-added services for every doctor, beginning from a medical student to a senior medical consultant to an owner of a hospital or a clinic. The solution is powered by ICICI STACK. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ICICI Bank – launched a comprehensive banking solution for doctors, called “Salute Doctors”
- The solution is powered by – ICICI STACK
- HQs of ICICI Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Sandeep Bakhshi | Tagline – “Hum Hain Na!”

9. On July 3, Eroute Technologies Private Ltd has launched its maiden product offering “OmniCard” - India’s First Omni-channel Pre-paid Card exclusively for Young Generation. Powered by RuPay, OmniCard will also be enabled with National Common Mobility Program to access mass transit systems in the country using Tap & Pay. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Eroute Technologies – launched “OmniCard” India’s 1st Prepaid Card exclusively for Young Generation
- The card is powered by – RuPay
- HQs of Eroute Technologies – Noida, Uttar Pradesh | MD & CEO – Sanjeev Pandey

10. On July 1, The RBI has extended the “Interest Equalization Scheme for Pre and Post Shipment Rupee Export Credit” for 3 months till September 2021. The Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) also requested the government to provide stability of the scheme by extending it for 3 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI – extended the “Interest Equalization Scheme for Pre and Post Shipment Rupee Export Credit” for 3 months
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April 1935

11. On July 1, The RBI has released the 23rd issue of its bi-annual “Financial Stability Report (FSR) 2021”. Macro stress tests indicate that the Gross Non-Performing Asset (GNPA) ratio of scheduled commercial banks (SCBs) may increase to 9.80% by March 2022 from 7.48% previous year. The capital to risk-weighted assets ratio (CRAR) of SCBs increased to 16.03%. Second Half of FY21 has witnessed a GNPA of 9.5% among Public Sector Banks. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI – released the 23rd issue of its bi-annual “Financial Stability Report (FSR) 2021”
- GNPA ratio of SCBs is expected to increase to 9.80% by March 2022
- Capital to risk-weighted assets ratio (CRAR) of SCBs increased to 16.03% in 2021
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April 1935

12. On July 1, HDFC Bank has launched the “Salaam Dil Sey” initiative to pay tribute to doctors across India. It is a national platform for general public to show gratitude to doctors for their tireless service during the pandemic. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- HDFC Bank – launched the “Salaam Dil Sey” initiative to pay tribute to doctors across India
- HQs of HDFC Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Sashidhar Jagdishan | Tagline – “We understand your world”

13. On July 3, The RBI has imposed a penalty of Rs 25 lakh on Punjab and Sind Bank for non-compliance with certain provisions of directions on ‘Cyber Security Framework in Banks’. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI imposed a penalty of Rs 25 lakh on Punjab & Sind Bank
- HQs of Punjab & Sind Bank – New Delhi | MD & CEO – S. Krishnan
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April 1935

14. On July 1, The RBI has issued directions related to the appointment of Managing Director (MD) and Whole-Time Director (WTD) of primary Urban Cooperative Banks (UCBs) and barred MPs and MLAs from these posts. The issued directions are given below. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI – issued directions related to the appointment of MD & Whole-Time Director of primary UCBs
- RBI – also barred MPs & MLAs from these posts
- Directions:
 - Education: Chartered/Cost accountant, MBA (finance) or diploma in banking or cooperative business management
 - Age: Should not be below 35 years or more than 70 years
 - Experience: At least 8 years at the middle/senior management level in the banking sector
 - Minimum period to hold the post: 3 years
 - Maximum Tenure to hold the post: 15 years
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April 1935

15. On July 2, NABARD has sanctioned an assistance of Rs 388 Cr for Odisha under the Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) for setting up 4 mega piped drinking water supply projects. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NABARD – sanctioned an assistance of Rs 388 Cr for Odisha under RIDF to set up 4 drinking water projects
- HQs of NABARD – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Chintala Govinda Rajulu | Founded in – 1982
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

16. On July 5, Paytm in partnership with Aditya Birla Finance Ltd (ABFL), has launched “Postpaid Mini”, an extension of its “Buy Now, Pay Later” service, to drive affordability amongst those new to credit. With this service, Paytm Postpaid is offering a period of up to 30 days for repayment of loans at 0% interest. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Paytm + Aditya Birla Finance Ltd = launched “Postpaid Mini” a small-ticket instant loans service
- HQs of Paytm – Noida, Uttar Pradesh | CEO – Vijay Sekhar Sharma
- HQs of ABFL – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Rakesh Singh

17. On July 4, SIDBI has rolled out multiple measures to further support small businesses in India. The SIDBI has lowered the interest rate for its existing customers of Timely Working Capital Assistance to Revitalise Industries in Times of Corona Crisis (TWARIT) scheme under ECLGS from 8.25% to 6%. The scheme provides a working capital loan of maximum Rs 25 Cr at 6%. SIDBI is also considering launching a Swavalamban Challenge Fund and a Swavalamban Facilitation Center under its “PRAYAAS” scheme. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SIDBI lowered the interest rate for its existing customers of “TWARIT” scheme under ECLGS – to 6% (from 8.25%)
- The scheme provides a working capital loan of maximum Rs 25 Cr at 6%
- SIDBI – will also launch Swavalamban Challenge Fund & Swavalamban Facilitation Center
- HQs of SIDBI – Lucknow, UP | MD & Chairman – Sivasubramanian Ramann | Established in – 1990

18. On July 6, HDFC Bank has partnered with Credits Solutions to offer a guided and customised Debt Management Solution for its loan and credit card customers. The platform’s robust technology architecture is fully compliant on data security and customer privacy norms. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- HDFC Bank + Credits Solutions = to offer a guided and customised Debt Management Solution
- HQs of HDFC Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Sashidhar Jagdishan | Tagline – “We understand your world”
- HQs of Credits Solutions – Gurugram, Haryana

19. On July 6, FlexiLoans has collaborated with Google Pay to offer fast and flexible loans to their merchant base. FlexiLoans is aiming at disbursing loans to over 50,000 small businesses in the next 12 months from this collaboration. FlexiLoans is the first lender to go live on the Google Pay platform. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- FlexiLoans + Google Pay = to offer fast & flexible loans to their merchant base
- HQs of FlexiLoans – Mumbai, MH | CEO – Manish Lunia
- HQs of Google – California, US | CEO – Sundar Pichai | Founded in – 1998

20. On July 6, To cater to Indian students gearing up for admissions in the U.S., Aeldra Financial Inc., a Silicon-valley based pioneering ‘digital neo bank’, is offering a unique U.S. bank account with a Mastercard Global Debit Card that can be opened and operated from India, even before students get an F-1 visa. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Aeldra Financial Inc + Mastercard = to allow Indian Students to open a Free Bank account in the US
- HQs of Aeldra Financial Inc. – California, US | CEO – Sukeert Shanker
- HQs of Mastercard – New York, US | CEO – Michael Miebach | Founded in – 1966

21. On July 2, Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) has become the second most-valued listed public sector bank (PSB) with a market capitalisation of over Rs 51,887 Cr surpassing its peers Punjab National Bank (PNB) which was valued at Rs 46,356 Cr. While State Bank of India (SBI) remains the most-valued PSB of India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian Overseas Bank – became the 2nd most-valued PSB with m-cap of Rs 51,887 Cr (1st – SBI | 3rd – PNB)
- HQs of IOB – Chennai, TN | MD & CEO – Partha Pratim Sengupta | Tagline – “Good people to grow with”



22. On July 6, The RBI has launched the 54th round of its quarterly “Order Books, Inventories and Capacity Utilisation Survey (OBICUS)” of the manufacturing sector for Q1 FY22. The RBI has been conducting the OBICUS since 2008. Its results are used in monetary policy formulation. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI launched the 54th “Order Books, Inventories & Capacity Utilisation Survey (OBICUS)” of the ‘manufacturing sector’
- RBI has been conducting the OBICUS – since 2008
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April 1935

23. On July 8, Razorpay has partnered with Mastercard to launch “MandateHQ”, a new recurring payment interface that will help banks comply with the new RBI guidelines on recurring payments. Banks can adopt this MandateHQ solution in as little as 7 days. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Razorpay + Mastercard = partnership to launch a new recurring payment interface “MandateHQ”
- HQs of Razorpay – Bengaluru, Karnataka | CEO – Harshil Mathur
- HQs of Mastercard – New York, US | CEO – Michael Miebach | Founded in – 1966

24. On July 8, Drip Capital has partnered SBM Bank India to offer trade financing solutions customized for small and medium-sized exporters in India. Under to this partnership, MSME exporters will be able to avail collateral-free working capital at competitive rates. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Drip Capital + SBM Bank India = partnership to offer trade financing solutions customized for MSME exporters
- HQs of Drip Capital – California, US | CEO – Pushkar Mukewar

25. On July 7, Bajaj Allianz General Insurance and Bank of India have entered into a corporate agency agreement to make available a range of insurance products to the bank’s customers. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bajaj Allianz General Insurance + Bank of India = corporate agency agreement
- HQs of Bajaj Allianz Life – Pune, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Tarun Chugh
- HQs of BOI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Shri Atanu Kumar Das

26. On July 5, The RBI has amended the rules regarding how banks will pay interest on overdue, unclaimed fixed deposits (FDs). RBI made this amendment to section 9 (b) of the “Master Direction - Reserve Bank of India (Interest Rate on Deposits) Directions, 2016”, that governs the way interest is paid by banks on these FDs. If a Term Deposit (TD) matures and proceeds are unpaid, the amount left unclaimed with the bank shall attract rate of interest as applicable to savings account or the contracted rate of interest on the matured TD. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- RBI amended the rules regarding how banks will pay interest on overdue unclaimed FDs
- RBI made this amendment to section 9 (b) of “Master Direction - RBI (Interest Rate on Deposits) Directions, 2016”
- Interest Rate of savings a/c or Contracted Interest rate on the matured TD – set by RBI for unclaimed TDs
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April 1935

27. On July 6, FREO, India’s Neobank, formerly known as MoneyTap, has partnered with HDB Financial Services (HDBFS) to provide customers with two innovative credit products: “Credit Line” and “High-ticket Personal Loan” across multiple cities in India. Under “High-ticket Personal Loan”, personal loans are provided up-to Rs 10 lakh. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- FREO or MoneyTap + HDB Financial Services = to provide “Credit Line” & “High-ticket Personal Loan” to customers
- HQs of MoneyTap – Bangalore, Karnataka | CEO – Bala Parthasarathy
- HQs of HDB Financial Services – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD – Ramesh G.

28. On July 8, Airtel Payments Bank has launched a new feature called “Pay to Contacts” that will allow its customers to initiate a UPI payment to their phone contacts. APB has become the first payments bank to implement a day-end savings limit of Rs 2 lakh, as per the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) guidelines. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Airtel Payments Bank – launched “Pay to Contacts” feature for UPI payments
- HQs of APB – New Delhi | CEO – **Anubrata Biswas** | **Founded in – 2017**

29. On July 3, The RBI has modified its bond auction methodology and announced that bonds maturing between 2 to 14 years will be auctioned under ‘uniform’ price method and not ‘multiple’ price method. It has also been decided that benchmark securities of tenor 2-year, 3-year, 5-year, 10-year, 14-year tenor and Floating Rate Bonds (FRBs) will be issued using ‘uniform’ price auction method. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI modified its bond auction methodology
- Bonds maturing between 2 to 14 years will be auctioned under ‘uniform’ price method
- Benchmark securities of tenor 2-year, 3-year, 5-year, 10-year, 14-year tenor & **Floating Rate Bonds (FRBs)** will be issued using ‘uniform’ price auction method
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April 1935



30. On July 7, Easiloan has launched India's 1st Home Loan selection and recommendation application called "Easiloan Instant Match" for home buyers using AI based technology. Easiloan has tied up with leading lenders like HDFC, ICICI Bank, SBI, Bajaj Housing Finance, PNB, IIFL Home Finance and others. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Easiloan – launched India's 1st Home Loan selection & recommendation app called "Easiloan Instant Match"
- HQs of Easiloan – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Pramod Kathuria

31. On July 7, Max Bupa Health Insurance has entered into a bancassurance partnership with Axis Bank to provide comprehensive health insurance solutions to Axis Bank's employees and customers. A bancassurance is a relationship between a bank and an insurance company that is aimed at offering insurance products to the bank's customers. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Max Bupa Health Insurance + Axis Bank = bancassurance partnership
- HQs of Max Bupa Health Insurance – New Delhi | CEO – Krishnan Ramachandran
- HQs of Axis Bank – Mumbai | MD & CEO – Amitabh Chaudhry | Tagline – "Badhti ka Naam Zindagi"

32. On July 7, Axis Bank has signed an MoU with the Indian Army to offer Defence Services Salary Package with benefits and features under its "Power Salute" initiative. The bank will offer personal accidental cover of up to ₹56 lakh to all Army personnel. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Axis Bank + Indian Army = an MoU to offer Defence Services Salary Package under its "Power Salute" initiative
- Personal accidental cover to all Army personnel – up-to ₹56 lakh
- HQs of Axis Bank – Mumbai | MD & CEO – Amitabh Chaudhry | Tagline – "Badhti ka Naam Zindagi"
- HQs of Indian Army – New Delhi | Chief – Gen. Manoj Mukund Naravane | Vice Chief – Chandi Prasad Mohanty

33. On July 3, The RBI has imposed a monetary penalty aggregating ₹14.5 Cr on 14 banks for non-compliance with certain provisions of its directions after a scrutiny in the accounts of the companies of a Group. The RBI imposed ₹2 Cr penalty on Bank of Baroda, ₹1 Cr each on 12 other banks and ₹50 lakh on State Bank of India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI imposed a monetary penalty aggregating ₹14.5 Cr on 14 banks
- RBI imposed ₹2 Cr penalty on Bank of Baroda, ₹50 lakh on SBI & ₹1 Cr each on 12 other banks
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April 1935

34. On July 8, All debit and credit cards issued by banks have a complimentary Personal Accident Insurance cover with a maximum limit of Rs 10 lakh. Under the Rupay insurance programme, claim intimation should be done within 90 days from the date of accident. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- All debit and credit cards issued by banks have a complimentary Personal Accident Insurance cover
- Maximum Coverage – up-to Rs 10 lakh

35. On July 8, NIIT Institute of Finance Banking and Insurance (NIIT IFBI) and Axis Bank have launched a FinTech Professional Programme under the “Axis Bank - NIIT Digital Banking Academy”. The course is designed to build future ready FinTech Professionals for Axis Bank. Besides, Axis Direct also launched a brokerage plan for traders named “Super Options”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NIIT IFBI + Axis Bank = launched a FinTech Professional Programme under “Axis Bank - NIIT Digital Banking Academy”
- Axis Direct – launched a brokerage plan for traders named “Super Options”
- HQs of Axis Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Amitabh Chaudhry | Tagline – “Badhti ka Naam Zindagi”
- Location of NIIT IFBI – Mumbai, MH

36. On July 8, Mastercard, Mumbai Metro and Axis Bank have launched “One Mumbai Metro Card” to ensure contactless and cashless travel for people living in Mumbai. It is a prepaid, open loop contactless card which can be used as a part of the daily transit journey with just a tap. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mastercard + Mumbai Metro + Axis Bank = launched “One Mumbai Metro Card”
- HQs of Mastercard – New York, US | CEO – Michael Miebach | Founded in – 1966
- HQs of Axis Bank – Mumbai | MD & CEO – Amitabh Chaudhry | Tagline – “Badhti ka Naam Zindagi”

37. On July 9, With the end near for the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR), the RBI has issued an advisory to banks and other financial institutions to stop using the benchmark as soon as possible and mandatorily by December 31 and move to any Alternative Reference Rates (ARR). Secured Overnight Financing Rate (SOFR) and Sterling Overnight Interbank Average Rate (SONIA) are the two popular alternatives. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI issued an advisory to banks & other financial institutions to stop using “LIBOR” benchmark
- “LIBOR” benchmark will be phased out – by December 31, 2021 | Other alternatives – “SOFR” & “SONIA”
- SOFR – Secured Overnight Financing Rate | SONIA – Sterling Overnight Interbank Average rate
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April 1935

38. On July 10, The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has accepted bids at the auction of the new 10-year Government Security (G-Sec/GS) at a higher cut-off yield of 6.10%. The previous 10-year G-Sec (maturing in 2030) was issued at a cut-off yield of 5.85%. Overall, the government raised ₹26,000 Cr through the auction 3 G-Secs – 4.26% GS 2023 (₹3,000 Cr), New GS 2031 (₹14,000 Cr) and 6.76% GS 2061 (₹9,000 Cr). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI – issued the new 10-year Government Security (G-Sec) – at a higher cut-off yield of 6.10%
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April 1935

39. On July 13, NPCI International Payments Ltd (NIPL) has announced a partnership with Royal Monetary Authority (RMA) of Bhutan for enabling and implementing BHIM UPI QR-based payments in Bhutan. With this, Bhutan will also become the 1st country to both issue & accept RuPay cards as well as accept BHIM UPI. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NIPL + RMA (Bhutan) = partnership for enabling and implementing BHIM UPI QR-based payments in Bhutan
- Bhutan – became the 1st country to issue & accept RuPay cards as well as accept 'BHIM UPI'
- Bhutan – Thimphu – Bhutanese Ngultrum | PM – Lotay Tshering
- HQs of NIPL – Mumbai, MH | CEO – Ritesh Shukla

40. On July 13, The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has introduced the “RBI Retail Direct” scheme, a one-stop solution to facilitate investment in government securities (G-secs) by individual investors. Under the scheme, retail investors (individuals) will have the facility to open and maintain the “Retail Direct Gilt Account” (RDG Account) with the RBI. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI – introduced the “RBI Retail Direct” scheme - a one-stop solution to facilitate investment in “G-secs”
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April 1935

41. On July 12, The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) has issued a framework for setting up and operating the International Trade Finance Services platform (ITFS). The IFSCA issued framework will enable exporters and importers to avail various types of trade finance facilities at competitive terms. A company should have a minimum net worth of \$1 million to set up ITFS in an IFSC. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IFSCA – issued a framework for setting up & operating the International Trade Finance Services platform (ITFS)
- A company should have a minimum net worth of \$1 million to set up ITFS in an IFSC
- HQs of IFSCA – Gandhinagar, Gujarat | Chairman – Injeti Srinivas

42. On July 20, ICICI Bank has launched a co-branded credit card named “ICICI Bank HPCL Super Saver Credit Card” with Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) to enable users to get benefits and reward points for using multiple credit cards in one. It is powered by VISA. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ICICI Bank + HPCL = launched a co-branded credit card named “Super Saver Credit Card” (powered by VISA)
- HQs of ICICI Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Sandeep Bakhshi | Taglines – “Hum Hain Na!” & “Khayal Apka”



43. On July 20, Kotak Mahindra Bank has signed an MoU with the Indian Navy to offer a salary account to all the personnel of the Indian Navy. Through the salary account, all personnel of the Indian Navy will get access to the full range of Kotak's products and services, including a zero-balance salary account that earns up to 4% interest per annum with free unlimited ATM transactions on all Visa ATMs. Kotak Mahindra Bank has also automated its partner payments process, powered by Act21 Software's end-to-end payout solution "Hyperform". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kotak Mahindra Bank + Indian Navy = to offer a salary account all the personnel of the Indian Navy
- Kotak Mahindra Bank – automated partner payments with Act21 Software's solution "Hyperform"
- HQs of Kotak Mahindra Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Uday Kotak | Tagline – "Let's make money simple"
- Chief of Indian Navy – Admiral Karambir Singh | Vice Chief – G. Ashok Kumar

44. On July 19, Paytm Payments Bank's customers can now make instant payments through its payment gateway using balances available in their fixed deposit account held with its partner bank, IndusInd Bank. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Paytm Payments Bank's customers can now make payments from fixed deposits a/c held with IndusInd Bank
- HQs of PPBL – Noida, Uttar Pradesh | MD & CEO – Satish Kumar Gupta
- HQs of IndusInd Bank – Pune, MH | MD & CEO – Sumant Kathpalia | Tagline – "We Make You Feel Richer"

45. On July 19, The Dhanlaxmi bank has announced a strategic alliance with SMC Global Securities Ltd for offering online trading services to customers. The tie-up will offer an integrated 3-in-1 account, comprising a Savings, Demat and Trading account. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dhanlaxmi bank + SMC Global Securities Ltd = strategic alliance for offering Online Trading Services to customers
- HQs of Dhanlaxmi Bank – Thrissur, Kerala | MD & CEO – J. K. Shivan
- HQs of SMC Global Securities Ltd – New Delhi | MD & Chairman – Subhash C. Aggarwal

46. Kerala Bank has launched a loan scheme titled "Kerala Bank Samagra" for the infrastructure development of Primary Agricultural Credit Cooperatives (PACS). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kerala Bank – launched a loan scheme titled "Kerala Bank Samagra" for Agriculture Cooperatives
- HQs of Kerala Bank – Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala | President – Gopi Kottamurickal | CEO – Rajan P. S.



47. On July 21, Bank of Baroda and fintech platform U GRO Capital have launched a co-lending platform “Pratham”, under which Rs 1,000 Cr loan will be disbursed to the MSME sector in India. Besides, July 20, 2021 marked the 114th Foundation Day of Bank of Baroda. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bank of Baroda + U GRO Capital = launched a co-lending platform “Pratham”
- Under “Pratham” platform – Rs 1,000 Cr loan will be disbursed to the MSME sector in India
- HQs of BOB – Vadodara, Gujarat | CEO – Sanjiv Chadha | Tagline – “India’s International Bank”
- HQs of U GRO Capital – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Abhijit Ghosh

48. On July 20, In a move to boost the banking facilities in rural and semi-urban areas in India, NSDL payments bank has announced a strategic partnership with Multilink. Multilink is one of India’s fastest-growing fintech companies with a network of 1,00,000+ agents spread across India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NSDL Payments Bank + Multilink = a strategic partnership
- HQs of NSDL Payments Bank – Mumbai | MD & CEO – Abhijit Kamalapurkar | Chairman – G. V. Nageswara Rao
- HQs of Multilink – Mumbai | CEO – Chirag Shah

49. The National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company Ltd (NCGTC) has issued operational guidelines for the Rs 50,000 Cr Loan Guarantee Scheme for Covid Affected Sectors (LGSCAS), as part of Rs 6.29-lakh-Cr Stimulus Package announced by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. A maximum loan of Rs 100 Cr will be given with a capped interest rate of 7.95% (for healthcare projects) and guarantee provided for 3 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NCGTC – issued guidelines for Rs 50,000 Cr “Loan Guarantee Scheme for Covid Affected Sectors (LGSCAS)”
- Maximum loan – Rs 100 Cr | Interest rate – 7.95% | Guarantee period – 3 years
- HQs of NCGTC – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Sivasubramanian Ramann

50. On July 21, Seeking to enhance transparency in the insolvency process, the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) has amended the IBBI (Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate Persons) Regulations 2016. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IBBI – amended the “IBBI (Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate Persons) Regulations 2016” to enhance transparency in the insolvency process
- HQs of IBBI – New Delhi | Chairperson – M. S. Sahoo | Established in – 2016

51. On July 23, Indian Bank has signed an agreement with IIT Guwahati Technology Incubation Centre (TIC) for financing start-ups under Bank’s loan product “IND Spring Board”. The start-ups are to be extended credit up to ₹50 Cr. The bank has already tied up with IIT-Madras, IISc-Bengaluru and Chennai Angels for identifying the eligible start-ups for finance under this scheme. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Indian Bank + IITG-TIC = to finance start-ups under Bank's loan product "IND Spring Board"
- The start-ups are to be extended credit up to ₹50 Cr
- HQs of Indian Bank – Chennai, Tamil Nadu | CEO – Padmaja Chunduru | Tagline – "Your Own Bank"

52. On July 22, The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has clarified that IDFC Ltd can exit IDFC First Bank as a promoter after the completion of lock-in period of 5 years. IDFC Bank received the licence from the RBI in 2014, and was floated in 2015. So, the 5-year period came to an end on September 30, 2020. The bank merged with Capital FIRST in 2018 to become IDFC FIRST Bank. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI clarified: IDFC Ltd can exit IDFC First Bank as a promoter after the completion of lock-in period of 5 years
- IDFC Bank received the licence from the RBI – in 2014 | 5-year lock-in period completed – on September 30, 2020
- HQs of IDFC Ltd – Mumbai, MH | CEO – Vikram Limaye
- HQs of IDFC First Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – V. Vaidyanathan | Established in – 2018
- IDFC Bank + Capital First = IDFC First Bank (merged in 2018)

53. On July 21, The RBI has imposed a penalty of Rs 1 lakh on Melur Co-operative Urban Bank, Melur, Madurai for contravention of certain provisions concerning board of directors. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI – imposed a penalty of Rs 1 lakh on Melur Co-operative Urban Bank (Madurai, Tamil Nadu)
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April 1935

54. State Bank of India (SBI) has selected Paisalo Digital as National Corporate Business Correspondent of the Bank for financial inclusion by providing banking services through kiosks. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SBI – selected 'Paisalo Digital' as National Corporate Business Correspondent of the Bank
- HQs of SBI Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Dinesh Kumar Khara
- MD – Challa Sreenivasulu Setty | Ashwani Bhatia | Ashwini Kumar Tewari | Swaminathan Janakiraman

55. On July 22, The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will introduce its own version of Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) in a phased manner and after carefully weighing its impact on various issues, including how it could hamper the deposit mobilisation abilities of banks. CBDC is exchangeable with the existing paper currency. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI – to introduce its own version of **Central Bank Digital Currency** (CBDC) in a phased manner
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April 1935



56. On July 24, The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has raised the threshold up to which a bank can grant personal loans to any director of other banks and their families without board approval by 20 times to Rs 5 Cr from Rs 25 lakh which was fixed way back in 1996. For business loans, the limit of Rs 25 lakh will continue. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI raised the limit of Personal loans to other banks' Directors – up to Rs 5 Cr (from Rs 25 lakh)
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April 1935

57. On July 23, Magma Fincorp Ltd, an RBI-registered non-banking finance company (NBFC) has been rechristened as Poonawalla Fincorp Ltd. Along with this, it's fully owned housing finance subsidiary Magma Housing Finance Ltd is also renamed as Poonawalla Housing Finance Ltd. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Magma Fincorp Ltd – rechristened as Poonawalla Fincorp Ltd
- Magma Housing Finance Ltd – rechristened as Poonawalla Housing Finance Ltd
- HQs of Poonawalla Fincorp Ltd – Kolkata, West Bengal | MD – Abhay Bhutad

58. On July 26, HDFC Ltd has received a loan of \$250 million from International Finance Corporation (IFC) to boost Green Housing Finance in India. At least 25% of the funding is for Green Affordable Housing. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- HDFC Ltd – received a loan of \$250 million from IFC to boost Green Housing Finance in India
- At least 25% of the funding is for Green Affordable Housing
- HQs of HDFC Ltd – Mumbai, MH | Chairman – Deepak Parekh | CEO – Keki Mistry

59. On July 26, HDFC Bank has launched an overdraft facility called “Dukandar Overdraft Scheme” for small retailers in partnership with Common Services Centres (CSC) e-Governance India Ltd. HDFC Bank will approve an overdraft limit from a minimum of Rs 50,000 to a maximum of Rs 10 lakhs based on the statements. Small retailers who have been operating for a minimum of 3 years are eligible under the scheme. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- HDFC Bank + CSC = launched “Dukandar Overdraft Scheme” for small retailers
- Overdraft limit: minimum - Rs 50,000 | maximum - Rs 10 lakhs | Eligibility - minimum of 3 years of operating
- HQs of HDFC Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Sashidhar Jagdishan | Tagline – “We understand your world”
- HQs of CSCs – New Delhi | Chairman – Ajay Prakash Sawhney | CEO – Sanjay Kumar Rakesh (works under – MeitY)

60. On July 27, Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunications (SWIFT) has launched “SWIFT Go” - a transformative new service that enables small businesses and consumers to send fast, predictable, highly secure, and competitively priced low-value cross-border payments anywhere in the world, direct from their bank accounts. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- SWIFT – launched “SWIFT Go” - a Fast, Cost-Effective Service for Low-Value Cross-Border Payments
- HQs of SWIFT – La Hulpe, Belgium | CEO – Javier Perez-Tasso

61. On July 27, Non-performing assets (NPAs) or bad loans of banks have declined by Rs 61,180 Cr to Rs 8.34 lakh Cr at the end of March 31, 2021. Ability of PSBs to further increase lending is evident through Capital to Risk Weighted Assets Ratio (CRAR) which stood at 14.04% as of March 31, 2021. SBI has topped the list of PSBs in cleaning up their bad loans/NPAs followed by Union Bank of India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NPAs/Bad loans of banks declined by Rs 61,180 Cr to Rs 8.34 lakh Cr at the end of March 31, 2021
- SBI – topped the list of PSBs in cleaning up their bad loans/NPAs | 2nd – UBI
- CRAR stood at 14.04% as of March 31, 2021 | CRAR – Capital to Risk weighted Assets Ratio
- HQs of SBI Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Dinesh Kumar Khara
- MD – Challa Sreenivasulu Setty | Ashwani Bhatia | Ashwini Kumar Tewari | Swaminathan Janakiraman
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April 1935

62. On July 29, FamPay has launched India’s first Visa Prepaid Card in partnership with VISA for teenagers with personalized doodles on it. The card will allow teens to make NFC-enabled contactless payments on the Visa network in India. The card will be available in two different designs - the ‘FamCard’ and ‘FamCard Me’. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- FamPay + VISA = launched India’s first Visa Prepaid Card for teenagers with personalized doodles on it
- Two different designs of the card - the ‘FamCard’ & ‘FamCard Me’
- HQs of FamPay – Bangalore, Karnataka
- HQs of Visa – Foster City, California | CEO – Alfred F. Kelly | Founded in – 1958

63. On July 28, Hughes Communications India Pvt Ltd (HCIPL) has been selected by the Bank of India (BoI) to connect 1,800 bank branches with satellite network connectivity across India. The network will be powered by the Hughes JUPITER System. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- BoI – selected Hughes Communications to connect 1,800 bank branches with Satellite Network Connectivity
- HQs of BoI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Shri Atanu Kumar Das | Tagline – “Relationship Beyond Banking”

64. On July 28, Digital lender Prest Loans has signed up a strategic alliance agreement with Mumbai based U GRO Capital to provide Secured Business Loans to Micro SME business units. Under this arrangement Prest Loans shall offer U GRO Capital's “GRO Micro” product to its small businesses and MSME customers in tier 3 and tier 4 cities. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Prest Loans + U GRO Capital = to provide Secured Business Loans to Micro SME business
- Prest Loans will offer “GRO Micro” product to its customers
- HQs of Prest Loans – New Delhi | CEO – Ashok Mittal
- HQs of U GRO Capital – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Abhijit Ghosh

65. On July 29, According to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), authorised Non-banks Payment System Providers including Prepaid Payment Instruments (PPIs) issuers, Card Networks and White Label ATM operators will be eligible to participate in Central Payment Systems (CPS) like RTGS and NEFT in the first phase. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI – authorised Non-banks Payment System Providers to participate in ‘CPS’ like RTGS & NEFT
- Non-banks PSP include: PPIs issuers, Card Networks & White Label ATM Operators
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April 1935

66. On July 28, The Reserve Bank of India-Digital Payments Index (RBI-DPI) for March 2021 stood at 270.59 points against 207.84 points for March 2020, a 30% increase in digital payment due to COVID-19. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Reserve Bank of India-Digital Payments Index (RBI-DPI)” for March 2021 – stood at 270.59 points
- It recorded 30% increase against 207.84 points for March 2020
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April 1935

67. On July 28, Yes Bank and Indiabulls Housing Finance have entered into a co-lending agreement for Home Loans. The partnership aims at synergising capabilities to provide an efficient and seamless experience to retail home loan customers. Home loans constitute about 10% of Yes Bank’s retail banking assets as on June 30, 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Yes Bank + Indiabulls Housing Finance = a co-lending agreement for Home Loans
- Home loans constitute about 10% of Yes Bank’s retail banking assets (on June 30, 2021)
- HQs of Yes Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Prashant Kumar | Tagline – “Experience our Expertise”
- HQs of IHFL – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Subhash Sheoratan Mundra | Vice-Chairman & MD – Gagan Banga

68. On July 30, Singapore-based DBS Group Ltd and Temasek have set up \$500 million financing platform, “EvolutionX Debt Capital (EvolutionX)” for non-dilutive funding to technology-enabled firms with a focus on China, India, and Southeast Asia. It will be led by Amit Sinha. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- DBS Group + Temasek (both in Singapore) = set up \$500 mn “EvolutionX Debt Capital (EvolutionX)” platform
- Singapore – Singapore – Dollar | PM – Lee Hsien Loong | President – Halimah Yacob

69. On July 29, The RBI has cancelled the licence of The Madgaum Urban Co-operative Bank Ltd, Goa due to its inadequate capital. RBI imposed a monetary penalty of Rs 5 Cr on Axis Bank for non-compliance with RBI’s various regulatory provisions. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI – cancelled the licence of Madgaum Urban Co-operative Bank Ltd (Goa) due to its inadequate capital
- RBI – imposed a monetary penalty of Rs 5 Cr on “Axis Bank” for non-compliance with RBI’s provisions
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April 1935

70. On July 29, LIC Cards Services Ltd (LIC-CSL) has partnered with IDBI Bank to launch ‘Lumine’ Platinum Credit Card and ‘Eclat’ Select Credit Card on the RuPay platform. Lumine and Eclat Cardholders will earn ‘Welcome Bonus Delight Points’ of 1,000 and 1,500, respectively. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- LIC CSL + IDBI Bank = to launch ‘Lumine’ Platinum Credit Card & ‘Eclat’ Select Credit Card on RuPay platform
- HQs of LIC-CSL – New Delhi
- HQs of IDBI Bank – Mumbai, MH | CEO – Rakesh Sharma | Established in – 1964 | Tagline – “Bank Aisa Dost Jaisa”

71. On July 28, Paytm Payments Bank has become the first bank in India to achieve the milestone of issuing 1 Cr FASTags. According to NPCI, over 3.47 Cr FASTags were issued by all banks together till the end of June 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Paytm Payments Bank – became the 1st bank in India to achieve the milestone of issuing 1 Cr FASTags
- HQs of PPBL – Noida, Uttar Pradesh | MD & CEO – Satish Kumar Gupta

Defence Affairs

1. The 7th edition of Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS), a biennial event, was hosted by the French Navy at La Reunion from 28 June to 1 July 2021. Admiral Karambir Singh, Chief of the Naval Staff participated virtually in the inaugural session of the event. IONS was initiated by the Indian Navy in 2008. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- French Navy – hosted the 7th edition of Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS)
- IONS was initiated by Indian Navy – in 2008 | Members – 24 | Observers states – 8
- France – Paris – Euro | President – Emmanuel Macron | PM – Jean Castex

2. On July 2, U.S. 6th Fleet and the Ukrainian Navy are cohosting the annual naval exercise “Sea Breeze 2021” (SB21) in the Black Sea region. SB21 kicked off on June 28 and ran through July 10. The first Sea Breeze exercise took place in 1997. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Sea Breeze 2021” - annual naval exercise – between US & Ukraine
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46th President – Joe Biden | 49th VP – Kamala Harris
- Ukraine – Kyiv – Ukrainian hryvnia | President – Volodymyr Zelensky

3. On July 3, Indian Army has inducted the first production lot of 12 Short Span Bridging System (SSBS)-10m, designed and developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) in association with Larsen & Toubro Limited. The fully decked roadway will ensure faster movement of troops. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian Army inducted the 1st production lot of 12 Short Span Bridging System (SSBS)-10m
- It is designed and developed by = DRDO + Larsen & Toubro
- HQs of Indian Army – New Delhi | Chief – Gen. Manoj Mukund Naravane | Vice Chief – Chandi Prasad Mohanty
- HQs of DRDO – New Delhi | Chairman – G. Satheesh Reddy | Established in – 1958
- HQs L&T – Mumbai, MH | CEO – S. N. Subrahmanyam

4. On July 8, Ministry of Defence has implemented “SPARSH” [System for Pension Administration (Raksha)], an integrated system for automation of sanction and disbursement of defence pension. State Bank of India (SBI) and Punjab National Bank (PNB) have been co-opted as Service Centres. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Defence – implemented “SPARSH” [System for Pension Administration (Raksha)]
- SBI & PNB – co-opted as Service Centres
- Ministry of Defence: Rajnath Singh (Constituency – Lucknow, UP)

5. On July 9, Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL) has signed a contract worth about Rs 499 Cr with the Ministry of Defence for the manufacture and supply of Akash missiles to the Indian Air Force (IAF). Akash missile was developed by the DRDO. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- BDL + Ministry of Defence = a contract worth about Rs 499 Cr to manufacture & supply 'Akash' missiles to IAF
- Akash missile was developed by the DRDO
- HQs of BDL – Hyderabad, Telangana | CMD – Siddharth Mishra
- HQs of DRDO – New Delhi | Chairman – G. Satheesh Reddy | Established in – 1958

6. INS Tabar has participated in 'Maritime Partnership Exercise' with ITS Antonio Marceglia, a frontline frigate of the Italian Navy on 4- 5 July in the Tyrrhenian Sea. Coincidentally, Indian Army chief Manoj Mukund Naravane is on a 4-day visit to the UK and Italy to deepen bilateral ties with the two European countries. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- INS Tabar – participated in 'Maritime Partnership Exercise' with ITS Antonio Marceglia - a frigate of Italian Navy
- Manoj Mukund Naravane – is on a 4-day visit to the UK & Italy to deepen bilateral ties

7. On July 10, Indian Navy's Kochi-based Southern Command has banned the flying of Non-conventional aerial objects like drones and UAVs (Unmanned Aerial Vehicles) within 3 km of Naval Base, Naval Units, and Naval assets. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian Navy's Southern Command – banned the flying of drones & UAVs within 3 km of Naval Base
- HQs of Southern Naval Command – Kochi, Kerala | FOC-in-Charge – Vice Admiral Anil Kumar Chawl

8. On July 13, Aircraft manufacturer Boeing has delivered the 10th long-range Maritime Reconnaissance Anti-Submarine Warfare Aircraft (Poseidon 8I) to the Indian Navy. This is the second of the four additional aircraft contracted under an optional clause in 2016. Boeing is completing construction of a 60,000 sq. ft. training support and data handling centre at INS Rajali, Arakkonam in Tamil Nadu. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Boeing – delivered the 10th long-range Maritime Surveillance Aircraft (Poseidon 8I) to the Indian Navy
- HQs of Boeing – Chicago, USA | CEO – Dave Calhoun

9. On July 15, Top defence officials from India, Sri Lanka and the Maldives participated in a virtual trilateral table top 2-day exercise "TTX-2021" from July 14 to July 15. The exercise focused on maritime crimes like curbing narcotics and assistance in maritime search and rescue in the region. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India + Sri Lanka + Maldives = participated in a virtual Trilateral Table Top 2-day Exercise "TTX-2021"
- Sri Lanka – Colombo/Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte – Sri Lankan rupee
- PM – Mahinda Rajapaksa | President – Gotabaya Rajapaksa
- Maldives – Male – Maldivian rufiyaa | President – Ibrahim Mohamed Solih



10. On July 15, The Indian Academy of Highway Engineers (IAHE), under the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MORTH), has signed an Agreement with University of New South Wales (UNSW), Australia for setting up a Centre for Advanced Transportation Technology and Systems (CATTS) at IAHE, Noida. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IAHE + UNSW = an Agreement to set up a Centre for Advanced Transportation Technology & Systems – in Noida, UP
- HQs of IAHE – Noida, Uttar Pradesh | University of New South Wales located in – Australia

11. On July 17, The Indian Navy has received two “MH-60R” multi-role Helicopters from the U.S., in a boost to its combat capabilities. “MH-60R” Helicopters are manufactured by Lockheed Martin Corporation. India is procuring 24 of these helicopters from the U.S. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian Navy – received two “MH-60R” multi-role Helicopters from the U.S. (out of total 24 Helicopters)
- “MH-60R” Helicopters are manufactured by – Lockheed Martin
- HQs of Lockheed Martin – Maryland, USA | CEO – Jim Taiclet
- Chief of Indian Navy – Admiral Karambir Singh | Vice Chief – G. Ashok Kumar

12. On July 18, The first batch of the indigenously produced 12.7 mm Stabilised Remote Control Gun (SRCG) system was handed over to the Indian Navy and the Indian Coast Guard by the Ordnance Factory, Tiruchi (OFT). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- OFT (Kolkata) – handed over indigenously produced 12.7 mm “SRCG” system – to Indian Navy & ICG
- SRCG – Stabilised Remote Control Gun

13. On July 21, The first missile of the first firing unit of the Medium Range Surface to Air Missile (MRSAM) was flagged off for delivery to the Indian Air Force from Bharat Dynamics Ltd’s (BDL) Kanchanbagh unit in Hyderabad. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- BDL – flagged off Medium Range Surface to Air Missile (MRSAM) for delivery to Indian Air Force
- HQs of BDL – Hyderabad, Telangana | CMD – Siddharth Mishra | Founded in – 1970

14. On July 20, Ministry of Defence (MoD) has issued Request of Proposal (RFP) for the first acquisition programme under the Strategic Partnership Model for construction of 6 AIP (Air Independent Propulsion) fitted Conventional Submarines named “Project 75” (India) [P-75(I)] for the Indian Navy. The project cost is over Rs 40,000 Cr. The RFP was issued to 5 Foreign Original Equipment Manufacturers and two Indian Applicant Companies - Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) & Larsen & Toubro (L&T). [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- MoD – issued Request of Proposal (RFP) for construction of 6 AIP (Air Independent Propulsion) fitted Conventional Submarines named “Project 75” (India) [P-75(I)] – for Indian Navy
- Project cost – Rs 40,000 Cr
- Chief of Indian Navy – Admiral Karambir Singh | Vice Chief – G. Ashok Kumar

15. The “International Aerospace Show” is taking place in Moscow, Russia from July 20-25. Russia has handed over to India a commercial offer to deliver 21 “MiG-29” fighters. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “International Aerospace Show” – held in Moscow, Russia
- Russia handed over to India a commercial offer to deliver 21 “MiG-29” fighters
- Russia – Moscow – Russian Ruble | PM – Mikhail Mishustin | President – Vladimir Putin

16. On July 19, Indian warship INS Tabar participated in a 2-day exercise with French frigate FNS Aquitaine and 4 Rafale fighter aircrafts of the French Navy in the Bay of Biscay. India and France have been exploring ways to strengthen cooperation in the Indo-Pacific. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- INS Tabar – participated in a 2-day exercise with French Navy in the Bay of Biscay
- France – Paris – Euro | President – Emmanuel Macron | PM – Jean Castex

17. On July 23, Navies of India and the U. K. participated in a 2-day bilateral Passage Exercise (PASSEX) with the Royal Navy Carrier Strike Group (CSG-21) led by HMS Queen Elizabeth in the Bay of Bengal from July 21 to 22. The Indian Navy was represented by 5 ships, a submarine and a P-8I long range patrol aircraft. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian Navy + Royal Navy (UK) = conducted a 2-day bilateral Passage Exercise (PASSEX) in the Bay of Bengal
- UK – London – Pound Sterling | PM – Boris Johnson
- Chief of Indian Navy – Admiral Karambir Singh | Vice Chief – G. Ashok Kumar

18. The last blast of the escape tube of under-construction “Sela Tunnel” in Arunachal Pradesh was conducted by Director General Border Roads (DGBR) Lt Gen Rajeev Chaudhry through video conferencing from New Delhi on July 22, 2021. Sela Tunnel will be world’s longest bi-lane road tunnel at an altitude above 13,000 feet. The tunnel is being constructed by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rajeev Chaudhry – conducted the last blast of escape tube of “Sela Tunnel” in Arunachal Pradesh
- The tunnel is being constructed by – the BRO
- HQs of BRO – New Delhi | Director General – Major Gen Rajeev Chaudhary | Founded in – 1960
- Arunachal Pradesh: Capital – Itanagar | CM – Pema Khandu | Governor – B D Mishra

19. On July 23, Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh has flagged-in Indian Army Skiing Expedition called “ARMEX-21” in New Delhi. The expedition was flagged off at Karakoram Pass in Ladakh on March 10, 2021 and culminated at Malari in Uttarakhand on July 6, 2021, covering 1,660 kms in 119 days. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rajnath Singh – flagged-in Indian Army Skiing Expedition called “ARMEX-21” in New Delhi
- The expedition was flagged off at Karakoram Pass in Ladakh & culminated at Malari in Uttarakhand
- Ladakh: Capital – Leh | Lt. Governor – R. K. Mathur
- Uttarakhand: Capital – Dehradun & Gairsain | CM – Pushkar Singh Dhami | Governor – Baby Rani Maurya

20. On July 25, Indian Navy chief Admiral Karambir Singh has visited Russia to participate in the 325th Russian Navy Day celebrations in St Petersburg. INS Tabar participated in the Navy Day Celebrations of Russia. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Karambir Singh – visited Russia to participate in the 325th Russian Navy Day
- INS Tabar – participated in the Navy Day Celebrations of Russia
- Russia – Moscow – Russian Ruble | PM – Mikhail Mishustin | President – Vladimir Putin

21. 12th Edition of Indo-Russia joint military Exercise “INDRA 2021” will be held at Volgograd, Russia from 1 to 13 August 2021. The exercise will entail conduct of counter terror operations under the United Nations mandate by a joint force against international terror groups. INS Tabar has participated & represented the Indian Navy in this maritime Exercise. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 12th Edition of Indo-Russia joint military Exercise “INDRA 2021” – to be held at Volgograd, Russia
- INS Tabar – participated in this maritime Exercise
- Russia – Moscow – Russian Ruble | PM – Mikhail Mishustin | President – Vladimir Putin

22. Indian Naval Ship Talwar has participated in the multi-national maritime exercise “Cutlass Express 2021” (CE21), being conducted from 26 Jul to 06 Aug 21 in Kenya. INS Talwar also visited Mombasa. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- INS Talwar – participated in the multi-national maritime exercise “Cutlass Express 2021” (CE21) – held in Kenya
- Kenya – Nairobi – Kenyan Shilling | President – Uhuru Kenyatta

23. Cochin Shipyard Ltd (CSL) has launched 5 vessels at one go from its Building Dock at Kochi. The vessels launched include three Floating Border Outpost Vessels (FBOP) for the BSF and two 8000 DWT Mini General Cargo Ships for JSW Shipping & Logistics. The Indian Air Force (IAF) has formally inducted the Rafale aircraft into its 101 Squadron of the Eastern Air Command at the Hasimara Air Force Station in West Bengal. India has so far received 26 of the 36 Rafale aircraft from France. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Cochin Shipyard Ltd launched 5 shipping vessels at one go from Kochi, Kerala
- 3 Floating Border Outpost Vessels for the BSF | two 8000 DWT Mini Gen. Cargo Ships for JSW Shipping & Logistics
- IAF inducted 'Rafale aircraft' into its 101 Squadron of the Eastern Air Command at Hasimara Air Force, West Bengal
- HQs of Cochin Shipyard – Kochi, Kerala | Chairman & MD – Shri Madhu S Nair

24. On July 30, A high-tech, low sound 7.62X39 mm carbine named "TriCa" (a mini version of Assault Rifle) was unveiled at the Ordnance Factory in Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu. It has a range more effective than a typical sub-machine gun and it is small enough to be packed in the jacket of security personnel. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ordnance factory Tiruchirappalli (OFT) – launched a high-tech 7.62X39 mm carbine "TriCa" in Tamil Nadu
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit

25. INS Saryu is participating in the 36th edition of Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT) with Indonesian Naval Ship KRI Bung Tomo from 30 to 31 July, 2021. India and Indonesia have been carrying out Coordinated Patrols along the International Maritime Boundary Line (IMBL) twice a year since 2002. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 36th edition of Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT) – held between India & Indonesia (INS Saryu participated)
- Indonesia – Jakarta – Rupiah | President – Joko Widodo

Schemes & Initiatives

1. On July 1, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has launched the "Students Credit Card" scheme where an education loan up to ₹10 lakh will be made available for higher studies in India and abroad. The period of repayment will be 15 years and persons till the age of 40 years can avail themselves of the benefits of the scheme. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- West Bengal – launched the "Students Credit Card" scheme
- Education loan up to ₹10 lakh for higher studies | Period of repayment – 15 years | Beneficiary age – till 40 years
- West Bengal: Capital – Kolkata | CM – Mamta Banerjee | Governor – Jagdeep Dhankar

2. On July 1, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy has formally re-launched the "YSR Bima" scheme with new guidelines. The State government has allocated ₹750 Cr for the scheme for the year 2021-22. Under the scheme, an insurance amount of ₹1 lakh will be paid if the beneficiary aged between 18 to 50 years, who is a breadwinner of the family, succumbs to natural death. A sum of ₹5 lakh will be paid if the beneficiary in the age group of 18 to 70 years dies in an accident. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Andhra Pradesh – re-launched the “YSR Bima” scheme with new guidelines (₹750 Cr for the scheme for 2021-22)
- ₹1 lakh will be paid if the beneficiary dies naturally | ₹5 lakh will be paid if the beneficiary dies in an accident
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan

3. On July 1, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar has launched the “Mukhyamantri Shehri Nikay Svamita Yojana”. Under this scheme, if someone has constructed more than the floor or area of the allotted building of the Municipality, then he will have to deposit an additional amount that is Rs. 1000 as per the additional constructed area. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Haryana – launched the “Mukhyamantri Shehri Nikay Svamita Yojana”
- Haryana: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Manohar Lal Khattar | Governor – Bandaru Dattatraya

4. On July 2, Sun Pharmaceutical Industries unveiled a special initiative called “Sunkalp” of pledging Rs 100 Cr for the welfare of doctors, their families, and the medical community. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sun Pharmaceutical – launched a special initiative called “Sunkalp” for the welfare of doctors (pledging Rs 100 Cr)
- HQs of Sun Pharmaceutical – Goregaon, Mumbai, MH | Chairman – Israel Makov | MD – Dilip Shanghvi

5. On July 7, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has launched “Tea Industries Special Incentive Scheme (ATISIS)” to incentivise the production of Orthodox and specialty tea. Under the ATISIS, the State government will provide interest subvention of 3% per annum on working capital loan and subsidy of ₹7 per kg for production of orthodox and specialty varieties. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Assam – launched “Tea Industries Special Incentive Scheme (ATISIS)”
- Interest subvention per annum on working capital loan – 3%
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Himanta Biswa Sarma | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi

6. On July 8, Union Cabinet has approved the new scheme “India COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health Systems Preparedness Project: Phase-II” amounting to Rs 23,123 Cr for FY 2021-22. This will be implemented from 1 July 2021 to 31 March 2022. Besides, the cabinet also approved an MoC between the Competition Commission of India (CCI) & Japan Fair Trade Commission (JFTC) in the field of Competition Law and Policy. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Cabinet approved “India COVID-19 Emergency Response & Health Systems Preparedness Project: Phase-II” scheme
- Outlay of the scheme – Rs 23,123 Cr for FY 2021-22



- CCI (India) + JFTC (Japan) = an MoC in the field of Competition Law & Policy
- HQs of CCI – New Delhi | Chairman – Ashok Kumar Gupta | Established in – 2003

7. On July 7, The Ernakulam District Library Council in Kerala has launched an initiative called “Books at Doorstep” to revive reading habit among school children. The idea was to lend one lakh books a month by giving four books to a child and cover at least 50 households in every library limits. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ernakulam (Kerala) – launched “Books at Doorstep” initiative to revive reading habit among school children
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

8. On July 7, The West Bengal government has tabled a ₹3.08 lakh Cr budget in the State Assembly for the financial year 2021-2022. State Industry Minister Partha Chatterjee presented the Budget and mentioned the Student Credit Card scheme and the “Lakshmir Bhandar” scheme, under which a basic income of ₹1,000 will be given to women of SC/ST households and ₹500 to those belonging to the general category. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- West Bengal tabled a ₹3.08 lakh Cr budget in the State Assembly for FY 2021-22
- Under West Bengal’s “Lakshmir Bhandar” scheme: ₹1,000 - to SC/ST women | ₹500 to general category women
- West Bengal: Capital – Kolkata | CM – Mamta Banerjee | Governor – Jagdeep Dhankar

9. On July 13, The Andhra Pradesh government has signed MoUs with 14 companies with an objective to ensure women empowerment and livelihood to 6 lakh women on a permanent basis through the “YSR Cheyutha” scheme. The government provides Rs 75,000 each to the eligible women in 4 installments. Rs 8,000 Cr has been given to 24 lakh women in two installments so far under the “YSR Cheyutha” scheme. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Andhra Pradesh – signed MoUs with 14 companies for helping women in business through “YSR Cheyutha” scheme
- Government provides Rs 75,000 each to the eligible women in 4 installments
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan

10. On July 11, The Assam government has launched “Chief Minister’s COVID-19 Widows Support Scheme” entailing a one-time financial assistance of ₹2.5 lakh to women who lost their husbands to the novel coronavirus since March-April 2020. The Scheme is for women of low-income families with a total annual income of up to ₹5 lakh. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Assam – launched “Chief Minister’s COVID-19 Widows Support Scheme”
- Financial assistance of ₹2.5 lakh to women who lost their husbands due to Covid19
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Himanta Biswa Sarma | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi



11. On July 15, Manipur has recently inaugurated Welfare Schemes to be implemented under National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD). The schemes include Comprehensive Scheme for Development of MSCB Ltd and PACS (Primary Agriculture Co-operative Societies) in Manipur, infrastructure support to 10 PACS. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Manipur – inaugurated Welfare Schemes to be implemented under NABARD
- Manipur: Capital – Imphal | CM – N. Biren Singh | Governor – Najma Heptulla

12. On July 14, The Union Cabinet has approved a scheme to provide Rs 1,624 Cr over 5 years as subsidy to Indian Shipping Companies in global tenders floated by ministries and CPSEs for import of government cargo. In addition to this, it is intended to provide 30 days to any in-flagging vessel to replace the crew on board with Indian crew. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Cabinet approved a scheme to provide Rs 1,624 Cr over 5 years as subsidy to Indian Shipping Companies

13. On July 20, As informed by the Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance, the “Stand Up India Scheme” was launched by the Prime Minister on 5th April, 2016 and has been extended up to the year 2025. The objective of the Stand Up India Scheme is to facilitate loans from Scheduled Commercial Banks (SCBs) of value between Rs 10 lakh and Rs 1 Crore to at least one Scheduled Caste (SC) or Scheduled Tribe (ST) borrower and one woman borrower per bank branch. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Stand Up India Scheme” was extended – upto 2025 | Launched in 2016
- “Stand Up India Scheme” facilitates loans of Rs 10 lakh & Rs 1 Cr to – SC, ST & Woman Borrowers

14. On July 17, The Haryana government will introduce the “One Block, One Product” scheme to encourage and promote small industries in the rural areas. Under the scheme, the state government plans to connect every block of the state with some industrial vision. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Haryana – to introduce the “One Block, One Product” scheme
- Haryana: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Manohar Lal Khattar | Governor – Bandaru Dattatraya

15. On July 19, Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao will launch his government’s new Dalit empowerment scheme, christened “Dalita Bandhu”, on a pilot basis from Huzurabad assembly constituency. As per the scheme, an eligible Dalit family will get assistance worth Rs 10 lakh. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Telangana – to launch a new Dalit empowerment scheme christened “Dalita Bandhu” (Assistance - Rs 10 lakh)
- Telangana: Capital – Hyderabad | CM – K. Chandrashekar Rao | Governor – Tamilisai Soundararajan

16. On July 20, Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan has formally launched the Kerala Police's "Pink Protection" Project that aims at protecting women in public, private, and digital spaces. The project has 10 components including Pink Patrol, Pink Janamaithri beat, Pink control room, Pink Shadow, Pink Romeo, counselling facilities and a dedicated mobile application for women protection. [{Read more}](#)

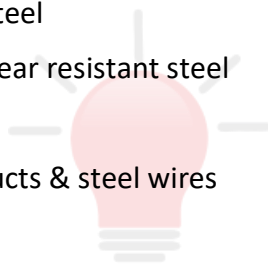
Key Points:

- Kerala – launched the "Pink Protection" Project of Kerala Police for women safety
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

17. On July 23, The Union Cabinet has approved Rs 6,322 Cr production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme for 'Specialty Steel' in a move that is expected to attract an additional investment of about Rs 40,000 Cr and capacity addition of 25 million tonnes in the segment. The five categories of specialty steel which have been chosen in the PLI Scheme are: coated/plated steel products, high strength/wear resistant steel, specialty rails, alloy steel products and steel wires, electrical steel. Specialty steel is value-added steel wherein normal finished steel is worked upon by way of coating, plating and heat treatment to convert it into high value-added steel. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Cabinet approved Rs 6,322 Cr PLI scheme for 'Specialty Steel' – to attract an investment of about Rs 40,000 Cr
- 5 categories of specialty steel:
 - Coated/plated steel
 - High strength/wear resistant steel
 - Specialty rails
 - Alloy steel products & steel wires
 - Electrical steel



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18. The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has formulated a scheme "SMILE - Support for Marginalized Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise" covering comprehensive measures for welfare of beggars. The scheme includes sub-scheme "Central Sector Scheme for Comprehensive Rehabilitation of persons engaged in the act of Begging". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment – formulated a scheme "SMILE" for welfare of beggars
- SMILE – Support for **M**arginalized **I**ndividuals for **L**ivelihood and **E**nterprise
- Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment: Virendra Kumar | Constituency – Sagar, Madhya Pradesh

19. On July 25, The Union Home Minister Amit Shah has launched the "Green Sohra Afforestation Campaign" at Sohra in Meghalaya. He also inaugurated the "Greater Sohra Water Supply Scheme". Amit Shah gave the slogan "Evergreen Northeast", underlining the importance of afforestation and tree plantation. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Amit Shah – launched the "Green Sohra Afforestation Campaign" – at Sohra in Meghalaya
- Amit Shah – also inaugurated the "Greater Sohra Water Supply Scheme" – in Meghalaya
- Meghalaya: Capital – Shillong | CM – Conrad Kongkal Sangma | Governor – Satya Pal Malik



20. On July 23, Government of India has been implementing dedicated scheme of “Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY)” since 2015-16 to promote chemical free organic farming in the country in cluster mode. Under the programme, financial assistance of Rs 50,000/hectare for 3 years is provided for cluster formation, capacity building, incentive for inputs, value addition and marketing. The government is also implementing “Bhartiya Prakritik Krishi Padhati (BPKP)” as a sub-scheme of PKVY to promote Organic farming. Under BPKP, a financial assistance of Rs 12,200/hectare for 3 years is provided. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY)” – is being implemented since 2015-16 to promote Organic Farming
- Under PKVY: Financial assistance of Rs 50,000/hectare for 3 years is provided
- Under BPKP: Financial assistance of Rs 12,200/hectare for 3 years is provided

21. On July 27, Madhya Pradesh State Government has prepared the Ayush-based economic upgradation scheme - “Devaranya Yojana” with the twin objectives of improving people’s health and livelihood of tribals. Wellness tourism will be promoted in state. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Madhya Pradesh – prepared the Ayush-based economic upgradation scheme - “Devaranya Yojana”
- Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Mangubhai Chhaganbhai Patel

22. Himachal Pradesh chief minister Jai Ram Thakur has virtually launched the “Digital Saathi-Bacchon Ka Sahara, Phone Hamara” programme at Shimla. Himachal Pradesh also started “Hara Ghar Pathshala” programme to facilitate the students during the pandemic. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Himachal Pradesh – launched the “Digital Saathi-Bacchon Ka Sahara, Phone Hamara” programme
- Himachal Pradesh – also started “Hara Ghar Pathshala” programme
- Himachal Pradesh: Capital – Shimla & Dharamshala | CM – Jai Ram Thakur | Governor – Bandaru Dattatreya

23. On July 28, The Rajasthan government’s industries department and the Rajasthan State Industrial Development and Investment Corporation (RIICO) have launched the “Mission Niryatak Bano” campaign to promote aspiring exporters in the state. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rajasthan – launched the “Mission Niryatak Bano” campaign
- Rajasthan: Capital – Jaipur | CM – Ashok Gehlot | Governor – Kalraj Mishra

24. On July 29, PM Narendra Modi has launched several new initiatives to mark the 1st anniversary of the “National Education Policy (NEP) 2020” which was launched on July 29, 2020. It replaced the 34 year old “National Policy on Education (NPE), 1986”. The initiatives are given below. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Narendra Modi has launched several new initiatives to mark the 1st anniversary of the “NEP 2020” on July 29
- Initiatives:
 - National Digital Education Architecture (NDEAR)
 - National Education Technology Forum (NETF)
 - Vidya Pravesh
 - SAFAL (Structured Assessment For Analyzing Learning Levels)
 - Academic Bank of Credit

25. Haryana government has decided to provide “Free Bus Travel Facility” of state roadways to various award-winning scholars of the Sanskrit language. Apart from establishing Government Sanskrit Colleges and Sanskrit Board, ‘Sanskrit University’ has also been set up in the State. So far, 29 Acharyas and Gurukul managers have been awarded with “Acharya Sammans” in Haryana. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Haryana – to provide “Free Bus Travel Facility” to various award winning Sanskrit scholars
- 29 Acharyas and Gurukul managers – have been awarded with “Acharya Sammans” so far in Haryana
- Haryana: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Manohar Lal Khattar | Governor – Bandaru Dattatraya

26. A “Samajik Adhikarita Shivar” for distribution of aids and assistive devices to ‘Divyangjan’ under the “ADIP Scheme” of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment was organized by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) in Chhindwara, Madhya Pradesh. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Samajik Adhikarita Shivar” for distribution of aids & assistive devices to ‘Divyangjan’ – held in Chhindwara, MP
- It was organized under the “ADIP Scheme” of MoSJE by – DEPwD
- Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Mangubhai Chhaganbhai Patel



Sports & Games

1. On July 2, Abhimanyu Mishra started playing chess when he was just 2. Now, at the age of 12, he has broken one of the oldest records in the game to become the youngest grandmaster in history. The previous record was held by the Russian former chess prodigy Sergey Karjakin. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Abhimanyu Mishra ([New Jersey, US](#)) – became the youngest Grandmaster in the history of Chess (age - 12 years)
- The previous record was held by – Sergey Karjakin ([Russia](#))

2. On July 2, The Ministry of Youth affairs & Sports has decided to grant recognition to WAKO India Kickboxing Federation as National Sports Federation (NSF) for promotion and development of the Kickboxing sport in India. The full recognition of WAKO will be finally decided by the IOC Session in Tokyo in July 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Youth affairs & Sports – to grant recognition to WAKO India Kickboxing Federation as ‘NSF’
- HQs of WAKO India Kickboxing Federation – Faridabad, Haryana | President – Santosh Agrawal
- HQs of World Association of Kickboxing Organizations (WAKO) – Italy

3. On July 2, India’s Maana Patel has become the first female and only the third swimmer from India to qualify for the Tokyo Olympics 2021. She joins Srihari Nataraj and Sajan Prakash to have qualified for the event and secured a direct entry. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Maana Patel – become the 1st female & only the 3rd swimmer from India to qualify for the “Tokyo Olympics 2021”
- Maana Patel + Srihari Nataraj + Sajan Prakash ([Indian Swimmers](#)) = qualified for the “Tokyo Olympics 2021”

4. Nihal Sarin has won the “Silver Lake Open” chess tournament in Serbia. In the final round, he defeated Branko Damljanovic. The second and third places were also taken by Indians, as Raunak Sadhwani and Abhimanyu Puranik. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Nihal Sarin ([Chess](#)) – won the “Silver Lake Open” chess tournament in Serbia
- Raunak Sadhwani + Abhimanyu Puranik + Raja Harshit = Indian Chess Players

5. On July 2, Top para high-jumper Mariyappan Thangavelu has been named as the flag-bearer of the Indian contingent in the Tokyo Paralympics, which will begin on August 24. Mariyappan was conferred with the ‘Khel Ratna’ - India’s highest sporting award, in 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mariyappan Thangavelu (Para High-Jumper) – named as the flag-bearer of Indian contingent in Tokyo Paralympics

6. On July 2, United World Wrestling (UWW) has imposed 2-year ban on wrestler Sumit Malik for doping. Malik is Commonwealth Games -2018 Gold medalist. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sumit Malik – a Wrestler – banned for 2 years by the United World Wrestling
- HQs of UWW – Corsier-sur-Vevey, Switzerland | President – Nenad Lalovic

7. On July 2, Ace athlete of the Indian Navy, Jabir Madari Pillyalil (M. P. Jabir), has qualified for the Tokyo Olympics in 400m hurdles after he clocked 49.78s to win gold at the recently concluded Inter-State Athletics Championships in Ratiala. He hails from Malappuram, Kerala. He is currently ranked 34th in the World Athletics' Road to Olympics rankings. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- M. P. Jabir (Indian Athlete) – qualified for the Tokyo Olympics in 400m hurdles

8. India has won 4 Medals (1 Gold, 1 Silver & 2 Bronze) and stood at the 10th in the ISSF World Cup 2021. India's Rahi Sarnobat won Gold medal in women's 25 metres Pistol Event. The list was topped by Russia followed by Italy & Germany. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "ISSF World Cup 2021" – topped by Russia | India – 10th (total 4 medals - 1 Gold, 1 Silver & 2 Bronze)
- Rahi Sarnobat – won Gold medal in women's 25 metres Pistol Event
- HQs of ISSF – Munich, Germany | President – Vladimir Lisin

9. On July 4, Red Bull's Max Verstappen has won the "Austrian Grand Prix" to consolidate his world championship lead over Lewis Hamilton who came in fourth. It was his 3rd consecutive win and 5th win in 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Max Verstappen – won the "Austrian Grand Prix" (3rd consecutive win)
- Max Verstappen (Belgian-Dutch) – Red Bull team

10. On July 3, The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has given a financial grant of Rs. 100 Cr to the Rajasthan Cricket Association (RCA) to build India's 2nd largest & world's 3rd largest Cricket Stadium in Jaipur. The proposed stadium will have a 75,000 spectator capacity. There will be 40,000 spectator capacity in the first phase. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- BCCI granted Rs 100 Cr to build India's 2nd largest & world's 3rd largest Cricket Stadium – in Jaipur, Rajasthan
- Spectator capacity – 75,000 | World's biggest Motera Stadium (Narendra Modi Stadium) – in Gujarat
- Rajasthan: Capital – Jaipur | CM – Ashok Gehlot | Governor – Kalraj Mishra
- HQs of BCCI – Mumbai, MH | Chairman – Sourav Ganguly | Secretary – Jay Shah | Founded in – 1928



11. Germany midfielder Toni Kroos has announced his retirement from international football after his team's exit from the European Championship. The 2014 World Cup winner, Toni has earned 106 caps for Germany, contributing 17 goals and 19 assists. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Toni Kroos ([Germany](#)) – retirement from International Football
- [Germany – Berlin – Euro | President – Frank-Walter Steinmeier](#)

12. Norway's Karsten Warholm has broken Kevin Young's 29-year-old 400m hurdles world record when he completed the race in 46.70 seconds. Warholm beat 1992 Olympic champion Young's mark of 46.78 seconds. [{Read more}](#)

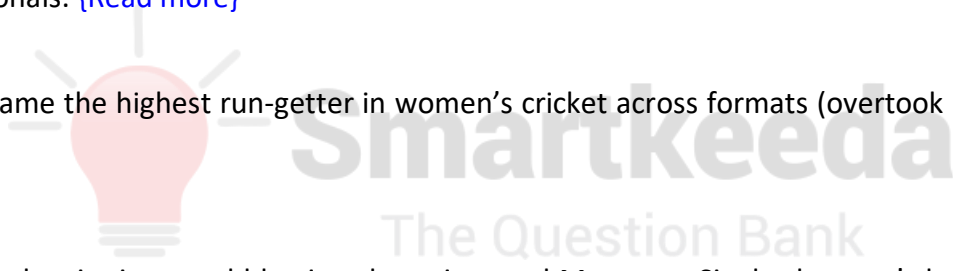
Key Points:

- Karsten Warholm – broke Kevin Young's 29-year-old 400m hurdles world record
- Karsten Warholm ([Norway](#)) - 46.70 seconds | Kevin Young ([US](#)) - 46.78 seconds

13. On July 3, India captain Mithali Raj has become the highest run-getter in women's cricket across formats, overtaking former England skipper Charlotte Edwards. Mithali now became the world's most prolific batter in women's internationals. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mithali Raj – became the highest run-getter in women's cricket across formats (overtook England's Charlotte Edwards)



14. MC Mary Kom, the six-time world boxing champion, and Manpreet Singh, the men's hockey team skipper, will be India's flag-bearers at the opening ceremony of the Tokyo Olympics. Bajrang Punia, a silver medallist at the 2018 World Wrestling Championships, will be the flag-bearer at the closing ceremony on August 8. The contingent comprises 56% male and 44% female athletes. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MC Mary Kom + Manpreet Singh = will be India's flag-bearers at the opening ceremony of the Tokyo Olympics
- Bajrang Punia – will be the flag-bearer at the closing ceremony on August 8

15. On July 5, World No. 9 Harika Dronavalli has finished runner-up in online Women's Speed Chess Championship after losing to China's Hou Yifan. Now, she is travelling to Russia for the World Cup. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Harika Dronavalli – finished runner-up (2nd) in online Women's Speed Chess Championship
- [Harika Dronavalli – World No. 9 Chess Player](#)

16. On July 6, Asian Football Confederation has changed the venue of “AFC Women’s Asian Cup 2022” from Bhubaneswar and Ahmedabad to now Mumbai and Pune from January 20 to February 6. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Venue of “AFC Women’s Asian Cup 2022” from January 20 to February 6 – Mumbai & Pune
- HQs of AFC – Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia | President – Salman Bin Ibrahim Al-Khalifa

17. On July 5, The ICC Anti-Corruption Tribunal has found former Sri Lanka Cricket performance analyst Sanath Jayasundara guilty of breaching the ICC Anti-Corruption Code. Jayasundara has been banned from all forms of Cricket for 7 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sanath Jayasundara – Sri Lanka Cricket performance analyst – banned for 7 years by the ICC Anti-Corruption Tribunal
- HQs of ICC – Dubai, UAE | Chairman – Greg Barclay | CEO – Manu Sawhney

18. On July 7, Mountain biker Kanchan Ugursandi has finished in New Delhi the World’s first Solo Motorcycle Expedition covering 18 treacherous passes of northern Himalayan mountain ranges. Kanchan Ugursandi has become the first solo woman biker to scale the Umlingla Pass, the first woman to cover the 18 passes and also the first woman to traverse a distance of 3,187 km from New Delhi-Manali-Leh-Umlingla-Delhi in one go. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kanchan Ugursandi ([Mountain Biker](#)) – completed World’s 1st Solo Motorcycle Expedition covering 18 passes
- She covered a distance of 3,187 km from New Delhi-Manali-Leh-Umlingla-Delhi

19. On July 8, Grandmaster Nihal Sarin has won the “Serbia Open Chess Championship” in Belgrade, Serbia. He won this Championship with an unbeaten 7.5/9. Arjun Erigaisi and Aditya Mittal (7 each) shared the second spot with seven others. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Nihal Sarin ([Chess](#)) – won the “Serbia Open Chess Championship” in Belgrade, Serbia
- Serbia – Belgrade – Serbian Dinar | President – Aleksandar Vucic

20. On July 11, Indian-American Samir Banerjee has claimed the Wimbledon Men’s Junior Title after defeating Victor Lilov in an all-American final on No. 1 Court. Banerjee, a New Jersey native, is the first American junior champion at Wimbledon since Reilly Opelka in 2015, and 12th overall. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Samir Banerjee ([Indian-American](#)) – won the Wimbledon Men’s Junior Title (defeating - Victor Lilov)



21. On July 10, Ashleigh Barty has won her first Wimbledon title in women's singles by defeating Karolina Pliskova. She is the third Australian woman to win Wimbledon singles title. While, Novak Djokovic has won the Wimbledon men's singles title by defeating Matteo Berrettini. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ashleigh Barty ([Australia - Tennis](#)) – won the 134th Edition of Wimbledon Women's Singles Title in 2021
- Novak Djokovic ([Serbia - Tennis](#)) – won the 134th Edition of Wimbledon Men's Singles Title in 2021

22. On July 10, Former India pacer and veteran Rajasthan cricketer Pankaj Singh has announced his retirement from all forms of Cricket. The right-arm fast bowler has played 117 first-class games. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Pankaj Singh ([Rajasthan](#)) – retired from all forms of Cricket

23. On July 11, Argentina has won the "Copa America Football Tournament 2021" for the first time since 1993 as they beat Brazil 1-0 in the final at the historic Maracana Stadium in Rio de Janeiro. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Argentina – won the "Copa America Football Tournament 2021" for the first time (beating - Brazil)
- [Argentina – Buenos Aires – Peso | President – Alberto Fernandez](#)

24. On July 12, Former world champion Viswanathan Anand has finished 2nd in the Croatia Grand Chess Tour held at Zagreb, Croatia with an impressive performance. Maxime Vachier-Lagrave finished 1st in the Chess tournament. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Viswanathan Anand ([Indian Chess Player](#)) – finished 2nd in the Croatia Grand Chess Tour – held at Zagreb, Croatia
- [Croatia – Zagreb – Kuna | PM – Andrej Plenkovic | President – Zoran Milanovic](#)

25. On July 12, The Italy National Football Team has defeated England 1-1 (3-2 pen) in the "UEFA European Football Championship 2020" final at the Wembley Stadium in London. This was the 16th edition of the intra-continental UEFA European Championships that was first held in 1960. Besides, Cristiano Ronaldo has won the "Alipay Top Scorer Award" (Golden Boot Award) and Gianluigi Donnarumma has won the "Player of the Tournament" (Golden Ball Award). And Leonardo Bonucci has won the "Star of the Match Award". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Italy – won the 16th edition of "UEFA Euro 2020" Football Championship – held in London, UK (defeating - England)
- UEFA European Championships was first held in 1960
- Cristiano Ronaldo ([Portugal](#)) – won the "Alipay Top Scorer Award" (Golden Boot Award)
- Gianluigi Donnarumma ([Italy](#)) – won the "Player of the Tournament" (Golden Ball Award)
- Leonardo Bonucci ([Italy](#)) – won the "Star of the Match Award"
- [Italy – Rome – Euro | President – Sergio Mattarella | PM – Mario Draghi](#)



26. On July 12, Haryana government has decided to organise the 4th edition of “Khelo India Youth Games, 2021” in February 2022 in view of the possible 3rd wave of the COVID-19 pandemic. The games are to be held in the under-18 age group in which there will be a total of 25 sports competitions including 5 indigenous games. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Haryana – decided to organise 4th “Khelo India Youth Games, 2021” in February 2022
- The games are to be held in the age group – Under-18 | Mascot for 2021 – “Dhakad”
- 5 indigenous games – Yoga, Gatka, Kalaripayattu, Thang-Ta & Mallakhamb | Total games – 25
- Haryana: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Manohar Lal Khattar | Governor – Bandaru Dattatraya

27. On July 10, Bangladesh all-rounder Mahmudullah has made a sudden decision to retire from Test cricket after the ongoing match against Zimbabwe in Harare. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mahmudullah (Bangladesh) – took retirement from Test Cricket
- Bangladesh – Dhaka – Taka | PM – Sheikh Hasina | President – Abdul Hamid

28. On July 13, West Indies cricketer Chris Gayle has become the 1st ever batsman to score 14,000 runs in T20 cricket while also registering a half-century in the 3rd T20I against Australia. Gayle is also the top-scoring batsman for Windies in T20 internationals. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Chris Gayle – became the 1st ever batsman to score 14,000 runs in T20 cricket
- Chris Gayle (Jamaica) – West Indies Cricket Team (Windies)

29. On July 12, New Zealand opener Devon Conway and England spinner Sophie Ecclestone have won the “ICC Player of the Month for June 2021” in the men’s and women’s category respectively. Conway became the first New Zealand player to win the award. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Devon Conway (New Zealand Cricketer) – won the “ICC men’s Player of the Month for June 2021”
- Sophie Ecclestone (England Cricketer) – won the “ICC women’s Player of the Month for June 2021”
- HQs of ICC – Dubai, UAE | Chairman – Greg Barclay | Acting CEO – Geoff Allardice

30. On July 14, Pakistan’s Babar Azam has become the fastest batsman to score 14 ODI centuries in his 81st ODI innings. He surpassed Hashim Amla, Indian captain Virat Kohli and Australian batsman David Warner. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Babar Azam (Pakistan - Cricketer) – became the fastest batsman to score 14 ODI centuries (in his 81st ODI innings)
- Pakistan – Islamabad – Pakistani Rupee | PM – Imran Khan | President – Arif Alvi



31. On July 14, India will host the BWF's World Badminton Championships in 2026. India was scheduled to organise the "Sudirman Cup" in 2023 but the Badminton World Federation decided to award the hosting rights of the world mixed team championships to China. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – to host the BWF's "World Badminton Championships" in 2026
- China – to host the "Sudirman Cup" in 2023
- HQs of BWF – Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia | President – Poul-Erik Hoyer Larsen

32. On July 14, The 33-year-old from Maharashtra, Deepak Kabra has become the first Indian to be selected for judging the Gymnastics competition of the Olympic Games. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Deepak Kabra – became the 1st Indian to be selected for judging the Gymnastics competition of the Olympic Games

33. In a first, a woman Cricketer Anshula Rao has been handed a 4-year ban by a panel of the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) for failing a dope test. She is an all-rounder and played for Madhya Pradesh in several tournaments. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Anshula Rao – 1st woman Cricketer – banned for 4 years by the NADA
- HQs of NADA – New Delhi | CEO – Navin Agarwal | Motto – Play Fair | Founded in – 2005

34. The 2nd edition of Khelo India University Games (KIUG) will be held at Sree Kanteerava Stadium in Bengaluru from March 5, 2022 and PM Narendra Modi will be invited to inaugurate the 12-day event. Khelo India would have 18 sporting events. A total of 3,182 sportspersons from 158 universities across India would participate in the event. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 2nd edition of "Khelo India University Games" – at Sree Kanteerava Stadium in Bengaluru (from March 5, 2022)
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – BS Yediyurappa | Governor – Thaawarchand Gehlot

35. On July 15, The All India Football Federation(AIFF) has nominated Gokulam Kerala FC to represent India in the AFC Club Championship 2020-21. The 5th edition was originally supposed to be held in Bhubaneswar by Odisha Sports in close coordination with AIFF. But it had to be postponed owing to the second wave of Covid19. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Gokulam Kerala FC – to represent India in the 5th edition of the "AFC Women's Club Championship 2020-21"
- HQs of AIFF – Dwarka, Delhi | President – Praful Patel | Gen. Secretary – Kushal Das

36. On July 19, Lewis Hamilton has celebrated a record 8th “British Grand Prix” victory. The Mercedes driver is now only 8 points behind Red Bull’s Verstappen after 10 races. The win was the 99th of 7-times world champion Hamilton’s F1 career. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Lewis Hamilton (UK - Mercedes) – won the F1 “British Grand Prix 2021” (8th victory at British GP & 99th overall)

37. On July 19, The International Cricket Council (ICC) has inducted Mongolia, Tajikistan and Switzerland as members at its 78th Annual General Meeting. The ICC now comprises 106 members in total, including 94 associates. Cricket was first played in Switzerland in 1817. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mongolia, Tajikistan & Switzerland inducted as members of the ICC – at its 78th Annual General Meeting
- ICC now comprises total 106 members
- HQs of ICC – Dubai, UAE | Chairman – Greg Barclay | Acting CEO – Geoff Allardice | Members – 106 countries

38. On July 20, Viswanathan Anand defeated Vladimir Kramnik to win the “Sparkassen Trophy” at Dortmund, Germany. The Chennai maestro won the match 2.5-1.5. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Viswanathan Anand (Tamil Nadu) – won the “Sparkassen Trophy” at Dortmund, Germany

39. On July 20, “Citius, Altius, Fortius” has been the motto of the modern Olympics since the International Olympic Committee (IOC) was created in 1894. “Faster, Higher, Stronger - Together” is the new Motto of Tokyo Olympics 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- New Motto of Tokyo Olympics 2020 – “Faster, Higher, Stronger - Together”
- Old motto – “Citius, Altius, Fortius”
- HQs of IOC – Lausanne, Switzerland | President – Thomas Bach | Established in – 1894

40. On July 21, Hockey India has launched its own player-oriented web-based engagement platform, the “Heroes Connect” in its bid to curate a detailed database of the players who have represented the country in both men and women's game. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Hockey India – launched its own player-oriented web-based engagement platform “Heroes Connect”
- HQs of Hockey India – New Delhi | President – Gyanendro Ningombam

41. The 32nd Edition of Olympic Games has begun in Tokyo, Japan from 23rd July, 2021. “Miraitowa” is the mascot of the Tokyo Games. The 32nd edition has 339 events in 33 sporting disciplines with the introduction of



4 new sport disciplines - Surfing, Skateboarding, Sport Climbing and Karate. While, baseball and softball are being reintroduced in the Games since 2008. The 33rd edition in 2024 will be held in Paris. The IOC has selected Los Angeles for 2028 Olympics and Brisbane in Australia in 2032 too. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 32nd Edition of Tokyo Olympic Games – began in Tokyo, Japan | Mascot: “Miraitowa”
- 32nd edition has 339 events in 33 sporting disciplines
- 4 new sport disciplines: Surfing, Skateboarding, Sport Climbing & Karate
- Baseball & Softball – reintroduced in the Games since 2008
- 33rd edition of Olympic Games in 2024 – to be held in Paris, France
- HQs of IOC – Lausanne, Switzerland | President – Thomas Bach

42. On July 23, Indian Olympic Association (IOA) secretary general Rajiv Mehta, who is in Tokyo, has announced that the IOA has roped in the Adani Group as a Sponsor for the Indian contingent at the ongoing Tokyo Games. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IOA roped in Adani Group as a Sponsor for the Indian contingent at the ongoing Tokyo Games
- HQs of IOA – New Delhi | President – Narinder Dhruv Batra | Secretary General – Rajeev Mehta

43. On July 25, Mirabai Chanu won the Silver medal and became the first Indian to win an Olympic medal at the “2020 Tokyo Olympics Games” in the Women’s 49kg category. Hou Zhuhui (China) won the Gold while Cantik Windy Aisah (Indonesia) grabbed the Bronze. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mirabai Chanu ([Manipur - Weightlifting](#)) – won Silver medal in women’s 49kg category at “2020 Tokyo Olympics”
- Gold medal – Hou Zhuhui ([China](#)) | Bronze medal – Cantik Windy Aisah ([Indonesia](#))

44. On July 23, PM Narendra Modi has congratulated the Indian wrestling contingent for winning 13 medals (5 Gold, 1 Silver, 7 Bronze) at the World Cadet Wrestling Championships 2021 in Budapest, Hungary. Tannu (43 kg), Priya Malik (73 kg) & Komal Panchal (46 kg) won Gold in their respective categories. In men, Aman Gulia (48 kg) and Sagar Jaglan (80 kg) won Gold medal. Jaskaran Singh won silver medal. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian – won 13 medals (5 Gold, 1 Silver, 7 Bronze) at the “2021 World Cadet Wrestling Championship” in Hungary
- Gold in women: Tannu (43 kg), Priya Malik (73 kg) & Komal Panchal (46 kg)
- Gold in men: Aman Gulia (48 kg) & Sagar Jaglan (80 kg) | Silver medal – Jaskaran Singh
- Hungary – Budapest – Forint | President – Janos Ader



45. On July 25, Japan's Yuto Horigome has won the first ever "Skateboarding Competition" at 2020 Summer Olympics, taking gold in men's street event at the Ariake Urban Sport in Tokyo. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Yuto Horigome ([Japanese skateboarder](#)) – won the 1st Gold in "Skateboarding Competition" at 2020 Olympic Games
- Japan – Tokyo – Yen | PM – Yoshihide Suga

46. On July 25, Sumit Nagal has become the only 3rd Indian after Zeeshan Ali and Leander Paes to win an Olympic singles match at Olympics. He became the first Indian since 1996 to win a singles match at the Olympics. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sumit Nagal ([Tennis](#)) – became the only 3rd Indian to win an Olympic singles match at Olympics
- 1st – Zeeshan Ali ([Tennis](#)) | 2nd – Leander Paes ([Tennis](#))

47. On July 27, Turkmenistan has secured its first-ever Olympics medal as its weightlifter Polina Guryeva won silver medal in the 59kg weightlifting category at "2020 Summer Olympics" held in Tokyo, Japan. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Polina Guryeva ([Turkmenistan - Weightlifter](#)) – won silver in the 59kg weightlifting category at "2020 Tokyo Olympics"
- Turkmenistan – Ashgabat – Manat | President – Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedow

48. On July 28, Russia is technically 'banned' and the Russian flag is also nowhere to be spotted in the ongoing "2020 Tokyo Olympics". However, there are 335 athletes from Russia who are participating in the "Tokyo Olympics 2020" under the acronym "ROC". ROC stands for Russian Olympic Committee. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Russian Athletes are participating in the "Tokyo Olympics 2020" under the acronym "ROC"
- ROC – **R**ussian **O**lympic **C**ommittee
- Russia – Moscow – Russian Ruble | PM – Mikhail Mishustin | President – Vladimir Putin

Important Days & Dates

1. The Indian Medical Association (IMA) celebrates July 1 as “National Doctors’ Day”, every year. The day marks the birth and to honour the contributions of renowned physician and former West Bengal chief minister Dr Bidhan Chandra Roy. The day was first celebrated in 1991. This year, the theme is “Save the Saviours”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 1 – “National Doctors’ Day” (since 1991)
- The day marks the birth anniversary of renowned physician – “Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy” (West Bengal’s former CM)
- Theme – “Save the Saviours”

2. India has marked the 4th anniversary of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on July 1. “GST Day” is observed every year by the Central Board of Indirect Tax and Customs (CBIC) to mark the roll-out of the historic tax reform. The day was first observed in 2018. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 1 – 4th “GST Day” – by CBIC (since 2018)
- HQs of CBIC – New Delhi | Chairperson – M. Ajit Kumar | Founded in – 1964

3. “Chartered Accountants’ (CA) Day” is celebrated on July 1 every year to commemorate the establishment of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI). Established in 1949 by the Parliament of India, ICAI is the second largest accounting and a statutory body in the world. On the occasion of CA day, ICAI will launch a mobile app “ICAI-BOS” for CA aspirants. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 1 – “Chartered Accountants’ (CA) Day”
- ICAI launched a mobile app “ICAI-BOS” for CA aspirants
- HQs of ICAI – New Delhi | President – Nihar N Jambusaria | Established in – 1949

4. Digital India, a flagship initiative that was launched with a vision to transform India into a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy, has completed 6 years of its journey since its launch on 1 July, 2015. Digital India is a Rs 1,13,000 Cr flagship programme of the Government of India. While, the National e-Governance Plan (NeGP) was initiated in 2006. BharatNet, also known as Bharat Broadband Network Limited (BBNL) is the custodian of Digital India (DI) project. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- A flagship initiative “Digital India” – completed 6 years (launched on - 1 July, 2015 | Outlay - Rs 1,13,000 Cr)
- Custodian of Digital India Project – BharatNet (also known as BBNL)
- National e-Governance Plan (NeGP) was initiated in 2006

5. On July 1, Around 2.50 lakh employees of State Bank of India (SBI) have donated a sum of Rs 62.62 Cr to the PM CARES Fund on the occasion of 66th Foundation Day of SBI. Early last year, SBI had committed 0.25 per cent of its annual profit to support the fight against COVID-19. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 1 – 66th Foundation Day of SBI ([Established in 1955](#))
- Around 2.50 lakh employees of SBI donated a sum of Rs 62.62 Cr to the 'PM CARES Fund'
- HQs of SBI Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Dinesh Kumar Khara
- MD – Challa Sreenivasulu Setty | Ashwani Bhatia | Ashwini Kumar Tewari | Swaminathan Janakiraman

6. National Postal Worker Day is celebrated every year on July 1 across the globe. The day was first commemorated by a Seattle-area postal carrier. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 1 – “National Postal Worker Day”

7. On July 1, “Mumbai Samachar”, India’s oldest newspaper which was once known as the ‘Bombay Samachar’, entered its 200th year. It was founded in 1822 by Fardoonji Murazban, a Parsi scholar. It is published in Gujarati and English. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India’s oldest newspaper “Mumbai Samachar” – entered its 200th year on July 1
- It was founded in 1822 – by Fardoonji Murazban (a Parsi scholar)

8. Every year July 2 is celebrated as “World Sports Journalists Day” and it is dedicated to all the sports journalists across the world. It marks the anniversary of the International Sports Press Association (AIPS), established in 1924. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 2 – “World Sports Journalists Day”
- HQs of AIPS – Lausanne, Switzerland | President – Gianni Merlo | Established in – 1924

9. Union Minister Shri Narendra Singh Tomar has flagged off Crop Insurance Week from July 1 to 7, 2021. Crop Insurance Day was observed on July 1 by the State Agriculture Department of Kerala. Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) achieved milestone of Rs 95,000 Cr claims paid to farmers. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 1 to 7 – “Crop Insurance Week”
- July 1 – “Crop Insurance Day” – by the State Agriculture Department of Kerala
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan



10. The International Day of Cooperatives is celebrated across the world every year on the first Saturday of July, with an aim to increase awareness about cooperatives. This year, it is being observed on July 3. This will be the 27th year of the International Day of Cooperatives recognized by the UN and the 99th International Cooperative Day. The theme for 2021 is “Rebuild better together”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 3 (1st Saturday of July) – UN’s International Day of Cooperatives (since 1923)
- Theme – “Rebuild better together”

11. On July 3, The International Plastic Bag Free Day was observed across the globe to eradicate the use of single-use plastic bags, which have proven to be extremely detrimental to the environment. The Day was started by Zero Waste Europe, a Brussels based non-governmental organisation (NGO). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 3 – “International Plastic Bag Free Day” – by Zero Waste Europe ([Brussels, Belgium](#))

12. “American Independence Day” is observed on July 4. This year marks the 245th anniversary of the freedom of the thirteen American colonies from British colonial rule. The US became independent in 1776. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 4 – 245th “American (US) Independence Day” (US became independent in 1776)
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46th President – Joe Biden | 49th VP – Kamala Harris

13. This year, July 4 has marked the 118th death anniversary of Swami Vivekananda. Swami Vivekananda was a simple boy from an aristocratic family of North Calcutta born on January 12, 1863. He was originally called ‘Narendra Nath Datta’. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 4 – 118th death anniversary of Swami Vivekananda (originally called ‘Narendra Nath Datta’)
- He was born on January 12, 1863 – in Calcutta (Kolkata today)

14. “International Fruit Day” is observed on July 1 every year. First time, the International Fruit Day was commemorated on July 1, 2007 at the Mauerpark in Berlin, Germany. United Nations also announced 2021 as “International Year of Fruits and Vegetables”. United Nations has declared ‘Watermelon’ as the “Fruit of The Year 2021” with the motto to “Create Change Together”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 1 – “International Fruit Day” (since 2007) | Motto – “Create Change Together”
- UN declared Year 2021 as “International Year of Fruits and Vegetables”
- UN declared ‘Watermelon’ as the “Fruit of The Year 2021”



15. On July 6, World Zoonoses Day is celebrated every year to bring the problem into people's consciousness and remind them to take action. The day is observed to commemorate the administration of the first anti-rabies vaccination by Louis Pasteur in 1885. Zoonoses are diseases and infections which are naturally transmitted between vertebrate animals and man. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 6 – “World Zoonoses Day”
- First anti-rabies vaccination was discovered by Louis Pasteur in 1885

16. On July 4, Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu has paid tributes to iconic freedom fighter and designer of national flag, Pingali Venkayya on his Death Anniversary. He was a multifaceted genius - an educationist, agriculturist, geologist and polyglot. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 4 – Death Anniversary of Pingali Venkayya (Iconic freedom fighter & designer of National Flag)

17. Prime Minister Narendra Modi & Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu have paid tributes to Syama Prasad Mookerjee on his birth anniversary on July 6. Mookerjee founded the Bharatiya Jana Sangh in 1951. He was born in Kolkata in 1901. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 6 – Birth anniversary of Syama Prasad Mookerjee (founded the Bharatiya Jana Sangh in 1951)

18. “World Chocolate Day” or “International Chocolate Day” is celebrated around the world on July 7. The Day was first celebrated in the year 2009. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 7 – “World Chocolate Day” (since 2009)

19. The National Fisheries Development Board celebrated the “National Fish Farmers Day” virtually on July 10. The National Fish Farmers day is observed every year to demonstrate solidarity with all fisher folk, fish farmers and concerned stakeholders throughout India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 10 – “National Fish Farmers Day”

20. In honour of the young Pakistani activist for female education - Malala Yousafzai, the United Nations declared July 12, which is also her birthday as “Malala Day” to support world education. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 12 – “Malala Day” – by UN (birthday of Pakistani activist for female education - Malala Yousafzai)
- HQs of UN – New York, United States | Secretary-General – Antonio Guterres

21. “World Population Day” is observed every year on July 11. The main purpose of this day is to draw attention towards the issues arising out of rising population across the globe. India has the world’s second-largest populace after China. This year, the theme is “The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on fertility”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 11 – “World Population Day”
- Theme – “The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on fertility”

22. Central Public Works Department (CPWD) under Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA), has celebrated 167th year of its establishment on July 12, 2021. The function will be held digitally in view of the pandemic. CPWD came into existence in July 1854. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 12 – 167th year of establishment of Central Public Works Department (CPWD) | Established in – 1854
- CPWD – functions under Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA)
- HQs of CPWD – New Delhi | MD – Vinit Kumar Jayaswal

23. The concept of observing July 15 as “National Plastic Surgery Day” in India has been adopted by the leaders of top bodies in the speciality across the globe as “World Plastic Surgery Day”. The decision to observe July 15 as World Plastic Surgery Day came after the APSI’s current president Rakesh Khazanchi spoke about the success of National Plastic Surgery Day in India at the World Council of Leaders. Plastic surgery originated from India and “Sushruta” is known as the “Father of Plastic Surgery”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 15 – “National Plastic Surgery Day” in India or “World Plastic Surgery Day”
- Plastic Surgery originated from – India
- “Sushruta” - an Indian Physician & Surgeon – is known as the “Father of Plastic Surgery”

24. World Youth Skills Day (WYSD) will be marked on July 15 across the globe in the challenging context of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The day was 1st observed in 2015. Sri Lanka initiated a resolution to highlight the importance of youth skills development at a global level. This year, the theme is “Reimagining Youth Skills Post-Pandemic”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 15 – World Youth Skills Day (since 2015)
- Theme – “Reimagining Youth Skills Post-Pandemic”
- “Skill India Mission” was launched on – 15th July 2015

25. On July 17, “World Day for International Justice” or “International Criminal Justice day” is observed across the globe on July 17 every year to mark an emerging modern system of justice against international criminal acts. This year, the theme is “Social Justice in the Digital Economy”. The International Criminal Court (ICC) was formally established on July 17, 2002. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- July 17 – “World Day for International Justice” or “International Criminal Justice day”
- Theme – “Social Justice in the Digital Economy”
- HQs of ICC – Hague, Netherlands | President – Judge Piotr Hofmanski | Established in – 2002

26. The “National Day of France”, more commonly known as “Bastille Day” in English, is a national holiday in the country celebrated on July 14 every year. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 14 – “National Day of France” or “Bastille Day”
- France – Paris – Euro | President – Emmanuel Macron | PM – Jean Castex

27. “Nelson Mandela International Day”, also known as “Mandela Day”, is observed every year on July 18 to mark the birth anniversary of the former South African President Nelson Mandela. This day was first celebrated on July 18, 2010. This year, the theme is “One Hand Can Feed Another”. He is the “Father of the Nation” of South Africa. In 2014, the UNGA introduced the Nelson Mandela Prize. This day also celebrates a campaign known as ‘46664’, his Robben Island prison number. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 18 – “Nelson Mandela International Day” or “Mandela Day” (since 2010)
- Nelson Mandela – former President of South Africa (“Father of the Nation” in South Africa)

28. The 2nd edition of “International Chess Day” was celebrated on July 20. Chess was invented in India in the 5th century. It was then named “Chaturanga”. International Chess Day is celebrated every year as the founding day of FIDE (World Chess Federation). This year will mark FIDE’s 97th anniversary. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 20 – 2nd edition of “International Chess Day” (97th foundation day of FIDE)
- Chess (Chaturanga) was invented in India in the 5th century
- HQs of FIDE – Lausanne, Switzerland | CEO – Geoffrey D. Borg | Founded on – July 20, 1924

29. The 53rd Bank Nationalisation Day was observed across India on 19th July, 2021. It commemorates the issuance of the Banking Companies (Acquisition and Transfer of Undertakings) Ordinance, 1969. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 19 – 53rd Bank Nationalisation Day

30. On July 21, West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee has announced that the state would celebrate “Khela Divas” on August 16, prompting the BJP to equate it with the Muslim League’s Direct Action Day, which began on that day in 1946. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- August 16 – “Khela Divas” to be celebrated by West Bengal
- August 16 – Direct Action Day by Muslim League
- West Bengal: Capital – Kolkata | CM – Mamta Banerjee | Governor – Jagdeep Dhankar

31. The “Science Exploration Day” sometimes also called “Moon Day” was observed on July 20. The day was declared a holiday in 1984 by the then President of the United States, Ronald Reagan. The day marks the anniversary of America’s “Apollo 11”, the first manned mission to land on the Moon. Neil Armstrong was the first man to set foot on the moon’s surface in 1969. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 20 – “Science Exploration Day” or “Moon Day”
- America’s “Apollo 11” – the first manned mission to land on the Moon in 1969

32. Both “Pi Day” and “Pi Approximation Day” are the celebrations of mathematical constant Pi (π). Pi Day is celebrated on March 14 as the date is 3-14 is similar to the approximate value of Pi 3.14. Pi Approximation Day is celebrated on July 22 as it is written as 22/7. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 22 – “Pi Approximation Day” (as $\pi = 22/7$)
- March 14 – “Pi Day” (as $\pi = 22/7 = 3.14$)

33. World Brain Day is observed on July 22 every year to raise awareness about Multiple Sclerosis (MS). Multiple sclerosis is a potentially disabling disease that affects the brain and the spine. The theme for the year 2021 is “Stop Multiple Sclerosis”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 22 – World Brain Day – to raise awareness about ‘Multiple Sclerosis (MS)’
- Theme – “Stop Multiple Sclerosis”

34. National Broadcasting Day is observed annually in India on July 23 to commemorate the first-ever radio broadcast in India that went on air from the Bombay Station under the Indian Broadcasting Company in 1927. Radio broadcasting began in India under British rule in 1922 with programs by the Bombay Presidency Radio Club. Later in 1927, the Indian Broadcasting Company (IBC) was made a private entity. All India Radio (AIR) has been officially known since 1956 as “Akashvani”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 23 – National Broadcasting Day
- Radio broadcasting began in India under British rule in 1922 – by Bombay Presidency Radio Club
- AIR is officially known as “Akashvani” – since 1956

35. On July 23, the 165th birth anniversary of Keshav Gangadhar Tilak, popularly known as Bal Gangadhar Tilak was observed. He was the first leader of the Indian independence movement. He was called “The father of the Indian unrest”. Tilak was born on 23 July 1856 in Ratnagiri district in Bombay (Maharashtra). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 23 – 165th birth anniversary of Keshav Gangadhar Tilak or Bal Gangadhar Tilak
- He was called “The father of the Indian unrest” | Born on 23 July 1856 in Ratnagiri, Maharashtra

36. “World Fragile X Awareness Day” or “Fragile X Day” was recently observed on July 22. The day is observed to create awareness on Fragile X syndrome (FXS) - a genetic disease. This disease causes mild to severe Intellectual Disability. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 22 – “World Fragile X Awareness Day” or “Fragile X Day”
- Fragile X syndrome (FXS) causes mild to severe ‘Intellectual Disability’

37. Income Tax department, under the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has marked July 24 as the 161st Income Tax Day or Aaykar Diwas. On July 24, 1860, income tax was introduced in India by Sir James Wilson to compensate the British government for the losses incurred during the First War of Independence in 1857.

Key Points:

- July 24 – 161st “Income Tax Day” or “Aaykar Diwas”
- Income Tax was introduced in India by Sir James Wilson – on July 24, 1860

38. On July 23, People belonging to the Koya tribe observed the “Gondi Language Day” on July 21 and sought inclusion of their language in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution. This Day is observed on July 21 as per the “Delhi Convention - 2018” organised by the Adivasi Samkshema Parishad (ASP). Koya Tribe is majorly found in Andhra Pradesh. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 21 – “Gondi Language Day” – observed by Koya tribe
- Koya tribe – majorly found in Andhra Pradesh
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan

39. This year, India celebrated the 22nd Anniversary of “Kargil Vijay Diwas” on July 26 to mark the anniversary of the Indian Army’s victory against Pakistan on this day in 1999. The military campaign dubbed as “Operation Vijay” held in the month of July in 1999. It is estimated that as many as 527 Indian soldiers died in the war, while more than 1,300 were injured. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 26 – 22nd Anniversary of “Kargil Vijay Diwas”
- To mark the anniversary of “Operation Vijay” conducted in 1999 (Indian Army’s victory against Pakistan)

40. At least 2,36,000 people drown every year. Drowning is among the top 10 leading causes of death for children and youth aged between one and 24 years, as noted by the WHO on the first “World Drowning Prevention Day” which was marked on July 25, 2021. This year, the theme is “Anyone Can Drown, No One Should”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 25 – 1st “World Drowning Prevention Day”
- Theme – “Anyone Can Drown, No One Should”

41. 25th July is celebrated as the “World In Vitro Fertilization (IVF) Day” every year to mark the greatest innovation in the field of reproductive medicine this day. Infertility affects an estimated 15% of couples globally. Louise Brown was the first baby to be born after successful IVF treatment in the world on July 25, 1978 in England after years of efforts from Dr Patrick Steptoe, Robert Edwards and their team. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 25 – “World In Vitro Fertilization (IVF) Day”
- Louise Joy Brown – the World’s first IVF baby – born on 25th July, 1978 in England

42. The UNESCO has celebrated “World Mangrove Day” or “International Day for the Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystem” on July 26 with the aim of raising awareness about mangrove ecosystems and to promote their sustainable management and conservation. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 26 – “World Mangrove Day” or “International Day for the Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystem”

43. On July 27, PM Narendra Modi has extended greetings to the soldiers of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) on the 83rd Raising Day of the CRPF. The CRPF came into existence as Crown Representative's Police on July 27, 1939. It became the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) on the enactment of the CRPF Act on December 28, 1949. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 27 – 83rd Raising Day of the CRPF
- HQs of CRPF – New Delhi | DG – Kuldip Singh | Formed – 1939 | Motto – “Service & Loyalty”

44. MyGov, the citizen engagement platform, has completed 7 years long journey. It was launched by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 26th July 2014. An event was organised on the theme of “MyGov Positive” promoting positive use of Social media. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “MyGov” platform – celebrated the 7th Anniversary of its launch on July 26 | Launched in 2014
- An event was organised on the theme of “MyGov Positive”

45. World Hepatitis Day (WHD) is celebrated every year on July 28 in order to spread awareness about viral hepatitis. It is an inflammation of the liver that can cause severe liver disease and hepatocellular cancer. The day is marked on the birthday of Nobel Prize-winning scientist Dr. Baruch Blumberg. In 2021, the theme is “Hepatitis Can’t Wait”. The target to eliminate hepatitis as a public health threat is by 2030. Besides, Manipur launched the “Model Hepatitis B Treatment Centres” on World Hepatitis Day. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 28 – World Hepatitis Day
- Theme – “Hepatitis Can’t Wait”
- Target to eliminate Hepatitis as a public health threat – by 2030
- Manipur – launched the “Model Hepatitis B Treatment Centres”

46. The “World Nature Conservation Day” is observed annually on July 28. The day aims to create awareness about the need to preserve the environment and natural resources in order to keep the world healthy. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 28 – “World Nature Conservation Day”

47. On July 27, The Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) has celebrated its 15th Foundation Day at Prithvi Bhavan Headquarters in New Delhi. Dr. Jitendra Singh launched the “MoES-ESSDP” (Earth System Science Data Portal), an integrated digital web portal of MoES institutes. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has introduced a new mobile app named “Pune Weather Live”. Besides, Dr. Satish Shetye has received the “LifeTime Excellence Award” during the ‘MoES National Awards 2021’. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 27 – 15th Foundation Day of Ministry of Earth Sciences
- Dr. Jitendra Singh – launched an integrated digital web portal “MoES-ESSDP” for MoES institutes
- IMD – introduced a new mobile app named “Pune Weather Live”
- Satish Shetye – received the “LifeTime Excellence Award” during the ‘MoES National Awards 2021’

48. “National Moth Week” (NMW) was observed from July 17 to 25 this year. As the NMW completes 10 years in 2021 and this year, the focus is on encouraging children and teenagers to explore the secret world of these nocturnal insects. It is annually observed across the globe on the last full week of July. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 17 to 25 – 10th edition of “National Moth Week”

49. This year again, “Earth Overshoot Day” has shifted back to July 29. This means humanity has used all biological resources that the Earth regenerates during the entire year by July 29, according to the Global Footprint Network (GFN). It is the same date as in 2019. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 29 – “Earth Overshoot Day 2021”

50. On July 29, The International Tiger Day was observed in India along with other countries to raise awareness about the falling number of tigers worldwide. India is home to 52 tiger reserves with the latest addition of Ramgarh Vishdhari Tiger Reserve (RVTR) in Bundi district of Rajasthan. The last Tiger Census was conducted in 2018. India comprises over 70% of the tiger population globally. Tiger is one of the species that is classified as ‘Endangered’ by the IUCN. Currently, Madhya Pradesh holds the status of ‘Tiger State’ with 526 tigers. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 29 – “International Tiger Day” or “Global Tiger Day”
- India has 52 Tiger Reserves (as of 2021) | Last Tiger Census was conducted in 2018
- India comprises over 70% of the Tiger population globally | Tiger – classified as ‘Endangered’ by the IUCN
- Madhya Pradesh – holds the status of ‘Tiger State’ with 526 tigers

51. World Day Against Trafficking in Persons was observed across the globe on July 30. Most common form of human trafficking (79%) is sexual exploitation. In 2021, the theme is “Victims’ Voices Lead the Way”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 30 – World Day Against Trafficking in Persons
- Theme – “Victims’ Voices Lead the Way”

52. World Ranger Day is observed every on July 31 in the memory of the rangers all around the world who have lost their lives or gotten injured in the line of duty. In 2021, the theme is “Ranger Safety and Wellbeing”. Two Indians - Sathish Sundaram & Mahindra Giri were among the 10 recipients of “International Ranger Awards” which was announced earlier. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 31 – World Ranger Day
- Theme – “Ranger Safety & Wellbeing”
- Indian recipients of “International Ranger Awards” – Sathish Sundaram & Mahindra Giri

Meetings, Conferences and Summits

1. A two day Regional Conference on the theme “Replication of Good Governance Practices” was held in Srinagar on July 01 and 02, 2021. The Conference was organised by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) under the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions in collaboration with Jammu and Kashmir Administration. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Replication of Good Governance Practices” – held in Srinagar, J & K
- The Conference was organised by = DARPG + J & K
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha

2. On July 2, Dr. Harsh Vardhan has addressed 17th World Congress for Cervical Pathology and Colposcopy. Event is being organised for the first time in Asia. The event organised by Indian Society of Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology was inaugurated by Vice President Shri Venkaiah Naidu. The theme of the World congress “Eliminating Cervical Cancer: Call for Action” is aligned to the WHO call for Elimination of Cervical Cancer by 2030. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dr. Harsh Vardhan addressed – 17th World Congress for Cervical Pathology and Colposcopy – hosted by India
- Theme – “Eliminating Cervical Cancer: Call for Action”
- Location of Indian Society of Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology – New Delhi

3. On July 2, The Minister of State (I//C) for Culture and Tourism, Shri Prahlad Singh Patel has chaired the 6th BRICS Culture Ministers’ Meeting through video conference. The meeting was held under the theme “Bonding and Harmonizing Cultural Synergy”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Prahlad Singh Patel – chaired the 6th BRICS Culture Ministers’ Meeting
- Theme – “Bonding and Harmonizing Cultural Synergy”

4. The 2nd India-Ghana Foreign Office Consultations (FOC) were held on 2nd July 2021 in Accra. Mr. Rahul Chhabra, Secretary (ER) co-chaired the Meeting from Indian side. An MoU was signed for Cooperation between India’s Global Centre for Nuclear Energy Partnership (GCNEP) and Ghana Atomic Energy Commission (GAEC). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rahul Chhabra – chaired the 2nd India-Ghana Foreign Office Consultations (FOC) – in Accra
- Ghana – Accra – Cedi | President – Nana Akufo-Addo

5. Vice President Venkaiah Naidu has addressed the 19th Meeting of the Governing Council of Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA) that took place in Hyderabad. He also chaired the 20th meeting of the governing body of the ICWA. Naidu also unveiled a book, “Sapru House: A Story of Institutions Building in World Affairs” during the meeting. The book is authored by Dr. TCA Raghavan (DG of ICWA). Vijay Thakur Singh was appointed as the next Director General of ICWA at the meeting as the term of incumbent T C A Raghavan ends on July 23. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Venkaiah Naidu – addressed the 19th Meeting of the Governing Council of ICWA – in Hyderabad, Telangana
- Venkaiah Naidu – also chaired the 20th meeting of the governing body of the ICWA
- Venkaiah Naidu released “Sapru House: A Story of Institutions Building in World Affairs” – authored by TCA Raghavan
- Vijay Thakur Singh – appointed as the next Director General of ICWA (replacing TCA Raghavan)
- [HQs of ICWA – New Delhi | Director General – Vijay Thakur Singh](#)

6. On July 6, The 8th meeting of BRICS Education Ministers was held as part of the 13th BRICS Summit being hosted by India. Union Minister of State for Education Sanjay Dhotre chaired the meeting. BRICS countries resolve to enhance academic collaboration in higher education and Vocational Education and Training (TVET). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sanjay Dhotre – chaired the 8th meeting of BRICS Education Ministers
- [BRICS Member Countries – 5 – Brazil, Russia, India, China & South Africa | Chairmanship in 2021 – India](#)

7. “International Climate Summit 2021” (ICS 2021) will be organised in partnership with NITI Aayog, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEFCC), Department of Scientific & Industrial Research, CSIR and the Department of Science & Technology on 3rd September, 2021 at New Delhi. The key focus of this summit will be “Green Hydrogen”. Norway has kindly consented to be the Partner Country for the Summit. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India + Norway = to host “International Climate Summit 2021” – in New Delhi | Key Focus – “Green Hydrogen”
- It will be organised by = NITI Aayog + MoEFCC + Dept of S&I Research + CSIR + Dept of S&T

8. On July 6, the 1st edition of the “Indo Pacific Business Summit” was organised by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) in partnership with Ministry of External Affairs. Secretary (East) in the External Affairs Ministry, Riva Ganguly Das addressed the event. The theme of the event was “Developing a Road Map for Shared Prosperity”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 1st edition of the “Indo Pacific Business Summit” = organised by CII + MEA
- Riva Ganguly Das – represented India in the Summit | Theme – “Developing a Road Map for Shared Prosperity”
- [HQs of CII – New Delhi | President – T. V. Narendran | Director General – Chandrajit Banerjee](#)



9. All BRICS countries have agreed to the Science, Technology & Innovation (STI)-led “BRICS Innovation Cooperation Action Plan (2021-24)” proposed by India during the 12th meeting of the BRICS S&T Steering Committee hosted by the Department of Science and Technology (DST) on July 8. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – proposed “BRICS Innovation Cooperation Action Plan (2021-24)”
- DST (India) – hosted the 12th meeting of the BRICS S&T Steering Committee
- [BRICS Member Countries – 5 – Brazil, Russia, India, China & South Africa | Chairmanship in 2021 – India](#)

10. India and the UK held the 1st meeting of the India-UK Financial Markets Dialogue virtually on July 8. The Dialogue was established at the 10th Economic and Financial Dialogue (EFD) in October 2020 to deepen bilateral ties in the financial sector. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 1st meeting of the India-UK Financial Markets Dialogue – held virtually on July 8 (established in 2020)
- [UK – London – Pound Sterling | PM – Boris Johnson](#)

11. The Road Transport and Highways Ministry Nitin Gadkari has participated in the 16th annual conference on “Road Development in India” and he stated that his aim is to construct 60,000 km of the world-class national highway by 2024. The government is investing 1.4 trillion dollars (Rs 111 lakh Cr) in infrastructure development through National Infrastructure Pipeline (NIP). National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) also plans to construct 22 new expressways & economic corridors across by 2025. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Nitin Gadkari – participated in the 16th annual conference on “Road Development in India”
- His aim: To construct 60,000 km of the world-class national highway by 2024
- NHAI – plans to construct 22 new expressways & economic corridors across by 2025

12. On July 6, Prakash Javadekar has addressed the virtual inauguration of ‘India Pavilion’ during the 74th Cannes Film Festival, organized by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. Shri Amit Khare Secretary also unveiled the regulations booklet and poster of the 52nd edition of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) at the virtual Indian Pavilion held in Cannes Film Market. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Prakash Javadekar – addressed the virtual inauguration of ‘India Pavilion’ during the 74th “Cannes Film Festival”
- The festival was organized by the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting
- Amit Khare – unveiled the regulations booklet & poster of the 52nd edition of the IFFI

13. The 5th and the final session of the 3rd ASEAN Conference on Biodiversity focused on the theme “Towards 2050: Living in Harmony with Nature” was held on July 5. The meeting was organized by Malaysia in partnership with the ASEAN Center for Biodiversity. The annual biodiversity financing gap amounts to \$316 billion, according to Conservation Finance Alliance. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 3rd “ASEAN Conference on Biodiversity” organized by = Malaysia + ASEAN Center for Biodiversity
- Theme – “Towards 2050: Living in Harmony with Nature”
- Annual biodiversity financing gap – \$316 billion
- [Chairmanship of ASEAN 2021 – Brunei | Secretariat of ASEAN – Jakarta, Indonesia | Members – 10](#)

14. On July 10, Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman has participated virtually in the 3rd G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors (FMCBG) Meeting under the Italian Presidency. The two-day meeting was held on July 9 and 10, 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Nirmala Sitharaman participated in the 3rd G20 Finance Ministers & Central Bank Governors Meeting – hosted by Italy
- [Presidency of G20 Summit: 2021 – Italy | 2022 – Indonesia | 2023 – India | 2024 – Brazil](#)

15. On July 9, The 21st Session of India-Italy Joint Commission for Economic Cooperation (JCEC) was held virtually. Mr. Piyush Goyal, Commerce & Industry Minister and Mr. Luigi Di Maio, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy co-chaired the Session. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Piyush Goyal – co-chaired the 21st Session of “India-Italy Joint Commission for Economic Cooperation (JCEC)”
- [Italy – Rome – Euro | President – Sergio Mattarella | PM – Mario Draghi](#)

16. On July 12, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar has addressed the inaugural session of the 16th “CII-EXIM Bank Conclave” on India & Africa Project Partnership. The theme of the conclave was “Harnessing the Africa-India Opportunity: Connect, Create and Collaborate”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- S. Jaishankar – addressed the 16th “CII-EXIM Bank Conclave” on India & Africa Project Partnership”
- Theme – “Harnessing the Africa-India Opportunity: Connect, Create and Collaborate”

17. On July 15, Union Minister for Labour & Employment Shri Bhupender Yadav has chaired the 7th BRICS Labour & Employment Ministers’ Meeting under India’s Presidency. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bhupender Yadav – chaired the 7th “BRICS Labour & Employment Ministers’ Meeting” – under India’s Presidency
- [BRICS Member Countries: 5 – Brazil, Russia, India, China & South Africa | Chairmanship in 2021 – India](#)

18. The “2021 High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF)” was held with stark statements about the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on sustainable development. The meeting was conducted by the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) on the 2030 Agenda for attaining the 17 SDGs. In 2020, the Economic Downturn has pushed between 119 and 124 million more people into extreme poverty. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- ECOSOC – hosted the “2021 High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF)”
- The forum was conducted on the 2030 Agenda for attaining the 17 SDGs
- Economic Downturn pushed between 119 & 124 million more people into extreme poverty in 2020
- HQs of ECOSOC – New York, US | President – Munir Akram | Established in – 1945 | Members – 54 countries

19. External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar has visited Tajikistan on July 13-14 to participate in the SCO Council of Foreign Ministers Meeting. He also visited Uzbekistan on July 15-16 to participate in regional forum meetings. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- S. Jaishankar – visited Tajikistan on July 13-14 to participate in the “SCO Council of Foreign Ministers Meeting”
- S. Jaishankar – visited Uzbekistan on July 15-16 to participate in Regional Forum Meetings
- Tajikistan – Dushanbe – Somoni | President – Emomali Rahmon
- Uzbekistan – Tashkent – So’m | President – Shavkat Mirziyoyev
- HQs of SCO – Beijing, China | 8 Countries: China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, India, Pak

20. The Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) along with the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) organised the 2nd edition of “Digital Conference and Exhibition on Self-Reliance for Renewable Energy Manufacturing” on 15 and 16 July 2021. Renewable energy is expected to generate business worth \$20 billion a year over the next decade in India. India will achieve the target of 20% ethanol blending with petrol by 2023-24. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CII + MNRE = organised 2nd “Digital Conference & Exhibition on Self-Reliance for Renewable Energy Manufacturing”
- India will achieve the target of 20% ethanol blending with Petrol – by 2023-24
- HQs of CII – New Delhi | President – T. V. Narendran | Director General – Chandrajit Banerjee

21. The 27th Meeting of the Contact Group on Economic and Trade Issues (CGETI) was held from 12-14 July 2021. Of the various groups of BRICS, the CGETI is responsible for Economic and Trade matters. The Department of Commerce is the National coordinator for the BRICS CGETI. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Meeting of the Contact Group on Economic and Trade Issues (CGETI) – held from 12-14 July
- Department of Commerce – National coordinator for the BRICS CGETI



22. On July 21, During the “Investment Conclave 2021” held in Chennai on July 20, Tamil Nadu government received an investment commitment of 28,508 Cr by a slew of companies through 49 projects which will provide employment opportunities for 83,482 persons. The aim is to make Tamil Nadu a \$1 trillion economy by 2030. As part of the investments, the Tamil Nadu government has exchanged 35 MoUs with a cumulative investment of Rs 17,141 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Investment Conclave 2021” – held in Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- Tamil Nadu – received an investment commitment of 28,508 Cr from 49 projects
- Tamil Nadu aims to become \$1 trillion economy by 2030
- [Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit](#)

23. On July 22, S. Jaishankar from India & Prak Sokhonn from Cambodia have co-chaired the 11th Mekong-Ganga Cooperation Foreign Ministers’ Meeting. The MGC initiative comprising 6 countries - India, Cambodia, Myanmar, Thailand, Laos and Vietnam, was launched in 2000 to boost cooperation in a range of areas including connectivity, tourism and culture. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- S. Jaishankar ([India](#)) & Prak Sokhonn ([Cambodia](#)) – co-chaired the 11th Mekong-Ganga Cooperation Foreign Ministers’ Meeting
- MGC initiative comprises 6 countries – [India, Cambodia, Myanmar, Thailand, Laos & Vietnam](#) | Launched in – 2000

24. The “World Universities Summit 2021” on the theme “Universities of the Future: Building Institutional Resilience, Social Responsibility and Community Impact” organised by O. P. Jindal Global University from July 21-23 was inaugurated the Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu. JGU has partnered with 6 Global Education Networks for this event. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- M. Venkaiah Naidu – inaugurated the “World Universities Summit 2021” – organised by O. P. Jindal Global Uni.
- Theme – “Universities of the Future: Building Institutional Resilience, Social Responsibility and Community Impact”
- [Location of O.P. Jindal Global University – Sonapat, Haryana](#)

25. On July 22, Russia has invited India for the first time to the Russia-US-China “Troika Plus meet” on Afghanistan. Besides India, Iran has also been invited for the meeting. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Russia – invited India to the Russia-US-China “Troika Plus meet” on Afghanistan (for the first time)
- [Russia – Moscow – Russian Ruble | PM – Mikhail Mishustin | President – Vladimir Putin](#)

26. On July 22, the 16th “G20 Environment Ministers’ Meeting 2021” was held in hybrid format under Italian Presidency. The summit is slated to revolve around its primary theme of ‘People’, ‘Planet’ and ‘Prosperity’. India was represented by a delegation led by Hon’ble Union Environment Minister, Bhupender Yadav. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bhupender Yadav – participated in the 16th “G20 Environment Ministers’ Meeting 2021” – hosted by Italy
- [Presidency of G20 Summit: 2021 – Italy | 2022 – Indonesia | 2023 – India | 2024 – Brazil](#)

27. On July 26, Uzbekistan has hosted a High-level International Conference titled “Central and South Asia: Regional Connectivity, Challenges and Opportunities” at Tashkent. Minister of External Affairs of India Dr. S. Jaishankar represented India in this conference. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Uzbekistan – hosted “Central and South Asia: Regional Connectivity, Challenges and Opportunities Conference”
- [Uzbekistan – Tashkent – So’m | President – Shavkat Mirziyoyev](#)

28. On July 28, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has attended the “SCO Defence Ministers’ Meeting” in Dushanbe. Tajikistan is chairing the SCO this year and hosting a series of ministerial and official-level meetings. 2021 has been declared the “Year of SCO Culture”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rajnath Singh – attended the “SCO Defence Ministers’ Meeting” in Dushanbe (hosted by - Tajikistan)
- 2021 – “Year of SCO Culture”
- [HQs of SCO – Beijing, China | 8 Countries: China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, India, Pak](#)
- [Tajikistan – Dushanbe – Somoni | President – Emomali Rahmon](#)

29. On July 29, India and the US will virtually co-host the 4th annual Indo-Pacific Business Forum (IPBF) in October, 2021 to promote trade, investment and economic cooperation between the United States and its partners throughout the Indo-Pacific region. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India + US – to virtually co-host the 4th annual Indo-Pacific Business Forum (IPBF) in October, 2021
- [US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46th President – Joe Biden | 49th VP – Kamala Harris](#)

30. The 6th meeting of the “BRICS Counter Terrorism Working Group (CTWG)” was held virtually on 28-29 July 2021 under the Chairship of India. Mahaveer Singhvi, Joint Secretary for Counter-Terrorism, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has chaired the meeting. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 6th meeting of the “BRICS Counter Terrorism Working Group (CTWG)” – chaired by Mahaveer Singhvi (India)
- [Joint Secretary for Counter-Terrorism, MEA – Mahaveer Singhvi](#)
- [BRICS Member Countries: 5 – Brazil, Russia, India, China & South Africa | Chairmanship in 2021 – India](#)

Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

1. On July 2, International Monetary Fund Chief Economist Gita Gopinath and NASA Scientist Kamlesh Lulla are among the 34 “Great Immigrants 2021” honourees named by the Carnegie Corporation of New York, a non-profit organisation. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Gita Gopinath + Kamlesh Lulla = among the 34 “Great Immigrants 2021” honourees – by Carnegie Corp of New York

2. On July 3, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal and Information and Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar have congratulated Invest India, which has been awarded the “world’s most Innovative Investment Promotion Agency 2021” by OCO Global. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Invest India – awarded the “world’s most Innovative Investment Promotion Agency 2021” by OCO Global
- HQs of Invest India – New Delhi | MD & CEO – Deepak Bagla | Established in – 2009

3. Odia poet Dr. Rajendra Kishore Panda has been selected for the “Kuvempu Rashtriya Puraskar for 2020”. The award carries a cash award of ₹5 lakh, a silver medal and a citation. The award is given annually to a writer who has contributed in any of the languages recognised by the Constitution of India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rajendra Kishore Panda ([Odia Poet](#)) – selected for the “Kuvempu Rashtriya Puraskar for 2020”

4. On July 5, Korean Air was selected as the “2021 Airline of the Year” called the ‘Oscar in the Aviation Industry’ by Air Transport World (ATW). The selection of ATW is due to the dedication and sacrifice of its executives and employees who endured the worst situation under COVID-19. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Korean Air – selected as the “2021 Airline of the Year” by Air Transport World
- HQs of Korean Air – Seoul, South Korea | CEO – Cho Won-tae

5. On July 4, Zilla Parishad school teacher from Osmanabad in Maharashtra has been chosen for the prestigious National ICT Award 2018 instituted by the Central Institute of Educational Technology (CIET), a constituent unit of the NCERT. Six teachers, each from Maharashtra & Tamil Nadu, were selected for the Awards for 2018 and 2019. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CIET (NCERT) – presented “National ICT Award for 2018 & 2019” to 6 teachers each from Maharashtra & TN
- HQs of CIET (NCERT) – New Delhi



6. Actress-turned-filmmaker Deepti Pillay Sivan is elated as her documentary “Decoding Shankar” has won “Best Biographical Film Award” at the Toronto International Women Film Festival, 2021. This documentary is on singer Shankar Mahadevan. The documentary also won a “Special Jury Award” at the Indo French International Film Festival. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Decoding Shankar” documentary – won “Best Biographical Film Award” at Toronto Int. Women Film Festival 2021
- “Decoding Shankar” documentary – also won “Special Jury Award” at Indo French International Film Festival 2021
- The documentary is on – Shankar Mahadevan | The documentary is directed by – Deepti Pillay Sivan

7. On July 3, Bengaluru’s Kempegowda International Airport has been inducted into the prestigious Airports Council International (ACI) Director General’s Roll of Excellence for the year 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kempegowda International Airport (Bengaluru) – inducted into the ACI’s DG’s Roll of Excellence for 2020
- HQs of ACI – Montreal, Canada | DG – Luis Felipe de Oliveira

8. On July 6, Indian Economist Kaushik Basu has been awarded the “Humboldt Research Award for Economics” for 2021. Basu is also a recipient of the Padma Bhushan, the third-highest civilian award in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kaushik Basu – awarded the “Humboldt Research Award for Economics” for 2021
- Kaushik Basu – Indian Economist from Kolkata (also recipient of the Padma Bhushan)

9. On July 3, Syed Osman Azhar Maqusi, a social activist from Hyderabad, was conferred the “Commonwealth Points of Light Award” for ‘Hunger Has No Religion’, his initiative which feeds about 1,500 people every day. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Syed Osman Azhar Maqusi ([Hyderabad](#)) – conferred the “Commonwealth Points of Light Award” – by the UK
- He received this award for his initiative called “Hunger Has No Religion”

10. On July 6, National Film Archive of India (NFAI) has announced a significant addition of the original camera negative of Rajkumar Hirani’s 2014 film “PK” in its collection. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rajkumar Hirani’s 2014 film “PK” – added to the collection of the National Film Archives of India (NFAI)
- Location of NFAI – Pune, Maharashtra | Director – Prakash Magdum



11. Actor Vidya Balan and producers Ekta Kapoor and Shobha Kapoor will join the new batch of Executive Members in the Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences, the governing body of the Oscars. On its website, the Academy shared its Class of 2021 comprising 395 new members from 50 countries. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Vidya Balan + Ekta Kapoor + Shobha Kapoor = to join Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences members
- Vidya Balan – the only Indian Actor among 395 new members from 50 countries

12. On July 12, Chandigarh University has honored Space Scientist Padma Shri Prof. R. S. Vasagam with “Lifetime Achievement Award” for his contribution to Indian Space Program. He was honored when Chandigarh University celebrated 40 years of India’s first Communication Satellite “APPLE Satellite”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Chandigarh University – celebrated 40 years of India’s first Communication Satellite “APPLE Satellite”
- Chandigarh University – also honored space scientist Prof. R. S. Vasagam with “Lifetime Achievement Award”
- APPLE – Ariane Passenger Payload Experiment

13. On July 10, Malayalam Journalist, playwright, novelist and poet Omchery N. N. Pillai has been selected for the “Bahrain Keraleeya Samajam (BKS)’s Literary Award” for 2021. Omchery hails from Vaikom in Kottayam and he started his public career as a journalist at ‘Malayala Rajyam’. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Omchery N. N. Pillai – selected for the “Bahrain Keraleeya Samajam (BKS)’s Literary Award” for 2021
- Omchery N. N. Pillai (Kerala) – a Malayalam Journalist, Playwright, Novelist & Poet
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

14. On July 16, Aadhimalai Pazhangudiyinar Producer Company Ltd and Snehakunja Trust are among the 10 awardees of the prestigious “UNDP Equator Prize 2021” for their work in the field of Conservation and Biodiversity. The winners received a prize of \$10,000. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Aadhimalai Pazhangudiyinar Producer Company + Snehakunja Trust = won the “UNDP Equator Prize 2021”
- The prize is for their work in the field of ‘Conservation & Biodiversity’
- HQs of UNDP – New York, USA | Administrator – Achim Steiner | Founded in – 1965
- Location of Aadhimalai Pazhangudiyinar Producer Co. – Tamil Nadu | Location of Snehakunja Trust – Karnataka

15. On July 15, Former India and Mohun Bagan shot-stopper Shibaji Banerjee will be conferred with “Mohun Bagan Ratna” posthumously. He famously denied Brazil’s legendary football player Pele from scoring a goal in an exhibition match in 1977. Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic situation, this year also the Mohun Bagan Day Celebration (on July 29) would be organised digitally. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Shibaji Banerjee – conferred with “Mohun Bagan Ratna” posthumously
- July 29 – “Mohun Bagan Day”

16. On July 19, The government has announced to launch the “National Logistics Excellence Awards”, which will highlight best practices including consolidation, process standardisation, technological upgrade, digital transformations and sustainable practices in the logistics sector. The awards will be instituted by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Government will launch “National Logistics Excellence Awards” – instituted by Ministry of Commerce & Industry
- Ministry of Commerce & Industry: Piyush Goyal (Constituency – Maharashtra)

17. On July 21, Sandesh Jhingan was named the AIFF men’s “Footballer of the Year” and Suresh Singh Wangjam was named the “Emerging Player” for 2020-21 season. While, Bala Devi has been named as the AIFF Women’s “Footballer of the Year”, and Manisha Kalyan was named as the “Emerging Player” award for the 2020-21 season. Bala remains the first Indian woman footballer to sign a professional contract in Europe. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sandesh Jhingan – named the AIFF men’s “Footballer of the Year” for 2020-21
- Suresh Singh Wangjam – named the AIFF men’s “Emerging Player” for 2020-21
- Bala Devi – named the AIFF women’s “Footballer of the Year” for 2020-21
- Manisha Kalyan – named the AIFF women’s the “Emerging Player” for 2020-21
- HQs of AIFF – Dwarka, Delhi | President – Praful Patel | Gen. Secretary – Kushal Das | Established in – 1937

18. On July 22, Spanish Chef Xanty Elias has won the “Basque Culinary World Prize 2021”. The prize was awarded to him for his foundation Fundacion Prenauta, which empowers children by teaching them how to cook and appreciate healthy, traditional food. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Xanty Elias (Spanish Chef) – won the “Basque Culinary World Prize 2021”
- Spain – Madrid – Euro | PM – Pedro Sanchez

19. On July 22, Cachar district of Assam has received the “National Silver SKOCH Award” for “Pushti Nirbhor” (Nutrition-Dependent), a convergence project on transformation and development entailing setting up nutri-gardens at houses in Dinnathpur Bagicha village. Under the project, 30,000 seedlings of vegetables, fruits and herbal plants were distributed among 140 beneficiaries. Instituted in 2003, SKOCH Award salutes people, projects and institutions that go the extra mile to make India a better nation. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Cachar district ([Assam](#)) – received the “National Silver SKOCH Award” for “Pushti Nirbhor” - a Nutri-garden project
- [Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Himanta Biswa Sarma | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi](#)

20. On July 21, Nobel Peace Prize awardee Muhammad Yunus is set to receive the “Olympic Laurel Award for 2020” at the Opening Ceremony of the Tokyo Olympics on July 23, 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Muhammad Yunus ([Bangladesh](#)) – to receive the “Olympic Laurel Award for 2020”
- [Bangladesh – Dhaka – Taka | PM – Sheikh Hasina | President – Abdul Hamid](#)

21. On July 18, Kajal Chakraborty, Principal Scientist at the Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute has won the “Norman Borlaug National Award 2020” for Excellence in Agricultural Research instituted by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR). The award, which is announced once in five years, carries a cash prize of Rs 10 lakh. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kajal Chakraborty – won “Norman Borlaug National Award 2020” for Excellence in Agricultural Research – by ICAR
- The award is announced once in 5 years | Cash prize – Rs 10 lakh
- [HQs of ICAR – New Delhi | DG – Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra | Established in – 1929](#)

22. On July 23, India’s chief hydrographer Vice Admiral Vinay Badhwar has been conferred with the prestigious “Alexander Dalrymple” award by the British government in recognition of his works in areas of Hydrography and Nautical Cartography. The Alexander Dalrymple award has been named after the first hydrographer of the Admiralty and was instituted in 2006. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Vice Admiral Vinay Badhwar – conferred with the prestigious “Alexander Dalrymple” award by the UK
- He was awarded for his works in areas of Hydrography & Nautical Cartography

23. On July 26, Kandla Special Economic Zone (KASEZ) from Gujarat is the 1st Green SEZ to achieve the Indian Green Building Council (IGBC) Green Cities Platinum Rating for Existing Cities. Government of India is working towards ensuring environmentally sustainable development. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kandla SEZ ([Gujarat](#)) – 1st Green SEZ to achieve the IGBC Green Cities Platinum Rating
- [Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat](#)

24. World No. 1 para shuttler Pramod Bhagat has been named “Differently Abled Sportsman of the Year” at Indian Sports Honour for 2019. Indian Sports Honours are awards given annually by the RPSG Group in association with the Virat Kohli Foundation. The awards were founded in 2017. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Pramod Bhagat (Para shuttler) – named “Differently Abled Sportsman of the Year” for 2019 at Indian Sports Honour
- Indian Sports Honour awards are given annually by = RPSG Group + Virat Kohli Foundation | Founded – in 2017

25. On July 28, Out of total 50, 3 Indian Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) are among the winners of a \$1,00,000 global competition of “Best Small Business: Good Food for All” announced by the United Nations. It provides inspiring, diverse and impactful solutions in improving access to healthy and sustainable food. From India, the winners are Edible Routes Pvt Ltd, Oorja Development Solutions India and Taru Naturals. The competition was held in conjunction with the UN Food Systems Summit. Narendra Singh Tomar virtually participated in the 3-day long summit where the UN accepted India’s proposal to celebrate 2023 as “International Year of Millets”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 3 Indian SMEs are among the winners of UN’s global competition of “Best Small Business: Good Food for All”
- 3 Indian SMEs:
 - Edible Routes Pvt Ltd
 - Oorja Development Solutions India
 - Taru Naturals
- Narendra Singh Tomar participated in the 3-day “UN Food Systems Summit 2021”
- UN – accepted India’s proposal to celebrate 2023 as “International Year of Millets”

26. On July 27, National award-winning filmmaker Aditya Vikram Sengupta’s third Bengali feature film “Once Upon A Time in Calcutta” has been selected in the Orizzonti (Horizons) section of the 78th Venice International Film Festival. It is the only film from India to have its world premiere at the prestigious film festival, to be held from September 1 to 11. The film is shot by Nuri Bilge and Gokhan Tiryaki. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Once Upon A Time in Calcutta” – selected for the 78th Venice International Film Festival
- The film is directed by – Aditya Vikram Sengupta & shot by – Nuri Bilge & Gokhan Tiryaki

27. On July 28, Satpura Tiger Reserve in Madhya Pradesh has received the “NatWest Group Earth Heroes Award 2021” in the ‘Earth Guardian’ category for best management. This tiger reserve is home to 17% of India’s Tiger population. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Satpura Tiger Reserve ([Madhya Pradesh](#)) – received the “NatWest Group Earth Heroes Award 2021”
- Category – ‘Earth Guardian’ for best management
- [Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal](#) | [CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan](#) | [Governor – Mangubhai Chhaganbhai Patel](#)



28. 25-year-old Vaidehi Dongre from Michigan was crowned “Miss India USA 2021”. She also won the “Miss Talented” award for her performance of Kathak. Arshi Lalani from Georgia was declared the first runner up. North Carolina's Mira Kasari was declared the second runner up. Diana Hayden, Miss World 1997, was the Chief Guest and chief judge for the pageant. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Vaidehi Dongre – crowned “Miss India USA 2021” | Chief Guest – Diana Hayden
- Vaidehi Dongre – also won the “Miss Talented” award
- 1st runner up - Arshi Lalani (Georgia) | 2nd runner up - Mira Kasari (North Carolina)



Appointments & Resignations

1. On July 1, Swapan Kumar Gorai has been assigned Additional Charge as Chairman & Managing Director of the KIOCL Ltd (formerly known as Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Ltd). He will succeed M. V. Subba Rao. Swapan was Director (Finance) of KIOCL Ltd. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Swapan Kumar Gorai – assigned Additional Charge as Chairman & MD of the KIOCL Ltd
- HQs of KIOCL Ltd – Bangalore, Karnataka | Chairman & MD – Swapan Kumar Gorai

2. The U.S. State Department announced the appointment of Atul Keshap as Charge D'affaires (CDA) ad interim, in New Delhi, to replace Daniel Smith. Mr. Keshap was formerly the U.S. Ambassador to Sri Lanka and the Maldives. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- U.S. State Department – appointed Atul Keshap as Charge D'affaires (CDA) ad interim, in New Delhi
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46th President – Joe Biden | 49th VP – Kamala Harris

3. N. Venudhar Reddy has taken charge as Director General of All India Radio. Currently Working as Principal DG of News Services Division, All India Radio, he was already given additional charge of AIR, upon the approval of the Appointments committee of the cabinet. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- N. Venudhar Reddy – took charge as Director General of All India Radio
- HQs of AIR – New Delhi

4. BJP leader Pushkar Singh Dhami, a two-term MLA from Khatima, is elected as the new Chief Minister of Uttarakhand. He replaces Tirath Singh Rawat who resigned recently. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Pushkar Singh Dhami – elected as the new Chief Minister of Uttarakhand (replacing - Tirath Singh Rawat)
- Uttarakhand: Capital – Dehradun & Gairsain | CM – Pushkar Singh Dhami | Governor – Baby Rani Mauryax

5. On July 1, Air Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari has taken charge as Vice Chief of the Air Staff, while Lt. Gen. Sanjeev Kumar Sharma assumed office as Deputy Chief of the Army Staff (Strategy). Air Marshal B. R. Krishna took over as the new AOC-in-C of the Western Air Command and Air Marshal P. M. Sinha assumed office as DG Air Operations. Lt. Gen. Sunil Puri Goswami assumed office as the 13th DG of Army Air Defence. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Vivek Ram Chaudhari – took charge as Vice Chief of the Air Staff
- Sanjeev Kumar Sharma – took charge as Deputy Chief of the Army Staff (Strategy)
- B. R. Krishna – took charge as new AOC-in-C of the Western Air Command
- P. M. Sinha – took charge as DG Air Operations
- Sunil Puri Goswami– took charge as the 13th DG of Army Air Defence

6. On July 2, Satish Agnihotri, retired IRSE officer of 1982 batch has taken charge as Managing Director of National High Speed Rail Corporation Ltd (NHSRCL). He was conferred the distinguished Alumnus Award in 2013 by IIT Roorkee. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Satish Agnihotri – took charge as Managing Director of National High Speed Rail Corporation Ltd (NHSRCL)
- [HQs of NHSRCL – New Delhi | MD – Satish Agnihotri](#)

7. On July 3, Jim Whitehurst has decided to step down as President of the company just 14 months after joining in that role. He has played a pivotal role in the \$34 billion IBM and Red Hat integration announced in 2018. He will continue to work as senior advisor to Arvind Krishna, Chairman and CEO of IBM. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Jim Whitehurst – decided to step down from the post of President of “IBM”
- He will continue to work as Senior Advisor to – Arvind Krishna (Chairman & CEO of IBM)
- [HQs of IBM – Armonk, New York, US | CEO – Arvind Krishna | Founded in – 1911](#)

8. On July 6, Uttarakhand chief minister, Pushkar Singh Dhami has appointed senior IAS officer and former National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) chairman Sukhbir Singh Sandhu as the 17th Chief Secretary of the state. Sandhu will replace incumbent Om Prakash. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sukhbir Singh Sandhu – appointed as 17th Chief Secretary of Uttarakhand (replacing - Om Prakash)
- [Uttarakhand: Capital – Dehradun & Gairsain | CM – Pushkar Singh Dhami | Governor – Baby Rani Maurya](#)

9. On July 6, In a major reshuffle, President Ram Nath Kovind has appointed 8 new governors giving them charge of administration of new states. The Governor of a State is appointed by the President under ‘Article 155’ of the Indian Constitution. The appointment & reshuffle was done as given below. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The Governor of a State is appointed by the President under ‘Article 155’ of the IC

Person	Governor of	Transferred to
P. S. Sreedharan Pillai	Mizoram	Goa
Satyadev Narayan Arya	Haryana	Tripura
Ramesh Bais	Tripura	Jharkhand
Bandaru Dattatraya	Himachal Pradesh	Haryana
Thaawarchand Gehlot	-	Karnataka
Hari Babu Kambhampati	-	Mizoram
Mangubhai Chhaganbhai Patel	-	Madhya Pradesh
Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar	-	Himachal Pradesh



10. On July 6, Union MSME Minister Nitin Gadkari would be the Brand Ambassador of “Khadi Prakritik Paint” and would promote it across India so as to encourage young entrepreneurs to take up the manufacturing of the cow dung paint. Khadi Prakritik Paint is India’s first and only paint made from cow dung. The new plant for this paint has been set up in the campus of Kumarappa National Handmade Paper Institute, Jaipur. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Nitin Gadkari – would be the Brand Ambassador of “Khadi Prakritik Paint”
- “Khadi Prakritik Paint” – India’s first and only paint made from cow dung

11. On July 5, Jeff Bezos has officially stepped down from his role as Amazon CEO. Bezos was replaced by Andy Jassy, the current CEO of AWS. He left on the same day when Amazon was incorporated in 1994. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Jeff Bezos – officially stepped down from his role as Amazon CEO
- Andy Jassy – appointed as new CEO of Amazon
- HQs of Amazon – Seattle , USA | CEO – Andy Jassy | Incorporated in – 1994

12. On July 7, Neha Parikh has been appointed as the new CEO of Waze, a crowd-sourced navigation app and a subsidiary of tech giant Google. She is the former Indian-American president of the travel website Hotwire. She replaced Noam Bardin. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Neha Parikh – appointed as the new CEO of Waze (a subsidiary of Google)
- HQs of Waze – California, US | CEO – Neha Parikh

13. On July 7, Social Democrat leader Kjell Stefan Lofven has been re-elected as the Prime Minister of Sweden. The new government will be formally presented to King Carl XVI Gustaf. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Stefan Lofven – re-elected as the Prime Minister of Sweden (Party – Social Democratic Party)
- Sweden – Stockholm – Krona | PM – Kjell Stefan Lofven

14. On July 9, Pawan Singh, the Joint Secretary General of the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI), has been selected as the first ever Indian juror for the upcoming Tokyo Olympic Games. He will act in the Jury for Shooting in the Tokyo Olympics. Singh is a resident of Pune and is founder-director of the ‘Gun For Glory’ Shooting Academy at Balewadi in Pune. A total of 26 jury members will officiate at the Olympics. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Pawan Singh – selected as the 1st ever Indian juror for the upcoming Tokyo Olympic Games (Shooting)
- Total 26 jury members will officiate at the Olympics
- HQs of NRAI – New Delhi | President – Raninder Singh | Joint Secretary General – Pawan Singh



15. The long anticipated reshuffle and expansion of the Union Cabinet got over as 43 Ministers took oath at Rashtrapati Bhawan on July 7. This is the first reshuffle in his Council of Ministers by Prime Minister Narendra Modi since he assumed charge for a second term in May 2019. PM Narendra Modi will directly monitor the Ministry of Science & Technology. The reshuffle is as given below. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Below is the Full List of Cabinet Ministers after the reshuffle as on July 7, 2021:

Minister	Ministry
Rajnath Singh	Ministry of Defence
Amit Shah	Ministry of Home Affairs Ministry of Cooperation (newly formed)
Mansukh Mandaviya	Ministry of Health & Family Welfare Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers
Nitin Gadkari	Ministry of Road Transport & Highways
Nirmala Sitharaman	Ministry of Finance Ministry of Corporate Affairs
Narendra Singh Tomar	Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
S. Jaishankar	Ministry of External Affairs
Arjun Munda	Ministry of Tribal Affairs
Smriti Irani	Ministry of Women & Child Development
Piyush Goyal	Ministry of Commerce & Industry Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution Ministry of Textiles
Dharmendra Pradhan	Ministry of Education Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship
Pralhad Joshi	Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs Ministry of Coal Ministry of Mines
Narayan Rane	Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises
Sarbananda Sonowal	Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways Ministry of AYUSH
Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi	Ministry of Minority Affairs
Virendra Kumar	Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
Giriraj Singh	Ministry of Rural Development Ministry of Panchayati Raj
Jyotiraditya M. Scindia	Ministry of Civil Aviation
Ashwini Vaishnaw	Ministry of Railways Ministry of Communications Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology
Ramchandra Prasad Singh	Ministry of Steel
Pashu Pati Kumar Paras	Ministry of Food Processing Industries
Gajendra Singh Shekhawat	Ministry of Jal Shakti



Kiren Rijju	Ministry of Law & Justice
Raj Kumar Singh	Ministry of Power Ministry of New & Renewable Energy
Hardeep Singh Puri	Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs
Bhupender Yadav	Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change Ministry of Labour & Employment
Mahendra Nath Pandey	Ministry of Heavy Industries
Parshottam Rupala	Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying
G. Kishan Reddy	Ministry of Culture Ministry of Tourism Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region
Anurag Singh Thakur	Ministry of Information & Broadcasting Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports

16. On July 10, West Indian cricket icon Daren Sammy has inked a multi-year brand ambassadorship with Asian betting operator Fun88. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Daren Sammy ([West Indies Team](#)) – appointed as the Brand Ambassador of Asian betting operator “Fun88”
- Daren Sammy ([Saint Lucia](#)) – a Cricket Player ([West Indies Team](#))

17. On July 9, The International Cricket Council (ICC) has announced that Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Manu Sawhney has resigned from his post with immediate effect. Geoff Allardice will continue as Acting CEO supported by the Leadership Team working closely with the ICC Board. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Geoff Allardice – will continue as Acting CEO of the ICC (replacing - Manu Sawhney)
- HQs of ICC – Dubai, UAE | Chairman – Greg Barclay | Acting CEO – Geoff Allardice

18. On July 10, Haiti’s Senate has issued a resolution declaring President of the Haitian Senate Joseph Lambert Interim President following the assassination of President Jovenel Moise. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Joseph Lambert – appointed as the Interim President of Haiti
- Haiti – Port-au-Prince – Haitian Gourde | Interim President – Joseph Lambert | PM – Claude Joseph

19. On July 10, Federal Bank has received approval from the RBI to re-appoint Shyam Srinivasan as its MD and CEO for 3 years. He had taken charge as MD & CEO of the bank on September 23, 2010. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Shyam Srinivasan – re-appointed as MD & CEO of Federal Bank for 3 years
- HQs of Federal Bank – Aluva, Kerala | MD & CEO – Shyam Srinivasan | Tagline – “Your Perfect Banking Partner”

20. On July 10, Ethiopia’s ruling Prosperity Party was declared the winner of the National Election, assuring a second 5-year term for Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed. He came to power in 2018 after the former Prime Minister resigned amid widespread protests. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Abiy Ahmed – re-appointed as the Prime Minister of Ethiopia (2nd term)
- Ethiopia – Addis Ababa – Ethiopian Birr | President – Sahle-Work Zewde | PM – Abiy Ahmed

21. On July 11, Twitter has appointed Vinay Prakash as its Resident Grievance Officer for India. Twitter had previously appointed Dharmendra Chatur as its interim resident grievance officer for India as required by the IT rules. However, Chatur stepped down last month. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Vinay Prakash – appointed as Resident Grievance Officer for India – by Twitter
- HQs of Twitter – San Francisco, California, USA | CEO – Jack Dorsey | Founded in – 2006

22. On July 10, As part of Vietnam’s efforts to deepen cooperation with various states, Industrialist N. S. Srinivasa Murthy based in Bengaluru has been appointed as Honorary Consul General of Vietnam for Karnataka. N. S. Srinivasa Murthy will hold position in Karnataka for 3 years. He is the 1st Honorary Consul General of Vietnam from India and the 19th across the world. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- N. S. Srinivasa Murthy – appointed as Honorary Consul General of Vietnam for Karnataka – for 3 years
- He is the 1st Honorary Consul General of Vietnam from India and the 19th across the world
- Vietnam – Hanoi – Vietnamese dong | PM – Pham Minh Chinh | President – Nguyen Xuan Phuc
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – B. S. Yediyurappa | Governor – Thaawarchand Gehlot

23. On July 13, After the major reshuffle of Cabinet ministers, the government has reconstituted the powerful cabinet committees with the inclusion of new ministers. The members of the Cabinet Committee on Security are Narendra Modi, Rajnath Singh, Amit Shah, Nirmala Sitharaman and Subrahmanyam Jaishankar. The two-member Appointments Committee of the Cabinet comprises Narendra Modi & Amit Shah. Smriti Irani, Sarbananda Sonowal, Giriraj Singh, Mansukh Mandaviya and Bhupender Yadav were included into 13-member Cabinet Committee on Political Affairs. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has 9 members. Arjun Ram Meghwal and V. Muraleedharan are special invitees to the 9-member Cabinet Committee on Parliamentary Affairs. Narayan Rane, Jyotiraditya Scindia and Ashwini Vaishnaw are newly added members to the Cabinet



Committee on Investment and Growth. The special invitees to the Cabinet Committee on Employment and Skill Development are Nitin Gadkari, Ramchandra Prasad Singh and G. Kishan Reddy. While, Ashwini Vaishnaw and Bhupender Yadav are the new members. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Members of the Cabinet Committee on Security: (Total members - 5)
 - Narendra Modi | Rajnath Singh | Amit Shah | Nirmala Sitharaman | S. Jaishankar
- Members of the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet: (Total members - 2)
 - Narendra Modi | Amit Shah
- Inclusion of new members to the Cabinet Committee on Political Affairs: (Total members - 13)
 - Smriti Irani | Sarbananda Sonowal | Giriraj Singh | Mansukh Mandaviya | Bhupender Yadav
- Special invitees to the Cabinet Committee on Parliamentary Affairs: (Total members - 9)
 - Arjun Ram Meghwal | V. Muraleedharan
- Inclusion of new members to the Cabinet Committee on Investment & Growth: (Total members - 9)
 - Narayan Rane | Jyotiraditya Scindia | Ashwini Vaishnaw
- Special invitees to the Cabinet Committee on Employment & Skill Development: (Total members - 10)
 - Nitin Gadkari | Ramchandra Prasad Singh | G. Kishan Reddy
- Inclusion of new members to the Cabinet Committee on Employment & Skill Development: (Total members - 10)
 - Ashwini Vaishnaw | Bhupender Yadav

24. On July 13, Sher Bahadur Deuba, leader of the Nepali Congress has sworn in as the Prime Minister of Nepal for the 5th time. Gyanendra Karki was sworn in as the Minister of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs and Bal Krishna Khand was sworn in as the Minister of Home Affairs. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sher Bahadur Deuba – sworn in as the Prime Minister of Nepal (5th time)
- Nepal – Kathmandu – Nepalese Rupee | President – Bidhya Devi Bhandari | PM – Sher Bahadur Deuba

25. Google India Vice President and MD Sanjay Gupta has been elected as the Chairman of Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI) for the period 2021-23. IAMAI has also named Facebook India Vice President and MD Ajit Mohan as Vice Chairman of the association. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sanjay Gupta – elected as the Chairman of IAMAI (replacing - Amit Agarwal)
- Ajit Mohan – elected as the Vice President of IAMAI (replacing - Gaurav Chopra)
- HQs of IAMAI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | President – Subho Ray | Chairman – Sanjay Gupta

26. On July 14, Commerce and Textiles Minister Piyush Goyal has been appointed as the Leader of the House in the Rajya Sabha. Former Union Minister Thawarchand Gehlot, who had held that position, has been appointed as the Karnataka Governor. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Piyush Goyal – appointed as the Leader of the House in the Rajya Sabha
- Ministry of C&I, Ministry of Textiles, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution – Piyush Goyal(MH)

27. On July 15, Lebanon's Prime Minister-designate Saad Hariri stepped down. He is the second candidate to fail at forming a government in less than 12 months. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Saad Hariri – resigned from the post of Prime Minister of Lebanon
- Lebanon – Beirut – Lebanese Pound

28. On July 16, Eswatini's King Mswati III has appointed Cleops Dlamini as the southern African nation's new Prime Minister, replacing Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini, who died in December. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Cleops Dlamini – appointed as new Prime Minister of Eswatini
- Eswatini (Swaziland) – Mbabane/Lobamba – Swazi Lilangeni | King – Mswati III | PM – Cleops Dlamini

29. On July 21, Amid political turmoil caused by the assassination of President Jovenel Moïse, Ariel Henry has been appointed as the new Prime Minister of Haiti. Ariel Henry is a Neurosurgeon and former Cabinet Minister. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ariel Henry – appointed as the new Prime Minister of Haiti
- Haiti – Port-au-Prince – Haitian Gourde | Interim President – Joseph Lambert | PM – Ariel Henry

30. On July 20, Pedro Castillo has won the Peru's Presidential Election after Peru's longest electoral count in 40 years. Pedro Castillo defeated right-wing politician Keiko Fujimori by just 44,000 votes. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Pedro Castillo – became the new President of Peru
- Peru – Lima – Sol | President – Pedro Castillo

31. On July 19, The BJP has appointed Union Minister for Minority Affairs Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi as Deputy Leader of the House in the Rajya Sabha. Piyush Goyal was holding the post till now. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi – appointed as Deputy Leader of the House in the Rajya Sabha
- Ministry of Minority Affairs – Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi (Constituency – Jharkhand)

32. On July 22, Rasmi Ranjan Das, a Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Finance, is among a distinguished group of 25 Tax Experts from around the world appointed as members of the UN Tax Committee for the 2021 to 2025 term. The first meeting of the new membership of the Committee will take place in October 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rasmi Ranjan Das – among 25 Tax Experts globally appointed as member of the UN Tax Committee for 2021-2025

33. Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) Secretary Aramane Giridhar (IAS) has been given additional charge of the Chairman of the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI). Giridhar is a 1988-batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer of the Andhra Pradesh cadre. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Aramane Giridhar – given additional charge of the Chairman of the NHAI (replacing - Sukhbir Singh Sandhu)
- HQs of NHAI – New Delhi | Chairman (addi.) – Aramane Giridhar | Founded in – 1988

34. On July 21, Property consultant Colliers has appointed Ramesh Nair as the chief executive officer (CEO) for India and Managing Director of market development for Asia. Nair joined Colliers from JLL India, where he held the position of CEO & country head. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ramesh Nair – appointed as the CEO for India & MD for Asia region – of Colliers International
- HQs of Colliers International – Toronto, Canada | CEO – Jay S. Hennick | CEO for India – Ramesh Nair

35. On July 20, Shiv Nadar, Managing Director & Director of HCL Technologies, on completing 76 years of age, has resigned from his post. He will begin the role of Chairman Emeritus and Strategic Advisor to the company's board. The company has appointed C. Vijayakumar - President and CEO of the company - as the Managing Director for 5 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Shiv Nadar – resigned from his post as MD of HCL Technologies
- C. Vijayakumar – appointed as MD of HCL Technologies – for 5 years
- Shiv Nadar – will begin the role of Chairman Emeritus & Strategic Advisor to the company's board
- HQs of HCL Technologies – Noida, UP | MD – C Vijayakumar | Chairperson – Roshni Nadar Malhotra

36. On July 25, Senior IPS officer Nasir Kamal has been appointed as the Director General of Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) for a tenure up to his superannuation on July 31, 2022. Kamal is a 1986-batch Indian Police Service (IPS) officer of the Uttar Pradesh cadre. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Nasir Kamal(UP) – appointed as the Director General of Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) – till July 31, 2022
- HQs of BCAS – New Delhi | DG – Nasir Kamal



37. Karnataka Chief Minister B. S. Yediyurappa has submitted his resignation to Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot in Bengaluru on July 26. The veteran leader expressed his gratitude to the people of Karnataka for allowing him to be the Chief Minister of the State 4 times. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- B. S. Yediyurappa – resigned from the post of CM of Karnataka (served 4 times as CM of Karnataka)
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | Governor – Thaawarchand Gehlot

38. On July 24, Well-known social worker and entrepreneur Sanjay Rai ‘Sherpuria’ was named National Brand Ambassador for SDG Choupal. A coffee table book on Sanjay Rai ‘Sherpuria’ also published in collaboration with many institutions like Ghazipur Nagrik Abhinandan Samiti, SDG Choupal and Rotary Club International. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sanjay Rai ‘Sherpuria’ – named National Brand Ambassador for SDG Choupal

39. On July 26, A billionaire businessman and former Prime Minister, Najib Mikati has been appointed as the new Prime Minister of Lebanon. He has succeeded Hassan Diab who resigned in August 2020 but continued to serve as caretaker prime minister. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Najib Mikati – appointed as the new PM of Lebanon (succeeding Hassan Diab)
- Lebanon – Beirut – Lebanese Pound | PM – Najib Mikati

40. On July 28, Gujarat cadre IPS officer Rakesh Asthana was appointed as Delhi Police Commissioner. Mr. Asthana has replaced Balaji Srivastava who was given the additional charge of Commissioner of Delhi Police on July 1. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rakesh Asthana – appointed as Delhi Police Commissioner (replacing - Balaji Srivastava)
- New Delhi: CM – Arvind Kejriwal | Lt. Governor – Anil Baijal | Chief Secretary – Vijay Dev

41. The 15th National Assembly (NA) of Vietnam has re-elected Pham Minh Chinh as the Vietnamese Prime Minister for the 2021-2026 tenure. He is also a member of the Politburo of the 13th Communist Party of Vietnam Central Committee (CPVCC). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Pham Minh Chinh – re-elected as Prime Minister of Vietnam – for 2021-2026
- Vietnam – Hanoi – Vietnamese dong | PM – Pham Minh Chinh | President – Nguyen Xuan Phuc

42. NPCI’s flagship bill payments platform - Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS) has appointed former Executive of PayU and Airtel Payments Bank - Noopur Chaturvedi as its new Chief Executive Officer (CEO). According to latest RBI data, the number of BBPS transactions rose 16% month-on-month to 45.47 million in June, 2021. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Noopur Chaturvedi – appointed as the CEO of Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS)
- BBPS was launched on Pilot basis – by NPCI in 2016 (became operational in 2017)
- HQs of NPCI – Mumbai | Chairman – Biswamohan Mahapatra | MD&CEO – Dilip Asbe | Established in – 2008

43. Veena Reddy, an Indian American United States Foreign Service officer with the US Agency for International Development (USAID) has been named “USAID India Mission Director”. She was previously Cambodia Mission Director. She will be the first Indian-American to lead USAID-India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Veena Reddy – first Indian-American to be appointed as the “USAID India Mission Director”
- HQs of USAID – Washington D.C., US | Administrator – Samantha Power | Founded in – 1961

44. Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh has announced that weightlifter Saikhom Mirabai Chanu, who won Silver at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, will be appointed as the Additional Superintendent of Police (Sports) in the police department. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Saikhom Mirabai Chanu – to be appointed as the ASP (Sports) in the Manipur Police Department
- Manipur: Capital – Imphal | CM – N. Biren Singh | Governor – Najma Heptulla

45. On July 31, Peru’s President Pedro Castillo has appointed Guido Bellido as a Prime Minister from within his Marxist-Leninist Free Peru party. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Guido Bellido – appointed as a new Prime Minister of Peru
- Peru – Lima – Sol | President – Pedro Castillo | PM – Guido Bellido



Amount & Agreements

1. On July 1, The World Bank has added \$8 billion more for Covid-19 vaccines, totaling \$20 billion, for developing countries over the next 18 months. Further, the Bank also provided over \$4 billion for the purchase and deployment of Covid vaccines for 51 developing countries. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- World Bank – added \$8 billion more for Covid-19 vaccines for developing countries – totaling \$20 billion
- HQs of World Bank – Washington D.C., USA | Member Countries – 189
- President – David Malpass | MD & CFO – Anshula Kant

2. On July 6, NABARD has sanctioned loan worth Rs 2891.15 lakh (or Rs 28.91 Cr) under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) to the Government of Goa for 'Construction of Phase II Building of Goa Dental College and Hospital in Bambolim, Goa. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NABARD – sanctioned loan worth Rs 2891.15 lakh (Rs 28.91 Cr) to Goa under "RIDF"
- HQs of NABARD – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Chintala Govinda Rajulu | Founded in – 1982
- Goa: Capital – Panaji | CM – Pramod Sawant | Governor – P. S. Sreedharan Pillai

3. On July 12, The Export Import (Exim) Bank of India has extended a \$35.26 million loan for a power transmission project being executed by Kalpataru Power Transmission in Senegal. The buyer's credit facility was extended under the National Export Insurance Account (NEIA) scheme. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Exim Bank – extended a \$35.26 million loan for a power transmission project being executed by Kalpataru Power Transmission in Senegal
- HQs of KPTL – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Manish Mohnot
- HQs of EXIM Bank – Mumbai | MD&CEO – David Rasquinha | Founded in – 1982

4. On July 9, The International Monetary Fund's executive board has approved the Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) to issue \$650 billion worth of reserve funds to help economically vulnerable countries buy vaccines, finance health care and pay down debt. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IMF – approved the SDRs to issue \$650 billion worth of reserve funds to help economically vulnerable countries
- HQs of IMF – Washington, D.C., USA | President – Kristalina Georgieva | Member countries – 190

5. On July 15, International Finance Corporation (IFC), a member of the World Bank Group, has invested \$16.5 million (₹123 Cr) in genetic diagnostics and research company, MedGenome, to increase access to Covid-19 testing. The IFC will finance and support the manufacturing and supply of vaccines, medical equipment, and therapeutics, as well as the logistics. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- IFC – invested \$16.5 million (₹123 Cr) in “MedGenome” to increase access to Covid-19 testing
- HQs of IFC – Washington D.C., US | MD – Makhtar Diop | Established in – 1956 (an arm of World Bank)
- HQs of MedGenome – Bangalore, Karnataka | Chairman & Global CEO – Sam Santhosh

6. On July 14, The Central government will spend ₹9,800 Cr on livestock development over the next 5 years in a bid to leverage almost ₹54,618 Cr of outside investment into the sector. All schemes of the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying will be merged into 3 broad categories - Rashtriya Gokul Mission, Livestock Health and Disease Control scheme & Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund and the Dairy Infrastructure Development Fund. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Central government will spend ₹9,800 Cr on livestock development over the next 5 years
- All schemes of the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying will be merged into 3 broad categories:
 - Rashtriya Gokul Mission
 - Livestock Health and Disease Control scheme
 - Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund & the Dairy Infrastructure Development Fund

7. On July 20, Wipro FullStride Cloud Services would invest \$1 billion in cloud technologies, capabilities, acquisitions and partnerships over the next 3 years. The firm unveiled Wipro FullStride Cloud Services to bring together a full portfolio of its cloud-related capabilities, offerings and talent for the convenience of its global clients. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Wipro – would invest \$1 billion in cloud technologies, capabilities, acquisitions and partnerships over next 3 years
- HQs of Wipro – Bangalore, Karnataka | MD & CEO – Thierry Delaporte | Established in – 1945

8. The Indian Government has signed a loan agreement with the World Bank to develop Green National Highway Corridor Project (GNHCP). The project includes Upgradation of about 781 km length of various National Highways passing through the states of Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh. The schedule date of completion is December, 2025. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India + World Bank = a loan agreement to develop “Green National Highway Corridors Project (GNHCP)”
- The length of the project – 781 km | Schedule date of completion – December, 2025
- HQs of World Bank – Washington D.C., USA | Member Countries – 189
- President – David Malpass | MD & CFO – Anshula Kant

9. On July 22, Global agricultural firm Corteva Agriscience has signed a 3-year project agreement with the 2030 Water Resources Group (2030 WRG) hosted by the World Bank Group, to promote sustainable rice cultivation in 40,000 acres in Uttar Pradesh through traditional methods of transplanting rice to the Direct Seeded Rice (DSR) technique. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Corteva Agriscience + 2030 WRG = an agreement to promote sustainable rice cultivation in 40,000 acres – in UP
- 2030 WRG (Washington, D.C., US) – hosted by the World Bank Group
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

10. On July 29, The Federation of Telangana Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FTCCI) has entered into an agreement of cooperation with the Afghanistan Chamber of Commerce and Investment (ACCI) to promote business between Afghanistan and Telangana. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- FTCCI + ACCI = an agreement of cooperation to promote business between Afghanistan & Telangana
- Afghanistan – Kabul – Afghani
- Telangana: Capital – Hyderabad | CM – K. Chandrashekar Rao | Governor – Tamilisai Soundararajan

11. On July 29, The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has sanctioned Rs 445.89 Cr for drinking water projects in Ferozepur, Fazilka, Hoshiarpur and Rupnagar districts of Punjab. The funds have been sanctioned under the Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NABARD – sanctioned Rs 445.89 Cr for drinking water projects in 5 districts of Punjab under the “RIDF”
- HQs of NABARD – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Govinda Rajulu Chintala | Founded in – 1982
- Punjab: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Captain Amarinder Singh | Governor – V. P. Singh Badnore

12. US Secretary of State Antony Blinken was on a two-day visit to India from July 27-28. The United States has announced an additional \$25 million assistance to support COVID-19 vaccination efforts across India through the USAID. So far, USAID has allocated more than \$226 million in COVID-19 relief to India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- US announced an additional \$25 million assistance to support COVID-19 vaccination efforts across India
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46th President – Joe Biden | 49th VP – Kamala Harris

Ranks, Reports & Surveys

1. On July 2, The World Health Organisation (WHO) has released a first comprehensive report titled “Ethics and Governance of Artificial Intelligence for Health” for the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the healthcare sector. It has been curated by over twenty global experts over the course of two years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Ethics and Governance of Artificial Intelligence for Health” report – released by the WHO
- The report is released for the use of AI in the Healthcare Sector
- HQs of WHO – Geneva, Switzerland | DG – Tedros Adhanom | Member Countries – 194

2. The Indian men’s and women’s hockey teams remained unchanged at 4th and 10th spot respectively in the International Hockey Federation (FIH) rankings. Australia and Netherlands topped in men’s and women’s hockey teams respectively. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- FIH rankings: In men’s hockey teams: India – 4th | Topped by – Australia
- In women’s hockey teams: India – 10th | Topped by – Netherlands

3. On July 1, A new report titled “Global Estimates on International Migrant Workers: Results and Methodology” by the International Labour Organisation (ILO) has highlighted that the number of international migrant workers has risen globally to 169 million in 2019, an increase of 3% since 2017. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Global Estimates on International Migrant Workers: Results and Methodology” – released by the ILO
- The number of International Migrant Workers increased globally in 2019 – to 169 million
- HQs of ILO – Geneva, Switzerland | DG – Guy Ryder | Founded in – 1919

4. On July 1, As per the “Hydropower Special Market Report - Analysis and forecast to 2030” report, the International Energy Agency (IEA) has expected India to add 26,000 MW (26 GW) of hydropower projects by 2030. Currently, the installed capacity of the 207 hydropower projects running in India is 46,209 MW. Besides, the Global hydropower capacity is expected to increase by 17% or 230 GW by 2030. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Hydropower Special Market Report - Analysis and forecast to 2030” report – released by the IEA
- India – to add 26,000 MW (26 GW) of hydropower projects by 2030
- Currently, the installed capacity of the 207 hydropower projects in India – 46,209 MW
- Global hydropower capacity is expected to increase by – 17% or 230 GW (by 2030)
- HQs of IEA – Paris, France | Executive Director – Dr. Fatih Birol | Member countries – 30

5. On July 1, Union Education Minister, Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' has released the "Report on United Information System for Education Plus (UDISE+) 2019-20" which depicts the status of School Education in India. Pupil Teacher Ratio (PTR) has improved at all levels of school education. In 2019-20, the PTR for primary has become 26.5, PTR for upper primary and secondary has become 18.5 and PTR for higher secondary has become 26.1. In 2019-20, only 39% of schools in India had computers, while 22% of schools had internet connection. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' – released "Report on United Information System for Education Plus (UDISE+) 2019-20"
- Pupil Teacher Ratio (PTR) – improved at all levels of School Education
- In 2019-20: Only 39% of schools in India had Computers | 22% of schools had Internet Connection

6. On July 2, Union Minister for Commerce & Industry Piyush Goyal has marked the achievements of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry in Q1 of 2021-22. India has set a target of \$400 billion merchandise exports for 2021-22. The highest ever Merchandise exports of \$95 billion were achieved in Q1 of 2021-22 despite the severity of the second wave of COVID-19. India also aims to achieve \$350 billion Service Sector Exports by 2025. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The highest ever Merchandise exports achieved in Q1 of 2021-22 – \$95 billion
- India's target of merchandise exports for 2021-22 – \$400 billion
- India aims to achieve \$350 billion Service Sector Exports by 2025

7. On July 2, Women Principal Investigators (PIs) participation in research that received Extramural Research (EMR) support was 28% during 2018-19, as compared to 24% during 2016-17, according to the "Directory of Extramural Research & Development (R&D) Project 2018-19" report released by the Centre for Human and Organisational Resource Development (CHORD), a division of the Department of Science & Technology (DST). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Directory of Extramural Research & Development (R&D) Project 2018-19" report – released by the CHORD
- Women Principal Investigators (PIs) participation in research increased to – 28% in 2018-19 (increase of 4%)

8. On July 5, The "OECD-FAO Agricultural Outlook 2021-2030" is a collaborative effort of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation Development (OECD) and the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) of the United Nations. It provides a consensus assessment of the 10-year prospects for agricultural commodity, fish and biofuel markets at national, regional and global levels. As per the report, the global targets on reducing hunger and CO₂ emissions are unlikely to be met by 2030. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "OECD-FAO Agricultural Outlook 2021-2030" – released by the OECD + FAO
- Global targets on reducing hunger & CO₂ emissions are unlikely to be met by 2030



- HQs of OECD – Paris, France | Secretary-General – Mathias Cormann | Member countries – 37
- HQs of FAO – Rome, Italy | DG – QU Dongyu | Formation – 16th October, 1945

9. On July 6, Jammu & Kashmir has topped the list under National Initiative for School Heads and Teachers Holistic Advancement (NISHTHA) scheme by training 80,600 Elementary School Teachers through online mode using DIKSHA portal. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- J & K – topped the list under “NISHTHA” scheme by training 80,600 School Teachers using ‘DIKSHA’ portal
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha

10. On July 4, India’s total coal production has registered a marginal decline of 2.02% to 716.084 million tonnes during FY 2020-21. In FY 2020-21, Chhattisgarh registered highest coal production of 158.409 MT, followed by Odisha and Madhya Pradesh. Coal India Ltd alone accounts for 83.26% of coal production in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India’s total coal production registered a marginal decline of 2.02% to 716.084 MTs during FY 2020-21
- Highest coal production: 1st - Chhattisgarh | 2nd - Odisha | 3rd - Madhya Pradesh

11. On July 8, The online commerce industry is expected to reach \$188 billion in 2025 & \$200 billion by 2026 from \$64 billion in 2020, with growing consumer preference to buy on the digital marketplace, according to a report titled “A progressive shift from transactions to Trust” by FICCI. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “A progressive shift from transactions to Trust” report – released by FICCI
- Online Commerce Industry is expected to reach \$188 billion in 2025 & \$200 billion by 2026
- HQs of FICCI – New Delhi | Chairman – Sangita Reddy | Founded in – 1927

12. On July 7, Globally, employment among the youth fell 8.7% in 2020 compared with 3.7% for adults. But making agriculture-food systems more appealing to the youth can secure the future of global food security and nutrition, according to a report titled “Promoting youth Engagement and Employment in Agriculture and Food Systems” released by the Committee on World Food Security (CFS), a United Nations Committee based at FAO’s headquarters. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Promoting youth Engagement and Employment in Agriculture and Food Systems” – by CFS-UNFAO
- Employment among the youth fell 8.7% in 2020 & 3.7% among adults
- HQs of FAO – Rome, Italy | DG – QU Dongyu | Formation – 16th October, 1945



13. On July 7, According to the “OECD Employment Outlook 2021”, about 114 million jobs were lost worldwide during the pandemic in 2020. While, 22 million jobs were lost by the end of 2020 in Developed Nations due to pandemic. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “OECD Employment Outlook 2021” – released by the OECD
- Due to pandemic: 114 million jobs were lost worldwide in 2020 | 22 million jobs were lost in Developed Nations
- HQs of OECD – Paris, France | Secretary-General – Mathias Cormann | Member countries – 37

14. On July 7, Crime against women in the Capital increased by 63.3% in the first 6 months of 2021 as compared to 2020, as per the data shared by Delhi Police. The data states that rape cases saw an increase of 43% from 580 till June 15 last year to 833 this year. The data showed that fatal and non-fatal accidents rose from 392 and 1,260 cases in 2020 to 449 and 1,497 cases this year, respectively. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Crime against women in the Capital increased by 63.3% in the first 6 months of 2021
- Rape cases saw an increase of 43% to 833 this year
- New Delhi: CM – Arvind Kejriwal | Lt. Governor – Anil Baijal | Chief Secretary – Vijay Dev

15. On July 7, Delhi has recorded an increase of 125% in NO₂ (nitrogen dioxide) pollution between April 2020 and April 2021, according to a Greenpeace India study which analysed NO₂ concentrations in India’s 8 most-populous state capitals. NO₂ pollution increased by 52% in Mumbai, 90% in Bengaluru, 69% in Hyderabad, 94% in Chennai, 11% in Kolkata, 47% in Jaipur and 32% in Lucknow in April 2021 compared to the same month last year. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Greenpeace India analysed NO₂ concentrations in India’s 8 most-populous state capitals
- Delhi recorded an increase of 125% in NO₂ pollution between April 2020 & April 2021

16. On July 7, A Rare ‘Melanistic leopard’, popularly called ‘Black leopard’, was spotted in the Navegaon Nagzira Tiger Reserve (NNTR) in the Gondia district of Maharashtra. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rare ‘Melanistic leopard’, popularly called ‘Black leopard’ – spotted in the Navegaon Nagzira Tiger Reserve
- Navegaon Nagzira Tiger Reserve – located in Gondia, Maharashtra
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

17. On July 9, The United States has become the 4th largest supplier of Crude Oil to India in 2020, according to BP’s latest report “Statistical Review of World Energy 2021”. The US supplied 10.7 million tonnes of crude oil to India in 2020, behind Iraq’s 47 million tonnes, Saudi Arabia’s 38 million tonnes, and UAE’s 22 million tonnes. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Statistical Review of World Energy 2021” – released by the BP (formerly British Petroleum Company)
- Largest Crude Oil supplier to India in 2020: 1st – Iraq, 2nd – Saudi Arabia, 3rd – UAE, 4th – US

18. On July 5, A report titled “Covid-19: the race to finishing Line” by the State Bank of India (SBI) has projected that India may see the 3rd wave of the coronavirus pandemic from August and it would reach its peak in September. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Covid-19: the race to finishing Line” report – released by the SBI
- Report projected that India may see the 3rd wave of the coronavirus pandemic from August
- HQs of SBI Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Dinesh Kumar Khara
- MD – Challa Sreenivasulu Setty | Ashwani Bhatia | Ashwini Kumar Tewari | Swaminathan Janakiraman

19. On July 9, In a report titled “The Hunger Virus Multiplies”, the anti-poverty organisation Oxfam has stated that 11 people die of hunger each minute and that the number facing famine-like conditions around the globe has increased 6 times over the last year. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “The Hunger Virus Multiplies” report – released by Oxfam ([Nairobi, Kenya](#))
- 11 people die of hunger each minute in the world

20. Conflict between humans and animals is one of the main threats to the long-term survival of some of the world’s most iconic species, a new report titled “A Future for all - the Need for human-wildlife Coexistence” by the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) and the UN Environment Programme (UNEP), released July 8, 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “A Future for all - the Need for human-wildlife Coexistence” report – by WWF + UNEP
- HQs of WWF India – New Delhi, India | President – Jamshyd N. Godrej | Founded in – 1961
- HQs of UNEP – Nairobi, Kenya | Executive Director – Inger Andersen | Founded in – 1972

21. On July 8, Nearly 7,40,000 deaths in India annually are linked to abnormal hot and cold temperatures related to climate change, according to a study published in “The Lancet Planetary Health” journal. The team looked at mortality and temperature data across the world from 2000 to 2019 and found that 9.43% of global deaths could be attributed to cold and hot temperatures. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “The Lancet Planetary Health” journal: Nearly 7,40,000 deaths in India annually are linked to abnormal hot & cold temperatures
- Global data from 2000 to 2019: 9.43% of global deaths could be attributed to cold & hot temperatures

22. On July 12, The WHO Expert Advisory Committee has issued new recommendations on Human Genome Editing Technology by releasing the two new reports namely “Human Genome Editing Recommendation” and “Human genome editing: a Framework for Governance”. Indian biologist Professor Maneesha S. Inamdar is a part of this committee. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- WHO – issued new recommendations on Human Genome Editing Technology
- WHO – released “Human Genome Editing Recommendation” & “Human genome editing: a Framework for Governance”
- Maneesha S. Inamdar – a part of WHO Expert Advisory Committee
- [HQs of WHO – Geneva, Switzerland](#) | [DG – Tedros Adhanom](#) | [Member Countries – 194](#)

23. “The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World - 2021” report was recently released by 5 UN Agencies - FAO, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), UNICEF, WFP & WHO. As per the report, 746 million people in the world faced severe food insecurity in 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “The State of Food Security & Nutrition in the World - 2021” report released by = FAO + IFAD + UNICEF + WFP + WHO
- 746 million people in the world faced severe food insecurity in 2020

24. On July 13, According to India’s 2nd “Annual Lightning Report”, Bihar has reported the most deaths due to lightning between April 1, 2020- March 31, 2021 (401 deaths), followed by Uttar Pradesh (238 deaths) and Madhya Pradesh (228). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India’s 2nd “Annual Lightning Report”: Bihar reported the most deaths due to lightning between 2020-21 (401 deaths)
- Uttar Pradesh (238 deaths) & Madhya Pradesh (228 deaths)

25. On July 9, Using NASA’s “Ice, Cloud and land Elevation Satellite 2” or “ICESat-2”, a team of researchers has predicted that the melting over Antarctica’s floating ice shelves is predicted to increase over the decades. With the help of NASA’s satellite, scientists have been able to improve their maps of the hidden lake systems under the West Antarctic ice sheet. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Ice, Cloud & land Elevation Satellite 2” or “ICESat-2” – belongs to NASA
- [HQs of NASA – Washington D.C., USA](#) | [Administrator – Bill Nelson](#) | [Founded in – 1958](#)

26. On July 13, India’s Bilateral trade with China in the first half of 2021 rose by a record 62.7% to \$57.48 billion, the highest increase among China’s major trade partners. India’s imports reached \$42.76 billion this year, an increase of 60.4%. India’s exports to China climbed 69.6% to \$14.72 billion, also the highest figure on record for the first half of any year. The trade deficit after the first 6 months stood at \$28.04 billion. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- India's bilateral trade with China in the first half of 2021 – \$57.48 billion (increase of 62.7%)
- India's imports from China – \$42.76 billion (increase of 60.4%)
- India's exports to China – \$14.72 billion (increase of 69.6%)
- India's trade deficit with China – \$28.04 billion

27. On July 14, A “Survey on National Education Responses to COVID-19 School Closures” released by UNESCO, UNICEF, World Bank & OECD, was conducted in 142 countries. The survey found that 1 in 3 countries has not yet implemented remedial programmes to help students catch up on their learning, in the wake of school closures due to the covid-19 pandemic. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Survey on National Education Responses to COVID-19 School Closures” = by UNESCO + UNICEF + World Bank + OECD
- 1 in 3 countries has not yet implemented remedial programmes to help students catch up on their learning

28. On July 15, According to the “Electricity Market Report 2021” released by the International Energy Agency (IEA), Electricity demand is growing faster than the production of Renewable Energies. Electricity demand is expected to grow by 5% in 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Electricity Market Report 2021” – released by the IEA
- Electricity demand is expected to grow by 5% in 2021
- HQs of IEA – Paris, France | Executive Director – Dr. Fatih Birol | Member countries – 30

29. On July 13, According to the “Commonwealth Trade Review 2021” entitled “Energising Commonwealth Trade in a Digital World: Paths to Recovery Post-COVID”, Commonwealth countries are estimated to have lost up to \$345 billion worth of trade in 2020. Compared to pre-pandemic growth trends in 2020, Commonwealth economies contracted by approximately 10%. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Energising Commonwealth Trade in a Digital World: Paths to Recovery Post-COVID”:
- Commonwealth countries are estimated to have lost up to \$345 billion worth of trade in 2020

30. On July 17, India has recorded the greatest increase in the world in the number of children not receiving the first dose of Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis combined vaccine (DTP-1) in 2020, as per the official data published by WHO & UNICEF. As compared with 2019, 3.5 million more children missed their first dose of “DTP-1” vaccine in India in 2020. 23 million children missed out on basic childhood vaccines through routine health services in 2020. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- India – recorded highest increase in the number of children not receiving the 1st dose of “DTP-1” combined vaccine
- In India: 3.5 million more children missed their first dose of “DTP-1” vaccine in 2020
- Globally: 23 million children missed their basic childhood vaccines in 2020
- HQs of WHO – Geneva, Switzerland | DG – Tedros Adhanom | Member Countries – 194
- HQs of UNICEF – New York, USA | Executive Director – Henrietta H. Fore | Established in – 1946

31. On July 21, The RBI has launched its 95th round of quarterly “Industrial Outlook Survey (IOS)” to assess the performance of the manufacturing sector. The central bank also launched the next round of the quarterly “Services and Infrastructure Outlook Survey (SIOS)” for the current quarter. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI – launched its 95th round of quarterly “Industrial Outlook Survey (IOS)”
- RBI – launched the quarterly “Services & Infrastructure Outlook Survey (SIOS)”
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April 1935

32. The report titled “India Inequality Report 2021: India’s Unequal Healthcare Story” is released by Oxfam India. According to the report, sharp inequalities exist across different caste, religious, class and gender categories on various health indicators. Life expectancy based on wealth is 65.1 years for the bottom 20% of the households, while it is 72.7 years for the top 20%. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “India Inequality Report 2021: India’s Unequal Healthcare Story” report – released by Oxfam India
- Life Expectancy: For the bottom 20% – 65.1 years | For the top 20% – 72.7 years
- Oxfam India – an NGO in New Delhi

33. On July 22, Microsoft’s “Global Tech Support Scam Research 2021” report showed that consumers in India experienced a relatively high scam encounter rate of 69% in the last 12 months. However, there was an overall five-point drop in such scam encounters globally with a rate of 59% over the same period. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Global Tech Support Scam Research 2021” report – released by Microsoft
- Consumers in India experienced high scam encounter rate of 69% in last 12 months
- HQs of Microsoft – Washington, USA | Chairman – Satya Nadella | Founded in – 1975

34. On July 20, The International Energy Agency (IEA) has stated in its recent report titled “Sustainable Recovery Tracker” that the Global Greenhouse Gas (CO₂) emissions will rise to record levels by 2023. The IEA also stated the extremely low spending on Clean Energy by various governments across the world. Only about 2% of fiscal support provided by government has been allocated to Clean Energy measures. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Sustainable Recovery Tracker” – by the IEA
- Global Greenhouse Gas (CO₂) emissions will rise to record levels – by 2023
- Only about 2% of fiscal support provided by government is allocated to Clean Energy measures
- HQs of IEA – Paris, France | Executive Director – Dr. Fatih Birol | Member countries – 30

35. On July 23, As per the “Global Survey on Digital & Sustainable Trade Facilitation 2021”, India has seen a significant improvement with a 90.32% score. This is a remarkable jump from 78.49% in 2019. The Global Survey on Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation is conducted every 2 years by UNESCAP. Under the transparency indicator, India scored 100% in 2021, up from 93.33% in 2019. The score for ‘Paperless Trade’ improved to 96.3% in 2021, from 81.48% in 2019. The score in the institutional arrangement and cooperation indicator improved to 88.89%, from 66.67% in 2019. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Global Survey on Digital & Sustainable Trade Facilitation 2021” – released by the UNESCAP
- India has seen a significant improvement with a 90.32% score (from 78.49% in 2019)
- India’s score under various indicators in 2021:
- Transparency: 100% (from 93.33% in 2019)
- Paperless Trade: 96.3% (from 81.48% in 2019)
- Institutional Arrangement & Cooperation: 88.89% (from 66.67% in 2019)
- HQs of UNESCAP – Bangkok, Thailand | Executive Secretary – Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana

36. On July 11, At least 5 ‘Indian Bison’ or ‘Gaurs’ were born at Trishna Wildlife Sanctuary in Tripura. It is the largest among wild cattle around the world. With the newborn calves the total number would go up to 110. The Gaur has been listed as “Vulnerable” on the IUCN Red List since 1986. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 5 ‘Indian Bison’ or ‘Gaurs’ were born at Trishna Wildlife Sanctuary in Tripura (Total number - 110)
- The ‘Gaur’ is listed as “Vulnerable” on the IUCN Red List – since 1986
- HQs of IUCN – Gland, Switzerland | President – Xincheng Zhang | CEO – Bruno Oberle | Founded in – 1948

37. The Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR), Bengaluru, has been placed in the top 50 institutions worldwide for advances in materials science by the prestigious Nature Index. JNCASR is at the 23rd position globally among universities and institutions as part of its “50 Rising Institutions” list. Shanghai Jiao Tong University is in the first place. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “50 Rising Institutions’ List” – by the prestigious Nature Index
- JNCASR (Bengaluru) – placed in the top 50 institutions worldwide for advances in materials science (23rd position)
- Topped by – Shanghai Jiao Tong University (China)



38. Chinese smartphone maker Xiaomi Corp overtook Apple Inc in the second quarter to become the world's No. 2 smartphone maker, according to a market research firm Canalis. Xiaomi took the second spot for the first time with 17% share of worldwide smartphone shipments. Global smartphone shipments grew 12% in the second quarter, led by Samsung with a 19% share, and Apple at third place with a 14% share. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Xiaomi (17%) – became world's No. 2 smartphone maker (overtaking Apple)
- 1st – Samsung (19%) | 3rd – Apple (14%)

39. On July 22, As many as 1.19 lakh children in India lost their primary caregiver (parent or custodial grandparent) due to COVID-19, placing the country at the third spot after Mexico (1.4 lakh) and Brazil (1.3 lakh), according to estimates in a new study published in The Lancet. Globally, this figure stood at 11.34 lakh between March 1, 2020 to April 30, 2021. Children who lost either a mother or a father were 10.42 lakh, including 1.16 lakh in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Lancet report: 1.19 lakh children in India lost their primary caregiver due to COVID-19 | Globally – 11.34 lakh
- 1st - Mexico (1.4 lakh) | 2nd - Brazil (1.3 lakh) | 3rd - India (1.19 lakh)

40. On July 23, The World Health Organization (WHO) has launched its first Regional Status Report on Drowning Prevention in the South-East Asia and Western Pacific regions. 61% of global drowning deaths occur in the Asia Pacific. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- WHO – launched 1st Regional Status Report on Drowning Prevention in the South-East Asia & Western Pacific regions
- 61% of global drowning deaths occur in the Asia Pacific region
- HQs of WHO – Geneva, Switzerland | DG – Tedros Adhanom | Member Countries – 194 | Founded in – 1948

41. On July 24, The UN General Assembly has approved its first-ever resolution on vision named “Vision for Everyone”. The resolution, sponsored by Bangladesh, Antigua, and Ireland, and co-sponsored by over 100 countries, was adopted by consensus by the UNGA. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- UNGA – approved its 1st ever resolution on vision named “Vision for Everyone”
- The resolution was sponsored by – Bangladesh, Antigua & Ireland
- HQs of UNGA – New York, USA | President – Abdulla Shahid | Member Countries – 193

42. On July 23, NITI Aayog and International Energy Agency (IEA) have jointly launched a report on “Renewables Integration in India 2021”. As per the report, India is the 3rd largest energy-consumer. Government of Karnataka is in the process of bringing in new ‘RE Policy’. Karnataka accounts for 29% of India's Solar & Wind energy generation annually. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Renewables Integration in India 2021” report – launched by NITI Aayog + IEA
- India – the 3rd largest Energy-consumer | Target: 175 GW – by 2022 & 450 GW – by 2030
- NITI Aayog HQs – New Delhi | CEO – Amitabh Kant
- Chairperson – Narendra Modi | Vice Chairperson – Rajiv Kumar
- HQs of IEA – Paris, France | Executive Director – Dr. Fatih Birol | Member countries – 30

43. On July 20, Indian women’s ODI team captain Mithali Raj is the World No. 1 player as per the latest “MRF Tyres ICC Women’s ODI Player Rankings”. In the MRF Tyres ICC Women’s T20I Player Rankings, Smriti Mandhana has attained 3rd position. This is the 9th time Mithali has reached the number one spot. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mithali Raj – World’s No. 1 player as per the latest “MRF Tyres ICC Women’s ODI Player Rankings” (9th time)
- Smriti Mandhana – 3rd position in the “MRF Tyres ICC Women’s T20I Player Rankings”

44. On July 27, Unemployment rate for women fell to 4.2% in 2019-20 from 5.1% in 2018-19, according to “Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS)” conducted by National Statistical Office (NSO). The Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR) for women has increased to 30% in 2019-20 from 24.5% in 2018-19. The government has taken several initiatives which include enhancement in paid maternity leave from 12 weeks to 26 weeks. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS)” – conducted by the NSO
- Unemployment rate for women fell to – 4.2% in 2019-20 | LFPR for women increased to – 30% in 2019-20
- LFPR – **L**abour **F**orce **P**articipation **R**ate
- HQs of NSO – New Delhi | Chairperson – Bimal Kumar Roy

45. India has ranked 9th among the Top 10 list of “Agricultural Produce Exporters” in 2019 with 3.1% share in the export of rice, cotton, soya beans and meat, according to a World Trade Organization (WTO) report on the trends in world agricultural trade in the past 25 years. The list was topped by the European Union, US & Brazil respectively. India is also the 3rd largest cotton exporter (7.6%), and the 4th largest importer (10%) in 2019. India became the Top rice exporter of the World in 2019. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- WTO report: India (3.1% share) – 9th among the Top 10 list of “Agricultural Produce Exporters” in 2019
- 1st – EU | 2nd – US | 3rd – Brazil
- India – 3rd largest cotton exporter in 2019 & Top rice exporter in 2019
- HQs of WTO – Geneva, Switzerland | 7th DG – Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala (Nigeria) | Countries – 164

46. On July 27, India has generated 10,14,961.2 tonnes of e-waste in 2020, a massive 31.6% increase from 2019, as informed by the Minister of State for Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Ashwini Kumar Choubey to the Rajya Sabha. The “e-Waste (Management) Rules” were notified in 2016 which got amended from time to time. So far, the Environment Ministry has notified 21 types of electrical and electronic equipment (EEE) as e-waste. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India generated 10,14,961.2 tonnes of e-waste in 2020 (31.6% increase from 2019)
- “e-Waste (Management) Rules” were notified in 2016
- [Ministry of State for Environment, Forests & Climate Change: Ashwini Kumar Choubey \(Constituency – Buxar, Bihar\)](#)

47. According to weekly data from the RBI, India’s foreign exchange (Forex) reserves rose by \$835 million to reach \$612.73 billion in the week ended July 16, 2021. It is helped by a rise in Foreign Currency Assets (FCA). According to RBI’s weekly data, FCAs rose by \$463 million to \$568.748 billion. India’s Forex reserves cover Foreign Currency Assets (FCAs), Special Drawing Rights (SDRs), Gold Reserves and India’s reserve position with the IMF. Currently, China (\$3,349 Billion) has the largest reserves followed by Japan (\$1,376 Billion) and Switzerland (\$1,074 Billion). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – became 4th largest Forex reserves holder with \$612.73 billion as on July 16, 2021 (rose by \$835 million)
- FCAs – reached \$568.748 billion (rose by \$463 million)
- India’s Forex reserves cover:
 - FCAs - **F**oreign **C**urrency **A**ssets
 - SDRs - **S**pecial **D**rawing **R**ights
 - Gold Reserves
 - India’s reserve position with the IMF
- Largest Forex Reserves holders: 1st - China (\$3,349 Bn) | 2nd - Japan (\$1,376 Bn) | 3rd - Switzerland (\$1,074 Bn)

48. On July 28, The World Health Organization (WHO) has released the 8th edition of the “Global Tobacco Epidemic 2021: Addressing new and emerging products”. e-cigarettes and other Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS) were presented on the report. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 8th edition of the “Global Tobacco Epidemic 2021: Addressing new and emerging products” – released by WHO
- [HQs of WHO – Geneva, Switzerland | DG – Tedros Adhanom | Member Countries – 194 | Founded in – 1948](#)

49. As per National Mineral Inventory data, the total reserves/resources of Gold ore (primary) in India have been estimated at 501.83 million tonnes as of April 1, 2015. In India, largest resources of Gold ore (primary) are located in Bihar (44%) followed by Rajasthan (25%), Karnataka (21%). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Total reserves/resources of Gold ore in India – estimated at 501.83 million tonnes as of April 1, 2015
- Largest resources of Gold ore (primary) in India are located – in Bihar (44%) | Followed by Rajasthan & Karnataka

50. On July 28, The ICT Working Group of the “US-India CEO Forum” has launched a report titled the “Future of Connectivity in India”, at a virtual event hosted by the US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF). The report was prepared by Deloitte and the ICT Working Group. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Future of Connectivity in India” report – prepared by Deloitte + ICT Working Group
- USISPF – hosted the “US-India CEO Forum”
- HQs of Deloitte – London, UK | CEO – Punit Renjen

51. On July 28, India has ranked 5th highest in terms of the impact from automation and 9th in terms of level preparedness, according to a recent report titled “The Future of Work is Now: Is APAC Ready?” conducted by Deloitte and commissioned by Autodesk Foundation. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “The Future of Work is Now: Is APAC Ready?” report – conducted by Deloitte & commissioned by Autodesk Foundation
- India: 5th highest in terms of the impact from automation & 9th in terms of level preparedness
- HQs of Deloitte – London, UK | CEO – Punit Renjen

52. On July 28, As per the latest edition of the “SIDBI - TransUnion CIBIL MSME Pulse Report” indicate that in FY 2021, loans worth Rs 9.5 lakh Cr were disbursed to MSMEs. It is 40% higher than Rs.6.8 lakh Cr in FY20. The total on-balance sheet commercial lending exposure in India stood at Rs 74.36 lakh Cr in March’21, with YOY growth rate of 0.6%. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “CIBIL MSME Pulse Report” – released by SIDBI + TransUnion
- Loans worth Rs 9.5 lakh Cr were disbursed to MSMEs in FY 2021 (40% higher than Rs 6.8 lakh Cr in FY20)
- Commercial lending exposure in India stood at Rs 74.36 lakh Cr in March’21 (growth rate - 0.6%)
- HQs of SIDBI – Lucknow, UP | MD & Chairman – Sivasubramanian Ramann | Established in – 1990
- HQs of TransUnion CIBIL – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Rajesh Kumar

53. On July 28, Mumbai and Bengaluru are out of the global top-100 list and are currently ranking at 106 and 110, respectively in the latest 9th edition of the “QS Best Student Cities Rankings” of the QS Quacquarelli Symonds. However, in the ‘Affordability’ indicator, Mumbai ranked 21st and Bengaluru ranked 7th globally. Mumbai ranked 52nd globally in the ‘Employer Activity’ indicator. London retains its status as the world’s best student city for the 3rd consecutive edition. It is followed by Munich & Seoul respectively. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 9th edition of the “QS Best Student Cities Rankings” – released by QS Quacquarelli Symonds
- Mumbai & Bengaluru are out of the global top-100 list (currently ranking at 106 & 110 respectively)
- ‘Affordability’ indicator: Mumbai - 21st & Bengaluru - 7th
- ‘Employer Activity’ indicator: Mumbai - 52nd
- World’s Best Top three Student Cities: 1st - London (UK) | 2nd - Munich (Germany) | 3rd – Seoul (South Korea)



Acquisitions & Mergers

1. On July 3, Edelweiss Financial Services has exited the insurance broking business by selling its entire stake in Edelweiss Gallagher Insurance Brokers Ltd for ₹307.60 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Edelweiss Financial Services – sold its entire stake in Edelweiss Gallagher Insurance Brokers Ltd – for ₹307.60 Cr
- HQs of Edelweiss Financial Services – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Rashesh Shah

2. On July 5, The Central government proposes to sell 4% stake worth ₹3,621 Cr in National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) through an Offer for Sale to non-retail investors. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Central government plans to sell 4% stake worth ₹3,621 Cr in National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC)
- HQs of NMDC – Hyderabad, Telangana | CMD – Sumit Deb

3. On July 7, Housing finance major HDFC Ltd has divested 2.46% of its stake in Hindustan Oil Exploration Company (HOECL) for Rs 37 Cr. For fiscal ended March 31, 2021, HOECL standalone total revenue stood at Rs 111.26 Cr and the balance sheet of the company was of the size of Rs 1,035.27 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- HDFC Ltd – divested 2.46% of its stake in Hindustan Oil Exploration Company for Rs 37 Cr
- HQs of HDFC Ltd – Mumbai, MH | Chairman – Deepak Parekh | CEO – Keki Mistry
- HQs of HOECL – Chennai, Tamil Nadu | MD – P. Elango

4. On July 10, Equitas Small Finance Bank (SFB) has received Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) nod to apply for amalgamation of the promoter 'Equitas Holdings' into itself. As per the SFB licensing guidelines of RBI, a promoter of SFB can exit or to cease to be a promoter after the mandatory initial lock-in period of 5 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Equitas SFB – received RBI's nod to apply for amalgamation of the promoter 'Equitas Holdings' into itself
- HQs of Equitas SFB – Chennai, TN | MD & CEO – Vasudevan Pathangi Narasimhan

5. On July 12, The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved the acquisition of 23.5% stake in ONGC Tripura Power Company Ltd by Summit India (Tripura). Besides, the CCI also approved the acquisition of stakes in Bundl Technologies Private Limited of Swiggy, by the SVF II Songbird. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CCI – approved the acquisition of 23.5% stake in ONGC Tripura Power Company Ltd – by Summit India (Tripura)
- CCI – approved the acquisition of stakes in Bundl Technologies Pvt Ltd of Swiggy – by SVF II Songbird
- HQs of CCI – New Delhi | Chairman – Ashok Kumar Gupta | Established in – 2003
- HQs of ONGC – New Delhi | CMD – Subhash Kumar (additional charge)

6. On July 13, Thailand based Global Power Synergy Public Company Ltd (GPSP) has acquired 41.6% shareholding in Avaada Energy Pvt Ltd at an enterprise value of THB 14,825 million. Avaada has a total committed capacity of approximately 3,744 megawatts. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Global Power Synergy Public Company Ltd ([Thailand](#)) – acquired 41.6% shareholding in Avaada Energy Pvt Ltd
- Capacity – 3,744 MW
- [HQs of Avaada Energy Pvt Ltd – Noida, Uttar Pradesh | Chairman – Vineet Mittal](#)

7. On July 13, Gujarat-based Adani group has announced that its subsidiary Adani Airport Holdings Ltd (AAHL) has taken over the management and control of Mumbai International Airport Limited (MIAL) from the GVK Group. AAHL will now also control 33% of India’s air cargo traffic. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Adani Airport Holdings Ltd – took over management & control of Mumbai Int. Airport Ltd – from GVK Group
- Mumbai Int. Airport – also known as “Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Int. Airport” or “Sahar Int. Airport”
- [HQs of Adani Group – Ahmedabad, Gujarat | CEO – Karan Adani](#)
- [HQs of GVK Industries Ltd – Secunderabad, Telangana | Chairman – Dr. GVK Reddy](#)

8. On July 17, Reliance Retail Ventures Ltd (RRVL) has made an agreement to acquire 40.95% stake in Just Dial for Rs 3,497 Cr, bolstering its digital play in the rapidly growing online commerce market in India. The investment is part of the telecom to petrochemicals conglomerate’s digital bet. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RRVL – to acquire 40.95% stake in Just Dial for Rs 3,497 Cr
- [HQs of RRVL – Mumbai, MH | CEO – V. Subramaniam](#)
- [HQs of Just Dial – Mumbai, MH | CEO – V. S. S. Mani](#)

9. On July 19, Fintech firm Razorpay has acquired a Bengaluru-based startup TERA Finlabs for an undisclosed amount. TERA Finlabs, the Indian subsidiary of UK digital lender GAIN Credit, was launched in 2018 to expand its global footprint in digital lending. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Razorpay acquired TERA Finlabs (Indian subsidiary of UK digital lender GAIN Credit)
- [HQs of Razorpay – Bengaluru, Karnataka | CEO – Harshil Mathur](#)
- [HQs of TERA Finlabs – Bengaluru, Karnataka](#)

10. On July 20, The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved the acquisition of 16.57% stake of Mukand Ltd by Bajaj Sevashram Private Ltd (BSPL), Bachhraj & Company Pvt Ltd (BCOPL), Bachhraj Factories Pvt Ltd (BFPL) and Sanraj Nayan Investments Pvt Ltd (SNIPL). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CCI – approved the acquisition of 16.57% of “Mukand Ltd” by Bajaj Group entities
- HQs of CCI – New Delhi | Chairman – Ashok Kumar Gupta | Established in – 2003
- HQs of Mukand Ltd – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman & MD – Niraj Bajaj
- HQs of Bajaj Group – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Head – Rahul Bajaj

11. Byju’s has acquired the Singapore based professional training and higher education platform “Great Learning” for \$600 million (around 4,461 Cr). Byju’s also acquired school learning app “Toppr” for \$150 million. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Byju’s – acquired a higher education platform “Great Learning” for \$600 million (around 4,461 Cr)
- Byju’s – also acquired school learning app “Toppr” for \$150 million
- HQs of Byju’s – Bengaluru, Karnataka | CEO – Byju Raveendran | Founded in – 2011

12. On July 27, Six Private sector lenders including HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank and Axis Bank have picked up a stake in blockchain technology focused start-up Indian Banks’ Blockchain Infrastructure Company (IBBIC) Pvt Ltd. HDFC Bank and Axis Bank have acquired 5.55% stake while ICICI Bank has 5.44% stake in IBBIC. On May 25, 2021, about 15 banks came together to set up IBBIC, with an aim to expand the use of blockchain application in financial sector transactions. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Six Private Sector Banks (Including HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank, Axis Bank) – acquired a stake in “IBBIC Pvt Ltd”
- 15 banks incorporated IBBIC on May 25, 2021 to expand the use of blockchain app
- HQs of IBBIC – Mumbai, Maharashtra

13. On July 27, The government will sell 8% stake in Housing and Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO) through an offer for sale (OFS) and is expected to mop up about Rs 721 Cr from the transaction. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Government will sell 8% stake in HUDCO via offer for sale (OFS) to get about Rs 721 Cr
- HQs of HUDCO – New Delhi | Chairman & MD – Kamran Rizvi

14. On July 27, The Reserve Bank of India has accorded its approval to the Government of Ladakh to acquire 8.23% of the paid-up equity capital of Jammu and Kashmir Bank Ltd as on the date of enforcement of Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019 (October 31, 2019). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI accorded its approval to Ladakh to acquire 8.23% of the paid-up equity capital of Jammu & Kashmir Bank
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April 1935
- HQs of Jammu & Kashmir Bank – Srinagar, J & K | CEO – R. K. Chhibber



15. The International Finance Corporation (IFC), along with two investment funds managed by IFC Asset Management Company (IFC Financial Institutions Growth Fund and IFC Emerging Asia Fund) have acquired 4.99% stake in Federal Bank for ₹916 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IFC – acquired 4.99% stake in Federal Bank for ₹916 Cr
- HQs of Federal Bank – Aluva, Kerala | MD & CEO – Shyam Srinivasan | Tagline – “Your Perfect Banking Partner”
- HQs of IFC – Washington D.C., US | MD – Makhtar Diop | Established in – 1956 (an arm of World Bank)

16. On July 31, Canadian pension fund Ontario Municipal Employees’ Retirement System (OMERS) has acquired 19.4% stake in Azure Power Global for \$219 million. The stake has been acquired from International Finance Corporation and IFC GIF Investment Company. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- OMERS acquired 19.4% stake in Azure Power Global for \$219 million – from IFC & IFC GIF Investment Company
- HQs of Azure Power Global Ltd – New Delhi | CEO – Ranjit Gupta | Founded in – 2008
- HQs of OMERS – Toronto, Canada | CEO – Blake Hutcheson

17. On July 28, JSW Renew Energy Ltd has signed a power purchase agreement (PPA) with Solar Energy Corporation of India Ltd (SECI) for supply of 270 MW from its 810 MW wind capacity. JSW Energy has a power generation capacity of 4,559 MW, where about 30% of the capacity is from renewable sources. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- JSW Renew Energy + SECI = a PPA for supply of 270 MW from its 810 MW wind capacity
- HQs of JSW Group – Mumbai, MH | Chairman – Sajjan Jindal
- HQs of SECI – New Delhi | Chairman – Praveen Kumar



MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

1. On July 1, The Arun Jaitley National Institute of Financial Management (AJNIFM) and Microsoft signed an MoU for a strategic partnership to build an AI and emerging technologies Centre of Excellence at AJNIFM. This partnership will focus on capacity building of government officials, skilling them in emerging technologies, like AI and machine learning. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- AJNIFM + Microsoft = a strategic partnership to build an AI & Emerging Technologies Centre of Excellence
- Location of AJNIFM – Faridabad, Haryana
- HQs of Microsoft – Washington, USA | Chairman – Satya Nadella | Founded in – 1975

2. On July 2, India's first operational smart city and International Financial Service Centre (IFSC), GIFT City has collaborated with the BIL Ryerson Technology Startups Incubator Foundation (BRTSIF) to accelerate fintech innovation. BRTSIF is a joint venture among BSE Institute Mumbai, Ryerson University and Simon Fraser University, Canada. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- GIFT City + BRTSIF = to accelerate fintech innovation
- BSE Institute Mumbai + Ryerson University + Simon Fraser University = BRTSIF
- HQs of IFSCA – Gandhinagar, Gujarat | Chairman – Injeti Srinivas

3. On July 2, A Memorandum of Association (MoA) was signed between Central Mine Planning & Design Institute (CMPDI) and Central Coalfields Ltd (CCL) for development of Solar Power Projects. This MoA will open a new path for Coal India Ltd (CIL) in becoming a Net Zero Energy company. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CMPDI + CCL = an MoA for development of Solar Power Projects
- HQs of CMPDI – Ranchi, Jharkhand | MD & Chairman – Manoj Kumar
- HQs of CCL – Ranchi, Jharkhand | CMD – P. M. Prasad

4. On July 3, The Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) has signed an MoU with logistics service provider Aramex India to support micro, small and medium enterprise (MSME) exporters in India. Aramex will provide preferential pricing to FIEO members, as well as access to online services for cross-border express shipments. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- FIEO + Aramex India = an MoU to support MSME exporters in India
- HQs of FIEO – New Delhi | President – A. Sakthivel

5. On July 3, The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) has signed a 5-year MoU with Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) to train the manpower of the force in advanced technologies and undertake joint projects. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CRPF + C-DAC = an MoU to train the manpower of the force in advanced technologies
- HQs of CRPF – New Delhi | DG – Kuldip Singh | Formed – 1939 | Motto – Service & Loyalty
- ‘C-DAC’ functions under – Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY)
- HQs of C-DAC – Pune, Maharashtra | Senior Director – Mahesh Kulkarni

6. On July 5, PayU has partnered with WooCommerce to enable WooCommerce merchants with digital payments infrastructure, and end-to-end digitalization of business processes. With a powerful business dashboard, merchants can monitor transactions, settlements, and cash flow across all payment methods on the PayU platform. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- PayU + WooCommerce = to enable WooCommerce merchants with digital payments infrastructure
- HQs of PayU – Netherlands | CEO – Laurent le Moal
- HQs of WooCommerce – San Francisco, US | CEO – Paul Maiorana

7. On July 5, PhonePe has partnered with Flipkart to launch contactless ‘Scan and Pay’ feature for the e-commerce major’s pay-on-delivery orders. With this facility, customers will just need to scan the PhonePe QR code to make contactless payments from home for deliveries from Flipkart. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- PhonePe + Flipkart = to launch contactless ‘Scan and Pay’ feature
- HQs of PhonePE – Bangalore, Karnataka | MD & CEO – Sameer Nigam | Founded in – 2015
- HQs of Flipkart – Bangalore, Karnataka | Chairperson – Binny Bansal | CEO – Kalyan Krishnamurthy

8. On July 5, NTPC and ONGC have planned to boost the development of Offshore Wind Energy in India. The pact also provided that they shall also explore opportunities in the fields of sustainability, storage, E-mobility and ESG (Environmental, Social and Governance) compliant projects. The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has set a target of 5 GW of offshore wind installations by 2022 and 30 GW by 2030. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NTPC + ONGC = planned to boost the development of Offshore Wind Energy in India
- MNRE’s target of 5 GW of offshore wind installations by 2022 & 30 GW by 2030
- HQs of NTPC – New Delhi | CMD – Gurdeep Singh | Founded in – 1975
- HQs of ONGC – New Delhi | CMD – Subhash Kumar (additional charge)

9. On July 6, IT major Tech Mahindra has partnered with StaTwig, a Singapore and Hyderabad-based digital supply chain solution provider, to implement vaccine traceability platform “VaccineLedger” globally. VaccineLedger is an open source platform and designed to perform end-to-end traceability at vial level for vaccines in the global supply chain. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tech Mahindra + StaTwig = partnership to implement vaccine traceability platform “VaccineLedger”
- HQs of Tech Mahindra – Pune, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Chander Prakash Gurnani
- HQs of StaTwig – Hyderabad, Telangana | CEO – Sid Chakravarthy

10. On July 2, Indian Economic Trade Organization (IETO) has signed a Memorandum of Cooperation with the Libyan African Business council in Tunisia during the Financial Investment Trade Africa (FITA 2021) held in Tunis. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IETO + Libya = an MoC during the Financial Investment Trade Africa (FITA 2021) – held in Tunis, Tunisia
- Libya – Tripoli – Libyan dinar | Prime Minister – Abdul Hamid Dbeibeh
- HQs of IETO – Bengaluru, Karnataka | President – Asif Iqbal

11. On July 6, A “Joint Communication” was signed between Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEFCC) and Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA) in New Delhi for more effective implementation of the Forest Rights Act, 2006. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MoEFCC + MoTA = a “Joint Communication” for more effective implementation of the Forest Rights Act, 2006
- Prakash Javadekar – Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (Constituency – Maharashtra)
- Ministry of Tribal Affairs – Arjun Munda (Constituency – Khunti, Jharkhand)

12. On July 5, The Ministry of Tourism has signed an MoU with Yatra.Com to strengthen the Hospitality and Tourism Industry. The primary objective of this MoU is to provide extensive visibility to accommodation units, which have self-certified themselves on System for Assessment, Awareness and Training for the Hospitality Industry - SAATHI on the OTA platform. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Tourism + Yatra = an MoU to strengthen the Hospitality & Tourism Industry
- Prahlad Singh Patel – Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of Culture (Constituency – Damoh, Madhya Pradesh)
- HQs of Yatra – Gurugram, Haryana | CEO – Dhruv Shringi

13. On July 6, Multi Commodity Exchange of India (MCX) and European Energy Exchange AG (EEX) have signed an MoU with the objective of knowledge sharing and exchanging of expertise on electricity derivative products. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- MCX + EEX = an MoU to share knowledge and expertise on Electricity Derivative Products
- HQs of MCX – Mumbai, MH | Chairperson – Mr. Saurabh Chandra | CEO – P. S. Reddy
- HQs of EEX – Leipzig, Germany | CEO – Peter Reitz

14. On July 7, IndusInd Bank has partnered with TP Central Odisha Distribution (TPCODL) - a joint venture between TATA Power and the Government of Odisha, to introduce a fully digital network for facilitating electricity bill payments across 300 semi-urban and rural regions in the state. IndusInd Bank will utilise Bharat Money Store which is an extension of Bharat Financial Inclusion Ltd and IndusInd Bank. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IndusInd Bank + TP Central Odisha Distribution = partnership to introduce a fully digital network
- TPCODL – a joint venture between TATA Power & Odisha
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal
- HQs of IndusInd Bank – Pune, MH | MD & CEO – Sumant Kathpalia | Tagline – “We Make You Feel Richer”

15. On July 7, The first aircraft purchase agreement was signed between GIFT city-based Vman Aviation & Airbus Helicopters under the Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan. Under the Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan, GIFT IFSC has become very attractive for lessors. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Vman Aviation + Airbus Helicopters = signed the 1st aircraft purchase agreement
- HQs of Airbus Helicopters – Marignane, France | CEO – Bruno Even

16. On July 8, The Software Technology Parks of India (STPI), an arm of the Union Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), has signed 6 agreements with Bank of Baroda, Yes Bank, Mathworks, Yourstory, Freshworks and Pontaq to promote entrepreneurship and create a nurturing ecosystem for Centres of Excellence set up by the STPI. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- STPI signed 6 agreements with – BoB, Yes Bank, Mathworks, Yourstory, Freshworks & Pontaq
- HQs of STPI – New Delhi | DG – Omkar Rai

17. On July 8, Coal India Ltd (CIL) has signed up a contract with a Russian company ‘Iz-Kartex’ named after PG Korbokov Ltd, for purchasing 11, 20-cubic metre Electric Rope Shovels at an estimated investment of ₹1,462 Cr. The delivery of all the electric rope shovels would be concluded by September 2023. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Coal India Ltd+ Iz-Kartex(Russia) = a contract for purchasing 11, 20-cubic metre Electric Rope Shovels at ₹1,462Cr
- HQs of CIL – Kolkata, WB | Director – Anil Kumar Jha | CMD – Pramod Agrawal



18. India and Nepal have signed a Letter of Exchange (LoE), to revise the 2004 India-Nepal Rail Services Agreement (RSA) and which will facilitate the import and export of goods through the Indian railway freight services. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India + Nepal = a Letter of Exchange (LoE) to revise the 2004 India-Nepal Rail Services Agreement (RSA)
- Nepal – Kathmandu – Nepalese Rupee | President – Bidhya Devi Bhandari

19. On July 8, The National Research Centre on Yak (NRCY) at Dirang in Arunachal Pradesh's West Kameng district has tied up with the National Insurance Company Ltd (NICL) for insuring their livestock. A 4-year-old report stated the number of yaks across India declined by almost 24.7% between 2012 and 2019. More than 500 yaks died in a single spell of heavy rainfall in northern Sikkim in 2019. The total Yak population in India is about 58,000. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NRCY (Dirang, AP) + NICL = a tie up for insuring the livestock of Himalayan Yaks
- Yak population in India is about 58,000
- HQs of NICL – Kolkata, West Bengal | Chairman & MD – Tajinder Mukherjee

20. On July 9, Pravartak Technologies Foundation of IIT Madras (IITM-PTF) is collaborating with Sony India Software Centre Pvt Ltd to conduct a National hackathon called "SAMVEDAN 2021 - Sensing Solutions for Bharat" to inspire citizens to solve India-specific problems of societal interest using IoT sensor board. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Pravartak Technologies Foundation(IIT Madras)+Sony India = to conduct National hackathon "SAMVEDAN 2021"
- HQs of Sony India Software Centre – Bangalore, Karnataka | Director – Rajendra Jain

21. On July 12, Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam Ltd (SJVN) and the Investment Board of Nepal have signed an MoU for the execution of 679 MW Lower Arun Hydro Electric Project in Nepal. The Lower Arun project is located in Sankhuwasabha and Bhojpur districts of Nepal. The contract has been allocated to SJVN on "Build, Own, Operate, Transfer" (BOOT) basis for 25 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SJVN + Investment Board of Nepal = an MoU for the execution of 679 MW Lower Arun Hydro Electric Project
- Lower Arun project is located in – Sankhuwasabha & Bhojpur districts of Nepal
- The contract is allocated to SJVN on "BOOT" basis – for 25 years | BOOT – Build, Own, Operate, Transfer
- Nepal – Kathmandu – Nepalese Rupee | President – Bidhya Devi Bhandari
- HQs of SJVN – Shimla, Himachal Pradesh | MD & Chairman – Nand Lal Sharma

22. On July 12, An MoU was signed between the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) and Delhi University in Dhaka to set up a “Bangabandhu Chair” at Delhi University to foster better understanding of developments in Bangladesh. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ICCR + Delhi University = an MoU to set up a “Bangabandhu Chair” at Delhi University
- HQs of ICCR – New Delhi | DG – Dineshk Patnaik | Founded in – 1950
- Bangladesh – Dhaka – Taka | PM – Seikh Hasina | President – Abdul Hamid

23. On July 12, The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) has signed an MoU with National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd (NAFED) to facilitate registered Exporters get assistance under various government schemes and help cooperatives sell their products globally and build capacities. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- APEDA + NAFED = an MoU to help registered Exporters & cooperatives sell their products globally
- APEDA – functions under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry
- HQs of APEDA – New Delhi | Chairman – M. Angamuthu | Established in – 1986
- HQs of NAFED – New Delhi | MD – Shri Sanjeev Kumar Chadha | Chairman – Bijender Singh

24. On July 13, NTPC Renewable Energy Ltd (NTPC REL) has signed an MoU with the Union Territory of Ladakh to set up India’s first Green Hydrogen Mobility project in Ladakh. The MoU will enable NTPC to help Ladakh develop a carbon-free economy based on renewable sources and green hydrogen. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NTPC REL + Ladakh = an MoU to set up India’s 1st Green Hydrogen Mobility project – in Leh, Ladakh
- HQs of NTPC – New Delhi | CMD – Gurdeep Singh | Founded in – 1975
- Ladakh: Capital – Leh | Lt. Governor – R K Mathur

25. On July 8, Union Territory of Ladakh and Himalayan Forest Research Institute (HFRI) have signed an MoU for forest cover development in the region. HFRI is an expertise research institute to help Ladakh towards Carbon Neutrality. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ladakh + HFRI = an MoU for forest cover development in the region
- Ladakh: Capital – Leh | Lt. Governor – R K Mathur
- HQs of HFRI – Shimla, Himachal Pradesh

26. The administration of Ladakh has signed an MoU with the Sikkim State Organic Certification Agency (SOCCA) for the implementation of “Prampragat Krishi Vikas Yojana” and “Mission Organic Development Initiative” (MODI) in the Ladakh region with the aim to convert Ladakh into organic by 2025. Sikkim is the first state that is 100% organic with all of its farmland certified organic. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ladakh + SOCCA = an MoU to implement “Prampragat Krishi Vikas Yojana” & “Mission Organic Development Initiative”
- Aim: To convert Ladakh into organic by 2025 | Sikkim – 1st state that became 100% organic
- Ladakh: Capital – Leh | Lt. Governor – R K Mathur
- Sikkim: Capital – Gangtok | CM – Prem Singh Tamang | Governor – Ganga Prasad

27. On July 13, The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) in India and the Rajasthan government have joined hands to improve the Targeted Public Distribution System (TDPS) in the state. This is a strategic partnership for creating impact at scale by taking advantage of the end-to-end computerisation of the food safety net. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- UN WFP + Rajasthan = partnership to improve the Targeted Public Distribution System (TDPS)
- HQs of UNWFP – Rome, Italy | ED – David Muldrow Beasley | Countries – 36
- Rajasthan: Capital – Jaipur | CM – Ashok Gehlot | Governor – Kalraj Mishra

28. On July 14, The Delhi Skill and Entrepreneurship University (DSEU) has signed an MoU with the HI-NO-DE Foundation and Ichishin Holdings Co. Ltd to implement the Technical Intern Training Program (TITP) to train skill and place youth of India in Japan. This partnership aims to transform the skill ecosystem through an exchange programme between students from India and Japan. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- DSEU + HI-NO-DE Foundation + Ichishin Holdings Co. = to implement the “TITP” to train skill and place youth in Japan
- HQs of Ichishin Holdings Co. – Ichikawa, Japan
- Japan – Tokyo – Yen | PM – Yoshihide Suga

29. On July 13, Diversity consulting organisation Interweave has partnered with UN Women to enable corporates implement Women’s Empowerment Principles in India. Established by UN Women and UN Global Compact in 2010, the Women’s Empowerment Principles (WEPs) provides a value chain approach to women’s empowerment through a set of 7 principles offering practical guidance to businesses on promoting gender equality. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Interweave + UN Women = to enable corporates implement Women’s Empowerment Principles (WEPs) in India
- WEPs was established in 2010 – by UN Women & UN Global Compact (through a set of 7 principles)
- HQs of Interweave Consulting Pvt. Ltd – Bangalore, Karnataka | CEO – Nirmala Menon
- HQs of UN Women – New York, USA | Executive Director – Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka



30. On July 15, The Delhi Transport ministry has collaborated with Google to launch a system to enable commuters to track bus locations, arrival and departure times, and routes on a real-time basis on their smartphones. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Delhi Transport ministry + Google = to launch Real-Time Bus Tracking
- Delhi Transport Minister – Kailash Gahlot
- HQs of Google – California, US | CEO – Sundar Pichai | Founded in – 1998
- New Delhi: CM – Arvind Kejriwal | Lt. Governor – Anil Baijal | Chief Secretary – Vijay Dev

31. On July 14, Department of Biotechnology has signed an MoU with Ministry of Earth Sciences for promotion and facilitation of Marine Resources in the field of Polar Biology and to set up DBT MoES Polar Research Centre. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dept. of Biotechnology + Ministry of Earth Sciences = an MoU to set up “Polar Research Centre”
- MoS for Ministry of Earth Science – Dr. Jitendra Singh

32. On July 16, The Gujarat has signed an MoU with the Institute of Teaching and Research in Ayurveda (ITRA) that will pave the way to strengthen the Education System in all Ayurveda branches. The tie-up brings all institutions on the Institute of Teaching and Research in Ayurveda campus in Jamnagar under the ITRA. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Gujarat + ITRA = an MoU to strengthen the Education System in all Ayurveda branches
- The tie-up brings all institutions functioning in the “Ayurveda campus, Jamnagar (Gujarat)” under the ITRA
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat
- HQs of ITRA – Jamnagar, Gujarat

33. On July 15, SAP Labs India and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) India have collaborated with the Karnataka government to facilitate increased access to career guidance, employment and entrepreneurship opportunities as well as promote digital skills to empower women and youth. The initiative aims to reach over 20,000 youth and 5,000 women in Bangalore Rural, Raichur and Dakshin Kannada districts over the next 3 years. Karnataka also launched “Code Unnati” registration drive for women. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SAP Labs + UNDP = collaborated with Karnataka to facilitate increased access to career guidance & employment
- “Code Unnati” registration drive for women – also launched in Karnataka
- HQs of SAP Labs India – Bangalore, Karnataka | President – Kulmeet Bawa
- HQs of UNDP – New York, USA | Administrator – Achim Steiner | Founded in – 1965
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – BS Yediyurappa | Governor – Thaawarchand Gehlot



34. On July 15, The Karnataka government has signed MoUs with 23 companies spread across various sectors such as Electric Vehicles, data centres, aerospace and Defence to attract investments worth over Rs 28,000 Cr and generate nearly 15,000 direct jobs. The Karnataka government has decided to host the Global Investors Meet (GIM) in Bengaluru from February 9 to 11, 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Karnataka – signed MoUs with 23 companies spread across various sectors – to attract Rs 28,000 Cr investments
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – BS Yediyurappa | Governor – Thaawarchand Gehlot

35. On July 15, The National Commission for Women (NCW) has signed an MoU with the Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D) for gender sensitisation of police personnel across India. The programme was launched by NCW Chairperson Rekha Sharma. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NCW + BPR&D = an MoU for gender sensitisation of police personnel across India
- HQs of NCW – New Delhi | Chairperson – Rekha Sharma
- HQs of BPR&D – New Delhi | DG – V. S. K. Kaumudi

36. On July 15, Minister of Tribal Affairs Shri Arjun Munda has virtually launched the nationwide campaign “COVID Teeka Sang Surakshit Van, Dhan aur Uddyam” to accelerate the pace of COVID vaccination among tribals, in India. The campaign is being launched in partnership with UNICEF and WHO. The campaign will leverage 45,000 Van Dhan Vikas Kendras to promote COVID vaccines among 50 lakh tribals. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Arjun Munda – launched the nationwide campaign “COVID Teeka Sang Surakshit Van, Dhan aur Uddyam”
- The campaign is launched by = Minister of Tribal Affairs + UNICEF + WHO
- Minister of Tribal Affairs – Arjun Munda (Constituency – Khunti, Jharkhand)

37. On July 16, Convergence Energy Services Ltd (CESL) and the World Resources Institute India(WRI) have entered into a pact to work on strategising for India’s transition towards a Net-Zero Emission trajectory. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CESL + WRI = partnership to work on strategising for India’s transition towards a Net-Zero Emission trajectory
- HQs of CESL – Kolkata, West Bengal | Head – Mahua Acharya
- HQs of WRI – Washington, D.C., US | President & CEO – Ani Dasgupta

38. On July 16, Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY) has enabled map services in “UMANG App” through an MoU with MapmyIndia. It will help citizens to find government facilities near to their location. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- MeitY + MapmyIndia = enabled map services in “UMANG App”
- HQs of MapmyIndia – New Delhi | CEO – Rohan Verma | CMD – Rakesh Verma
- Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY) – Ashwini Vaishnav (Constituency – Odisha)

39. On July 20, Cisco Networking Academy and the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) have announced a partnership that is aimed at addressing the shortage of tech-proficient workforce in India and creating career opportunities for millions in the digital economy. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Cisco Networking Academy + NSDC = partnership for Digital Up-skilling
- Location of Cisco Networking Academy – San Jose, California , US
- HQs of NSDC – New Delhi | MD & CEO – Manish Kumar

40. On July 20, The Goa government has signed an MoU with the Mineral Exploration Corporation Ltd (MECL) to build an Inventory of Goa’s minerals - mainly iron ore. The MoU will help the government assess its mineral resources and establish its mineral inventory. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Goa + MECL = to build an Inventory for Iron ore explorations
- Goa: Capital – Panaji | CM – Pramod Sawant | Governor – P. S. Sreedharan Pillai

41. On July 21, The Reliance Infrastructure-led BSES discoms - BSES Rajdhani Power Ltd (BRPL) & BSES Yamuna Power Ltd (BYPL) have signed a 510 MW Solar & Hybrid Power Agreement with the Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI), a move that will help provide green and clean electricity to Delhi at economical rates. Of the total quantum of 510 MW, 300 MW is solar power and 210 MW, hybrid power. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- BRPL + BYPL + SECI = 510 MW Solar & Hybrid Power Agreement
- Location of BRPL & BYPL – New Delhi
- HQs of SECI – New Delhi | Chairman – Praveen Kumar

42. On July 22, The operator of Kempegowda International Airport (KIAB/BLR Airport), Bangalore International Airport Ltd (BIAL), has signed a 10-year partnership with IBM in a bid to create an “Airport in a Box” platform. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kempegowda Int. Airport + IBM = 10-year partnership to create an “Airport in a Box” platform
- HQs of IBM – Armonk, New York, US | CEO – Arvind Krishna | Founded in – 1911

43. On July 23, The World Health Organization (WHO) and the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) have signed an agreement to work together to foster diversity and equity through global initiatives promoting health and sport for everybody, everywhere. The two partners will collaborate to improve global access to quality rehabilitation and assistive technology as part of universal health coverage. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- WHO + IPC = an agreement to promote diversity & equity in Sports
- HQs of WHO – Geneva, Switzerland | DG – Tedros Adhanom | Member Countries – 194 | Founded in – 1948
- HQs of IPC – Bonn, Germany | President – Philip Craven | Founded in – 1989

44. On July 23, General Electric (GE) and Intel have (separately) signed an agreement with the Science and Technology Research Board (SERB), to conduct fundamental research in the areas of the companies' interest. This joint collaboration is under SERB's latest initiative called "FIRE" (Fund for Industry Research Engagement). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- GE + SERB = an agreement to conduct fundamental research in the areas of the companies' interest
- The collaboration under SERB's latest initiative – "FIRE" (Fund for Industry Research Engagement)
- HQs of GE – Massachusetts, US | CEO – H. Lawrence Culp Jr.
- HQs of SERB – New Delhi | Secretary – Prof Sandeep Verma

45. On July 23, Government of Arunachal Pradesh has signed an MoU with Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Centre for Policy Research and Analysis - IIM Shillong for collaborating as a knowledge partner for capacity building of State Government officers and to set up a Satellite Centre of IIM-S in the State. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Arunachal Pradesh + IIM Shillong = to collaborate as Knowledge Partners
- Arunachal Pradesh: Capital – Itanagar | CM – Pema Khandu | Governor – B D Mishra

46. On July 23, Uttar Pradesh has signed an MoU with government advisory firm Sapio Analytics to provide licenses of automation software "Accloud" worth Rs 72 Cr, to 20,000 MSMEs of the state. Recently, Sapio Analytics announced its expansion to the United States, with a focus on transforming developing countries. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Uttar Pradesh + Sapio Analytics = to provide licenses of automation software "Accloud" to MSMEs of UP
- Software worth Rs 72 Cr
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel
- HQs of Sapio Analytics – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Ashwin Srivastava

47. Avigna Industrial & Logistics Park, part of Chennai-based Avigna Group has signed an MoU with the Tamil Nadu government for an investment of Rs 837 Cr in the state for developing Industrial parks. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Avigna Industrial & Logistics Park + Tamil Nadu = an MoU worth Rs 837 Cr to develop Industrial parks
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit
- HQs of Avigna Group – Chennai, Tamil Nadu

48. On July 27, Tata Power Central Odisha Distribution Ltd (TPCODL) has partnered with Common Service Centres (CSCs) under the Digital India Programme to facilitate online payment of Electricity Bills in rural areas. Over 5,800 CSCs and VLEs are operating in areas where the power utility supplies electricity. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- TPCODL + CSCs = partnership to facilitate online payment of Electricity Bills in rural areas
- HQs of CSCs – New Delhi | Chairman – Ajay Prakash Sawhney | CEO – Sanjay Kumar Rakesh
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

49. On July 28, InCred Finance has entered into a strategic partnership with Amazon India to provide collateral-free, working capital loans of up to Rs 50 lakh to Amazon merchants via its seller portal. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- InCred+ Amazon India = a strategic partnership to provide collateral-free working capital loans of up to Rs 50 lakh
- HQs of InCred Finance – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Founder & CEO – Bhupinder Singh
- HQs of Amazon – Seattle, USA | CEO – Andy Jassy | Incorporated in – 1994
- HQs of Amazon India – Hyderabad, Telangana | Country Head – Amit Agarwal

50. On July 27, ICICI Lombard General Insurance and Dr. Reddy's Laboratories-owned SVAAS Wellness have joined hands to offer cashless outpatient services to health insurance policyholders. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ICICI Lombard Gen Ins. + SVAAS Wellness = tie up for cashless outpatient services
- SVAAS Wellness – owned by Dr. Reddy's Laboratories (Hyderabad)
- HQs of ICICI Lombard – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Bhargav Das Gupta

51. On July 30, Skylo, the end-to-end narrowband IoT (internet of things) solution provider, has partnered with National Federation of Fishers Cooperatives (FISHCOPFED) to deliver Skylo's IoT-based solutions to marine fishing and aquaculture sectors. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Skylo + FISHCOPFED = to deliver IoT-based solutions to marine fishing and aquaculture sectors
- HQs of Skylo – Us | CEO & Co-founder – Parthasarathi Trivedi
- HQs of FISHCOPFED – New Delhi



52. On July 29, NASSCOM has collaborated with the UK Government's Department for International Trade (DIT) and the UK India Business Council (UKIBC) to address the digital skills gap in the UK. This covered several of the UK's top universities such as University of Nottingham, University of Glasgow and Durham University. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NASSCOM + DIT (UK) + UKIBC = to address the digital skills gap in the UK
- HQs of NASSCOM – New Delhi | President – Debjani Ghosh
- Chairman – Rekha M. Menon | Vice-Chairman – Krishnan Ramanujam
- HQs of UKIBC – London, UK | CEO – Jayant Krishna | Founded in – 1993

53. On July 29, JSW Future Energy has entered into a framework agreement with Australian Fortescue Future Industries to produce Green Hydrogen Fuel and explore Clean Energy market opportunities in India. JSW Energy has laid out a strategic blueprint to become a 20 GW capacity power generating company by 2030. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- JSW Future Energy + Fortescue Future Industries (Australia) = to produce Green Hydrogen Fuel
- JSW Energy – to become a 20 GW capacity power generating company by 2030
- HQs of JSW Future Energy – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Prashant Jain

54. On July 28, Maruti Suzuki India has partnered with Savitribai Phule Pune University, Maharashtra to train the youth in automobile retail. A customised 3-year 'Bachelor of Vocational Studies in Retail Management' course will be offered to students by the university with support from the company. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Maruti Suzuki India + Savitribai Phule Pune University (MH) = to train the youth in automobile retail
- HQs of Maruti Suzuki India – New Delhi | Chairman – R C Bhargava | MD & CEO – Kenichi Ayukawa

55. On July 28, The Meghalaya State Investment Promotion Society (MSIP) has signed an MoU with Invest India to leverage investment opportunities in key development sectors to boost trade and industries in the State. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Meghalaya + Invest India = an MoU to leverage investment opportunities in key development sectors
- HQs of Invest India – New Delhi | MD & CEO – Deepak Bagla | Established in – 2009 (under ministry of C&I)
- Meghalaya: Capital – Shillong | CM – Conrad Kongkal Sangma | Governor – Satya Pal Malik

56. National Fertilisers Ltd (NFL) and Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilisers Ltd (RCF) have signed an MoU with Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Ltd (IFFCO) for 'Transfer of Technology' of fertiliser Nano Urea Liquid. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- NFL + RCF + IFFCO = an MoU for 'Transfer of Technology' of fertiliser Nano Urea Liquid
- HQs of NFL – Noida, Uttar Pradesh | MD & Chairman – Virendra Nath Datt
- HQs of RCF – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & Chairman – S. C. Mudgerikar

57. On July 30, Intel has collaborated with the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) to launch the "AI For All" initiative, aimed at creating a basic understanding of artificial intelligence (AI) for people in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Intel + CBSE = to launch the "AI For All" initiative
- HQs of Intel – California, USA | CEO – Patrick P. Gelsinger | Founded on – July 18, 1968
- HQs of CBSE – New Delhi | Chairman – Manoj Ahuja | Formed in – 1962



Books & Authors

1. On July 1, HarperCollins has announced the release of “The Struggle Within: A Memoir of the Emergency” by Ashok Chakravarti. The book describes about the Emergency (1975-1977) which was one of independent India’s darkest hours. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “The Struggle Within: A Memoir of the Emergency” book – authored by Ashok Chakravarti
- Publisher – HarperCollins

2. On July 1, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has released a book “Janaksuta Sut Shaurya” penned by Dr Gauri Shankar Sharma. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Janaksuta Sut Shaurya” book – authored by Gauri Shankar Sharma (released by - Shivraj Singh Chouhan)

3. On July 1, A book titled “Nathuram Godse: The True Story of Gandhi’s Assassin” written by Mumbai-based journalist Dhaval Kulkarni. It will be published by Pan Macmillan India in 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Nathuram Godse: The True Story of Gandhi’s Assassin” – authored Dhaval Kulkarni
- Publisher – Pan Macmillan India

4. A new book titled “Policymaker’s Journal: From New Delhi to Washington D.C. (Simon and Schuster India)” authored by Kaushik Basu, is a diary covering two spells in policy realms. He joined the Ministry of Finance in India for 3 years as Chief Economic Adviser (CEA) starting in 2009. From there he moved to the World Bank as chief economist (and senior vice president) during 2012-16. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Policymaker’s Journal: From New Delhi to Washington D.C.” book – authored by Kaushik Basu

5. On July 3, a new children’s book titled “India To The Rescue” has been authored by Journalist Sushant Singh and writer Shruthi Rao. The book features the rescue operation “Operation Cactus” related to Maldives crisis in 1988. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “India To The Rescue” book – authored by Sushant Singh & Shruthi Rao

6. “Operation Khukri: The untold story of Indian Army’s bravest peacekeeping mission abroad”, published by Penguin Random House India (PRHI), is the story of the Indian Army’s successful rescue mission of over 200 India peacekeepers who were sent to Sierra Leone in year 2000 by United Nations to help the government there. July 13 marks the 21st anniversary of the Operation Khukri. The book is co-written by Major General Rajpal Punia and his daughter Damini Punia. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- “Operation Khukri: The untold story of Indian Army’s bravest peacekeeping mission abroad” – authored by Rajpal Punia & Damini Punia (co-author)
- Publisher – Penguin Random House India (PRHI)
- July 13 – 21st anniversary of the “Operation Khukri” (conducted in 2000)

7. A new book series titled “EekS” released by the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) and Penguin Random House India (PRHI) will introduce children to a vast variety of insects including bees, mosquitoes, ants and cockroaches. The series comprises 4 books authored by Arthy Muthanna Singh and Mamta Nainy. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “EekS” - a new book series (comprising 4 books) – authored by Arthy Muthanna Singh + Mamta Nainy
- Publisher – WWF India & Penguin Random House India

8. On July 2, Kavitha Rao has recently authored a book titled “Lady Doctors: The Untold Stories of India’s First Women in Medicine”. The book contains the story of Rukhmabai Raut who is best known for being one of the first practicing women doctors in colonial India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Lady Doctors: The Untold Stories of India’s First Women in Medicine” – authored by Kavitha Rao
- The book contains the story of – Rukhmabai Raut (one of the first practicing women doctors in colonial India)

9. On July 4, A book titled “The Fourth Lion: Essays for Gopalkrishna Gandhi” is authored by Venu Madhav Govindu and Srinath Raghavan. The Fourth Lion, a festschrift in honour of Gopalkrishna Gandhi, consists of 26 essays contributed by individuals drawn from various walks of life and from across the globe. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “The Fourth Lion: Essays for Gopalkrishna Gandhi” book – authored by Venu Madhav Govindu & Srinath Raghavan
- The book consists of 26 essays

10. On July 8, A book titled “The Art of Conjuring Alternate Realities: How Information Warfare Shapes Your World” is co-authored by Shivam Shankar Singh and Anand Venkatanarayanan. In the book, the co-authors dive into the operations of political parties, cyber criminals, godmen, nation states and intelligence agencies from around the world to explain how the power to manipulate your thoughts is being harnessed, and how information warfare is shaping your life and world. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “The Art of Conjuring Alternate Realities: How Information Warfare Shapes Your World” – co-authored by Shivam Shankar Singh & Anand Venkatanarayanan



11. On July 16, Kareena Kapoor Khan turned author and shared her pregnancy experience through her book, “Kareena Kapoor Khan’s Pregnancy Bible: The ultimate manual for moms-to-be”. The book is co-authored by Aditi Shah and published by Juggernaut Books. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Kareena Kapoor Khan’s Pregnancy Bible: The ultimate manual for moms-to-be” – authored by Kareena Kapoor
- Co-author – Aditi Shah | Publisher – Juggernaut Books

12. On July 11, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has received the first copy of the book, “The Ramayana of Shri Guru Gobind Singh Ji” penned by Late Mrs Baljit Kaur Tulsi Ji, who is the mother of noted lawyer KTS Tulsi. The book has been published by IGNCA. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “The Ramayana of Shri Guru Gobind Singh Ji” – authored by Baljit Kaur Tulsi Ji

13. The Vice President, M. Venkaiah Naidu has received the first copy of the English translation of Shri Thummeti Raghothama Reddy’s book - “Terrace Garden: Midde Thota”.The book was originally written in Telugu. The translator is Shri Koduru Sitarama Prasad and the publisher is Shri Yadlapalli Venkateswara Rao. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- M. Venkaiah Naidu – received the first copy of the English translation of “Terrace Garden: Midde Thota” Telugu book
- Author – Thummeti Raghothama Reddy | English Translator – Koduru Sitarama Prasad
- Publisher – Yadlapalli Venkateswara Rao

14. On July 9, “A New Cold War: Henry Kissinger and the Rise of China” book is edited by Sanjaya Baru and Rahul Sharma. A collection of critical essays examines the impact, consequences and legacy of the then US National Security Advisor Henry Kissinger’s secret visit to China in 1971. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “A New Cold War: Henry Kissinger and the Rise of China” book – by Sanjaya Baru & Rahul Sharma
- The book examines the legacy of Henry Kissinger’s secret visit to China in 1971

15. On July 11, Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu has released a book titled “Palleku Pattabhishekam”. The book is authored by former MP Shri Yalamanchili Sivaji at Dr. Marri Channa Reddy Human Resource Development Institute in Hyderabad. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- M. Venkaiah Naidu released a book titled “Palleku Pattabhishekam” – authored by Yalamanchili Sivaji



16. On July 13, A group of influential Indian-Americans, scholars, diplomats and entrepreneurs have come together to write an anthology named “Kamala Harris and the Rise of Indian Americans” to document the historic election of Kamala Harris as the Vice President of the United States and the rise of the small but powerful Indian diaspora in this country. The anthology is compiled and edited by veteran Indian editor Tarun Basu. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Kamala Harris & the Rise of Indian Americans” – authored by a group of Indian-American Scholars
- The anthology is compiled & edited by – Tarun Basu

17. On July 12, HarperCollins is proud to present the story of an Indian equestrian rider and his Olympic dream “Riding Free: My Olympic Journey” by Imtiaz Anees. He represented India at the Summer Olympics 2000 held in Sydney, Australia. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Riding Free: My Olympic Journey” book – authored by Imtiaz Anees
- Publisher – HarperCollins

18. On July 10, Vijay Keshav Gokhale, a former Foreign Secretary and Ambassador to China, has authored a new book “The Long Game: How the Chinese Negotiate with India”, which was published on July 19, 2021. The book examines the history of how China has negotiated with India through the lens of 6 significant moments in the relationship. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “The Long Game: How the Chinese Negotiate with India” book – authored by Vijay Gokhale

19. On July 13, Haryana chief minister Manohar Lal Khattar has launched the “Dial 112 Control Room” at state emergency response centre (SERC) in Panchkula. He also unveiled a coffee table book titled “Untold Stories” of the Haryana Police Department. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Haryana – launched the “Dial 112 Control Room” at state emergency response centre (SERC) in Panchkula
- Haryana – unveiled a coffee table book titled “Untold Stories” of the Haryana Police Department
- Haryana: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Manohar Lal Khattar | Governor – Bandaru Dattatraya

20. On July 14, Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu has called Urdu one of the most beautiful languages in the world. Recently, he received a copy of the book “Urdu Poets and Writers - Gems of Deccan” authored by senior journalist J. S. Iftekhar. Naidu also received books on former prime minister Late PV Narasimha Rao, namely “Manavottama Rama” authored by Satyakasi Bhargava and “Nallagonda Kathalu” authored by Mallikarjun. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- M. Venkaiah Naidu–received a copy of “Urdu Poets & Writers - Gems of Deccan” book – authored by J. S. Iftekhar
- M. Venkaiah Naidu – also received two books on former PM Late PV Narasimha Rao:
 - “Manavottama Rama” authored by Satyakasi Bhargava
 - “Nallagonda Kathalu” authored by Mallikarjun

21. On July 10, Kanti Bajpai's book "India Versus China: Why They Are Not Friends" is the second in a series from Juggernaut publishers after diplomat and scholar Husain Haqqani's "India Vs Pakistan: Why Can't We Just be Friends?". The book showcases the differences between India and China. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "India Versus China: Why They Are Not Friends" book – authored by Kanti Bajpai
- "India Vs Pakistan: Why Can't We Just be Friends?" book – authored by Husain Haqqani

22. The book "A Kashmiri Century - Portrait of a Society in Flux" is written by former cabinet minister Khem Lata Wakhlu and published by Harper Collins India. The book offers a glimpse into the lives of Kashmiris, Hindus and Muslims alike, and how their existence revolved around the simple pleasures of life. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "A Kashmiri Century - Portrait of a Society in Flux" book – written by Khem Lata Wakhlu
- Publisher – Harper Collins India

23. "The Great Big Lion", drawn and written by Canadian Mensa Prodigy, Chryseis Knight. It is a story about lion and two children. The book was released for the first time in India under Penguin Random House India's 'Puffin' imprint. Now seven-years-old, she hopes to inspire children all around the world to embrace the magic in books. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "The Great Big Lion" book – written by Chryseis Knight (Canadian Mensa Prodigy)
- Publisher – Penguin Random House India
- Chryseis Knight also authored – "Capturing thunder" book

24. On July 20, Filmmaker Rakeysh Omprakash Mehra is coming up with his autobiography, "The Stranger in The Mirror". It will be published by Rupa Publications. He has co-written the book with noted author Reeta Ramamurthy Gupta. The autobiography's foreword has been written by Rahman. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "The Stranger in The Mirror" an autobiography of – Rakeysh Mehra
- Co-author – Reeta Ramamurthy Gupta | Publisher – Rupa Publications

25. This year, Journalist and author Hari Pulakkat has finally released a book of his own titled "Space. Life. Matter: The Coming of Age of Indian Science". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Space. Life. Matter: The Coming of Age of Indian Science" book – authored by Hari Pulakkat



26. On July 18, BJP leader Sudhanshu Mittal's book on the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) titled "RSS: Building India Through SEWA" has now been translated into Chinese language. It was published by Har-Anand Publications in 2019. The Chinese translation is done by Jack Bo. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "RSS: Building India Through SEWA" book – authored by Sudhanshu Mittal
- Chinese translation is done by – Jack Bo | Published in 2019 by – Har-Anand Publications

27. On July 22, "Bank with a Soul: Equitas", a book by retired IAS officer C. K. Gariyali was released by Duvvuri Subbarao, former Governor of the RBI. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Bank with a Soul: Equitas" book – authored by C. K. Gariyali
- The book was released by – Duvvuri Subbarao (Former Governor of the RBI)

28. West Indies Cricketer Michael Holding has authored a book titled "Why We Kneel, How We Rise, Holding". He shares his story together with those of some of the most iconic athletes in the world. He has detailed the book on the issue of 'Racism' and has also provided ways to deal with it.

Key Points:

- "Why We Kneel, How We Rise, Holding" book – authored by Michael Holding (West Indies Cricketer)

29. A new book titled "The India Story: An Epic Journey of Democracy and Development" is authored by Former Governor of RBI Dr Bimal Jalan.

Key Points:

- "The India Story: An Epic Journey of Democracy and Development" book – authored by Bimal Jalan

30. A book titled "Over It: How to Face Life's Hurdles with Grit, Hustle, and Grace" authored by American Athlete Lori Susan 'Lolo' Jones was released on July 20.

Key Points:

- "Over It: How to Face Life's Hurdles with Grit, Hustle, and Grace" book – authored by Lolo Jones

31. Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari has released a book titled "Kashmir Ki Kyari Mein Aag Ki Lapte Aakhir Kab Tak?". The book is penned by Kashmiri writer and social worker Beena Budki. A magazine, "Kashmir Sandesh", brought out by Kashmiri Hindi Sangam and edited by Budki was also released. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Kashmir Ki Kyari Mein Aag Ki Lapte Aakhir Kab Tak?" book – authored by Beena Budki
- The above given book + "Kashmir Sandesh" magazine = both released by Bhagat Singh Koshyari

32. “RENEGADES: Born in the USA” is a collection of candid, intimate, and entertaining conversations between Barack Obama and legendary musician Bruce Springsteen. The book, authored by Barack Obama & Bruce Springsteen, and published in partnership with Higher Ground, is scheduled for global publication on 26 October 2021. The book is the bound edition of “Renegades podcast”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “RENEGADES: Born in the USA” book – authored by Barack Obama + Bruce Springsteen

33. Former Election Commissioner of India Ashok Lavasa’s new book “An Ordinary Life: Portrait of an Indian Generation” focuses on the little-highlighted stories of the lives of common people. The book is published by HarperCollins India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “An Ordinary Life: Portrait of an Indian Generation” book – authored by Ashok Lavasa

34. The CEO of NITI Aayog, Amitabh Kant has released the book “Shifting Orbits: Decoding the Trajectory of the Indian Start-up Ecosystem”, co-edited by Joffi Thomas, professor at the IIM Kozhikode (IIM-K). The book chronicles the spectacular rise of the start-up landscape in India in 4 different sections - innovation, incubation, funding and industry perspectives. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Amitabh Kant released – “Shifting Orbits: Decoding the Trajectory of the Indian Start-up Ecosystem” book
- The book is co-edited by – Joffi Thomas (Professor at IIM Kozhikode)

35. On July 27, Indian-origin British author Sunjeev Sahota is among the 13 authors longlisted for the prestigious “2021 Booker Prize” for fiction for his novel “China Room”, alongside Nobel laureate Kazuo Ishiguro and Pulitzer Prize winner Richard Powers. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “China Room” novel entered the “2021 Booker Prize” longlist for fiction
- “China Room” & “The Year of the Runaways” novels – authored by Sunjeev Sahota (Indian-origin British author)

36. To satisfy this urge among sports buffs to know, read and discuss some of the greatest sporting stories, witnessed during the Olympics, Argentine sports journalist Luciano Wernicke has come out with the book “The Most Incredible Olympic Stories”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “The Most Incredible Olympic Stories” book – authored by Luciano Wernicke

37. A book about Leopard titled “Leopard Diaries - the Rosette in India” is authored by Sanjay Gubbi. In this book, the wildlife biologist explains why the elusive leopard needs more natural reserves to survive. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Leopard Diaries - the Rosette in India” book – authored by Sanjay Gubbi

38. On July 29, Captain Ramesh Babu, authored a new book titled “My Own Mazagon”. The book attempts to discover for the general reader the history of a little Island in the Bombay Archipelago that once upon a time had its own identity, inhabited by Kolis, Bhandaris and other natives. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “My Own Mazagon” book – authored by Ramesh Babu



Obituaries

1. On July 1, Filmmaker Raj Kaushal passed away due to a heart attack. He was 49. He made movies such as Pyaar Mein Kabhie Kabhie (1999), Shaadi Ka Ladoo (2004) and Anthony Kaun Hai (2006). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Raj Kaushal – a Hindi Filmmaker – passed away

2. On July 1, Former international footballer M. Prasannan passed away in Mumbai. He was 73. Prasannan was part of the Indian team coached by P. K. Banerjee and captained by Inder Singh in the Merdeka Cup in 1973. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- M. Prasannan – Former International Footballer – passed away

3. On July 1, Donald Rumsfeld, former U. S. Defense Secretary has passed away at the age of 88. Mr. Rumsfeld was Defense Secretary during 1975-1977, during the Gerald Ford administration, and then in the George W. Bush administration, during 2001-2006. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Donald Rumsfeld – former U. S. Defense Secretary – passed away

4. On July 6, Filmmaker Richard Donald Schwartzberg popularly known as 'Richard Donner', the director of 1978 'Superman' movie & 'Lethal Weapon' movie series, has died. He was 91. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Richard Donner – American Filmmaker – passed away
- He was the director of 1978 'Superman' movie & 'Lethal Weapon' movie series

5. On July 7, Two-time Olympics Gold medallist & Hockey legend Keshav Chandra Datt passed away. He was 95. Datt was part of the 1948 Olympics squad. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Keshav Chandra Datt – a Hockey player – passed away (part of the 1948 Olympics squad)

6. On July 7, Legendary actor Mohammed Yousuf Khan, better known by his stage name Dilip Kumar, who was popularly known as the 'Tragedy king of Bollywood', passed away. He was 98. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dilip Kumar (Mohammed Yousuf Khan) – an Actor – passed away (popularly known as 'Tragedy king of Bollywood')



7. On July 9, A group of 28 foreign mercenaries, including retired Colombian soldiers, assassinated Haiti's President Jovenel Moise in July, 2021. It is still unclear who organised the attack and with what motive. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Jovenel Moise – the President of Haiti – assassinated
- [Haiti – Port-au-Prince – Haitian gourde | PM – Claude Joseph](#)

8. On July 8, Former Himachal Pradesh chief minister and veteran Congress leader Virbhadra Singh passed away after prolonged illness in Shimla. He was 87 years old. He was six-time Chief Minister. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Virbhadra Singh – a Politician – passed away (Party – Congress | Former CM of Himachal Pradesh)
- [Himachal Pradesh: Capital – Shimla & Dharamshala | CM – Jai Ram Thakur | Governor – Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar](#)

9. On July 10, Doyen of Ayurveda and managing trustee of Kottakkal Arya Vaidya Sala (KAS) Dr. P K Warriar has passed away recently. He was 100 years old. He received 'Padma Bhushan' in 2010 and 'Padma Shri' in 1999. Warriar was also a freedom fighter. He was known as a connoisseur of arts, an author and a teacher. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- P. K. Warriar – Doyen of Ayurveda & managing trustee of Kottakkal Arya Vaidya Sala – passed away
- Awards: 'Padma Bhushan' in 2010 & 'Padma Shri' in 1999
- [Location of Arya Vaidya Sala – Kottakkal, Kerala | Founded in – 1902](#)

10. On July 10, Former Indian cricketer and 1983 World Cup winner Yashpal Sharma has died of heart attack. He was 66. The former Punjab cricketer was regarded as a gifted middle-order batsman. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Yashpal Sharma ([Punjab](#)) – Former Indian Cricketer – passed away (part of India's World Cup triumph in 1983)

11. On July 15, American Tennis Player Fry Irvin, who won 3 consecutive major titles in the 1950s to complete a career Grand Slam, has died at the age of 94. She was inducted in the International Tennis Hall of fame in 1970. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Fry Irvin – American Tennis Player – passed away (International Tennis Hall of fame in 1970)

12. On July 15, Former president of Pakistan & the senior Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) leader Mamnoon Hussain passed away after a prolonged illness. He was 80. He served as the 12th President of Pakistan between September 2013 and September 2018. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mamnoon Hussain – Former president of Pakistan – passed away (Party – Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz)
- Pakistan – Islamabad – Pakistani Rupee | PM – Imran Khan | President – Arif Alvi

13. On July 16, The 3-time National Award-winning Veteran Actress, Surekha Sikri has died at the age of 75 after suffering a cardiac arrest. She made her debut in 1978. She also received Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in 1989 for her contributions to Hindi theatre. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Surekha Sikri – an Actress – passed away (3-time National Award winner)
- Awards: “Sangeet Natak Akademi Award” (1989) for her contributions to ‘Hindi’ theatre

14. Danish Siddiqui, a Pulitzer Prize-winning Indian Photojournalist for news agency Reuters, was killed while covering clashes between Afghan security forces and the Taliban in the Spin Boldak district of Kandahar province, near Afghanistan’s border with Pakistan. He won the “2018 Pulitzer Prize” for Feature Photography for documenting the Rohingya refugee crisis. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Danish Siddiqui – Indian Photojournalist – killed on assignment in Afghanistan (2018 Pulitzer Prize winner)

15. On July 17, Gautam Benegal - a filmmaker, writer, cartoonist and artist, passed away after a cardiac arrest. He was 55. He was born in Kolkata in 1965. In 2010, he made a one-hour animation film titled “The Prince and the Crown of Stone” which won two Rajat Kamal National Awards. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Gautam Benegal – a Filmmaker, Writer, Cartoonist & Artist – passed away (“Rajat Kamal National Awards”)

16. On July 23, Kerala’s oldest learner Bhageerathi Amma (Bhagheerathy Amma) passed away recently. She passed the literacy examination at the age of 105 two years ago and won the praise of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bhageerathi Amma – Oldest learner from Kerala – passed away
- She passed the literacy examination at the age of 105 in 2019
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

17. On July 21, Noted Carnatic Classical Violinist ‘Kalaimamani’ Sikkil Shri R. Bhaskaran passed away at Chennai. He was 85. He was a violinist in Carnatic music and Tamil Isai. He was introduced to Music by his maternal grandfather Sikkil Shri Ramaswami Pillai. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sikkil Shri R. Bhaskaran (Tamil Nadu) – a Carnatic Classical Violinist – passed away
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit

18. On July 24, Banker-turned-Marathi litterateur Satish Kalsekar passed away following a brief illness. He was 78. He was conferred with the Sahitya Akademi Award 2013 for literature. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Satish Kalsekar – Marathi Litterateur – passed away
- Awards: “Sahitya Akademi Award” for Literature (2013)

19. On July 23, Doyen of particle physics Steven Weinberg passed away. He was 88. He was awarded the ‘Nobel Prize for Physics’ in 1979 for his discovery of the Unified Theory of Weak and Electromagnetic Interactions. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Steven Weinberg – American Theoretical Physicist – passed away (‘Nobel Prize for Physics’ in 1979)

20. Veteran multilingual Actor Jayanthi has passed away at her residence in Bengaluru. She was 76. She has acted in more than 500 films in five languages - Kannada, Telugu, Tamil, Malayalam and Hindi. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Jayanthi – a Veteran multilingual Actor – passed away
- Cinema – Kannada, Telugu, Tamil, Malayalam & Hindi

21. On July 27, Former England bowler Mike Hendrick passed away at the age of 72. Hendrick is the fourth England player involved in the 1981 Ashes to have died after Bob Woolmer, Dilley and Willis. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mike Hendrick ([England](#)) – Former Cricketer – passed away

22. Nandu Natekar, one of the superstars in Indian badminton history, passed away in Pune due to prolonged illness. He was 88. Natekar was among the first batch of the Arjuna Award recipients in 1961 when the awards were introduced. He was the 1st Indian Badminton Player to win an International event in Kuala Lumpur in 1956. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Nandu Natekar – a legendary Badminton Player – passed away
- Awards: “Arjuna Award” (1961) | The Arjuna Award was introduced – in 1961
- He was the 1st Indian Badminton Player to win an International event (1956)

23. On July 27, Basavaraj S. Bommai, veteran leader of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), took oath as the 23rd chief minister of Karnataka, succeeding BS Yediyurappa for the post. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Basavaraj Bommai ([BJP](#)) – took oath as the 23rd Chief Minister of Karnataka
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – Basavaraj Bommai | Governor – Thaawarchand Gehlot



24. On July 29, Bangladesh's legendary folk singer Fakir Alamgir passed away at the age of 71 due to Covid19. He was conferred with the 'Ekushey Padak', the second-highest civilian award in Bangladesh, in 1999. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Fakir Alamgir ([Bangladesh](#)) – a Folk Singer – passed away
- [Bangladesh](#) – [Dhaka](#) – [Taka](#) | [PM](#) – [Seikh Hasina](#) | [President](#) – [Abdul Hamid](#)

25. Gira Sarabhai, co-founder of the renowned National Institute of Design (NID) in Ahmedabad and a pioneer of design education in India, passed away in Ahmedabad at the age of 98. She contributed immensely in the field of art and architecture. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Gira Sarabhai – Indian Architect & Designer – passed away



Person in News

1. On July 3, Google has shared a doodle celebrating birth anniversary of German-born, British neurologist Professor Sir Ludwig Guttman. Known as the “Founder of the Paralympic movement”, this year marks his 112th birth anniversary. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 3 – 112th birth anniversary of German-British Neurologist “Sir Ludwig Guttman” (Google shared a doodle)
- Sir Ludwig Guttman – known as the “Founder of the Paralympic movement”

2. On July 17, Singer Ananya Birla has teamed up with music maestro A. R. Rahman to launch a cheer song titled “Hindustani Way” for Indian sports personalities for the Tokyo Olympics. The song has been sung by Ananya and composed by Rahman. Minister of Information and Broadcasting Anurag Thakur has launched the song. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ananya Birla + A. R. Rahman = teamed up to launch a cheer song titled “Hindustani Way” for Tokyo Olympics
- The song is sung by Ananya Birla & composed by A. R. Rahman | Launched by – Anurag Thakur

3. On July 16, Bollywood actor Yami Gautam Dhar has partnered with the Himachal Pradesh government for their initiative, “Baccho Ka Sahara, Phone Humara”. The initiative is a phone donation camp that has been launched by the Himachal Pradesh government to help needy children who cannot afford smartphones. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Yami Gautam + Himachal Pradesh = partnership for “Baccho Ka Sahara, Phone Humara” initiative
- Himachal Pradesh: Capital – Shimla & Dharamshala | CM – Jai Ram Thakur | Governor – Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar

4. On July 22, Kerala’s 49-year-old man Santhosh George Kulangara has become the first Indian Space Tourist selected by the Virgin Group. He had signed up from Richard Branson's Virgin Galactic back in 2005. The trip will cost ₹1.8 Cr approximately. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Santhosh George Kulangara (Kerala) – became the 1st Indian Space Tourist selected by the Virgin Group
- HQs of Virgin Galactic – Mojave, California, US | CEO – Michael Colglazier
- HQs of Virgin Group – London, UK | CEO – Josh Bayliss

5. On July 23, El Salvador has ordered the arrest of former president Salvador Sanchez Ceren and 9 top officials from a past administration as part of a money laundering and corruption probe. Sanchez Ceren and the other members of Funes’ government belong to the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN), the leftist party. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- El Salvador – ordered the arrest of former president “Salvador Sanchez Ceren” over a corruption probe
- El Salvador – San Salvador – US Dollar | President – Nayib Bukele

6. At the invitation of S. Jaishankar (External Affairs Minister of India), Abdulla Shahid (President of the 76th session of the UNGA and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Maldives) has visited New Delhi from 22-24 July 2021. India is the first country that Abdulla Shahid has visited after his election as PGA-Elect. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Abdulla Shahid (Minister of Foreign Affairs of Maldives) – visited New Delhi (India) from 22-24 July, 2021
- Maldives – Male – Maldivian rufiyaa | President – Ibrahim Mohamed Solih

7. On July 28, Investor and billionaire Rakesh Jhunjhunwala is considering investing \$35 million to launch 70 aircrafts within next 4 years, as a part of his ultra-low-cost airline Akasa Air. Akasa Air is expected to get a no-objection certificate from the aviation ministry within the next 15 days. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rakesh Jhunjhunwala – is considering investing \$35 million to launch ultra-low-cost airline ‘Akasa Air’
- He aims to launch 70 aircrafts within next 4 years

8. On July 28, A 19-year old climber Shehroze Kashif from Lahore, Pakistan has become the youngest person in the world to reach the summit of “K2”, the second-highest peak in the world. He achieved the feat of scaling the 8,611-metre high peak with the aid of bottled oxygen. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Shehroze Kashif (Pakistan - 19) – became the youngest person in the world to reach the summit of “K2” (8,611m)
- Pakistan – Islamabad – Pakistani Rupee | PM – Imran Khan | President – Arif Alvi



Science & Technology

1. On July 1, Researchers have discovered a new genus and two new species of land mollusc (snail) - "Varadia amboliensis" & "Snail of Sahyadri" in the northern Western Ghats, from Amboli village in Sindhudurg district of Maharashtra. The discovery was published in the European Journal of Taxonomy. 'Perrottetia Rajeshgopali', the newest chronicled member of the global snail family, is named after one of India's top tiger conservationists - Rajesh Gopal (Secretary-General of the Global Tiger Forum). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Researchers discovered two new species of land mollusc (snail) - "Varadia amboliensis" & "Snail of Sahyadri"
- They were discovered in northern Western Ghats (Sindhudurg, Maharashtra) | 'Perrottetia Rajeshgopali' – a snail
- Rajesh Gopal – Secretary General of the Global Tiger Forum (HQs – New Delhi)
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

2. On July 1, OneWeb has launched 36 satellites into orbit by Soyuz rocket from the Soyuz launch complex in Vostochny Cosmodrome, a Russian spaceport. With this, OneWeb will achieve its 'Five to 50' goal. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- OneWeb launched 36 satellites into orbit by Soyuz rocket – from Siberia, Russia
- HQs of OneWeb – London, UK | CEO – Adrian Steckel | Executive Chairman – Sunil Bharti Mittal
- OneWeb – co-owned by Bharti Global & the UK

3. On July 1, A teacher-student duo in Trichy, Tamil Nadu has discovered 3 new asteroids as part of an International Astronomical Search Collaboration (IASC) Citizen Science Programme, organised by the NASA. The three asteroids identified by them have been temporarily named BBM2101, BBM2102 and BBM2103. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Teacher-student from TN – discovered 3 new asteroids as part of "IASC Citizen Science Programme" – by NASA
- 3 asteroids: BBM2101, BBM2102 & BBM2103
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit

4. On July 1, Richard Branson's Virgin Orbit has delivered 7 satellites into space from 3 countries (US, Netherlands & Poland). It is Virgin's second successful rocket launch using its modified Boeing 747 aircraft. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Virgin Orbit – delivered 7 satellites into space from 3 countries (US, Netherlands & Poland)
- HQs of Virgin Orbit – California, USA | President & CEO – Dan Hart | Founder – Richard Branson

5. Grene Robotics has developed an indigenous autonomous drone defence dome called “Indrajaal”. Indrajaal is capable of protecting a large area of 1,000-2,000 sq km per system against threats. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Grene Robotics – developed an indigenous autonomous drone defence dome called “Indrajaal”
- HQs of Grene Robotics – Hyderabad, Telangana | CEO – Kiran Raju

6. The Department of Space (DoS) has recently launched its draft “National Space Transportation Policy 2020”. The draft policy allows Indian Private Companies to establish and operate rocket launch sites. Indian National Space Promotion & Authorization Center (IN-SPACe) is the nodal agency for all approvals related to this. The ISRO is working on green fuel through hydrogen peroxide in its rocket that would take Indians into space under its ‘Gaganyaan’ mission. ISRO has also developed “ISROSENE”, which is a rocket-grade version of kerosene as an alternative to conventional hydrazine rocket fuel. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Department of Space – recently launched its draft “National Space Transportation Policy 2020”
- ISRO is working on Green Fuel in its rocket to take Indians into space under its ‘Gaganyaan’ mission
- ISRO also developed “ISROSENE” - a rocket-grade version of kerosene
- HQs of ISRO – Bengaluru, Karnataka | Director – Kailasavadivoo Sivan | Formed in – 1969

7. Sirisha Bandla has become the second Indian-born woman to fly into space. She was one of the five people alongside Virgin Galactic’s billionaire founder Richard Branson to travel to space. Bandla will be the 4th Indian-origin person to fly to space. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sirisha Bandla – became the 2nd Indian-born woman to fly into space after Kalpana Chawla (4th Indian-origin person)
- Sirisha Bandla was one of the five people in Virgin Galactic’s 4th crewed test space flight
- HQs of Virgin Galactic – Mojave, California, US | CEO – Michael Colglazier

8. On July 3, The researchers used their field data from 2009-2014 based on observations made at Karnataka’s Nagarahole and Bandipur National Parks, and found that the social structure of Asian elephants differs from that of African elephants. The studies were conducted by the members of the Evolutionary and Integrative Biology Unit of the Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR), Bengaluru. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- According to Researchers: The social structure of Asian elephants differs from that of African elephants
- Location of JNCASR – Bengaluru, Karnataka
- Nagarahole National Parks & Bandipur National Park – located in Karnataka



9. On July 2, The Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises has launched 6 Technology Innovation Platforms that will focus on development of technologies for the globally competitive manufacturing in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises – launched 6 Technology Innovation Platforms
- Minister of Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises – Prakash Javdekar (Constituency – Maharashtra)

10. On July 5, China has successfully launched world's first meteorological satellite for civil services called "Fengyun-3E (FY-3E)" with 11 remote sensing payloads, which will monitor global snow coverage and sea surface temperatures. The satellite was launched into planned orbit from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre in northwest China. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- China – launched world's 1st meteorological satellite called "Fengyun-3E(FY-3E)" with 11 remote sensing payloads
- China – Beijing – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping

11. On July 3, The Odisha Institute of Maritime and South East Asian Studies (OIMSEAS) has discovered a 4,000-year-old settlement and ancient artifacts belonging the Chalcolithic period in Balasore district. Archaeologists encounter distinct traces of 3 cultural phases at the excavation site at Durgadevi village. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- A 4,000-year-old settlement & ancient artifacts discovered in Balasore, Odisha (belonging the Chalcolithic period)
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

12. On July 6, Researchers from Mizoram University discovered a new Snake species of the 'Stoliczka' genus and only the 3rd species of 'Stoliczka' from India. The team named it "Stoliczka Vanhnuailianai", in honour of Vanhnuailiana, a famous Mizo warrior. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Stoliczka Vanhnuailianai" a new species of Snake – discovered in Mizoram (3rd species of 'Stoliczka' from India)
- Mizoram: Capital – Aizawl | CM – Zoramthanga | Governor – Hari Babu Kambhampati

13. On July 7, Two species of spiders - Gravelia boro & Dexippus kleini was found recently in the Jharbari range of western Assam's Chirang Reserve Forest. The two spiders from Bodoland Territorial Region have been described in the latest issue of Acta Arachnologica published by the Arachnological Society of Japan. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 'Gravelia boro' & 'Dexippus kleini' - species of spiders – found in Chirang Reserve Forest of Assam
- Published by – Arachnological Society of Japan
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Himanta Biswa Sarma | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi



14. On July 9, The French military has conducted advanced testing of the “High-Energy Laser for Multiple Application - Power (HELMA-P)” capable of destroying a moving drone. It can neutralize in-flight targets up to one kilometer away in a matter of seconds. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- French military – conducted advanced testing of “High-Energy Laser for Multiple Application - Power(HELMA-P)”
- France – Paris – Euro | President – Emmanuel Macron | PM – Jean Castex

15. Facebook has launched its newsletter product ‘Bulletin’, a standalone platform for free and paid articles and podcasts that will aim to rival Substack. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Facebook – launched its newsletter product ‘Bulletin’
- HQs of Facebook – California, United States | CEO – Mark Zuckerberg | Founded in – 2004

16. On July 10, Scientists at the DBT-Institute of Life Sciences, Bhubaneswar and SRM Institute of Science and Technology, Tamil Nadu have reported a reference-grade Whole Genome Sequence of “Avicennia marina”, a Mangrove species for the first time. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Scientists reported a reference-grade Whole Genome Sequence of “Avicennia marina” for the first time
- “Avicennia marina” – a Mangrove species
- Location of DBT-Institute of Life Sciences – Bhubaneswar, Odisha
- Location of SRM Institute of Science & Technology – Chennai, Tamil Nadu

17. On July 10, An extremely bright, hydrogen deficient, fast-evolving and very rare “SuperLuminous Supernova” (SLSNe) has been spotted by Indian researchers. The team observed it using special arrangements at India’s recently commissioned Devasthal Optical Telescope (DOT-3.6m) along with two other Indian telescopes: Sampurnanand Telescope-1.04m and Himalayan Chandra Telescope-2.0m. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian researchers spotted – a very rare “SuperLuminous Supernova” (SLSNe)
- 3 Telescopes were used:
 - Devasthal Optical Telescope (Nainital, Uttarakhand)
 - Sampurnanand Telescope (Nainital, Uttarakhand)
 - Himalayan Chandra Telescope (Ladakh)

18. On July 9, The US’s Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has developed a tool called “Space Data Integrator” to better track rocket launches and space vehicles returning to Earth. The FAA stated that the new technology was first used on June 30 for the launch of SpaceX’s ‘Transporter 2’. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- FAA (US) – developed a tool called “Space Data Integrator” to better track rocket launches
- The new technology was first used for the launch of ‘Transporter 2’ of SpaceX

19. On July 7, A rare sighting of hundreds of endangered Seahorses was reported in a polluted lagoon in Greece. A protected species threatened by overfishing and pollution, seahorses need an environment full of organisms to feed on and plant life to hide. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- A rare sighting of hundreds of endangered Seahorses – reported in a polluted lagoon in Greece
- [Greece – Athens – Euro](#) | [Turkey – Ankara – Lira](#)

20. On July 7, A team of scientists from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) have reported real-world results on “SwabSeq”, a testing platform that uses sequencing to test thousands of samples at a time to detect Covid-19. SwabSeq uses sample-specific molecular barcodes to simultaneously analyse thousands of samples for the presence or absence of SARS-CoV-2. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Scientists from University of California, Los Angeles – reported real-world results on a testing platform “SwabSeq”

21. On July 11, British billionaire Richard Branson took 90-minute-long flight to the edge of space on Virgin Galactic’s “Unity 22” flight. Branson boarded his company Virgin Galactic’s Unity 22 flight from the Mojave Desert in New Mexico. He was accompanied by India-born Sirisha Bandla and 4 other passengers. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Virgin Galactic – launched its human commercial space flight “Unity 22” (consisting 6 passengers)
- Flight duration – 90 minutes

22. The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is set to launch Geo imaging satellite “GISAT-1” on board GSLV-F10 rocket from Sriharikota spaceport in Andhra Pradesh on August 12. GISAT-1 weighs 2,268-kg. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ISRO – to launch Geo imaging satellite “GISAT-1” on board GSLV-F10 rocket – from Sriharikota spaceport
- [HQs of ISRO – Bengaluru, Karnataka](#) | [Director – Kailasavadivoo Sivan](#) | [Formed in – 1969](#)

23. On July 7, Scientists have discovered methane gas on Saturn’s 6th largest moon named “Enceladus”. In 2005, NASA’s Cassini Saturn orbiter discovered geysers blasting particles of water ice into space from “Tiger Stripe” fractures near Enceladus’ south pole. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Scientists discovered methane gas on Saturn’s 6th largest moon named “Enceladus”

24. On July 12, A team of Scientists was led by Professor Ambarish Ghosh from the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) has experimentally shown the existence of two species of Few Electron Bubbles (FEBs) in Superfluid Helium for the first time. The study was published in “Science Advances”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Scientists from the IISc – discovered the existence of 2 species of Few Electron Bubbles (FEBs) in Superfluid Helium
- The team of Scientists was led by – Prof Ambarish Ghosh

25. On July 9, Indian polar biologists from the Central University of Punjab have discovered “Bryum bharatiensis”, a new species of moss or plant in Antarctica. The scientists have named the species “Bryum Bharatiensis” as a tribute to goddess Saraswati, who is also known as ‘Bharati’. The discovery was made by Dr. Felix Bast, Polar and Marine Biologist at Central Punjab University. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Bryum bharatiensis” a new species of moss or plant – discovered by Central University of Punjab in Antarctica
- The discovery was made by – Dr. Felix Bast

26. On July 13, China has officially begun the construction of the world’s first commercial modular small reactor “Linglong One” at the Changjiang Nuclear Power Plant in China’s Hainan Province. The multipurpose small modular reactor (SMR) Linglong One also called the “ACP100” was the first such SMR which was given green signal by the International Atomic Energy Agency in 2016. The “ACP100” comes with a generation capacity of 125,000 kilowatt hours. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- China – began the construction of the world’s 1st commercial modular small reactor “Linglong One” or “ACP100”
- Nuclear Power generation capacity of “ACP100” – 1,25,000 kilowatt hours (1,170 MW)
- China – Beijing – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping

27. On July 14, Tech startup incubator T-Hub in partnership with Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog, has launched “AIC T-Hub Foundation”, a programme for deep tech startups focused on life sciences and healthcare sectors. Following the successful completion of the first cohort, which was undertaken as a pilot project, a second cohort has been launched under the programme for 3 months. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- T-Hub + AIM (NITI Aayog) – partnership to launch “AIC T-Hub Foundation” programme
- HQs of T-Hub – Hyderabad, Telangana | CMD – Ravi Narayan
- AIM – a flagship of NITI Aayog (HQs of AIM – New Delhi | Director – Chintan Vaishnav)

28. On July 15, The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has successfully conducted the 3rd long-duration hot test of the Liquid Propellant Vikas Engine for the “Gaganyaan programme”. The test was done for the Core L110 liquid stage of the human rated ‘GSLV MkIII’ vehicle. The engine was tested at the engine test facility of ISRO Propulsion Complex in Mahendragiri, Tamil Nadu. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ISRO – conducted the 3rd long-duration hot test of the Liquid Propellant Vikas Engine for “Gaganyaan programme”
- Test was done for Core L110 liquid stage of the human rated ‘GSLV MkIII’ vehicle – in Mahendragiri, Tamil Nadu
- HQs of ISRO – Bengaluru, Karnataka | Director – Kailasavadivoo Sivan | Formed in – 1969

29. On July 9, The government boys high school located in Malleshwaram, Karnataka has become the first government high school in India to develop a satellite. The satellite was developed by taking the help of the Indian Technological Congress Association (ITCA) and ISRO. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Government boys High School in Malleshwaram, Karnataka – 1st government High School to develop a Satellite
- The satellite was developed by with the help of – ITCA & ISRO
- HQs of ISRO – Bengaluru, Karnataka | Director – Kailasavadivoo Sivan | Formed in – 1969
- HQs of ITCA – Bengaluru, Karnataka

30. On July 11, Cuba’s State-run corporation, BioFarma has developed the world’s first conjugate vaccine “Soberana 2” for COVID-19. The vaccine was 91.2% efficacious in phase-3 trials. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- BioFarma (Cuba) – developed the world’s 1st conjugate vaccine “Soberana 2” for COVID-19 (91.2% efficacious)
- Cuba – Havana – Peso | President – Miguel Diaz-Canel

31. On July 9, Square Inc has decided to create a Hardware Wallet for bitcoin. Bitcoin wallets can be stored offline or online at cryptocurrency exchanges, venues where bitcoin can be bought and sold for traditional currencies or other virtual coins. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Square Inc – to create a Hardware Wallet for Bitcoin
- HQs of Square Inc – San Francisco, California, US | CEO – Jack Dorsey

32. On July 15, Raksha Mantri Shri has launched an Artificial Intelligence (AI)-powered grievance management application called “CPGRAMS (Centralized Rajnath Singh Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System) app” in New Delhi. The app is developed by Ministry of Defence (MoD) with the help of IIT-Kanpur. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Rajnath Singh – launched an AI-powered grievance management app called “CPGRAMS” app
- CPGRAMS – Centralized Rajnath Singh Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System
- The app is developed by = MoD + IIT Kanpur

33. On July 14, The extended range version of “BrahMos Supersonic Cruise Missile” failed during a test firing being carried out off the coast of Odisha and fell shortly after takeoff. The missile is capable of hitting targets up to 450 km. BrahMos supersonic cruise missile earlier was used for below 300 km targets. This missile derived its name from two rivers, the Brahmaputra in India and the Moskva in Russia. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The extended range version of “BrahMos Supersonic Cruise Missile” failed during a test – off the coast of Odisha
- Extended range – 450 km | Old range – 300 km | Missile’s name is derived from rivers = Brahmaputra + Moskva

34. On July 15, Twitter will discontinue its Fleets feature on August 3. Twitter introduced Fleets in November 2020 and it is Twitter's own version of stories that disappear after 24 hours. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Twitter will discontinue its ‘Fleets’ feature on August 3
- HQs of Twitter – San Francisco, California, USA | CEO – Jack Dorsey | Founded in – 2006

35. On July 16, An Artificial Intelligence-powered COVID-19 test kit “COVIHOME” that can be performed at an affordable cost at home has been developed by researchers at IIT Hyderabad led by Prof. Shiv Govind Singh. This test kit can produce results within 30 minutes. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IIT Hyderabad – developed an AI-powered COVID-19 test kit “COVIHOME”
- The researchers team was led by – Prof. Shiv Govind Singh

36. On July 15, Google has opened a new Cloud Data Centre Region in Delhi-NCR. The new Delhi-NCR region will be the company’s 2nd Google Cloud region in India and 10th in the Asia Pacific. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Google – opened a new Cloud Data Centre Region in Delhi-NCR (2nd in India & 10th in the Asia Pacific)
- Google’s 1st Cloud Region in India was established – in Mumbai (in 2017)
- HQs of Google – California, US | CEO – Sundar Pichai | Founded in – 1998

37. On July 19, Russia has successfully test fired the “Zircon” Hypersonic Cruise Missile, a new addition to an arsenal of weapons called “invincible” by President Vladimir Putin. It hits a target directly at a range of over 350 km (217 miles). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Russia – successfully test fired the “Zircon” Hypersonic Cruise Missile | Missile range – 350 km (217 miles)
- [Russia – Moscow – Russian Ruble | PM – Mikhail Mishustin | President – Vladimir Putin](#)

38. On July 20, Researchers at the IIT Ropar have developed “AMLEX” - a first-of-its-kind device that can regulate the flow of medical oxygen from cylinder during inhalation and exhalation by a patient, thereby reducing wastage. AMLEX is a system developed specifically for oxygen cylinders. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IIT Ropar developed “AMLEX” - a first-of-its-kind oxygen monitoring device

39. On July 20, Russia has successfully test-fired its new “S-500” Air Defence Missile Systems at a southern training range and hit a high-speed ballistic target. The missile has a maximum firing range of 600 kms. After tests are completed the first S-500 system, also known as ‘Prometheus’ and the ‘Triumfator-M’, will be sent to an air defence unit outside Moscow. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Russia – successfully test-fired its new “S-500” Air Defence Missile Systems | Missile range – 600 kms
- [Russia – Moscow – Russian Ruble | PM – Mikhail Mishustin | President – Vladimir Putin](#)

40. The study by three researchers from the Robert Bosch Centre for Data Science and Artificial Intelligence (RBCDSAI), IIT Madras has developed a machine learning model called “NBDriver” that can use genome sequencing data to detect cancerous mutations in the body. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IIT Madras – developed a machine learning model called “NBDriver” to detect cancerous mutations
- [Location of RBCDSAI – Chennai, Tamil Nadu](#)

41. On July 20, Hyderabad-based Defence Metallurgical Research Laboratory (DMRL), one of the DRDO’s premier laboratories, has developed the indigenous development of a “High Strength Metastable Beta Titanium Alloy”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- [DMRL-DRDO \(Hyderabad\)](#) – developed an Indigenous High Strength Metastable Beta Titanium Alloy
- [HQs of DRDO – New Delhi | Chairman – G. Satheesh Reddy | Established in – 1958](#)

42. China has harvested its first batch of Rice grown from seeds that travelled 23 days in space around the moon on the Chang'e-5 lunar probe in November 2020. Space Rice is not new in China. The country has been sending seeds into space since 1987, along with cotton and tomatoes. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- China – harvested its first batch of ‘Space Rice’ – grown from seeds that travelled 23 days in space
- China – Beijing – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping

43. On July 20, Jeff Bezos has joined a small group of people who have been launched into space onboard ‘New Shepard’ rocket which is designed and built by Blue Origin. This was Blue Origin’s first passenger flight. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ‘New Shepard’ rocket - designed & built by Blue Origin – successfully completed its 1st human spaceflight
- HQs of Blue Origin – Washington, US | CEO – Bob Smith | Founder – Jeff Bezos | Founded in – 2000

44. Biteeu India in partnership with SpaceChain, has launched its Digital Security Infrastructure into space onboard SpaceX’s “Falcon 9” rocket under the rideshare program. This marks Biteeu as the first cryptocurrency exchange in the world to leverage the high security of space-grade infrastructure for ultra-secure Bitcoin cryptocurrency transactions. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Biteeu India + SpaceChain = launched its Digital Security Infrastructure into space – onboard “Falcon 9” rocket
- Biteeu – 1st Cryptocurrency Exchange in the world to leverage the high security of Space-Grade Infrastructure
- HQs of SpaceChain – Singapore | CEO – Zee Zheng
- HQs of Biteeu – Kazakhstan

45. The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has successfully flight-tested an indigenous, third-generation, Man Portable Antitank Guided Missile (MPATGM) for Indian Army. The MPATGM can strike targets at its maximum range of 4,000 metres. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- DRDO – tested an indigenous “Man Portable Antitank Guided Missile (MPATGM)” – for Indian Army
- HQs of DRDO – New Delhi | Chairman – G. Satheesh Reddy | Established in – 1958

46. On July 21, Russia’s Space Agency Roscosmos has launched the new “Nauka” laboratory module to the International Space Station onboard ‘Proton-M’ booster rocket. The rocket blasted off from the Baikonur cosmodrome in Kazakhstan. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Roscosmos (Russia) – launched the new “Nauka” laboratory module to the ISS onboard ‘Proton-M’ booster rocket
- Russia – Moscow – Russian Ruble | PM – Mikhail Mishustin | President – Vladimir Putin



47. On July 23, The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has successfully flight tested the New Generation Surface-to-Air missile called “Akash-NG” from the Integrated Test Range, Chandipur, off the Odisha coast. The missile system has been developed by Defence Research and Development Laboratory (DRDL), Hyderabad, in collaboration with other DRDO laboratories for the Indian Air Force (IAF). The strike range of this missile is 60 km. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- DRDO – tested the New Generation Surface-to-Air missile called “Akash-NG” from Chandipur, Odisha – for IAF
- The missile is developed by = DRDL | Strike range of this missile – 60 km
- HQs of DRDO – New Delhi | Chairman – G. Satheesh Reddy | Established in – 1958

48. On July 20, The NASA has announced that its new spacecraft, named “NEA Scout” (Near-Earth Asteroid Scout), has completed all required tests and has been safely tucked inside the Space Launch System (SLS) rocket. NEA Scout is one of several payloads that will hitch a ride on ‘Artemis I’, which is expected to be launched in November, 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NASA’s new spacecraft named “NEA Scout” (Near-Earth Asteroid Scout) – completed all required tests
- “NEA Scout” is one of several payloads of the ‘Artemis I’ program
- HQs of NASA – Washington D.C., USA | Administrator – Bill Nelson | Founded in – 1958

49. On July 23, Tata Boeing Aerospace Limited (TBAL) has delivered the 100th fuselage for the ‘AH-64 Apache’ combat helicopter to Boeing. Tata Boeing Aerospace, Boeing’s first equity joint venture in India, is the result of a 2015 partnership agreement with Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tata Boeing Aerospace – delivered the 100th fuselage for the ‘AH-64 Apache’ combat helicopter to Boeing
- HQs of TBAL – Hyderabad, Telangana
- HQs of Boeing – Chicago, USA | CEO – Dave Calhoun

50. On July 24, The NASA has selected Elon Musk’s SpaceX to launch its probe of Jupiter’s moon called “Europa Clipper Mission”. The mission, scheduled to launch in October 2024 on a ‘Falcon Heavy’ rocket from the Kennedy Space Center in Florida, is worth \$178 million. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NASA – selected SpaceX to launch its probe of Jupiter’s moon called “Europa Clipper Mission” – in Oct 2024
- ‘Falcon Heavy’ rocket – belongs to SpaceX
- HQs of NASA – Washington D.C., USA | Administrator – Bill Nelson | Founded in – 1958
- HQs of SpaceX – California, U.S. | CEO – Elon Musk | Founded in – 2012

51. On July 22, A pair of “Chrysilla Volupe” spiders, a rare species, was recently spotted at Puttenahalli lake in Karnataka by photographer Satish Chandra Karanth. The Chrysilla volupe was believed to be extinct for 150 years, until it was discovered at the Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary (WWS) in 2018. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Chrysilla Volupe” a rare species of Spider – spotted at Puttenahalli lake, in Karnataka
- Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary – located in Kerala
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – B. S. Yediyurappa | Governor – Thaawarchand Gehlot

52. On July 20, According to an AFP report, Russia has unveiled its new Sukhoi stealth fighter jet, “The Checkmate”, designed to compete with the US F-35 and capable of striking 6 targets simultaneously. It is the prototype of a new 5th generation fighter jet. [{Read more}](#)

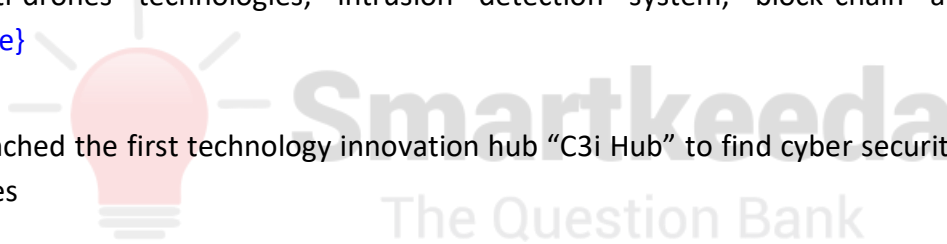
Key Points:

- Russia – unveiled its new Sukhoi stealth fighter jet “The Checkmate”
- Russia – Moscow – Russian Ruble | PM – Mikhail Mishustin | President – Vladimir Putin

53. On July 23, IIT Kanpur has launched the first technology innovation hub “C3i Hub” to find cyber security solutions for anti-drones technologies, intrusion detection system, block-chain and cyber physical system. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IIT Kanpur – launched the first technology innovation hub “C3i Hub” to find cyber security solutions for anti-drones technologies



54. On July 23, Chinese government scientists have unveiled a first-of-its-kind ‘Clean’ Commercial Nuclear Reactor that does not need water for cooling. The Molten-salt Nuclear reactor runs on liquid thorium rather than uranium. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- China – unveiled a first-of-its-kind ‘Clean’ commercial nuclear reactor named “Molten-salt Nuclear reactor”
- China – Beijing – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping

55. Almost a year since its launch from Earth, NASA’s Mars 2020 “Perseverance” rover has begun its search for alien life on the red planet. Currently, the six-wheeled Mars probe is in the Cratered Floor Fractured Rough area of the Jezero Crater. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NASA’s “Perseverance” rover is probing the ‘Jezero Crater’ of Mars
- HQs of NASA – Washington D.C., USA | Administrator – Bill Nelson | Founded in – 1958

56. Researchers from the molecular biodiversity laboratory in the department of Zoology and Wildlife Biology in the Government Arts College in Ooty have discovered a new wingless insect named “Bionychiurus tamilensis” in the Nilgiris in Tamil Nadu. A research paper on the new species has been published in international journal Biologia published by Springer Nature. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- A new wingless insect named “Bionychiurus tamilensis” – discovered in the Nilgiris in Tamil Nadu
- [Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit](#)

57. On July 27, Google-parent Alphabet will launch a new robotics company named ‘Intrinsic’ which will focus on building software for industrial robots. The segment comes out of X, Alphabet’s Moonshot factory that houses futuristic firms such as Waymo, Wing and Verily. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Alphabet – to launch a new robotics company named ‘Intrinsic’ for building software for industrial robots
- [HQs of Alphabet Inc. – California, USA | CEO – Sundar Pichai | Founded in – 2015](#)

58. On July 28, Google has launched a new “Bug Bounty Platform” to celebrate the 10-year anniversary of its ‘Vulnerability Rewards Programme’. The platform will conduct competition, run country-wise leaderboards and enable chances of winning awards for certain bugs. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Google – launched “Bug Bounty Platform” – to mark 10th anniversary of its ‘Vulnerability Rewards Programme’
- [HQs of Google – California, US | CEO – Sundar Pichai | Founded in – 1998](#)

59. The Royal Astronomical Society (RAS) has launched the “Superpressure Balloon-borne Imaging Telescope (SuperBIT)”. It is a new type of Space Telescope that could soar high above Earth’s clouds to view the universe in a more environmentally-friendly and upgradable way than current technologies. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RAS launched the “Superpressure Balloon-borne Imaging Telescope (SuperBIT)”
- [HQs of RAS – London, UK | President – Emma Bunce](#)

60. Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) has signed a Record of Discussions with the Indian government to further strengthen its a technical cooperation project with IIT Hyderabad. The cooperation is for the Project for Future Researchers at IITH to Enhance Network Development with Scholarship of Japan (FRIENDSHIP) Phase 2. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- JICA + Indian government = signed a Record of Discussions to strengthen its tech cooperation with IIT Hyderabad
- [Japan – Tokyo – Yen | PM – Yoshihide Suga](#)



61. On July 31, Science & Technology Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh has released the “Biotech-PRIDE” guidelines developed by Department of Biotechnology (DBT). “PRIDE” is short for “Promotion of Research and Innovation through Data Exchange”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dr. Jitendra Singh – released the “Biotech-PRIDE” guidelines – developed by DBT
- PRIDE – **P**romotion of **R**esearch and **I**nnovation through **D**ata **E**xchange
- MoS (I/C) in the Ministry of Science & Technology: Dr. Jitendra Singh | Constituency – Udhampur, J&K

62. On July 7, DBT-National Institute of Biomedical Genomics (NIBMG) has created world’s first browsable online database called “dbGENVOC” (database of GENomic Variants of Oral Cancer). NIBMG has made this database publicly-accessible. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- DBT-National Institute of Biomedical Genomics – created world’s first browsable online database called “dbGENVOC”
- dbGENVOC – **d**atabase of **GEN**omic **V**ariants of **O**ral **C**ancer
- HQs of NIBMG – Kalyani, West Bengal | Director – Prof. Saumitra Das



Ordinance, Bills and Acts

1. On July 29, The Lok Sabha has passed the “Airports Economic Regulatory Authority of India (Amendment) Bill, 2021” to encourage the development of smaller airports in India. The Bill proposes an amendment to the “Airports Economic Regulatory Authority of India (Amendment) Act, 2008” to extend the definition of ‘major airports’. As per the amendment, a ‘major airport’ refers to one that has annual passenger traffic of more than 35 lakh. The Bill was tabled by new Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Lok Sabha passed the “Airports Economic Regulatory Authority of India (Amendment) Bill, 2021”
- ‘Major airport’ refers to one that has annual passenger traffic of more than 35 lakh
- Ministry of Civil Aviation: Jyotiraditya M. Scindia | Constituency – Guna, Madhya Pradesh

2. On July 27, Parliament has passed the “Marine Aids to Navigation Bill 2021”, which aims to replace over 90-year-old “Lighthouse Act 1927”. It aims to incorporate the global best practices, technological developments and India’s International obligations in the field of Marine Aids to Navigation. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Parliament passed the “Marine Aids to Navigation Bill 2021” – to replace “Lighthouse Act 1927”

3. On July 29, The Union Cabinet has approved the Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 2021. The Bill provides account holders security of their money by allowing access to up to Rs 5 lakh within 90 days of a bank coming under a moratorium. Apart from this, the cabinet has also approved the “Limited Liability Partnership (Amendment) Bill 2021”. LLPs with contributions of less than or equal to Rs 25 lakhs and LLPs with turnover less than Rs 40 lakhs are considered as small LLPs. Now, the range will be from Rs 25 lakh to Rs 5 Cr. While the size of the business will be considered to be Rs 50 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Cabinet approved the “Deposit Insurance & Credit Guarantee Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 2021”
- The Bill provides account holders security of their money by allowing access to up to Rs 5 lakh within 90 days
- Cabinet also approved the “Limited Liability Partnership (Amendment) Bill 2021”
- Range for LLPs will be from Rs 25 lakh to Rs 5 Cr

4. On July 29, The Union Cabinet has approved amendment in the “General Insurance Business (Nationalisation) Act, 1972” to facilitate privatisation of 1 General Insurance Company in the public sector. As on date, there are 4 General Insurance companies in the public sector - National Insurance Company Ltd, New India Assurance Company Ltd, Oriental Insurance Company Ltd and the United India Insurance Company Ltd. Now, one of these will be privatised for which the Government is yet to finalise the name. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Cabinet approved amendment in the “General Insurance Business (Nationalisation) Act, 1972” to privatize any 1 General Insurance Company out of 4
- 4 General Insurance Companies in the public sector at present: NICK + NIACL + OICL + UIICL



5. The minimum threshold for initiating pre-packaged insolvency resolution has been increased to Rs 1 Cr, as per the “Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Amendment Bill), 2021” which was introduced by Corporate and Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Minimum threshold for initiating pre-packaged insolvency resolution – increased to Rs 1 Cr
- “Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Amendment Bill), 2021” – introduced by Nirmala Sitharaman





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