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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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आभार,

टीम स्मार्टकीड़ा

## 701. National & States Affairs

IIT Madras launched an online BSc degree course on Programming and Data Science which is the world's first such programme. With this, you can study at IIT Madras completely online! [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- IIT Madras – launched world's 1<sup>st</sup> online BSc degree course on Programming and Data Science

## 702. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

The output of Eight Core Infrastructure Industries shrank by 23.4% in May due to the coronavirus-induced lockdown, according to the official data. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- The output of Eight Core Infrastructure Industries – shrank by 23.4% – in May

## 703. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

India all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja has been named as country's 'Most Valuable Player' of the 21<sup>st</sup> century by Wisden, In the last two years. As per the tool, Jadeja emerged as the second most valuable player, behind Sri Lanka's Muttiah Muralitharan. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- 'Most Valuable Player' of the 21<sup>st</sup> century – by Wisden
- Top in India – Ravindra Jadeja (2<sup>nd</sup> in the world) | Top in the world – Muttiah Muralitharan (Sri Lanka)

## 704. National & States Affairs

Uttar Pradesh chief minister Yogi Adityanath has launched the "Har Ghar Jal" (piped water to every house) campaign at Bundelkhand. The project is linked to the "Jal Jeevan Mission", estimated to cost Rs 10,131 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Uttar Pradesh – launched the "Har Ghar Jal" campaign – at Bundelkhand
- Estimated Project cost – Rs 10,131 Cr
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

## 705. National & States Affairs

Assam Government has passed the MSME Ordinance which puts an end to the process of taking multiple permissions for setting up MSMEs in the state for next 3 years. It is a major decision to boost Aatma Nirbhar Assam. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Assam – passed – MSME Ordinance
- For next 3 years – no more need to take multiple permissions for setting up MSMEs in the state
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Sarbananda Sonowal | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi

## 706. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

The Financial Action Task Force (FATF) has released a report titled “Money Laundering and the Illegal Wildlife Trade”. In its first global report on the illegal wildlife trade, it has described it as a “global threat”. The illegal trade is estimated to generate revenues of up to \$23 billion a year. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- FATF – released a report titled “Money Laundering and the Illegal Wildlife Trade”
- Illegal Wildlife Trade is estimated to generate revenues of – up to \$23 billion a year
- HQs of FATF – Paris, France | President – Xiangmin Liu | Member Countries – 39

## 707. Current GK

Nameri National Park is a national park in the foothills of the eastern Himalayas in the Sonitpur District of Assam, India.

### Key Points:

- “Nameri National Park” – Assam

## 708. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

The Centre, the Tamil Nadu government and the World Bank signed two agreements for affordable housing projects in Tamil Nadu involving a total outlay of \$250 million. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- World Bank + Tamil Nadu = signed two agreements for affordable housing projects – outlay of \$250 million
- World Bank HQs – Washington D.C., USA | Member Countries – 189
- President – David Malpass | MD & CFO – Anshula Kant
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Thiru Edappadi K. Palaniswami | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit

## 709. National & States Affairs

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched a “Kill Corona” campaign under which a door-to-door survey will be conducted across the state to detect Covid-19 patients. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Madhya Pradesh – launched “Kill Corona” campaign
- Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Anandiben Patel

## 710. Science & Technology

Researchers in China have discovered a new type of swine flu named "G4" that is capable of triggering a pandemic, according to a study in the US science journal PNAS. It is genetically descended from the H1N1 strain that caused a pandemic in 2009. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- China – discovered a new type of swine flu – named "G4" – genetically descended from the "H1N1"
- The Study published in – US science journal PNAS

## 711. National & States Affairs

The new process for registration of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) came into effect in the name of "Udyam" Registration from July 1, 2020. Udyam Registration can be filed online based on self-declaration with no requirement for documents of proof, barring Aadhar. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- New registration process for MSMEs – namely "Udyam"
- Nitin Gadkari – Ministry of Road Transport and Highway, Ministry of MSME (Constituency – Nagpur, MH)

## 712. International Affairs

Iran has issued an arrest warrant against US President Donald Trump and it believes that Trump carried out the drone strike that killed a top Iranian general in Baghdad. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Iran – issued an arrest warrant against US President "Donald Trump"
- Iran – Tehran – Rial | President – Ali Khamenei
- USA – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | President – Donald Trump

## 713. Schemes & Initiatives

Announcing an aid of Rs 1,369 Cr for MSMEs and textile industries, Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani started the online cash aid initiative "At One Click" for around 13,000 MSMEs in Gujarat. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Gujarat – started online cash aid initiative "At One Click" for – 13000 MSMEs
- Announced aid of – Rs 1369 Cr – for MSMEs and textile industries
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat



## 714. Important Days & Dates

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on June 28, remembered P V Narasimha Rao on his 99<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary, and released a commemorative stamp to honour him. P V Narasimha Rao was the 9<sup>th</sup> Prime Minister of India. He is popularly known as 'Father of Indian Economic Reforms'. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- June 28 – 99<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of P V Narasimha Rao (the 9<sup>th</sup> Prime Minister of India)
- Popularly known as – 'Father of Indian Economic Reforms'

## 715. Banking & Economic Affairs

HDFC Bank launched "e-Kisaan Dhan" app for farmers across India to access a bouquet of agricultural and banking services on their mobile. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- HDFC Bank – launched "e-Kisaan Dhan" app – For Farmers
- HQs of HDFC Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Aditya Puri
- HDFC Tagline – "We understand your world"

## 716. International Affairs

Egypt, Ethiopia and Sudan will agree a deal to fill the giant Blue Nile dam in two to three weeks to end a decade-long dispute over water supplies. The Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD) is being built about 15 km (nine miles) from the border with Sudan on the Blue Nile. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Egypt + Ethiopia + Sudan = will fill – Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD)
- The Dam located on – river "Nile" (a river in Africa)

## 717. National & States Affairs

The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has ordered Internet Service Providers (ISPs) and telecom operators in India to block access to 59 apps "under the Emergency Clause 69A of the IT Act 2000." [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- MeitY – ordered – ISPs & telecom operators to block access to 59 Chinese apps
- Under – Emergency clause 69A of the IT Act 2000

## 718. National & States Affairs

Haryana will recruit 1000 AYUSH assistants and 22 AYUSH coaches on contract basis in various 'Yogshalas' to popularize yoga across the State. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Haryana – to recruit 1000 AYUSH assistants and 22 AYUSH coaches in 'Yogshalas'
- Haryana: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Manohar Lal Khattar | Governor – Satyadev Narayan Arya

## 719. Schemes & Initiatives

Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced extension of the “Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana” (PMGKAY) till November 2020. It is a programme to provide free ration for over 80 Cr people, mostly poor, by 5 more months with an outlay of Rs 90,000 Cr for this extension. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- PM Modi – extended – PMGKAY – till November, 2020 (for 5 months)
- Extension outlay – Rs 90,000 Cr
- Programme provided Free Ration to – over 80 Cr people

## 720. Appointments & Resignations

The former History Professor, Gudni Johannesson has been re-elected as the President of Iceland for his second four-year term. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Gudni Johannesson – re-elected as the President of – Iceland
- Iceland – Reykjavik – Krona

## 721. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Foodtech giant Swiggy has launched its digital wallet named "Swiggy Money" in partnership with ICICI Bank, which will allow customers to store money to be used for orders on the platform. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Swiggy + ICICI Bank = launched "Swiggy Money" Digital Wallet
- HQs of Swiggy – Bengaluru, Karnataka | CEO – Sriharsha Majety
- ICICI Bank: HQs – Mumbai | MD & CEO – [Sandeep Bakhshi](#) | Tagline – “Hum Hain Na!”



## 722. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

The Indian Railways has signed an MoU with RailTel for installation of an IP-based video surveillance system at 6,049 railway stations across the country. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Indian Railways + RailTel = to install IP-based video surveillance system – at 6,049 railway stations
- Chairman of Indian Railways – Vinod Kumar Yadav | HQs – New Delhi
- Piyush Goyal – Ministry of Railways, Ministry of Commerce & Industry | Constituency – Maharashtra

## 723. National & States Affairs

The government has increased the budget for Ladakh four-times recently amid the India-China face-off in the region. The plans are underway to develop Leh and Ladakh into a smart region. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Government – increased the budget for “Ladakh” four-times
- Ladakh Capital – Leh | Lt. Governor – R K Mathur

## 724. National & States Affairs

TRIFED organised "TRIFED Goes Digital" and “Be Vocal for Local” "#GoTribal ” and was attended by over 200 participants. The main highlight was the launch of the “TRIBES India” products Store on the Government e-Marketplace (GeM). [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- TRIFED organized – "TRIFED Goes Digital" + “Be Vocal for Local” + "#GoTribal ” – attended by 200 participants
- Store on the Government e-Marketplace (GeM) – “TRIBES India” products
- HQs of TRIFED – New Delhi | Managing Director – Pravir Krishna
- TRIFED works under – Ministry of Tribal Affairs (Arjun Munda – Khunti, Jharkhand)

## 725. Persons in News

Lazarus Chakwera has sworn in as Malawi president after historic win. He defeated incumbent Peter Mutharika with 58.57% of votes. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Lazarus Chakwera – sworn in as the president of – Malawi
- Malawi – Lilongwe – kwacha

## 726. International Affairs

Mississippi Governor 'Tate Reeves' signed a bill into law that will change the state flag by removing the Confederate battle emblem, first included 126 years ago. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Mississippi (USA) – passed a bill to remove the Confederate battle emblem from the State Flag
- USA – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | President – Donald Trump

## 727. International Affairs

US President Donald Trump has signed an executive order to prosecute those who damage national monuments, making it a punishable offence with up to 10 years in jail. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- USA – will punish those who damage national monuments – punishment up to 10 years in Jail
- USA: Capital – Washington, D.C. | President – Donald Trump
- Military Exercises with USA: (Yudh Abhyas, Tiger Triumph, Vajra Prahar, Cope India, Indo-USCG)

## 728. Amount & Agreements

An agreement was signed between the governments of Pakistan and China for construction of a 1,124-megawatt hydropower project at Kohala on the Jhelum River at a cost of \$2.4 billion. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- China + Pakistan = construction of a 1,124-megawatt hydropower project – on “Jhelum River”
- The project worth – \$2.4 billion
- China – Beijing – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping
- Pakistan – Islamabad – Pakistani Rupee | PM – Imran Khan | President – Arif Alvi

## 729. Current GK

A concession agreement for the 600 MW Kholongchhu Indo-Bhutan joint venture Hydroelectric Project was signed. The 600 MW run-of-the-river project is located on the lower course of the Kholongchhu River in Trashiyangtse district in eastern Bhutan. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- An agreement – signed for the 600 MW – “Kholongchhu Indo-Bhutan joint venture Hydroelectric Project”
- Location – on the “Kholongchhu River” (Bhutan)

### 730. Important Days & Dates

"World Asteroid Day" or "International Asteroid Day" was observed its 6<sup>th</sup> year globally on June 30. Asteroid Day aims to raise public awareness about asteroid impact hazard. It is observed globally each year at the anniversary of the Tunguska impact over Siberia, Russian Federation, on June 30, 1908. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- June 30 – 6<sup>th</sup> Edition of "World Asteroid Day" or "International Asteroid Day"
- Observed at the anniversary of – Tunguska impact over Siberia, Russian Federation
- Tunguska – the largest asteroid in history to impact the earth

### 731. National & States Affairs

The Centre announced that farmers and processors can now get the benefit of 50% subsidy on storage and transportation of 18 more fruits and vegetables from surplus production areas to major consumption centres under the existing "Operation Greens". The minister announced that a free skill training programme will be launched in the next two months for SC & ST food processors in collaboration with National Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurship and Management (NIFTEM) and Food Industry Capacity & Skill Initiative (FICSI). [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- 10 Fruits and 8 Vegetables (Total 18) = newly included under "Operation Greens"
- Centre announced – 50% subsidy on storage and transportation of these fruits and vegetables
- HQs of NIFTEM – Sonapat, Haryana | HQs of FICSI – New Delhi

### 732. Appointments & Resignations

Shri Ravinder Bhakar has taken over as the CEO of Central Board of Films Certification (CBFC). Earlier, he was posted as the Secretary & Chief Public Relations Officer of Western Railways. He succeeded Anurag Srivastava. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Shri Ravinder Bhakar – appointed as the CEO of – CBFC
- He succeeded – Anurag Srivastava
- HQs of CBFC – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairperson – Prasoosn Josh

### 733. National & States Affairs

Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Giriraj Singh launched the first edition of the Fisheries and Aquaculture Newsletter "Matsya Sampada" and the Operational Guidelines of the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY). [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Giriraj Singh – launched 1<sup>st</sup> Edition of the Fisheries and Aquaculture Newsletter "Matsya Sampada"
- Shri Giriraj Singh – Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying (Begusarai, Bihar)



### 734. Amount & Agreements

FIFA has approved the Covid-19 relief fund giving a total of \$1.5 billion to help the global football community due to the coronavirus pandemic. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- FIFA – approved \$1.5 billion – as the Covid-19 relief fund – to help the global football community
- FIFA HQs – Zurich, Switzerland | President – Gianni Infantino

### 735. Sports & Games

Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju launched National Anti-Doping Agency's first mobile app - "NADA INDIA" to provide information about prohibited substances and their inadvertent use. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Kiren Rijiju – launched "NADA INDIA" app – to provide information about prohibited substances
- Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports – Kiren Rijiju (Constituency – Arunachal West)
- HQs of NADA – New Delhi | DG – Navin Agarwal | Ambassador of NADA – Suniel Shetty

### 736. National & States Affairs

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh launched a web portal for issuing no objection certificates (NOCs) to entities that are undertaking power projects and activities related to research, survey, exploration and exploitation in the Indian territorial waters and exclusive economic zones. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Defence Minister – launched a web portal for issuing NOCs – For power, oil and gas exploration project
- Ministry of Defence – Rajnath Singh (Constituency – Lucknow, UP)

### 737. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

The South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC) signed an MoU with Indian Oil and National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) to set up a pilot project for 'Waste to Wealth Plant' at its Okhla landfill site in New Delhi. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- SDMC + Indian Oil + NTPC = to set up a pilot project for 'Waste to Wealth Plant' – at Okhla in Delhi
- HQs of NTPC – New Delhi | CMD – Gurdeep Singh
- HQs of IOCL – New Delhi | Chairperson – Shrikant Madhav Vaidya

### 738. Appointments & Resignations

The government has extended Union Bank of India (UBI) CEO Rajkiran Rai's term by another two years until his retirement on May 31 2022. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Rajkiran Rai – extended as the CEO of – UBI – for another 2 years
- HQs of UBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Rajkiran Rai G.
- Tagline of UBI – “Good People to Bank With”

### 739. Important Days & Dates

The Mizo peace accord was signed on June 30, 1986. The anniversary of the signing of the historic Mizo peace accord between the central government and the erstwhile underground MNF, is celebrated on June 30. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- June 30 – Anniversary of the signing of the historic “Mizo Peace Accord”
- It was signed on – June 30, 1986

### 740. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

Union HRD minister Ramesh Pokhriyal virtually participated in “G-20 Extraordinary Virtual Education Ministers’ Meeting”. This special session has been convened to discuss the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic on the education sector. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Ramesh Pokhriyal – participated in “G-20 Extraordinary Virtual Education Ministers’ Meeting”
- Ministry of Human Resource & Development – Ramesh Pokhriyal ‘Nishank’ (Haridwar, Uttarakhand)

### 741. Important Days & Dates

The United Nations General Assembly designated June 30 as the day to celebrate "International Day of Parliamentarism" in 2018. The date also marks the day in 1889 when the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), the global organization of parliaments, was established. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- June 30 – "International Day of Parliamentarism" – since 2018 – by UN
- Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) – established in 1889

## 742. Persons in News

Kashmiri separatist leader Syed Ali Shah Geelani announced his resignation from the All Parties Hurriyat Conference. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Syed Ali Shah Geelani (Kashmir) – resignation – from the All Parties Hurriyat Conference

## 743. Amount & Agreements

The government has approved an additional Rs 1,691 Cr for highway works by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) in Jammu & Kashmir and Uttarakhand for 2020-21. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Government – approved an additional Rs 1,691 Cr – for highway works in – J & K + Uttarakhand – by BRO
- HQs of BRO – New Delhi | Director General – Lt. Gen. Harpal Singh
- Uttarakhand: Capital – Dehradun & Gairsain | CM – Trivendra Singh Rawat | Governor – Baby Rani Maurya
- J & K Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – G C Murmu

## 744. Appointments & Resignations

President Ram Nath Kovind has given Uttar Pradesh Governor Anandiben Patel additional charge of Madhya Pradesh, in view of MP Governor Lalji Tandon's poor health condition. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Ram Nath Kovind – gave additional charge as the Governor of “Madhya Pradesh” – to Anandiben Patel
- She is already the Governor of – Uttar Pradesh
- Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Anandiben Patel

## 745. Books & Authors

Hind Pocket Books has recently signed Shri Priyamvad, a celebrated writer in Hindi literature. His new book, “Bharatiya Loktanktra Ka Koras: Kuch Bisari Bikhari Dhvaniyan” will be released next year. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- “Bharatiya Loktanktra Ka Koras: Kuch Bisari Bikhari Dhvaniyan” book – Priyamvad



#### 746. Ordinance, Bills and Acts

Implementation of amendments in the Indian Stamp Act, 1899 and Rules is made from 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2020 for rationalized collection mechanism of stamp duty across India with respect to Securities Market Instruments. (SMI) [{Read more}](#)

##### Key Points:

- Indian Stamp Act, 1899 & Rules – made effective from 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2020 – to implement uniform stamp duty on SMI

#### 747. Obituaries

Veteran novelist Geetha Nagabhushan passed away recently in June. She was 78 and was suffering from age-related ailments since recent years. [{Read more}](#)

##### Key Points:

- Geetha Nagabhushan – passed away – Novelist

#### 748. Defence Affairs

Indian and Japanese warships held a small Naval Exercise PASSEX (Passing Exercise) for tactical and communications training towards the Malacca Strait in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR). [{Read more}](#)

##### Key Points:

- India + Japan = held a Naval Exercise PASSEX (Passing Exercise)
- Chief of Naval Staff – Admiral Karmabir Singh | Commander-in-Chief – President Ram Nath Kovind
- Japan – Tokyo – Yen | PM – Shinzo Abe

#### 749. National & States Affairs

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal inaugurated the first-ever “Plasma Bank” for treatment of coronavirus patients in the national capital, after receiving positive results on multiple clinical trials. [{Read more}](#)

##### Key Points:

- Delhi – inaugurated the first-ever “Plasma Bank” for treatment of coronavirus patients
- Delhi: CM – Arvind Kejriwal | Governor – Anil Baijal | Chief Secretary – Vijay Dev

#### 750. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

RSWM Ltd, the flagship firm of textiles major LNJ Bhilwara Group has signed a strategic partnership with Switzerland's HeiQ to offer anti-coronavirus fabric under its Mayur brand. [{Read more}](#)

##### Key Points:

- RSWM + HeiQ = partnership – to offer anti-coronavirus fabric – under “Mayur brand”
- HQs of HeiQ – Switzerland



## 751. National & States Affairs

Karnataka government has launched "Skill Connect", an online portal to bridge the gap between the unemployed and recruiters. Karnataka Skill Development Corporation also organised an "Online Job Fair" on July 7, to help people who have lost their jobs due to the pandemic. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Karnataka – launched "Skill Connect" portal to help unemployed people
- Karnataka – organised an "Online Job Fair" – to help people who have lost their
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – BS Yediyurappa | Governor – Vajubhai Vala

## 752. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

Beyonce received "Humanitarian Award" at 20<sup>th</sup> edition of "Annual BET Awards 2020". Musician Beyonce encouraged Black Lives Matter protesters to continue fighting for equality. She is 24-time Grammy winner Popstar. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Beyonce (Musician) – received "Humanitarian Award" – at 20<sup>th</sup> edition of 'Annual BET Awards 2020'

## 753. National & States Affairs

Uttarakhand forest department has developed country's first Lichen Park in Munsyari, Pithoragarh district, Uttarakhand. Munsyari has been identified as the hotspot where 150 species (approximately) of lichens are found. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Uttarakhand – country's first Lichen Park – with 150 species of Lichens (approx)
- Uttarakhand: Capital – Dehradun & Gairsain | CM – Trivendra Singh Rawat | Governor – Baby Rani Maurya

## 754. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

The 49<sup>th</sup> Governing Council Meeting of National Productivity Council (NPC), an autonomous body under Department for Promotion of Industry & Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce & Industry, was held through video conferencing. It was chaired by Shri Piyush Goyal. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- 49<sup>th</sup> Governing Council Meeting of NPC – chaired by Piyush Goyal
- NPC – comes under DPIIT – Ministry of Commerce & Industry (Piyush Goyal – Maharashtra)

## 755. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

Dr Arvind Pandey, former Director National Institute of Medical Statistics (NIMS) and Dr. Akhilesh Chandra Kulshreshtha, Ex-Add. Director General, MoSPI, Government of India, were jointly given the “Prof. P.V. Sukhatme National Award” in Statistics 2020 for their life time contribution in the field of Statistics. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Dr Arvind Pandey + Dr Akhilesh Chandra Kulshreshtha = Prof. P V Sukhatme National Award-2020 – in Statistics

## 756. National & States Affairs

International Zinc Association (IZA), in collaboration with Madhav KRG Group launched Asia’s first-ever Continuous Galvanized Rebar (CGR) manufacturing facility in Punjab. The new plant was virtually inaugurated by Dharmendra Pradhan, Union Minister of Steel, Petroleum & Natural Gas. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- IZA + Madhav KRG Group = launched 1<sup>st</sup> ever Continuous Galvanized Rebar manufacturing facility – in Punjab
- Inaugurated by – Dharmendra Pradhan (Minister of Steel, Petroleum & Natural Gas – Madhya Pradesh)
- HQs of IZA – Brussels, Belgium

## 757. National & States Affairs

The Goa government has allotted land to the consortium of 49 MSME units for setting up Goa Maritime Cluster with an aim to create world class facilities for ship building. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Goa – allotted land – to 49 MSME units – to set up ‘Goa Maritime Cluster’
- Capital – Panaji | CM – Pramod Sawant | Governor – Satya Pal Malik
- Nitin Gadkari – Ministry of Road Transport and Highway, Ministry of MSME (Constituency – Nagpur, MH)

## 758. Persons in News

Serbian President Aleksandar Vucic has declared a landslide victory for Serbian Progressive Party (SNS) in a parliamentary election by winning 63% of the vote, or about 189 seats in the 250-member General Assembly. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Aleksandar Vucic – declared victory for Serbian Progressive Party (SNS) by winning 63% votes
- Serbia – Belgrade – Dinar | President – Aleksandar Vucic | PM – Ana Brnabic

## 759. Science & Technology

COVAXIN, India's first vaccine against the novel coronavirus, developed by Bharat Biotech in collaboration with ICMR and the National Institute of Virology (NIV), has received approval from the Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) to conduct Phase I and 2 human trials. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- COVAXIN – India's first vaccine against the novel coronavirus – received approval from DCGI
- Developed by = Bharat Biotech + ICMR + NIV
- Bharat Biotech HQs – Hyderabad, Telangana | Chairman – Dr. Krishna Ella
- ICMR HQs – New Delhi, India | Director General – Balram Bhargava
- HQs of NIV – Pune, Maharashtra | NIV comes under – ICMR

## 760. Appointments & Resignations

The President of India reappointed senior advocate K K Venugopal as Attorney General of India (AG) a period of one year. Solicitor General, Tushar Mehta is also reappointed for a three-year term. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- K K Venugopal – extension as the Attorney General of India (AG) – for 1 year
- Tushar Mehta – extension as the Solicitor General of India – for 3 years

## 761. Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

Former RBI Governor Chakravarthi Rangarajan has been conferred the “P. C. Mahalanobis Lifetime Achievement Award” in recognition of his contribution to official statistics. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Chakravarthi Rangarajan – “P. C. Mahalanobis Lifetime Achievement Award” – in Statistics

## 762. Meetings, Conferences and Summits

New Zealand cancelled its plans to host 2021 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum (APEC Summit) in Auckland because of the coronavirus, opting instead to lead a virtual summit. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- New Zealand – cancelled to host – “APEC Summit-2021”
- HQs of APEC – Singapore | Executive Director – Dr Rebecca Fatima Sta Maria
- New Zealand – Wellington – Dollar (NZD)



### 763. Banking & Economic Affairs

State Bank of India is working on setting up an e-commerce portal called "Bharat Craft" for marketing of products manufactured by MSMEs in the country. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- SBI – setting up an e-commerce portal called "Bharat Craft" – For MSMEs
- SBI Bank HQs – Mumbai, Maharashtra | SBI Bank Chairman – Rajnish Kumar
- SBI Bank MD & CEO – Challa Sreenivasulu Setty | Deputy MD & CFO – Chalasani Venkat Nageswar
- SBI Life CEO – Sanjeev Nautiyal

### 764. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

SAP India has announced the launch of "Global Bharat", a program designed to enable Indian MSMEs become globally competitive by equipping them with digital technologies. It is launched in association with NASSCOM Foundation, UNDP and Pratham InfoTech Foundation. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- SAP + NASSCOM + UNDP + Pratham InfoTech = to launch "Global Bharat" program for MSMEs
- HQs of SAP – Bengaluru, Karnatak | MD – Deb Deep Sengupta
- NASSCOM HQs – New Delhi
- Chairman – UB Pravin Rao | Vice-Chairman – Rekha M Menon | President – Debjani Ghosh
- HQs of UNDP – New York, USA | Administrator – Achim Steiner

### 765. Amount & Agreements

The World Bank's Board of Executive Directors approved a \$750 million (about Rs.5600 Cr) MSME Emergency Response program to support increased flow of finance into the hands of micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs), severely impacted by the COVID-19 crisis. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- World Bank – approved a \$750 million – for "MSME Emergency Response program"
- World Bank HQs – Washington D.C., USA | Member Countries – 189
- President – David Malpass | MD & CFO – Anshula Kant

### 766. Amount & Agreements

The World Bank has enhanced its support for Government of India's program through Second National Ganga River Basin Project (SNGRBP) to rejuvenate Ganga river with a USD 400 million (about Rs 3,000 Cr) assistance that will help stem pollution in the river. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- World Bank – allocated USD 400 million (about Rs 3,000 Cr) assistance – to rejuvenate Ganga river
- Under – Second National Ganga River Basin Project (SNGRBP)
- World Bank HQs – Washington D.C., USA | Member Countries – 189
- President – David Malpass | MD & CFO – Anshula Kant



## 767. National & States Affairs

Union Minister Nitin Gadkari announced a new road project 280-km-long "Chambal Expressway" at a cost of Rs 6,000 Cr to facilitate traffic between Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- 280-km-long "Chambal Expressway" – between Rajasthan & Madhya Pradesh – at cost of Rs 6,000 Cr
- Announced by – Minister of MSME (Nitin Gadkari – Nagpur, Maharashtra)
- Chambal River – a tributary of the Yamuna River – in Madhya Pradesh

## 768. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

A new report titled "Towards a Clean Energy Economy" by NITI Aayog and Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI) identifies how COVID-19 is beginning to influence the clean energy transition in India, specifically for the transport and power sectors. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- A new report titled "Towards a Clean Energy Economy" released by = NITI Aayog + RMI
- NITI Aayog HQs – New Delhi
- CEO – Amitabh Kant | Chairperson – Narendra Modi | Vice Chairperson – Rajiv Kumar
- HQs of RMI – New Delhi

## 769. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

According to the data on the International Investment Position (IIP) released by the Reserve Bank, Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in India rose by \$19 billion while portfolio investment declined by \$13.7 billion during 2019-20. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- FDI in India – rose by \$19 billion – according to the data on the IIP – released by RBI
- Portfolio Investment declined – by \$13.7 billion
- RBI: HQs – Mumbai | Governor - Shaktikanta Das(25<sup>th</sup>)

## 770. International Affairs

World Trade Organisation (WTO) Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) will examine the requests made by the EU and Taiwan for setting up dispute panels against import duties on ICT products, including mobile phones, imposed by India. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- WTO-DSB = will examine the requests made by the EU and Taiwan for setting up dispute panels against "India"
- HQs of WTO – Geneva, Switzerland | Director-General – Roberto Azevedo



### 771. Schemes & Initiatives

The Union Housing and Urban Affairs minister was addressing a webinar to mark the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of PMAY-Urban, Smart Cities Mission (SCM) & Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT). 35 lakh houses have so far been delivered to beneficiaries under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY-Urban). [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- MoHUA – marked 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of = PMAY-U + SCM + AMRUT
- 35 lakh houses – are delivered under PMAY-U
- MoHUA Minister – Hardeep Singh Puri

### 772. Banking & Economic Affairs

RBI stated that keeping in view the continuing of hardships faced by banks, it has now been decided to extend the relaxation of the minimum daily maintenance of the Cash Reserve Ratio of 80% for a further period of three months, i.e., up to September 25, 2020 under Section 42(1) of RBI act 1934. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- RBI – extended the minimum maintenance of CRR of 80% – for further 3 months
- Under Section 42(1) – of RBI Act 1934
- RBI: HQs – Mumbai | Governor - Shaktikanta Das(25<sup>th</sup>)

### 773. Schemes & Initiatives

Minister for Food Processing Industries Harsimrat Kaur Badal launched the PM Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PM FME) scheme named “Sapnoki Udaan” as a part of “Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan”. Under PM FME Scheme, Micro Enterprises will get 35% subsidy on project cost with a ceiling of Rs 10 lakh. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Minister for Food Processing Industries – launched PM FME scheme named “Sapnoki Udaan”
- Under PM FME – Micro Enterprises will get 35% subsidy on project cost with a ceiling of Rs 10 lakh
- FPI Minister – Harsimrat Kaur Badal (Constituency – Bathinda, Punjab)

### 774. Schemes & Initiatives

Madhya Pradesh has launched a "Hamara Ghar-Hamara Vidyalaya" scheme means "My Home-My school scheme", in which children will be taught at home in a school-like environment. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Madhya Pradesh – launched a "Hamara Ghar-Hamara Vidyalaya" scheme
- Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Anandiben Patel

## 775. International Affairs

Uganda has become the first African country to submit results for reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation (REDD+) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). REDD+ is a mechanism developed by the parties to the UNFCCC to reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Uganda – first African country – to submit results to UNFCCC – for reducing emissions from deforestation
- “REDD+” – a mechanism developed by UNFCCC to reduce emissions from deforestation
- Uganda – Kampala – shilling | President – Yoweri Museveni | PM – Ruhakana Rugunda

## 776. Amount & Agreements

The World Bank has approved a \$500 million (about Rs 3,700 Cr) loan to improve quality and governance of school education in 6 Indian states under project "STARS – Strengthening Teaching-Learning and Results for States Program". [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- World Bank – approved a \$500 million (about Rs 3,700 Cr) – for education improvement in 6 Indian States
- Under Project – "STARS – Strengthening Teaching-Learning and Results for States Program"
- World Bank HQs – Washington D.C., USA | Member Countries – 189
- President – David Malpass | MD & CFO – Anshula Kant

## 777. Appointments & Resignations

Micheal Martin has become the new Irish Prime Minister after historic coalition deal. He has been the leader of the Fianna Fail party since 2011. He will lead a three-party coalition consisting of Fianna Fail, Fine Gael and the Green Party. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Micheal Martin – become the new Prime Minister of – Ireland
- Ireland – Dublin – Euro | PM – Micheal Martin

## 778. Appointments & Resignations

Indian umpire Nitin Menon was included in the ICC's Elite Panel of Umpires for the upcoming 2020-21 season, replacing England's Nigel Llong. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Nitin Menon (India) – included in the ICC's Elite Panel of Umpires – for the upcoming 2020-21 season
- He replaced – Nigel Llong (England)

## 779. Banking & Economic Affairs

Fitch Ratings cut India's growth forecast for 2021-22 fiscal to 8% in June from 9.5% projected in May. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Fitch Ratings – projected India's GDP – to 8% - in June {Flexible News}
- HQs of Fitch Solutions – New York, USA | President – Brian Filanowski

## 780. MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOCL) has set up a joint venture with Bangladesh's RR Holdings Ltd for LPG business in the neighbouring country. India signed an agreement for the formation of a 50:50 joint venture company (JVC) for LPG business in Bangladesh. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- IOCL + RR Holdings (Bangladesh) = LPG business
- India + Bangladesh = formation of a 50:50 joint venture company (JVC) for LPG business
- HQs of IOCL – New Delhi | Chairperson – Shrikant Madhav Vaidya

## 781. Banking & Economic Affairs

Amid the ongoing economic woes created by the coronavirus pandemic, the Reserve Bank has decided to extend the enhanced borrowing facility provided to the banks to meet their liquidity shortages till September 30. The RBI, as a temporary measure, had increased the borrowing limit of scheduled banks under the Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) scheme from 2% to 3% of their Net Demand and Time Liabilities (NDTL) with effect from March 27, 2020. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- RBI – extended enhanced borrowing limit – till September 30
- RBI – increased borrowing limit of scheduled banks under MSF – to 3% (from 2%)
- MSF – Marginal Standing Facility | NDTL – Net Demand and Time Liabilities

## 782. Ranks, Reports & Surveys

As per the State of World Population 2020 report released by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), India accounts for 45.8 million of the world's 142.6 million "missing females" over the past 50 years. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- "The State of World Population 2020" report – released by 'UNFPA'
- Missing Females over the past 50 years: India – 45.8 million | World – 142.6 million
- HQs of UNFPA – New York, USA



### 783. International Affairs

India figures among the top-three countries along with France and Germany getting detailed information from Switzerland about bank accounts and beneficiary ownership of entities established by their residents in the Alpine nation, according to the latest study by OECD's Global Forum on transparency and exchange of information for tax purposes. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- India + France + Germany = will get detailed information from Switzerland about bank accounts & beneficiary ownership of entities
- HQs of OECD – Paris, France | Secretary-General – Angel Gurría | Member countries in OECD – 37

### 784. National & States Affairs

"Project PLATINA" world's largest convalescent plasma therapy-trial-cum treatment of severe COVID 19 patients is launched by Maharashtra. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Maharashtra – launched "Project PLATINA" world's largest convalescent plasma therapy
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

### 785. National & States Affairs

On the call of Prime Minister, Culture Ministry celebrated "Sankalp Parva" to plant trees from 28<sup>th</sup> June to 12 July 2020. Minister of State for Culture and Tourism (Independent charge) Shri Prahlad Singh urged all to participate in the Sankalp Parv and plant trees to create healthy environment in our country. [{Read more}](#)

#### Key Points:

- Culture Ministry – celebrated "Sankalp Parva" to plant trees
- Prahlad Singh Patel – Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of Culture (Constituency – Damoh, Madhya Pradesh)





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