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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

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1. CURRENT GK

The National Board for Wildlife (NBWL) has recommended that part of 98.59 ha (hectares) reserve forest land that is a part of "DehingPatkai Elephant Reserve" be used for opencast coal mining by North-Eastern Coal Field of Coal India Limited. Click here for more details

Key Points:

- DehingPatkai Elephant Reserve Assam
- Assam: Capital Dispur
- CM SarbanandaSonowal | Governor JagdishMukhi

2. NATIONAL AND STATES AFFAIRS

Union Minister of Road transport & Highways and MSME ShriNitinGadkari launched Bank of Schemes, Ideas, Innovation and Research portal on MSMEs through Video Conference from Nagpur. The Portal gives access to all Schemes of Union, State and UT Governments. Click here for more details

Key Points:

- "Schemes, Ideas, Innovation and Research portal" by Ministry of MSME
- NitinGadkari Ministry of Road Transport and Highway, Ministry of MSME
- Constituency Nagpur, Maharashtra

3. NATIONAL AND STATES AFFAIRS

Indian Railways has announced that it will run "Shramik Special" trains from "Labour Day" to move migrant workers, pilgrims, tourists, students and other persons stranded at different places due to the nationwide lockdown. Click here for more details

Key Points:

• Shramik Special Trains – by Indian Railways to move stranded people

4. NATIONAL AND STATES AFFAIRS

In an attempt to make AarogyaSetu a one-stop solution for all healthcare and Covid-19 prevention needs, the Indian government has launched a new "Mitr portal" to offer free telemedicine and consultation services for coronavirus-related inquiries. Click here for more details

Key Points:

• Mitr Portal – along with AarogyaSetu App – to offer free telemedicine and consultation services



5. NATIONAL AND STATES AFFAIRS

The Ministry of Development of the North Eastern Region (DoNER) has directed the Arunachal Pradesh government to include the Chakma and Hajong communities in the COVID-19 relief programme. The Chakmas and Hajongs living in the State for the last 56 years have been facing massive food shortage because of their exclusion from the relief programme. Click here for more details

Key Points:

- Chakma and Hajong communities Arunachal Pradesh
- Arunachal Pradesh: Capital Itanagar | CM PemaKhandu | Governor B D Mishra
- Jitendra Singh MoS of DoNER, MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space

6. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Laser Science & Technology Centre (LASTEC), a premier laboratory of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has developed an Ultra Violet (UV) disinfection tower for rapid and chemical-free disinfection of COVID-19 infection prone areas. Click here for more details

Key Points:

- Laser Science & Technology Centre (LASTEC) laboratory of DRDO developed an Ultra Violet (UV) disinfection tower
- HQs of LASTEC New Delhi
- DRDO: HQs New Delhi | Chairman G. Satheesh Reddy

7. RANKS, REPORTS & SURVEYS

India's unemployment rate increased 14.8 % points, rising to 23.5% in April 2020, according to a survey conducted by the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE). Among large states, unemployment was highest in Tamil Nadu, Jharkhand, and Bihar at 49.8%, 47.1%, and 46.6% respectively. It was lowest in Punjab, Chhattisgarh, and Telangana at 2.9%, 3.4%, and 6.2% respectively. Click here for more details

- India's unemployment rate rised to 23.5% in April
- Survey conducted by the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE)
- Highest unemployment rate in Tamil Nadu
- Lowest unemployment rate in Punjab



8. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Scientists announced the discovery of fossil bones from the tail of Spinosaurus in southeastern Morocco in North Africa that provided a deeper understanding of the appearance, lifestyle and capabilities of the longest meat-eating dinosaur on record. The study is published in the journal Nature. Click here for more details

Key Points:

• 1st known aquatic Dinosaur named 'Spinosaurusaegyptiacus' – in North Africa region

9. APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

State-owned power giant NTPC announced that Ramesh Babu V has assumed charge as director operations at NTPC, effective May 1. He joined NTPC as an executive (trainee - 12th batch) in 1987 and has more than 32 years of experience in managing large power stations. Click here for more details

Key Points:

- Ramesh Babu V appointed as he Director of NTPC (National Thermal Power Corporation)
- HQs of NTPC New Delhi | CMD Gurdeep Singh

10. IMPORTANT DAYS AND DATES

May 1 is celebrated as 'Maharashtra Day' and 'Gujarat Day'. The first day of May is significant for both the states as it was on May 1 when both the existing states of Maharashtra and Gujarat were formed. Click here for more details

Key Points:

• May 1 – Foundation Day of Maharashtra + Gujarat

11. IMPORTANT DAYS AND DATES

Each year, May 5 is marked as the International Midwife Day in order to recognise the contribution of midwives. The day has been celebrated by the International Confederation of Midwives (ICM) since 1992. For the International Day of Midwives 2020, the ICM decided the theme to be "Midwives with women: Celebrate, demonstrate, mobilise, unite – our time is NOW." Click here for more details

- May 5 International Day of the Midwife
- Theme "Midwives With Women: Celebrate, Demonstrate, Mobilise, Unite Our Time Is Now"
- Celebrated by the International Confederation of Midwives (ICM) since 1992



12. SPORTS AND GAMES

Egyptian player Youssef Hossam has been banned from professional tennis for life for matchfixing, two years after his brother was also permanently excluded from the sport on corruption charges. Click here for more details

Key Points:

- Youssef Hossam (Egypt) banned Tennis Player
- Egypt Cairo Egyptian Pound | President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi

13. SPORTS AND GAMES

The ViratKohli-led Team India has lost their first spot in the ICC Test rankings for the first time since October 2016 with Australia taking over the charge atop the rankings chart. Click here for more details

Key Points:

• India lost 1st place in ICC Test Rankings – first time since 2016

14. APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

The board of directors of Yes Bank, vide their resolution dated May 1, 2020, appointed NeerajDhawan as the chief risk officer of the bank for a period of three years. He will assume charge in place of AshishAgarwal. Click here for more details

Key Points:

- NeerajDhawan appointed as the CRO of Yes Bank
- HQs of Yes Bank Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO Prashant Kumar
- Tagline "Experience our Expertise"

15. NATIONAL AND STATES AFFAIRS

Kashmir saffron, which is cultivated and harvested in the Karewa (highlands) of Jammu and Kashmir, has been given the Geographical Indication (GI) tag by the Geographical Indications Registry. The spice is grown in some regions of Kashmir, including Pulwama, Budgam, Kishtwar and Srinagar. Click here for more details

- Saffron J & K GI Tag (Lachha, Mongra, Guchhi types of Saffron available in Kashmir)
- J &K Capital Srinagar | Lt. Governor G C Murmu
- Ladakh Capital Leh | Lt. Governor R K Mathur



16. IMPORTANT DAYS AND DATES

World Press Freedom Day popularly known as World Press Day is one of the calendar events planned, organised and promoted by the United Nations, is observed annually on May 3. The theme of World Press Freedom Day 2020 is "Journalism without Fear or Favour". Click here for more details

Key Points:

- May 3 World Press Freedom Day
- Theme "Journalism without Fear or Favour"

17. IMPORTANT DAYS AND DATES

This year, the World Asthma Day will be observed on May 5, 2020. The annual observance is organized by the Global Initiative for Asthma (GINA). The theme for 2020 is 'Enough Asthma Deaths'. Click here for more details

Key Points:

- May 5 World Asthma Day
- Theme "Enough Asthma Deaths"

18. NATIONAL AND STATES AFFAIRS

Recently, the Ministry of Coal launched a Project Monitoring Unit (PMU) for facilitation of early operationalisation of coal mines which are allocated by the Central Government. Click here for more details

Key Points:

- PMU (Project Monitoring Unit) Launched by Ministry of Coal
- Pralhad Joshi Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, Minister of Coal, Minister of Mines
- Constituency Dharwad, Karnataka

19. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Scientists at SatyendraNath Bose National Centre for Basic Sciences (SNBNCBS) in India's Kolkata claim to have developed a safe and cost-effective nano-medicine that could treat Covid-19 and a few other diseases. Click here for more details

- SNBNCBS developed a safe and cost-effective nano-medicine
- HQs Kolkata, West Bengal | Director Samit Kumar Ray



20. RANKS, REPORTS & SURVEYS

India is globally ranked at the 3rd position in the scientific publication as per the National Science Foundation (NSF) database, 3rd in the number of Ph.D. in science & engineering. The number of researchers per million population has doubled since 2000. Click here for more details

Key Points:

- India 3rd in the scientific publication by National Science Foundation (NSF) database
- National SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY Management Information System (NSTMIS)
- HQs New Delhi | Head Dr. ParveenArora

21. AWARDS, REWARDS, RECOGNITION AND PRIZES

Colombian investigative journalist JinethBedoya Lima has been named as the laureate of the 2020 UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize on the recommendation of an independent international jury of media professionals. Click here for more details

Key Points:

- JinethBedoya (Colombia) is to receive "2020 UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize"
- Colombia Bogota Peso

22. IMPORTANT DAYS AND DATES

International Labour Day is an official public holiday all over the world in various countries. It is observed every year to pay tribute to the contribution of workers across the world. May 1 or May Day as it is popularly known as, is observed in countries such as Cuba, India, China among other countries. Click here for more details

Key Points:

• May 1 – International Labour Day

23. SPORTS AND GAMES

Australia will not allow the use of saliva or sweat to shine the ball once cricket training resumes in the post-COVID-19 world, says a framework released by the federal government regarding the staged return of sports amid the pandemic. Click here for more details

- Australia restricted the use of Saliva & Sweat to shine the ball
- Australia Canberra Australian Dollar | PM Scott Morrison



24. SCHEMES & INITIATIVES

After connecting the children towards creative activities, now the police in Umaria district are becoming the support of the elders. The Umaria police have launched a "Sankalp Scheme" to provide 24-hour help to the elderly. Click here for more details

Key Points:

- Madhya Pradesh launched a "Sankalp Scheme"
- Madhya Pradesh: Capital Bhopal
- CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor LaljiTandon

25. CURRENT GK

PM NarendraModi would participate in Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) virtual summit on coronavirus. The NAM represents the biggest grouping of countries outside the United Nations, comprising 120 developing countries. This virtual summit is being organised at the initiative of Azerbaijan President IlhamAliyev. Click here for more details

Key Points:

- Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) virtual summit participated by PM Modi
- Organised by Azerbaijan
- Present member countries in NAM 120
- Azerbaijan Baku Azerbaijani manat | President IlhamAliyev

26. ACQUISITIONS & MERGERS

Social media networking site Facebook has collaborated with some of the biggest names in Indian entertainment to put together a home-to-home fundraiser concert - 'I FOR INDIA'. I for India's Fundraiser is already active on Facebook and people can donate via fb.me/IforIndiaFundraiser. Click here for more details

- Facebook + Bollywood a concert "I FOR INDIA"
- Facebook: HQs California, United States | CEO Mark Zuckerberg



27. OBITUARIES

Former Liverpool striker Michael Robinson has died at the age of 61. Michael won a league, League Cup and European Cup treble with Liverpool in the 1983-84 season. Click here for more details

Key Points:

- Michael Robinson (Spain) passed away Football
- Spain Madrid Euro

28. AMOUNT & AGREEMENTS

The US Agency for International Development (USAID) gave an additional \$3 million (around ₹22.5 crore) to India to help in its war against the covid-19 pandemic. The money will help more than 20,000 health facilities under the Ayushman Bharat-PradhanMantri Jan ArogyaYojana AB-PMJAY. Click here for more details

Key Points:

- \$3 million (around ₹22.5 Cr) given by USA for Affordable Healthcare Access and Longevity (PAHAL) Project
- USA: Capital Washington, D.C. | President Donald Trump

29. INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Canada has banned assault-style weapons following the murder of 22 people in the worst mass shooting in the country's history, announced by PM Justin Trudeau after the Nova Scotia shooting. Click here for more details

Key Points:

- Canada banned sale of assault-style weapons
- Canada Ottawa Canadian Dollar | PM Justin Trudeau

30. BOOKS AND AUTHORS

"The Room Where It Happened: A White House Memoir" is an upcoming memoir by John Bolton, who served as national security adviser for U.S. President Donald Trump.

Key Points:

• "The Room Where It Happened: A White House Memoir" book – by John Bolton



31. NATIONAL AND STATES AFFAIRS

Madhya Pradesh has become the first state in the country to provide mid-day meal ration. Additional Chief Secretary Panchayat and Rural Development ManojShrivastava informed that this information has been given in the review meeting conducted by the Central Government. Click here for more details

Key Points:

- Madhya Pradesh 1st state in the country to provide mid-day meal ration
- Madhya Pradesh: Capital Bhopal
- CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor LaljiTando

32. AWARDS, REWARDS, RECOGNITION AND PRIZES

Russian President Vladimir Putin has awarded Kim Jong-un a commemorative war medal marking the 75th anniversary of the victory over Nazi Germany. The medal was awarded to the North Korean leader for his role in preserving the memory of Soviet soldiers who died on North Korean territory. Click here for more details

Key Points:

- Vlad<mark>imir Putin</mark> (President of Russia) awarded Kim Jong-un (Supreme Leader of North Korea)
- North Korea Pyongyang North Korean won

33. IMPORTANT DAYS AND DATES

The United Nations establishes World Tuna Day on May 2 every year. The objective of this day is to raise awareness about the tuna fish and its importance to humans and earth. It is also observed to promote more sustainable fishing practices. Click here for more details

Key Points:

May 2 – World Tuna Day (a fish) – by UN

34. NATIONAL AND STATES AFFAIRS

Merchant payment and lending network provider BharatPe launched two voice-based applications that will help account holders access transactions and balance without having to touch their phones amid COVID-19 outbreak. 1. Paisa Bolega and 2. BharatPe Balance Click here for more details

Key Points:

BharatPe launched two voice based apps – 1. Paisa Bolega and 2.BharatPe Balance



35. IMPORTANT DAYS AND DATES

Union Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan launched "COVID Katha - A Multimedia Guide for Mass Awareness", a multimedia guide on the COVID-19 disease on the occasion of 50th Foundation Day of Department of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY on May 3. Click here for more details

Key Points:

- "COVID Katha A Multimedia Guide for Mass Awareness" launched by Dr. Harsh Vardhan
- May 3 50th Foundation Day of Department of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
- Dr. Harsh Vardhan Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Ministry of Science & Technology, Ministry of Earth Science
- Constituency ChandniChowk, New Delhi

36. APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

Indian Super League (ISL) side FC Goa announced the appointment of Juan Ferrando as the club's new head coach. The Spaniard, who has been in the business since he was 18, will take charge of the Gaurs for the upcoming season of the ISL and the AFC Champions League campaign. Click here for more details

Key Points:

- Juan Ferrando appointed as new head of FC Goa
- HQs of ISL Bremen, Germany

37. SPORTS AND GAMES

The Badminton World Federation (BWF) announced that the World Championships in 2021 is being moved from August to later in the year 2022. The prestigious tournament is now scheduled to be held from November 29 to December 5 at the Carolina Marin Stadium in Huelva, Spain. Click here for more details

- Badminton World Championships postponed from 2021 to 2022
- HQs of BWF Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia | President Poul Erik Hoyer



38. BOOKS AND AUTHORS

A new book will dwell on Maharashtra's history and evolution from a rich past to the modern times and list its enormous contribution to the tapestry of the country's culture and thought. In "Shivaji in South Block: The Unwritten History of a Proud People", journalist GirishKuber talks about Maharashtra's politics, history and society. Click here for more details

Key Points:

• The book "Shivaji in South Block: The Unwritten History of a Proud People" – by GirishKuber

39. IMPORTANT DAYS AND DATES

International Astronomy Day is celebrated twice a year - one in autumn and another in spring. The Astronomy Day 2020 is celebrated on May 2. The world will celebrate the next Astronomy Day on September 26. The International Astronomical Union (IAU) launched 2009 as the International Year of Astronomy (IYA) under the theme The Universe, Yours to Discover. Click here for more details

Key Points:

- International Astronomy Day May 2 & September 26 (twice in a year)
- 2009 as the International Year of Astronomy by International Astronomical Union

40. NATIONAL AND STATES AFFAIRS

Traders' body Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) has announced to launch a national ecommerce marketplace 'Bharatmarket' soon for all retail traders in collaboration with several technology partners. CAIT Secretary General Praveen Khandelwal said the e-commerce portal will include a nationwide participation by retailers and aims to bring 95 per cent of retail traders onboard the platform. Click here for more details

Key Points:

- 'Bharatmarket' by CAIT HQs of CAIT New Delhi
- Secretary General of CAIT Praveen Khandelwal

41. NATIONAL AND STATES AFFAIRS

ECI decided to conduct Biennial Election to the Maharashtra Legislative Councils by the members of Legislative Assembly (MLAs) on 21st May 2020 giving Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray an opportunity to become an MLC within the six-month deadline for being elected to either VidhanSabha or VidhanParishad. Click here for more details

- Biennial Election by ECI in Maharashra
- Chief Election Commissioner Sunil Arora (23rd)
- Two Election Commissioners Ashok Lavasa&Sushil Chandra
- Maharashtra: CM Uddhav Thackeray | Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari



42. IMPORTANT DAYS AND DATES

World Laughter Day is an annual event celebrated on the first Sunday of May to raise awareness about laughter and its many healing benefits. This year the day falls on May 03, 2020. The World Laughter Day was first celebrated on May 10, 1998, in Mumbai, India. Click here for more details

Key Points:

• May 3 – World Laughter Day

43. NATIONAL AND STATES AFFAIRS

The National Mission for Clean Ganga operating (NMCG) under Ministry of Jal Shakti and National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) launched "IDEAthon" titled "The future of River Management" to explore how the COVID-19 crisis can shape River Management strategies for the future. Click here for more details

Key Points:

- The National Mission for Clean Ganga operating (NMCG) launched "IDEAthon"
- Titled "The future of River Management"
- NMCG comes under Ministry of Jal Shakti
- Minister of Jal Shakti Gajendra Singh Sekhawat | Constituency Jodhpur, Rajasthan

44. ACQUISITIONS & MERGERS

The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Hyderabad will collaborate with New Frontier Capital Management, a financial firm based in Hong Kong with offices in Tokyo and Singapore, to establish a global network for ventures as well as to create a venture ecosystem. Click here for more details

- IIT Hyderabad + NFCM (Singapore) to create a venture ecosystem
- Telangana: Capital Hyderabad
- CM K. ChandrashekarRao | Governor TamilisaiSoundararajan



45. ACQUISITIONS & MERGERS

Kalpataru Power Transmission Limited (KPTL) has successfully completed sale of its entire stake in KalpataruSatpura Transco Private Limited (KSTPL) to CLP India Private Limited. CLP India is owned by CLP Group, one of the largest investor-owned power businesses in Asia. Click here for more details

Key Points:

- Kalpataru Power Transmission Limited (KPTL) sale of 100% stake to CLP India
- HQs of CLP Group Hung Hom, Hong Kong

46. BANKING & ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

The RBI cancelled the licence of CKP Co-operative Bank, with effect from the close of business on April 30, 2020. On liquidation, depositors are entitled to repayment of their deposits up to Rs 5 lakh only from the Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC) as per usual terms and conditions. Click here for more details

Key Points:

- RBI cancelled the licence of CKP Co-operative Bank Ltd (Mumbai)
- RBI: HQs Mumbai | Governor ShaktikantaDas(25th)

47. SPORTS AND GAMES

The 2021 Commonwealth Youth Games was postponed to 2023 because of clash of dates with Tokyo Olympics, which has been pushed back by a year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The seventh Commonwealth Youth Games were scheduled to take place from August 1 to 7 2021 in Trinidad and Tobago. Click here for more details

- The 2021 Commonwealth Youth Games postponed to 2023
- Old venue Trinidad and Tobago
- HQs of Commonwealth Games Federation London, UK
- President Dame Louise Martin



48. PERSONS IN NEWS

NASA's first Mars helicopter has a name now and the credit goes to 17-year-old Indian-origin girl VaneezaRupani. Rupani, a high school junior from Northport, Alabama, earned the honour of naming the helicopter after she submitted her essay into NASA's "Name the Rover" contest. Click here for more details

Key Points:

- VaneezaRupani honour of naming the NASA's Mars helicopter
- NASA HQs Washington D.C., United States
- Administrator Jim Bridenstine

49. ACQUISITIONS & MERGERS

Cable and wire manufacturer Polycab India Limited (PIL) has inked an agreement with TrafiguraPte Ltd of Singapore to buy 50% stake in Ryker Base Private Limited (Ryker), thereby terminating the existing joint venture (JV). The purchase consideration is likely to be around \$4 million (Rs 30 crore). Click here for more details

Key Points:

- "Polycab India Ltd. + TrafiguraPte Ltd" will buy 50% stake in "Ryker Base Pvt Ltd."
- HQs of Polycab India ltd Mumbai, Maharashtra
- HQs of TrafiguraPte Itd Singapore
- HQs of Ryker Base Pvt Ltd Gujarat

50. CURRENT GK

The 13th session of Ministry of Tourism's DekhoApnaDesh webinar on 1st May 2020, titled, 'Destination- Sariska Tiger reserve' was a presentation and virtual tour of wildlife adventure, safari experience for the traveller within the Sariska Tiger Reserve' in Alwar district, Rajasthan. Click here for more details

- "DekhoApnaDesh webinar" by Ministry of Tourism
- "Sariska Tiger reserve" Alwar, Rajasthan
- Rajasthan: Capital Jaipur
- CM Ashok Gehlot | Governor Kalraj Mishra



51. NATIONAL AND STATES AFFAIRS

In the present situation of COVID-19, farmers are looking for help in taking their produce to the market, as also in procuring seeds, fertilizer, etc. from the market. The CSIR-Central Road Research Institute (CSIR-CRRI), New Delhi has developed the "KisanSabha App" to connect farmers to the supply chain and freight transportation management system. Click here for more details

Key Points:

- CSIR-CRRI developed the "KisanSabha App"
- CSIR (Council of Scientific & Industrial Research) HQs New Delhi
- CSIR President NarendraModi | Director General Shekhar C. Mande

52. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Researchers from the National Institute of Animal Biotechnology (NIAB), Hyderabad, have developed a biosensor that can detect the novel coronavirus in saliva samples. The new portable device named eCovSens, can be used to detect the presence of novel coronavirus antigens in human saliva within 30 seconds using just 20 microlitres of the sample. Click here for more details

Key Points:

- National Institute of Animal Biotechnology (NIAB) developed a biosensor "eCovSens"
- To detect the presence of Covid-19 within "30 seconds"
- HQs of NIAB Hyderabad, Telangana

53. APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

Japanese auto major Honda Motor Co has appointed Atsushi Ogata as new president, chief executive officer and managing director of Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India (HMSI) with immediate effect. Click here for more details

Key Points:

Atsushi Ogata – appointed as the CEO & MD of Honda Motor Co. (Japan)



54. INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Rebroadcast of Ramayana on Doordarshan smashes viewership records worldwide, the show becomes most watched entertainment show in the world with 7.7 crore viewers. The retelecast of the TV show started on Doordarshan National in March soon after Prime Minister NarendraModi announced a nationwide lockdown. Click here for more details

Key Points:

Ramayana – most watched entertainment show in the world – 7.7 Cr viewership

55. AWARDS, REWARDS, RECOGNITION AND PRIZES

IIT Madras professor T Pradeep, a 2020 Padma Shri Awardee, was chosen for the prestigious Nikkei Asia Prizes 2020 in 'SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY' category for his pioneering work in nanotechnology-based water purification. Click here for more details

Key Points:

- Professor ThalappilPradeep (IIT Madras) chosen for the prestigious Nikkei Asia Prizes 2020
- "Nikkei Asia Prizes 2020" was given in 'SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY' category

56. NATIONAL AND STATES AFFAIRS

The Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, ShriNarendra Singh Tomar has stated that by May 2020 there will be around one thousand Mandis joining the e-NAM platform for marketing of Agricultural produce. He was speaking at a function in KrishiBhawan where 200 new mandis were added to the e-NAM platform from 7 States. Click here for more details

- 200 New Mandis added by Agriculture minister to the e-NAM platform
- Narendra Singh Tomar Minister of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj
- Constituency Morena, Madhya Pradesh



57. BOOKS AND AUTHORS

On the occasion of 100th birthday of great archaeologist Professor B. B. Lal, Union Culture Minister ShriPrahlad Singh Patel released an e-book "Prof. B. B. Lal -India Rediscovered" in New Delhi. Secretary, Ministry of Culture ShriAnand Kumar was also present on this occasion. Click here for more details

Key Points:

- An e-book "Prof. B. B. Lal -India Rediscovered" launched by "Ministry of Culture"
- 100th birthday of great archaeologist Professor B. B. Lal
- Prahlad Singh Patel Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of Culture
- ShriAnand Kumar Secretary of Ministry of Culture
- HQs of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) New Delhi | Director General Usha Sharma

58. NATIONAL AND STATES AFFAIRS

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) has constituted a seven-member committee to examine the comments received on the consultation paper floated by it for enhancing audit independence and accountability in the country. Click here for more details

Key Points:

- Ministry of Corporate Affairs constituted 7 member committee to enhance audit independence and accountability
- NirmalaSitharaman Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Corporate Affairs | Constituency Karnataka

59. NATIONAL AND STATES AFFAIRS

Mumbai is one of the worst-hit cities in the coronavirus pandemic, and now to accelerate the rate of testing, the city is set to get a unique 'Covid-19 Test Bus'. As the name suggests, this bus will move around the city collecting test samples for rapid testing. Click here for more details

- Mumbai "Covid-19 Test Bus"
- Maharashtra: CM Uddhav Thackeray | Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari



60. NATIONAL AND STATES AFFAIRS

Rural Development Minister Narendra Singh Tomar has launched "the Saras collection" on Government e Marketplace (GeM) portal in New Delhi. The Saras collection showcases daily utility products made by rural self-help groups. Click here for more details

Key Points:

- "The Saras collection" on GeM portal launched by Rural Development Ministry + DAY-NRLM (DeenDayalAntyodayaYojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission)
- Narendra Singh Tomar Minister of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj
- Constituency Morena, Madhya Pradesh

61. OBITUARIES

Denis Goldberg, the veteran South African anti-apartheid activist who was a close associate of Nelson Mandela and who spent 22 years in prison after being jailed on treason charges in 1964, has died aged 87. Click here for more details

Key Points:

• Denis Goldberg (South Africa) – passed away – An anti-apartheid Activist

62. DEFENCE AFFAIRS

A massive evacuation plan was kicked off with the Indian Navy launching "Operation SamudraSetu" (Sea Bridge) by sending two ships to the Maldives to bring back 1,000 Indians stranded on the island nation after COVID19 pandemic. Click here for more details

- "Operation SamudraSetu" launched by Indian Navy
- Commander-in-Chief President Ram NathKovind
- Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Karmabir Singh



63. PERSONS IN NEWS

In Ranchi, Chief Minister HemantSoren unveiled three schemes — BirsaHarit Gram Yojana (BHGY), NeelambarPitambar JAL SammridhiYojana (NPJSY) and Veer SahidPoto Ho KhelVikas Scheme (VSPHKVS) — to create wage employment for workers in rural areas. Click here for more details

Key Points:

- Jharkhand unveiled 3 schemes:
- 1. BirsaHarit Gram Yojana 2.NeelambarPitambar JAL SammridhiYojana 3. Veer SahidPoto Ho KhelVikas Scheme
- Jharkhand: Capital Ranchi | CM HemantSoren | Governor DraupadiMurmu

64. NATIONAL AND STATES AFFAIRS

Maharashtra Health Minister Rajesh Tope announced that all citizens will be covered under the state government's health scheme, and Maharashtra will be the first state to provide free and cashless insurance protection to its people. Click here for more details

Key Points:

- Maharashtra first state to provide free and cashless insurance protection
- Maharashtra: CM Uddhav Thackeray | Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari

65. AWARDS, REWARDS, RECOGNITION AND PRIZES

Tennis star SaniaMirza became the first Indian to be nominated for the Fed Cup Heart Award. Sania is the nominee for the award from the Asia/Oceania Zone along with Indonesia's Priska Madelyn Nugroho. Click here for more details

Key Points:

SaniaMirza – the first Indian to be nominated for the "Fed Cup Heart Award"

66. NATIONAL AND STATES AFFAIRS

The Task Force on National Infrastructure Pipeline (NIP) submitted its Final Report on NIP for FY 2019-25 to the Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs Smt. NirmalaSitharaman. Click here for more details

- National Infrastructure Pipeline (NIP) submitted its final report to "Finance Ministry"
- NirmalaSitharaman Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Corporate Affairs | Constituency -Karnataka



67. SPORTS AND GAMES

Discus thrower SandeepKumari has been slapped with a four-year ban by WADA's Athletics Integrity Unit for flunking a dope test, nearly two years after her sample was deemed clean by the NDTL. Click here for more details

Key Points:

- SandeepKumari Discus Throw banned for 4 years by WADA
- HQs of WADA Montreal, Canada | President Sir Craig Reedie

68. SCHEMES & INITIATIVES

The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister NarendraModi has approved the Scheme Rebate of State Levies (RoSL) to Rebate State and Central Embedded Taxes to Support the Textile Sector. Click here for more details

Key Points:

- Scheme Rebate of State Levies (RoSL) approved by PM Modi
- Related to "Textile Sector"
- SmritiZubinIrani Minister of Women and Child Development, Minister of Textiles
- Constituency Amethi, Uttar Pradesh

69. MEETINGS, CONFERENCES AND SUMMITS

Minister of State for Development of North Eastern Region DrJitendra Singh has addressed a Bamboo Conclave through Video Conference and said, Northeast consists 60 % of country's reserve of Bamboo and government has accorded highest priority to the development of the North Eastern region. Click here for more details

- Dr. Jitendra Singh addressed a Bamboo Conclave an Online conclave
- Northeast consists "60%" of country's reserve of Bamboo
- Jitendra Singh MoS of DoNER, MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space



70. MEETINGS, CONFERENCES AND SUMMITS

An extraordinary virtual G20 Digital Economy Ministers meeting was convened on to discuss the challenges posed by the outbreak of the covid-19 pandemic. India was represented by Ravi Shankar Prasad, Union minister for Law and Justice, communications and electronics and IT. Click here for more details

Key Points:

- 'G20 Digital Economy Ministers' meeting participated by Ravi Shankar Prasad
- Ravi Shankar Prasad Ministry of Communications, Electronics and Information Technology,
 Law and Justice
- Constituency Patna Sahib, Bihar

71. SPORTS AND GAMES

The 2002 World Snooker Champion "Peter Ebdon" has announced his retirement from the sport due to a chronic neck injury. The 49-year-old, nicknamed 'The Force', rose to the top of the game 18 years ago when he beat seven-time champion of the world Stephen Hendry. Click here for more details

Key Points:

- Peter Ebdon (UK) retirement from Snooker
- HQs of World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association (WPBSA) Bristol, England
- Chairman Jason Ferguson

72. ACQUISITIONS & MERGERS

After the massive investment by US tech giant Facebook, another leading global tech investor has agreed to invest Rs 5,656 cr in Reliance's subsidiary Jio Platforms. "Silver Lake" has agreed to invest Rs 5,655.75 crore to buy a 1.15 percent stake in the firm that houses MukeshAmbani's telecom arm Jio. Click here for more details

- "Silver Lake" will buy 1.15% stake in Jio Platforms Ltd
- HQs of Silver Lake California, USA
- HQs of Jio Platforms Ltd Mumbai, Maharashtra



73. APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

Professor ShobhanaNarasimhan from the Theoretical Sciences Unit (TSU) at the Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR), has been elected as an International Honorary Member to the American Academy of Arts and Science. JNCASR is an autonomous institute under the Department of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY of Government of India. Click here for more details

Key Points:

- ShobhanaNarasimhan elected as an International Honorary Member to the "American Academy of Arts and Science"
- HQs of AAAS Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA
- President Diane P. Wood

74. NATIONAL AND STATES AFFAIRS

Looking to revive the coronavirus-hit economy of the state, the Himachal Pradesh government decided to launch the MukhyaMantriShahariRojgar Guarantee Yojna, under which 120 days' assured employment will be provided to people living in urban areas. Click here for more details

Key Points:

- "MukhyaMantriShahariRojgar Guarantee Yojna" Himachal Pradesh
- Himchal Pradesh: Capital Shimla & Dharamshala
- CM Jai Ram Thakur | Governor BandaruDattatreya

75. INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

In United States, the Food and Drug regulatory body FDA has allowed emergency use of the antiviral drug, Remdesivir for treatment of severely ill COVID19 patients. A study by Gilead Sciences in US has shown that Remdesivir shortens the recovery time by 31 percent or about four days on average, for hospitalized COVID-19 patients. Click here for more details

- "Remdesivir" drug approved by USA FDA
- USA: Capital Washington, D.C. | President Donald Trump



76. NATIONAL AND STATES AFFAIRS

West Bengal Government launched "Exit App" for stranded people of other states. The government launched an app for people from other states who are stranded in West Bengal due to the lockdown and want to return to their native place, state Home. Click here for more details

Key Points:

- "Exit App" launched by WB for stranded people of other states
- West Bengal: Capital Kolkata
- CM Mamata Banerjee | Governor JagdeepDhankhar

77. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Russia will launch its first Arktika-M satellite for monitoring the Arctic climate and environment at the end of the year 2020. As of now, the number one Arktika-M spacecraft has been developed and is undergoing radio-electronic testing. Click here for more details

Key Points:

- Russia 1st "Arktika-M satellite"
- Russia Moscow Russian Ruble
- PM Mikhail Mishustin | President Vladimir Putin

78. OBITUARIES

Renowned Kannada poet and professor K S Nissar Ahmed passed away on May 3 at his residence in Bengaluru. He was 84. He won the Padma Shri award in 2008 for his immense contribution to Kannada literature. He was also recipient of Sahitya Academy Award and Rajyotsav Award. Click here for more details

Key Points:

• K S Nissar Ahmed (Karnataka) – passed away – Kannad Poet

79. IMPORTANT DAYS AND DATES

World Hand Hygiene Day is annually observed on May 5. The main aim of the day is to make people across the globe more aware of the importance of hand hygiene in health care facilities. The theme of the day this year is "SAVE LIVES: Clean your hands". Click here for more details

- May 5 World Hand Hygiene Day
- Theme "SAVE LIVES: Clean your hands"



80. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Pune-based Defence Institute of Advanced Technology (DIAT) has developed a microwave steriliser 'Atulya' that can disintegrate the novel coronavirus. The virus gets disintegrated by differential heating (of Atulya) in the range of 56 degrees to 60 degrees Celsius. The time of sterilisation is from 30 seconds to one minute. Click here for more details

Key Points:

- "Atulya" by Defence Institute of Advanced Technology (DIAT)
- Time of sterilisation 30 sec to 1 minute
- HQs of DIAT Pune, Maharashtra

81. INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

India lodged a strong protest with Pakistan over a move to conduct elections in GilgitBaltistan, with New Delhi saying the region is an integral part of the country that had been "illegally and forcibly occupied." Click here for more details

Key Points:

- India lodged a strong protest to conduct elections in GilgitBaltistan, Pakistan.
- Pakistan Islamabad Pakistani Rupee
- PM Imran Khan | President ArifAlvi
 Question Bank

82. NATIONAL AND STATES AFFAIRS

Government has raised the minimum support price for Minor Forest Produce of 49 items in view of circumstances arising out of Covid 19. Tribal Affairs Ministry said, the increase across various items of Minor Forest Produce (MFP) ranges from 16 per cent to 66 per cent. Click here for more details

Key Points:

• Minimum Support Price(MSP) – for 49 Minor Forest Produce

83. NATIONAL AND STATES AFFAIRS

Tripura government has announced the launch of an agro-based entrepreneurship facilitation desk in a bid to boost primary sectors, such as agriculture, after nationwide lockdown restrictions. The desk will help entrepreneurs linked to agro-based businesses. Click here for more details

- Tripura to launch an agro-based entrepreneurship facilitation desk
- Tripura: Capital Agartala | CM Biplab Kumar Deb | Governor Ramesh Bais



84. AWARDS, REWARDS, RECOGNITION AND PRIZES

Joseph J. Landsberg of Australia, Nicholas C. Coops of Canada, and Richard H. Waring of US shares the Marcus Wallenberg Prize 2020 for 3-PG model which is also known as the Nobel Prize for Forest Field. Click here for more details

Key Points:

- "Marcus Wallenberg Prize 2020" Nobel Prize for Forest Sector
- 1. Richard H. Waring 2. Joseph J. Landsberg 3. Nicholas C. Coops

85. OBITUARIES

In a first high-profile death due to coronavirus in the country, Lokpal member Justice Ajay Kumar Tripathi (retd) passed away at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences. He was 62. He was also a former Chief Justice of Chhattisgarh High Court. Click here for more details

Key Points:

• Justice AK Tripathi – passed away – Indian Judge (Lokpal Member)

86. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Scientists at the Indian Institute of Geomagnetism (IIG) an autonomous institution of the Department of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY have developed a generalized one-dimensional (1D) fluid simulation code capable of studying a wide spectrum of coherent electric field structures in near-earth plasma environment or earth's magnetosphere which can be useful in planning of future space missions. Click here for more details

Key Points:

- Indian Institute of Geomagnetism (IIG) developed 1D fluid simulation code
- IIG comes under Department of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
- HQs of IIG Mumbai, Maharashtra | Director Professor D. S. Ramesh

87. RANKS, REPORTS & SURVEYS

India's 40-day long lockdown has resulted in a 30% fall in the country's energy demand, according to Paris-based International Energy Agency (IEA). In what is being described as a result of the biggest shock since the Second World War, global energy demand is set to plunge this year. Click here for more details

- India 30% fall in Energy Demand report by IEA
- HQs of IEA Paris, France | Executive Director Dr. FatihBirol



88. SCHEMES & INITIATIVES

To keep up hopes up amidst the ongoing national lockdown and coronavirus pandemic, HDFC Bank released a collaborative song titled #HumHaarNahiMaanenge (We will not lose). Click here for more details

Key Points:

- A collaborative song titled #HumHaarNahiMaanenge by HDFC Bank
- HDFC HQs Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO AdityaPuri
- HDFC Tagline "We understand your world"

89. SPORTS AND GAMES

The 2021 swimming world championships, scheduled to be held in Fukuoka, Japan have been pushed back until May 2022 following the postponement of the Olympic Games. The world championships were due to be held in Fukuoka next year from July 16-August 1 but will instead take place from May 13-29 in 2022, said the international swimming federation (FINA). Click here for more details

Key Points:

- Swimming World Championships postponed from 2021 to 2022 Venue: Fukuoka, Japan
- HQs of FINA Lausanne, Switzerland | President Julio C. Maglione

90. NATIONAL AND STATES AFFAIRS

5 more states - Bihar, UP, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh and Daman and Diu have been integrated with "One Nation-One Ration Card System." Now, about 60 crore beneficiaries from total 17 states and UTs can benefit from the ration card portability and they can purchase the subsidisedfoodgrains using the existing ration cards. Click here for more details

Key Points:

• Total 17 states covered under – "One Nation-One Ration Card System"

91. IMPORTANT DAYS AND DATES

International Firefighters' Day or IFFD is observed annually on May 4 to remember those firefighter's who have died while serving our community or dedicated their lives to protecting the safety of us all. Click here for more details

Key Points:

• May 4 – International Firefighters' Day



92. AWARDS, REWARDS, RECOGNITION AND PRIZES

Three photojournalists from Jammu & Kashmir have been awarded the 2020 Pulitzer Prize for their striking images of life in the valley. ChanniAnand, Mukhtar Khan and Dar Yasin of the Associated Press won the coveted prize in the feature photography category. Click here for more details

Key Points:

- "2020 Pulitzer Prize" for their striking images of life in the valley
- 1. ChanniAnand 2. Mukhtar Khan 3. Dar Yasin

93. APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

US President Donald Trump has nominated Indian-American lawyer Ashok Michael Pinto as a representative to the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the World Bank's lending arm. Pinto had worked as a Special Assistant and Associate Counsel to former president George W Bush. Click here for more details

Key Points:

• US nominated Indian-American – Ashok Michael Pinto – Representative to World Bank's lending arm IBRD

94. NATIONAL AND STATES AFFAIRS

Tripura government has launched a "Whatsapp No: 8794534501" for people to launch complaints about corruption, with chief minister Biplab Kumar Deb promising to take action "within 24 hours" Click here for more details

Key Points:

- Tripura launched Whatsapp No. to launch complaints about corruption
- Tripura: Capital Agartala | CM Biplab Kumar Deb | Governor Ramesh Bais

95. CURRENT GK

Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) will launch a digital platform that will educate stakeholders in the small and medium enterprises (SME) ecosystem and have information on coronavirus-related initiatives for the sector. Click here for more details

- SIDBI to launch digital platform for SMEs
- HQs of SIDBI Lucknow, UP | Chairman Mohammad Mustafa



96. AWARDS, REWARDS, RECOGNITION AND PRIZES

Government of India has instituted Sardar Patel National Unity Award as the highest civilian award in the name of SardarVallabhbhai Patel, for contribution in promoting unity and integrity of India. The central government has extended the last date of invitation of nominations for Sardar Patel National Unity Award till June 30, 2020. Click here for more details

Key Points:

- Sardar Patel National Unity Award the highest civilian award in India given for promoting Unity & Integrity
- Gol Extended the last date of invitation of its nominations till June 30, 2020

97. APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

The Public Enterprise Selection Board has shortlisted ShrikantMadhavVaidya to be the next Chairman of Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. Vaidya is presently the Director (Finance) at IndianOil. He is slated to take over from Sanjiv Singh, who retires in June 2020. Click here for more details

Key Points:

- ShrikantMadhavVaidya appointed as the Chairman of "Indian Oil Corporation Ltd"
- He replaced Sanjiv Singh
- HQs of IOC New Delhi

98. NATIONAL AND STATES AFFAIRS

Uttar Pradesh government has made it compulsory to download ArogyaSetu app for those living in hotspot areas of the state. State government has issued instructions regarding opening of offices, and resuming work in industrial areas. Click here for more details

- Uttar Pradesh made compulsory to download "AarogyaSetu App"
- UP: Capital Lucknow
- CM Yogi Adityanath | Governor Anandiben Patel



99. PERSONS IN NEWS

The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has set up a panel to frame standard professional indemnity policy for insurance intermediaries that can be issued by all the insurers. It is being headed by Yegnapriya Bharat, CGM (Non-Life), IRDAI. Click here for more details

Key Points:

- The IRDAI has set up a panel for insurance intermediaries headed by Yegnapriya Bharat
- IRDAI HQs Hyderabad, Telangana | Chairman Subhash Chandra Khuntia

100. APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

Max Bupa Health Insurance has appointed Krishnan Ramachandran as MD & CEO. Krishnan will be succeeding AshishMehrotra who had a stint of 5 years as MD & CEO. C B Bhave, the Chairman of Max Bupa Board, welcomed Krishnan. Click here for more details

- Krishnan Ramachandran appointed as the MD & CEO of Max Bupa health Insurance
- He replaced AshishMehrotra
- HQs of Max Bupa Health Ins. New Delhi | Chairman C B Bhave



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