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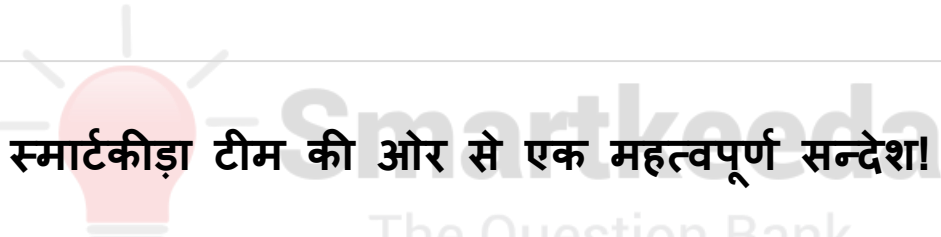
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National & States Affairs

201. “Australia-India Water Centre” was inaugurated by Gajendra Singh Shekhawat through a Webinar, in view of the pandemic situation. The Water Centre is led by University of Western Sydney from Australia and IIT Guwahati from India along with 21 other partners from India and Australia. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Australia-India Water Centre” – inaugurated by Gajendra Singh Shekhawat – in Guwahati, Assam
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Sarbananda Sonowal | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi
- Australia – Canberra – Australian Dollar | PM – Scott Morrison

202. “International Bird Festival” will be organized in Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh in the month of February, 2021. It will attract international tourists at Ramgarhtal Lake for bird watching. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- International bird festival – to be organized in Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh – in February, 2021
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

203. Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) and Sirius (Russia) have launched “AIM-Sirius Innovation Programme 3.0” - a 14-day virtual programme for Indian and Russian school children. The first Indo-Russian bilateral youth innovation initiative, the “AIM–Sirius programme” seeks to develop technological solutions. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- AIM (India) & Sirius (Russia) = launched “AIM-Sirius Innovation Programme 3.0”
- AIM – a flagship of NITI Aayog (NITI Aayog HQs – New Delhi | CEO – Amitabh Kant)
- Chairperson – Narendra Modi | Vice Chairperson – Rajiv Kumar
- Russia – Moscow – Russian Ruble | PM – Mikhail Mishustin | President – Vladimir Putin

204. Chief minister Trivendra Singh Rawat has inaugurated 725-metre long “Dobra-Chanti Suspension Bridge” in Tehri Garhwal district to mark the 20th foundation day of Uttarakhand. It is India’s longest single-lane motorable suspension bridge. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 725-metre long “Dobra-Chanti Suspension Bridge” inaugurated in Tehri Garhwal, Uttarakhand
- November 9 – 20th foundation day of Uttarakhand



• Uttarakhand: Capital – Dehradun & Gairsain | CM – Trivendra Singh Rawat | Governor – Baby Rani Maurya

205. Edelweiss Tokio Life Insurance has announced the launch of “Covid Shield+” to secure people’s dreams and aspirations from the financial impact of a Covid-19 diagnosis. The term insurance plan has 1-year tenure with premium rates starting at only Rs. 5,329. It offers a critical illness benefit of minimum Rs. 10 lakh post 24-hour ICU or HDU hospitalization owing to Covid-19. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Edelweiss Tokio Life Insurance – to launch “Covid Shield+”
- HQs of Edelweiss Tokio Life Insurance – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Sumit Rai

206. In a first for India, the Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation Ltd (MMRCL) will lay Vibration-Absorbing Tracks on the Colaba-Bandra-SEEPZ Metro Line-3. Estimated to cost a little over Rs.23,000-crore, the Mumbai Metro Line-3 will have 27 underground stations en route and is expected to be operational in 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation Ltd – will lay India’s 1st ‘Vibration-Absorbing Tracks’ (to be operational in 2021)

207. India is moving from tax terrorism to tax transparency. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the office-cum-residential complex of Cuttack bench of Income Tax Appellate Tribunal (ITAT) in Odisha. ITAT was created and started functioning in 1970. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Modi – inaugurated the office-cum-residential complex of Cuttack bench of ITAT – in Odisha
- ITAT – Income Tax Appellate Tribunal | Started functioning in – 1970
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

208. Kamala Harris' ancestral village Thulasendrapuram ‘roots’ for her victory. The village is located in Tiruvarur district of Tamil Nadu. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kamala Harris' ancestral village – Thulasendrapuram, Tiruvarur, Tamil Nadu
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Thiru Edappadi K. Palaniswami | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit



209. Marathi film Karkhanisanchi Waari is the only Indian entry at Tokyo International Film Festival which began on October 31. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Karkhanisanchi Waari (Marathi film) – the only Indian entry at ‘Tokyo International Film Festival’

210. Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has launched “Secha Samadhan” - a bilingual mobile application, to address the irrigation problems faced by farmers without them having to visit the offices concerned. It will enable farmers to directly connect with Water Resources Department. Farmers can apply for community lift irrigation points under the ‘Biju Krushak Bikas Yojana’ (BKBY) through phones, computers or nearby Jana Seva Kendras using the app. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Odisha – launched “Secha Samadhan” - a bilingual mobile application – to connect ‘Water Resources Dept.’
- Biju Krushak Vikas Yojana – Odisha
- Water Resources department developed – “Go Swift” portal
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

211. Pakke Tiger Reserve (PTR) in Arunachal Pradesh has become the first in the eight-State northeast to provide insurance cover against COVID-19 for “green soldiers”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Pakke Tiger Reserve – the first in northeast to provide insurance cover against COVID-19 for “green soldiers”
- Pakke Tiger Reserve – located in Arunachal Pradesh
- Arunachal Pradesh: Capital – Itanagar | CM – Pema Khandu | Governor – B D Mishra

212. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has laid the foundation stone of various development projects related to the agriculture, tourism and infrastructure sectors and worth Rs 614 crores in the city of Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh. Some of the development projects are Sarnath Light and Sound show, upgradation of Lal Bahadur Shastri Hospital Ramnaga, a housing complex for players in Sampurnanand Stadium, 105 Anganwadi Kendras and 102 Gau Ashray Kendras, Redevelopment of Dashashwamedh Ghat and Khidkiya Ghat, etc. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Modi – laid the foundation stone of Various Development Projects – in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
- The projects worth – Rs 614 crores
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel



213. Telangana has launched 2 mobile applications - 'Palle Pragathi Panchayat Secretary App' and 'Palle Pragathi Inspection Officer App' for effectively monitoring the works undertaken by the gram panchayats and improving their efficiency. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Telangana – launched 'Palle Pragathi Panchayat Secretary App' & 'Palle Pragathi Inspection Officer App'
- Telangana: Capital – Hyderabad | CM – K. Chandrashekar Rao | Governor – Tamilisai Soundararajan

214. The Centre has issued an order for bringing films, audio-visual programme, news and current affairs content on online platforms under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting in the Second Schedule of Government of India (Allocation of Business) Rules, 1961. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The Centre issued an order to bring online news portals and current affairs content under – Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
- Prakash Javadekar – Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (Constituency – Maharashtra)

215. The Centre has renamed the "Shipping Ministry" as the "Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways", after Prime Minister Narendra Modi made an announcement to this effect. The decision had been taken by exercising of the powers conferred by clause (3) of Article 77 of the Constitution. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Shipping Ministry" renamed as the "Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways"
- MoS I/C in Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways – Mansukh L. Mandaviya

216. The government is looking to set up 14 more water aerodromes across India under the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik) after the successful launch of maiden seaplane service by PM Narendra Modi between the Statue of Unity (Narmada district) and Sabarmati Riverfront (Ahmedabad). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian Government – set up 14 more water aerodromes across India – under 'UDAN Scheme'
- PM Modi launched maiden seaplane service – between the Statue of Unity & Sabarmati Riverfront – in Gujarat
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat



217. The government is planning to sell up to 15% of its stake in railway engineering company IRCON International Ltd through an offer-for-sale of shares. The government currently holds 89.18% stake in IRCON International Ltd. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Government – to sell up to 15% stake in IRCON International Ltd (currently holds 89.18% stake)
- HQs of Ircon Int. – New Delhi | CMD – S K Chaudhary

218. The Indian Government has made FASTags compulsory for all four-wheelers from January 2021. It is being done to promote the 100% digital payment of fees for highway toll collection across the country. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian Government made FASTags compulsory for all four-wheelers – from January 2021

219. The labour ministry has notified draft rules for the Industrial Relations Code, 2020, paving way for greater flexibility to employers to retrench workers while making it mandatory for unions to give prior notice before a strike. The government aims to implement 4 labour codes from April 1, 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The labour ministry has notified draft rules for the Industrial Relations Code, 2020
- The government aims to implement 4 labour codes from – April 1, 2021

220. The Ministry of Textiles has launched a “Local4Diwali” campaign. The Prime Minister has urged that it should be our endeavour to use Indian handicrafts, and also communicate to more and more people about them. Handicraft is a symbol of India’s glorious cultural heritage and an important source of livelihood in the country. This sector is a key to women’s empowerment as over 55% of all handicrafts artisans and allied workers are women. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Textiles – launched a “Local4Diwali” campaign
- Smriti Zubin Irani – Minister of Women & Child Development, Minister of Textiles (Amethi, Uttar Pradesh)

221. The Odisha government is set to introduce fish and fish-based products in the supplementary nutrition programme for children, pregnant and nursing women, and adolescent girls. An MoU in this regard was signed between the state government and World Fish. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Odisha – is set to introduce fish and fish-based products in the supplementary nutrition programme
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

222. The Prime Minister has dedicated 2 Ayurveda institutions to the nation on the 5th Ayurveda Day. These are the Institute of Teaching & Research in Ayurveda (ITRA), Jamnagar and the National Institute of Ayurveda (NIA), Jaipur. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Modi inaugurated – ITRA (Gujarat) & NIA (Rajasthan)
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat
- Rajasthan: Capital – Jaipur | CM – Ashok Gehlot | Governor – Kalraj Mishra

223. Tripura has issued warning against hunting of migratory 'Amur falcons'. The order was issued after several Amur falcons were reportedly hunted and killed in the Mon district of Tripura. The Amur falcons mainly breed in south-eastern Siberia and fly thousands of miles to reach India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tripura – issued warning against hunting of migratory 'Amur falcons' (mainly breed in south-eastern Siberia)
- Tripura: Capital – Agartala | CM – Biplab Kumar Deb | Governor – Ramesh Bais



International Affairs

224. A top German court has approved the construction of the world's longest combined rail and road tunnel “Fehmarn Belt” that is expected to slash journey times from northern Germany to Denmark. The 18-kilometre submerged Fehmarn Belt Tunnel is due to open in 2029. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The world's longest combined rail and road tunnel “Fehmarn Belt” – to open in 2029
- It will connect – Germany & Denmark
- Germany – Berlin – Euro | President – Frank-Walter Steinmeier
- Denmark – Copenhagen – Danish krone

225. Virgin Hyperloop has successfully completed the first-ever human trial in the hyperloop pod at the 500 metre DevLoop test facility in the USA, where the company has previously run over 400 un-occupied tests. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Virgin Hyperloop – completed the first-ever human trial in the hyperloop pod at DevLoop test facility – in USA
- India’s first Hyperloop project is being set up in – Maharashtra (Mumbai-Pune project)
- HQs of Virgin Hyperloop – Los Angeles, California, USA | Chairman – Sultan Ahmed Bin Sulayem
- USA – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | President – Joe Biden



Banking & Economic Affairs

226. HDFC Bank has launched of India's first comprehensive banking and payment solution for merchants – "SmartHub Merchant Solutions 3.0" to instantly open a current account and start accepting payments in-store, online, and on-the-go. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- HDFC Bank – launched "SmartHub Merchant Solutions 3.0"
- HQs of HDFC Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO & MD – Aditya Puri (Sashidhar Jagdishan – from November)

227. International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) has approved draft Banking regulations for banking operations at IFSCs. In its meeting, the IFSC Authority approved the International Financial Services Centres Authority (Banking) Regulations, 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IFSCA – approved "International Financial Services Centres Authority (Banking) Regulations, 2020"
- HQs of IFSCA – Gandhinagar, Gujarat | Chairman – Injeti Srinivas | Established in – April, 2020

228. Karnataka Bank Ltd has launched "National Common Mobility Debit Card". This Rupay card is a contactless debit-cum-prepaid and interoperable transport card. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Karnataka Bank – launched "National Common Mobility Debit Card"
- HQs of Karnataka Bank – Mangalore, Karnataka | CEO – Mahabaleshwara M. S.

229. The Reserve Bank has asked all lending institutions, including NBFCs, to ensure that the scheme of waiver of interest on interest for loans up to Rs 2 crore for the 6-month moratorium period is implemented by November 5, as decided by the government. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI asked lenders to implement waiver of interest on interest scheme by Nov 5 (loans up to Rs 2 Cr for 6-month)
- RBI: HQs – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th)



Defence Affairs

230. A model of Anti-Satellite (A-SAT) Missile was unveiled by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on November 9, 2020. It is developed by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO). 'Mission Shakti' was the India's first ever Anti-Satellite (A-SAT) Missile Test successfully conducted on 27th March 2019. [{Read more}](#)

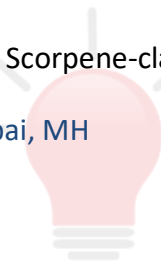
Key Points:

- Rajnath Singh unveiled – “A-SAT” Missile (developed by – DRDO)
- India's first ever Anti-Satellite (A-SAT) Missile Test – ‘Mission Shakti’
- DRDO: HQs – New Delhi | Chairman – G. Satheesh Reddy

231. Mazagon Dock Limited (MDL) launched its 5th Scorpene-class submarine “INS Vagir” at Mazagon at the Kanhoji Angre Wet Basin of the Mazagon Dock, Mumbai. Built as a part of its Project-75, the submarine, Vagir, is the fifth of six Scorpene-class submarines built by the MDL. It was launched by Minister of State for Defence Shripad Naik. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MDL launched its 5th Scorpene-class submarine “INS Vagir” – at Mazagon Dock, Mumbai, MH
- HQs of MDL – Mumbai, MH



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Schemes & Initiatives

232. Manipur has introduced “Scheme for Chief Minister’s Award for Good Governance” to recognise and reward innovative and extraordinary work done by government officials that promotes good governance. The award will include a cash prize of Rs 1 lakh for the individual category and Rs 2 lakh for group category. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Manipur introduced – “Scheme for Chief Minister’s Award for Good Governance”
- Manipur: Capital – Imphal | CM – N. Biren Singh | Governor – Najma Heptulla

233. The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has issued an order for the scale-up and expansion of the ‘Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthan Mahabhiyan’ (PM-KUSUM) Scheme for farmers. The target now is to achieve enhanced solar capacity of 30.8 gigawatt (GW) by 2022 with revised Central financial support of Rs 34,035 crore. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of New and Renewable Energy – issued an order for the scale-up and expansion of “PM-KUSUM” Scheme
- Target – 30.8 GW by 2022 | Central financial support – Rs 34,035 Cr
- Raj Kumar Singh – Minister of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE)



Sports & Games

234. Mumbai Indians team has won the final cricket match of the 13th Edition of Indian Premier League (IPL) T20 held at UAE & sponsored by Dream11. This time, 28% increase was noticed in viewership compared to the last edition. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mumbai Indians – won 13th Edition of men’s IPL 2020 (its 5th title) – sponsored by ‘Dream11’
- 28% increase in viewership

235. Rafael Nadal has become the 4th player to earn 1,000 Open Era singles victories. He achieved this feat by beating Feliciano Lopez. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rafael Nadal (Spain – Tennis) – become the 4th player to earn 1,000 Open Era singles victories
- Spain – Madrid – Euro | PM – Pedro Sanchez

236. Russian Daniil Medvedev has claimed his first “Paris Masters” title also known as “Rolex Paris Masters-2020” at Bercy Arena by battling back from a set down to beat Germany's Alexander Zverev. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Daniil Medvedev (Tennis - Russia) – won “Paris Masters” title or “Rolex Paris Masters-2020” (his first)
- Alexander Zverev (Tennis - Germany)
- Russia – Moscow – Russian Ruble | PM – Mikhail Mishustin | President – Vladimir Putin
- Germany – Berlin – Euro | President – Frank-Walter Steinmeier

237. The Sports Ministry has approved 6 centres as the Khelo India Centre of Excellence (KISCE) and they will now be upgraded at a consolidated budget estimate of Rs 67.32 crore for FY 2020-21 and subsequent 4 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sports Ministry – approved 6 centres as the Khelo India Centre of Excellence (KISCE)
- Sports Ministry – Kiren Rijju | Constituency – Arunachal West

238. Trailblazers beats Supernovas by 16 runs to win the Women's IPL T20 Challenge held at Sharjah Cricket Stadium, UAE. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Trailblazers – won the 3rd Edition of Women's IPL T20 Challenge (its 5th title) – sponsored by 'Jio'

239. World number one Chen Meng has defeated Chinese compatriot Sun Yingsha to win her maiden ITTF Women's World Cup title in Weihai, China. Japan's Mima Ito took the bronze medal. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Chen Meng (China) – won ITTF Women's World Cup title – in Weihai, China
- China: Capital – Beijing | Currency – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping



Important Days & Dates

240. “Public Service Broadcasting Day” is celebrated every year on November 12 to commemorate the first and last visit of the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi to the studio of All India Radio, Delhi in 1947. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 12 – “Public Service Broadcasting Day” – since 2000

241. “World Pneumonia day” is observed every year on November 12 to raise awareness on the disease, to promote interventions to protect against, prevent, and to treat pneumonia. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 12 – “World Pneumonia day” – since 2009

242. “World Science Day for Peace and Development” is observed on November 10 every year to raise the importance and relevance of science in our daily lives. This year, the theme is “Science for and with Society in dealing with Covid-19”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 10 – World Science Day for Peace and Development
- Theme – “Science for and with Society in dealing with Covid-19”

243. Every year since 2008, November 11 is celebrated as “National Education Day” to commemorate the birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad. Azad was independent India's first education minister from 1947 to 1958. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 11 – “National Education Day” – since 2008
- Birth anniversary of – Maulana Abul Kalam Azad

244. The 25th edition of National Legal Services Day (NLSD) was celebrated on 9th November across India. It commemorates the enactment of the Indian Legal Services Authorities Act 1987. This act entitles women, children, SCs & STs and Persons with Disabilities with free legal aid, irrespective of their income. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 9 – 25th edition of National Legal Services Day



- The day commemorates the enactment of – “Indian Legal Services Authorities Act 1987”

245. The 71st anniversary of “World Town Planning Day” or “World Urbanism Day” was celebrated on November 8, 2020. The notion was presented in 1949, by late Professor Carlos Merla Della Paolera at University of Buenos Aires, Argentina. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 8 – 71st “World Town Planning Day” or “World Urbanism Day”

246. The International Day of Radiology (IDoR) is celebrated on November 8 and coincides with the anniversary of the discovery of X-rays. The IDoR was first introduced in 2012. The theme for the current year is “Radiologists and radiographers supporting patients during COVID-19”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- November 8 – International Day of Radiology – since 2012
- Theme – “Radiologists and radiographers supporting patients during COVID-19”



Meetings, Conferences and Summits

247. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has attended the 1st BRICS Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting under the Chairmanship of Russia. The BRICS Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors also discussed expansion of the membership of the New Development Bank (NDB). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Nirmala Sitharaman – attended the 1st BRICS Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting
- The Meeting was held under the Chairmanship of – Russia
- Russia – Moscow – Russian Ruble | PM – Mikhail Mishustin | President – Vladimir Putin
- BRICS Member Countries – 5 – Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa
- Chairmanship of BRICS – Russia in 2020 & Indian in 2021

248. Foreign Secretary Dr. Harshvardhan Shringla has concluded a visit to Male, Maldives held from November 8-10, 2020. It is the first high-level bilateral visit from India to the Maldives this year. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dr. Harshvardhan Shringla – concluded the 2-day & first High-Level Bilateral visit to – Male, Maldives
- Maldives – Male – Maldivian rufiyaa | President – Ibrahim Mohamed Solih
- Foreign Secretary of India – Dr. Harshvardhan Shringla

249. Hardeep Singh Puri has inaugurated the 13th “Urban Mobility India Conference 2020” organized by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs on 9th November 2020. The main theme of this year’s event is “Emerging Trends in Urban Mobility”. It is aimed to keep cities up-to-date with best urban transport practices. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Hardeep Singh Puri – inaugurated the 13th “Urban Mobility India Conference 2020” – organised by MoHUA
- Theme – “Emerging Trends in Urban Mobility”

250. PM Narendra Modi has addressed the 20th Shanghai Cooperation Organisation Council of Heads of State (SCO-CHS) meeting which was chaired by Russian President Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Modi – addressed the 20th SCO Council of Heads of State meeting chaired by – Russia



- HQs of SCO – Beijing, China
- Russia – Moscow – Russian Ruble | PM – Mikhail Mishustin | President – Vladimir Putin

251. The Second World Health Expo is held in Hubei's capital city Wuhan from November 11 to 14. It features 12 different venues for audiences to experience the most frontier health technology. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The Second World Health Expo – held in Wuhan, China – from November 11 to 14
- China: Capital – Beijing | Currency – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping



Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

252. “Natkhat”, starring and co-produced by Vidya Balan & directed by Shaan Vyas, has won the top prize at the third edition of “Best of India Short Film Festival 2020”, which makes it eligible for Oscar nomination. The film has been showcased at the 2020 Indian Film Festival of Melbourne, London Indian Film Festival. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Natkhat” movie – won the 3rd edition of “Best of India Short Film Festival 2020”
- The movie became eligible for Oscar nomination
- Directed by Shaan Vyas | Co-produced by Vidya Balan

253. A professor of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU) Dr K S Subramanian has been chosen for the “Fertiliser Association of India Golden Jubilee Award” for his contribution to the field of nano-fertilisers and its role in improved use while ensuring environmental safety. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dr K S Subramanian chosen for – “Fertiliser Association of India Golden Jubilee Award”



Appointments & Resignations

254. FMCG brand Priyagold has announced the appointment of actor Kiara Advani as its brand ambassador and celebrity endorser across their varied range of products. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kiara Advani – appointed as Brand Ambassador of – ‘Priyagold’ FMCG brand
- HQs of Priyagold – Noida, Uttar Pradesh

255. Indian Oil Corp (IOC) director Akshay Kumar Singh will be the new Managing Director and CEO of India's biggest gas importer, Petronet LNG Ltd. He has replaced Prabhat Singh who completed his five-year term on September 13. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Akshay Kumar Singh – appointed as MD and CEO of – Petronet LNG Ltd (by replacing - Prabhat Singh)
- HQs of Petronet LNG Ltd – New Delhi | MD & CEO – Akshay Kumar Singh

256. West Indies pace legend Michael Holding has been appointed as a patron of the MCC Foundation, the charitable arm of the Marylebone Cricket Club. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Michael Holding – appointed as a patron of the MCC Foundation
- HQs of MCC – London, UK | CEO – Derek Brewer

Amount & Agreements

257. Based on the recommendations of the 15th Finance Commission, the central government has released Rs 2,200 crore as the first installment to 15 states for the improvement of air quality measures in their million-plus cities. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Government released Rs 2,200 Cr as the 1st installment to 15 states for the improvement of air quality measures
- Present Chairman of the 15th Finance Commission – Nand Kishore Singh (N K Singh)



Ranks, Reports & Surveys

258. A global analysis of data spanning 34 years from 200 countries has ranked India at the 196th place with respect to BMI (body mass index). The normal BMI ranges between 20 and 25. The country's 19-year-old boys and girls have a BMI of 20.1, published in the international medical journal 'The Lancet'. The Netherlands is the nation with the tallest boys and girls of age 19 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India ranked at the 196th place in BMI Ranking 2019 | Topped by – Netherlands
- The study was published in – “The Lancet” - an international medical journal

259. According to the Interstate Migrant Policy Index (IMPEX), Kerala (57), Goa (51) and Rajasthan (51) are the only 3 states to score over 50 in the index. Delhi was at the bottom. India's average IMPEX 2019 score for 28 states and the Union Territory of NCT Delhi is 37 out of 100. The index has been developed by Mumbai-based research non-profit India Migration Now (IMN). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- According to the IMPEX: Top – Kerala | Bottom – Delhi
- HQs of IMN – Mumbai, MH | Founder & Head – Varun Aggarwal

260. Hurun India and EdelGive have released the 7th edition of EdelGive Hurun India Philanthropy List 2020. Azim Premji (the Founder-Chairman of Wipro) has topped the 2020 list, while Shiv Nadar (Founder-Chairman of HCL Technologies) has ranked second followed by richest Indian Mukesh Ambani (Chairman of Reliance Industries) at the third spot. Azim Premji has become India's Most Generous man with a donation of Rs.7904 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 7th edition of EdelGive Hurun India Philanthropy List 2020 = released by Hurun India + EdelGive
- 1st – Azim Premji | 2nd – Shiv Nadar | 3rd – Mukesh Ambani

261. In its “Global Macro Outlook 2021-22”, Moody's has raised India's GDP forecast for the calendar year 2020 upwards to -8.9% contraction from -9.6% contraction forecast earlier. Similarly, India's GDP forecast for the calendar year 2021 has been revised upwards to 8.6% from 8.1% projected earlier. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Global Macro Outlook 2021-22” report – released by Moody's
- Moody's projected India's GDP – to -8.9% for 2020 (from -9.6%) [{Flexible News}](#)



- Moody's projected India's GDP – to 8.6% for 2021 (from 8.1%) {Flexible News}
- HQs of Moody's – New York, USA | CEO – Raymond W. McDaniel

262. Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) Secretary (Economic Relations) Rahul Chhabra has launched the India-Brazil-South Africa (IBSA) report on 'Deepening Cooperation in IBSA: Perspectives from Key Sectors'. {Read more}

Key Points:

- MEA Secretary (Economic Relations) – launched the India-Brazil-South Africa (IBSA) report
- Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) Secretary (Economic Relations) – Rahul Chhabra
- Ministry of External Affairs – Subrahmanyam Jaishankar | Constituency – Gujarat

263. Stanford University has recently released a list that represents the top 2% of the most-cited scientists in various disciplines. The exhaustive list has 1,59,683 persons with 1,492 Indians in it where a majority of them being from IITs and IISc and other top institutes. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Stanford University – released a list representing the top 2% of the most-cited scientists with 1,492 Indians/1,59,683
- Stanford University – located in California, USA

264. Tamil Nadu has won the best State award for water management for the year 2019. The State has secured the first place under the 'Normal Category' in the National Water Awards. In all 98 awards in 16 different categories presented for various States, Tamil Nadu won 11 prizes under five key categories. Under the category 'Revival of River', Vellore and Karur districts have been chosen for the first and second position. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Tamil Nadu – won the Best State award under 'Normal Category' – at 2nd National Water Awards
- TN won – 11 prizes under 5 categories | 2nd – Maharashtra & 3rd – Rajasthan
- Mizoram – won the Best State Award under 'Special Category' – at 2nd National Water Awards
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Thiru Edappadi K. Palaniswami | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit

265. The 15th Finance Commission has submitted its report titled "Finance Commission in Covid Times" to President Ram Nath Kovind for the period 2021-22 to 2025-26. A panel has been constituted with State-specific



considerations to address the key challenges that individual States face. The Centre has targeted to spend at least 2.1% of GDP on health in the next 5 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The 15th Finance Commission's report titled "Finance Commission in Covid Times" submitted to the President
- The Centre targeted to spend at least 2.1% of GDP on 'health' – in next 5 years
- Present Chairman of the 15th Finance Commission – Nand Kishore Singh (N K Singh)

266. The Wildlife Institute of India (WII) in the second phase of its survey of the entire main stem of the Ganga river (the main river without its tributaries), has found that 49% of the river has high biodiversity. The first phase of the survey was carried out between 2017-2019. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- According to the second phase of survey of the Ganga river by 'WII' – 49% of the river has high biodiversity
- HQs of WII – Dehradun, Uttarakhand | Director – Dhananjai Mohan

267. The Yogi Adityanath government has claimed that Uttar Pradesh has been ranked 5th on the list of states that have generated most jobs in the MSME sector during Corona pandemic according to a recent report of the RBI. Maharashtra has been ranked the top followed by Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh respectively. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "List of states that have generated most jobs in the MSME sector during Corona pandemic" – by RBI
- 1st – Maharashtra | 2nd – Tamil Nadu | 3rd – Gujarat | 4th – Madhya Pradesh | 5th – UP
- RBI: HQs – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th)

268. United Kingdom India Business Council's (UKIBC) has released the 6th edition of Doing Business in India Report 2020 titled "Doing Business in India: The UK Perspective". This year's report is based on an in-depth survey of 106 UK organisations operating in India. Maharashtra has emerged as the state with the maximum incremental improvement, followed by Karnataka, Delhi, Gujarat, and Tamil Nadu. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 6th edition of Doing Business in India Report 2020 titled "Doing Business in India: The UK Perspective"
- The report is released by – UKIBC
- Maharashtra – emerged as the state with the maximum incremental improvement
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari



- HQs of UKIBC – London, UK | New CEO – Jayant Krishna



Acquisitions & Mergers

269. Tata Consultancy Services Netherlands BV, and Deutsche Bank AG have entered into an agreement under which the TCS subsidiary will acquire 100% of the shares of Postbank Systems AG (PBS) from Deutsche Bank AG for a symbolic cash payment of €1. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- TCS – will acquire 100% stake of Postbank Systems AG (PBS) – from Deutsche Bank AG
- HQs of TCS India – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Rajesh Gopinathan
- HQs of PBS – Bonn, Germany | CEO – Thomas Mangel
- HQs of Deutsche Bank – Frankfurt, Germany | CEO – Christian Sewing | President – Karl von Rohr

270. The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved acquisition of 7.73% equity share capital of Jio Platforms Limited (JPL) by Google International LLC (GIL) under Section 31(1) of the Competition Act, 2002. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CCI approved acquisition of 7.73% stake of Jio Platforms Ltd by Google International LLC
- Under Section 31(1) of the Competition Act, 2002
- Reliance's hold in shares of Jio Platforms – 67.03 %



MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

271. Airtel Payments Bank has tied up with Bharti AXA General Insurance to offer “Smart Drive Private Car Insurance” - comprehensive car insurance to its customers. Notably, Airtel Payments Bank in association with Bharti AXA General Insurance is also providing ‘Smart Plan Shop Package Policy’ to its retailers and merchants. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Airtel Payments Bank + Bharti AXA = partnership to offer “Smart Drive Private Car Insurance”
- HQs of APB – New Delhi | CEO – Anubrata Biswas
- HQs of Bharti AXA – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Sanjeev Srinivasan

272. Bharti AXA General Insurance has launched #CancerSendsNoNotifications campaign - a special initiative to increase awareness and spread knowledge on detecting the disease early among people in India. As per the recent WHO report, 1 in every 10 Indians will develop cancer and 1 in every 15 will succumb to the disease. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bharti AXA – launched #CancerSendsNoNotifications campaign
- HQs of Bharti AXA – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Sanjeev Srinivasan

273. Embassy Group has signed an MoU with the Government of Karnataka, Department of Education for the all-around improvement of Government Schools in Bangalore. The MoU will be signed for a period of 2 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Karnataka + Embassy Group = an MoU for the all-around improvement of Government Schools in Bangalore
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – BS Yediyurappa | Governor – Vajubhai Vala
- HQs of Embassy Group – Bangalore, Karnataka | Chairman & MD – Jitu Virwani

274. Marg ERP and Paytm have partnered to resolve MSMEs payment issue digitally. Under this joint venture, the duo empowers MSME using this new integrated payments solution called “MargPay” developed by Marg ERP Limited. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Marg ERP + Paytm = partnered to resolve MSMEs payment issue digitally



- HQs of Marg ERP – New Delhi | CEO – Krishnam Raju D
- Paytm HQs – Noida, Uttar Pradesh | Paytm CEO – Vijay Sekhar Sharma
- Paytm Payment Bank CEO – Satish Kumar Gupta | Paytm General Ins. CEO – Vineet Arora

275. MobiKwik has entered into a strategic partnership with American Express to launch “MobiKwik Blue American Express Card”, a digital prepaid Card. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MobiKwik + American Express = partnership to launch “MobiKwik Blue American Express Card” digital prepaid Card
- HQs of MobiKwik – Gurugram, Haryana | Founder, CEO & Director – Bipin Preet Singh
- HQs of American Express – New York, USA | CEO – Stephen Squeri

276. Mumbai-based AGS Transact Technologies Ltd (AGSTTL) and Utimaco have entered into a partnership to provide cyber-defense technology for digital payments to organisations across Banking, Retail & Petroleum sectors in India & South East Asia. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- AGSTTL + Utimaco = partnership to provide Cyber-Defense Technology – to Banking, Retail & Petroleum sectors
- HQs of AGSTTL – Mumbai, MH | Chairman & MD – Ravi B Goyal
- HQs of Utimaco – Aachen, Germany | CEO – Stefan Auerbach

277. Tata AIA Life Insurance (Tata AIA Life) has partnered with PayBima, the digital arm of Mahindra Insurance Brokers Ltd., to distribute its industry-leading life insurance solutions. The association is in line with Tata AIA Life’s mission to provide Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) to its customers. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tata AIA Life Insurance + PayBima = to distribute its industry-leading life insurance solutions
- HQs of Tata AIA Life – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Naveen Tahilyani



Books & Authors

278. “Boskiyana”, a new book in Hindi, brings out the personality of the veteran poet-lyricist Gulzar. The book is published by Radhakrishna Prakashan and edited by Yashwant Vyas. ‘Boskiyana’ is the name of the house of Gulzar in Mumbai. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Boskiyana” book – dedicated to the veteran poet-lyricist ‘Gulzar’
- Published by – Radhakrishna Prakashan | Edited by – Yashwant Vyas

279. “Rasaathi: The Other Side of a Transgender” is Sasindran Kallinkeel’s debut novel. The book is published by BookMitra. The main character in the novel is a transgender named Rasaathi born in a well-to-do family in South India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Rasaathi: The Other Side of a Transgender” debut novel – authored by ‘Sasindran Kallinkeel’

280. A new book titled “Archaeology and the Public Purpose: Writings on and by M N Deshpande” will document the life and times of former director general of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) Madhusudan Narhar Deshpande. The book is written by history professor Nayanjot Lahiri. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Archaeology and the Public Purpose: Writings on and by M N Deshpande” book – written by ‘Nayanjot Lahiri’

281. A pictorial anthology on Mahatma Gandhi in the Nepali language titled “Maile Bujheko Gandhi” or “Gandhi as I understood” (My understanding about Gandhi) was released in Nepal by President Bidya Devi Bhandari to mark his 151st birth anniversary. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Maile Bujheko Gandhi” or “Gandhi as I understood” – released by Nepal
- Vinay M Kwatra – Indian Ambassador to Nepal
- Nepal – Kathmandu – Nepalese Rupee | President – Bidhya Devi Bhandari

282. Actor Sonu Sood, is often dubbed as the ‘Messiah of migrants’ for his philanthropic work during the on-going Covid-19 pandemic, is all set to pen his autobiography titled “I Am No Messiah”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sonu Sood – is all set to pen his autobiography titled “I Am No Messiah”

283. Chhattisgarh Chief minister Bhupesh Baghel has launched ‘Nritya Shastra Mythological’ coffee table book depicting the philosophical concept behind the dancing statues of temple walls. Published by Directorate of Culture and Archeology Raipur, this coffee table book is written by Purnashree Raut. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Chhattisgarh – launched ‘Nritya Shastra Mythological’ coffee table book
- The book is written by – Purnashree Raut
- Chhattisgarh: Capital – Raipur | CM – Bhupesh Baghel | Governor – Anusuiya Uikey

284. Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari on November 9, 2020 has released the book “Majhi Bhint” (My Wall) authored by former Maharashtra Education Minister Rajendra Darda at Raj Bhavan in Mumbai. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bhagat Singh Koshyari – released “Majhi Bhint” (My Wall) book – authored by Rajendra Dard
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

285. New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern’s biography titled “Jacinda Ardern: Leading with Empathy” will be released in 2021. The book will be authored by Supriya Vani and Carl A Harte. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- A biography titled “Jacinda Ardern: Leading with Empathy” – to release in 2021
- The book will be authored by – Supriya Vani & Carl A Harte
- New Zealand – Wellington – Dollar (NZD) | Prime Minister – Jacinda Ardernv

286. Ruskin Bond has come out with another book “How To Be A Writer” which gives a glimpse into the writing credo of the man who has had an incredibly successful writing career. The book was published by HarperCollins India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “How To Be A Writer” book – by Ruskin Bond
- Published by – HarperCollins India



Obituaries

287. Sanchaman Limboo, former and 4th Chief Minister of Sikkim has passed away after prolonged illness. He was 73. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sanchaman Limboo (Sikkim) – a Politician – passed away (former and 4th Chief Minister of Sikkim)
- Sikkim: Capital – Gangtok | CM – Prem Singh Tamang | Governor – Ganga Prasad

288. Father Carlos Gonzalez Valles, a Spaniard who was Gujarati by heart, passed away in Madrid, Spain. He was 95. He was born in Logrono on November 4, 1925 and had come to India and settled in Gujarat in 1949. The veteran author wrote extensively in Gujarati, English and Spanish. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Father Carlos Gonzalez Valles (Spain) – an Author – passed away (Gujarati)
- Spain – Madrid – Euro | PM – Pedro Sanchez

289. Former India and Mohun Bagan defender Satyajit Ghosh has passed away recently. He was 62. He represented India in the 1985 Nehru Cup in then Cochin. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Satyajit Ghosh – a Football Player – passed away (associated with - Mohun Bagan FC)

290. Ken Spears, known best as the co-creator of the animated series 'Scooby-Doo', has passed away recently in November. He was 82. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ken Spears (USA) – Television Writer – passed away (co-creator of 'Scooby-Doo' animated series)
- USA – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | President – Joe Biden

291. Prince Khalifa bin Salman al Khalifa, the world's longest serving prime minister has passed away recently. He was 84. King Hamad has appointed Crown Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa as the small Gulf state's new prime minister. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Prince Khalifa bin Salman al Khalifa – PM of Bahrain – passed away (world's longest serving PM)
- Bahrain – Manama – Dinar | PM – Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa | King – Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa



Persons in News

292. Insurance sector regulator IRDAI has set up a 9-member working group to revisit product structures of engineering tariffs relevant for the retail category in the wake of continuous advancement in technology. The group is headed by R Chandrasekaran, former secretary general of GI Council. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IRDAI – set up a 9-member working group to revisit product structures of engineering tariffs
- The group is headed by – R Chandrasekaran
- HQs of IRDAI – Hyderabad, Telangana | Chairman – Subhash C. Khuntia

293. The government has set up a 22-member Inter-Ministerial Committee to strengthen the Capital Goods (CG) Sector through interventions that help the CG Sector in contributing more actively in the national goal of achieving a USD 5 trillion economy and a USD 1 trillion manufacturing sector. The Committee is headed by Arun Goel. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The government set up a 22-member Inter-Ministerial Committee – to strengthen the Capital Goods (CG) Sector
- The committee is headed by – Arun Goel (Secretary of Department of Heavy Industries)

294. The SEBI has set up an expert group to review the framework of share-based employee benefit and issue of sweat equity. The 7-member Expert Group would be chaired by Sandip Bhagat. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SEBI – set up 7-member expert group to review the framework of share-based employee benefit
- The Expert Group is headed by – Sandip Bhagat



Science & Technology

295. 2020 Physics Nobel Laureate Prof. Andrea Ghez had worked closely with Indian astronomers on the design of back-end instruments and possible science prospects of the Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT) project being installed at Maunakea in Hawaii. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Andrea Ghez + Indian astronomers = collaborated for the Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT) project
- The project is being installed at – Maunakea, Hawaii
- [Hawaii – Honolulu – U. S. Dollar](#)

296. China has become the world's first country to have successfully sent the 6G communications test satellite into the orbit from the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center in the Shanxi Province. As per the reports, the technology is expected to be over 100 times faster than 5G. It was launched into the orbit along with 12 other satellites. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- China – became the world's first country to launch the 6G communications test satellite into the orbit
- Expected to be over 100 times faster than 5G | It was launched along with 12 other satellites
- [China: Capital – Beijing | Currency – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping](#)

297. China has successfully sent 13 satellites, including 10 from Argentina, into the orbit. This launch was the 351st by the Long March-6 carrier rocket from the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Centre in north China's Shanxi Province. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- China – sent 13 satellites into the orbit (including 10 from Argentina)
- It was 351st launch by the Long March-6 carrier rocket
- [China: Capital – Beijing | Currency – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping](#)

298. Fintech major Paytm has launched “Payout Links” for businesses, enabling them to instantly process payouts to customers, employees and vendors without collecting their bank details. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Paytm – launched “Payout Links” for businesses
- [HQs of Paytm – Noida, Uttar Pradesh | CEO of Paytm – Vijay Sekhar Sharma](#)



- HQs of Paytm Money – Bengaluru, Karnataka | CEO – Varun Sridhar
- CEO of Paytm Payment Bank– Satish Kumar Gupta | CEO of Paytm General Ins. Ltd. – Vineet Arora



Ordinance, Bills and Acts

299. The Haryana Assembly has passed a Bill which provides the right to recall members of Panchayati Raj institutions to those who elected them and gives women 50% reservation in these rural bodies. The Bill also proposed 8% reservation to the “more disadvantaged” among the Backward Classes. Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala tabled the Haryana Panchayati Raj (Second Amendment) Bill, 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Haryana Assembly – passed a Bill on right to recall members of Panchayati Raj institutions
- It also gives women 50% reservation in these rural bodies
- Haryana: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Manohar Lal Khattar | Governor – Satyadev Narayan Arya

300. The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has relaxed norms for farmers, students, religious and other groups who are not directly aligned to any political party to receive foreign funds if the groups are not involved in “active politics”. The Ministry notified new rules under the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA), 2010 by amending the FCRA Rules, 2011. Any organisation that wants to register itself under FCRA shall be in existence for 3 years and should have spent a minimum amount of ₹15 lakh on its core activities for the benefit of society during the last three financial years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MHA – amended the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) Rules, 2011
- MHA – notified new rules under the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA), 2010
- Criterion for The NGOs: Existed for at least 3 years & spent Rs 15 lakh in voluntary activities
- Ministry of Home Affairs – Shri Amit Shah | Constituency – Gandhinagar, Gujarat





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