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Government keeps interest rates on Small Savings Schemes unchanged for Q-2

The government of India has announced that the rate of interest on **Small Savings Schemes** for the second quarter (**July-Sept**) of 2021-22 will remain unchanged as the last quarter (April-June) of 2021-2022. It must be noted that the Government notifies the Interest rates for small savings schemes on a quarterly basis.

Various Interest Rates for Quarter-2 (July-Sept) of 2021-22 are listed below:

Sl. No.	Small Savings Scheme	Interest Rate
1.	Post Office Savings Account	4%
2.	5-Year Post Office Recurring Deposit (RD) Account	5.8%
3.	Post Office Time Deposit (TD) Account - One Year	5.5%
4.	Post Office Time Deposit Account (TD) - Two Years	5.5%
5.	Post Office Time Deposit Account (TD) - Three Years	5.5%
6.	Post Office Time Deposit Account (TD) - Five Years	6.7%
7.	Post Office Monthly Income Scheme Account (MIS)	6.6%
8.	Senior Citizen Savings Scheme (SCSS)	7.4%
9.	15-Year Public Provident Fund Account (PPF)	7.1%
10.	National Savings Certificates (NSC)	6.8%
11.	Kisan Vikas Patra (KVP)	6.9%
12.	Sukanya Samridhhi Account	7.6%

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National Statistics day celebrated on 29th June

The government of India is celebrated **National Statistics day** on **29th June** on the birth anniversary of **Prof. P C Mahalanobis**. The Day is celebrated to create awareness among youth about the role of statistics in socio-economic planning and policy formulation. The Day to popularize the use of Statistics in everyday life and sensitize the public as to how Statistics helps in shaping and framing policies.

End Hunger, Achieve Food Security and Improved Nutrition and Promote Sustainable Agriculture (Sustainable Development Goal or SDG 2 of the UN) is the theme of this year's National Statistics Day.

History of National Statistics Day:

National Statistics Day was first celebrated on **29th June 2007**. The Government of India decided to celebrate the outstanding contribution made by **Late Professor Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis** in the field of economic planning and statistical development and hence mark his birth anniversary as 'National Statistics Day.

About Professor Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis:

Professor **Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis** is known as the **father of Indian Statistics**. He was born on **29 June 1893**, an Indian statistician and scientist. He devised a measure of comparison between two data sets that are now known as the **Mahalanobis distance**. He was a member of the **planning commission(1956-61)** and he gave a two-sector Input-output model for the Second Five Year Plan which later became known as the **Nehru-Mahalanobis model**. He founded **Indian Statistical Institute (ISI)** in December 1931 in **Kolkata**. Those are **Padma Vibhushan (1968)**, **Weldon Memorial Prize from the University of Oxford (1944)**, **Fellow of the Royal Society, London(1945)**.

National Affairs

- Union Finance & Corporate Affairs Minister, **Nirmala Sitharaman** has announced a slew of measures, to provide relief to people and businesses affected by the second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Minister announced a total of 17 measures worth **Rs. 6,28,993 crore**.

States in the News

- Union Minister for Law & Justice, Communications and Electronics & IT, **Ravi Shankar Prasad** has formally launched the e-filing portal of **Income Tax Appellate Tribunal (ITAT), 'itat e-dwar'**, in New Delhi. The newly developed e-Filing Portal would enable the parties to file their Appeals, Miscellaneous Applications, documents, paper books, etc., electronically. The portal will enable the online filing of appeals, applications and documents by various parties.
- Prime Minister **Shri Narendra Modi** virtually inaugurated a **Zen Garden and Kaizen Academy** at **Ahmedabad Management Association (AMA)** premises in Ahmedabad. These two new initiatives are part of PM's vision of creating a **'Mini-Japan' in Gujarat**. The newly launched Zen Garden in Ahmedabad will showcase several elements of Japanese art, culture, landscape and architecture.
- Minister of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises, **Prakash Javadekar** has inaugurated **NATRAX- the High-Speed Track(HST)** in **Indore** which is the longest such track in Asia. NATRAX, developed in an area of 1000 acres of land, is a one-stop solution for all sorts of high-speed performance tests for the widest categories of vehicles from 2 wheelers to heavy tractor-trailers. Launching the **world-class 11.3 km High-Speed Track**, Javadekar stated that India is destined to become a hub of automobiles, manufacturing, and spare parts.
- **Digital India initiative** has completed its six years on **1 July 2021**. Digital India is a government's flagship scheme to transform India into a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy. It was launched by **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** on **1 July 2015**. In the past 6 years, the government has launched many digital initiatives like **Direct Benet Transfer, Common Services Centres, DigiLocker and mobile-based UMANG services**.
- President **Ram Nath Kovind** laid the foundation stone for **Ambedkar Memorial and Cultural Centre** in **Lucknow**. The cultural centre will come up at **5493.52 sq meter nazool land** in front of **Aishbagh Eidgah** in **Lucknow** and have a **25-ft high statue of Dr Ambedkar**.

- The **World Bank** Board of Executive Directors has approved a **\$125 million** support for the 'Resilient Kerala Program' to help the state in preparedness against natural disasters, climate change impacts, disease outbreaks, and pandemics. The \$125 million loan from the **International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD)** has a final maturity of **14 years** including a grace period of **six years**.
- Chief Minister **Dr. Pramod Sawant** announced that **Goa** has become the first state in the country to be **Rabies free**. CM informed that not a single case of rabies had been found in the state since the last three years. The team of mission rabies had been very effectively doing its job and had been also conducting vaccination for dogs.
- **Andhra Pradesh** has started a **Supporting Andhra's Learning Transformation (SALT)** programme to transform foundational learning in government schools for which the **World Bank** has approved a loan of **250 million dollars**. The main objectives of the programme are strengthening foundation schools and providing training and skill development to teachers. Andhra Pradesh's public school education system has more than **40 lakh children and nearly 2 lakh teachers**.
- Researchers have discovered **Black-bellied Coral snakes** in the forests of **Uttarakhand** for the first time in history. The snake is related to the **Elapidae family and Sinomicrurus genus**. Its scientific name is **S. nigriventer**. It was found in the **Bhadraj Block of Benog Wildlife Sanctuary (BWS)** in the **Mussoorie Forest Division**. There are currently 107 species of coral snakes in the world. In India, only seven coral snake species are found.
- Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister **YS Jagan Mohan Reddy** has launched the '**YSR Bima**' scheme with new guidelines, where the government itself will directly pay the insurance amount to the family of the deceased to make the insurance claims easier. In order to support **1.32 lakh families** through the YSR Bima scheme, the State government allocated **Rs 750 crores** for the year 2021-22. In the last two years, the State government had spent **Rs 1307 crore** for YSR Bima.

- **Tirath Singh Rawat** has offered to resign from his post. Tirath Rawat is in Dehradun where he met Governor Baby Rani Maurya and submitted his resignation. Meanwhile, the BJP has named Union Agricultural Minister **Narendra Singh Tomar** as the central observer for Uttarakhand. Tirath Rawat took oath as Uttarakhand's CM on 10 March, replacing Trivendra Singh Rawat.

International Affairs

- The Prime Minister of **Sweden, Stefan Lofven**, has announced his resignation on June 28, 2021, after he lost a confidence vote in parliament. The 63-year-old Lofven is the **first Swedish government leader** to be defeated by a no-confidence vote. He was serving as the prime minister of Sweden since 2014.
- The **European Space Agency** will hire and launch the **world's first physically disabled astronaut**. It received 22000 applicants for this recruitment call. ESA is developing technologies for para-astronaut. It will give a message to the world that '**Space is for everyone**'.
- **Philippines** has been included in the grey list of the **Financial Action Task Force (FATF)**. FATF has released its grey list of jurisdictions that will be subjected to increased monitoring. In addition to the **Philippines, Haiti, Malta, and South Sudan** have also been added to the grey list. Now, these jurisdictions will be required to submit progress reports to the FATF thrice a year. The Philippines was removed from the blacklist of FATF in **2005**. It was previously included in FATF's blacklist in **2000**.
- The **Government of China** officially turned on the first two generating units of the **Baihetan Dam**, the world's second-biggest hydroelectric dam, to start generating energy. The Baihetan Dam is set up on the **Jinsha River**, in southwestern China.
- The **World Bank** has announced additional funding of **\$8 billion for Covid-19 vaccines**, for developing countries. With this, the total financing available for the Covid-19 vaccine reaches **\$20 billion**. Earlier the World Bank had announced **\$12 billion** for the same. This funding will be used over the next **18 months till 2022 end**.

- Following a 70-year effort, **China** has been awarded a **malaria-free certification from WHO** - a notable feat for a country that reported 30 million cases of the disease annually in the 1940s. China is the first country in the **WHO Western Pacific Region** to be awarded a malaria-free certification in more than 3 decades. Other countries in the region that have achieved this status include Australia (1981), Singapore (1982) and Brunei Darussalam (1987).

Agreements/MoUs Signed

- The **Jharkhand State Cricket Association (JSCA)** has inked a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with **SAIL Bokaro Steel Plant (BSL)**, for the construction of an **International Cricket Stadium** in **Bokaro city**. Once the stadium is ready, Bokaro will become the third city in Jharkhand to have an International Cricket Stadium after Jamshedpur and Ranchi.
- **Paisabazaar.com**, India's largest lending marketplace & Credit Score platform and **SBM Bank** India, the youngest universal Bank announced the launch of "**Step Up Credit Card**" - a credit-builder product designed for consumers with limited access to formal credit, due to ineligible credit score. It is the first product to be launched under Paisabazaar's neo-lending strategy.
- The **Arun Jaitley National Institute of Financial Management (AJNIFM)** and **Microsoft** announced a strategic partnership to build an AI and emerging technologies centre of excellence at AJNIFM. The collaboration seeks to explore the role of cloud, AI and emerging technologies in transforming and shaping the future of public finance management in India.



Books and Authors

- Journalist **Sundeep Mishra's** book titled '**Fiercely Female: The Dutee Chand Story**' chronicles Chand's journey with a detailed narrative of the gender-identity controversy that made her an iconic figure in Indian sport. The book was published by Westland Books.
- A book titled "**Policymaker's Journal: From New Delhi to Washington, DC**" authored by **Kaushik Basu** released soon. This book charts the course of Kaushik Basu's career over seven years, as he moved out of the cloisters of academe to the frenetic world of policymaking, first in India as Chief Economic Adviser to the Indian Government and after that as Chief Economist at the World Bank in Washington.
- A book titled "**Kashmiri Century: Portrait of a Society in Flux**" authored by **Khemlata Wakhlu**. She is a writer, a political leader and a social worker, who has devoted the past fifty years to using her many talents to improve a lot of the people of Jammu and Kashmir.
- Chief Justice of India Justice **NV Ramana** has released former Supreme Court judge **RV Raveendran's** book "**Anomalies in Law and Justice**". The book is an attempt to explain to the layman that the law and the legal system is still evolving and that it requires more critical thinking to resolve issues that have persisted in the system for a long time. The book covers procedural as well as substantive law relating to civil procedure, electoral reforms and the alternate dispute resolution mechanism.
- The book titled "**Nathuram Godse: The True Story of Gandhi's Assassin**" by Mumbai-based journalist **Dhaval Kulkarni** will be published by **Pan Macmillan India in 2022**. A biography of **Nathuram Godse**, Mahatma Gandhi's infamous assassin, situates the man and his most defining act in the larger context of modern Indian history and contemporary society and politics.

Banking/Economy/Business News

- The oldest commercial bank in the country, **State Bank of India, SBI, is celebrating its 66th year on 1st July**. SBI descends from the Bank of Calcutta founded in 1806 through the Imperial Bank of India.
- **ICICI Bank** has launched India's most comprehensive banking solutions for medical doctors. Titled as '**Salute Doctors**', the solution offers customized banking as well as value-added services for every doctor, beginning from a medical student to a senior medical consultant to an owner of a hospital or a clinic.

- **HDFC Bank** launched a **SalaamDilSey** initiative to show gratitude to doctors for their tireless service during the pandemic, to pay tribute to doctors across the country. SalaamDilSey encourages one and all to take a moment to acknowledge and celebrate the contribution of doctors and provides a platform to show their gratitude to doctors, who are bravely fighting the pandemic, at the risk of their own lives.
- **India Ratings and Research (Ind-Ra)** has projected the GDP growth rate of India for fiscal year FY22 (2021-22) at **9.6 per cent**. Earlier this was estimated at **10.1 per cent** by the rating agency. This rate is, however, contingent upon India vaccinating its entire adult population by December 31, 2021.
- **Amazon** has acquired an American instant messaging app '**Wickr**' to offer secure communications for **businesses, government agencies, and individuals**, who are moving to hybrid work environments, due to the **COVID-19 pandemic**. It must be noted that Wickr offers the most secure, end-to-end encrypted, communication technology, with advanced security features, that are not available with traditional communications services across messaging, voice and video calling, file sharing, and collaboration.
- **Flipkart** has launched **Shopsy**, an app that will enable Indians to start their online businesses without any investment. Flipkart aims to enable over **25 million** online entrepreneurs by **2023** with the help of Shopsy. Users of Shopsy will be able to share catalogues of a wide selection of 15 crore products offered by Flipkart sellers.
- According to the data released by the **Reserve Bank of India**, India reported a current account surplus of **0.9%** of GDP in **FY 21**. In FY 20 there was a current account deficit of **0.9%**. The reason for the Current Account Surplus in FY21 is a sharp contraction in the trade deficit to **US\$ 102.2 billion** from **US\$ 157.5 billion** in 2019-20. India has seen a Current account surplus for the first time in **17 years**.

Appointments/Resignations

- The incumbent Vigilance Commissioner, **Suresh N Patel** has been appointed as the acting **Central Vigilance Commissioner (CVC) of India** in the Central Vigilance Commission with effect. He has been appointed in place of **Sanjay Kothari**, who completed his term on June 23, 2021. He will remain on the post until the appointment of the new Central Vigilance Commissioner.

- The **Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC)** has approved the appointment of **Praveen Sinha** as the Special Director of the **Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)**. Special Director is the second senior-most position in the agency after the Director.
- **Twitter** has announced the appointment of California-based **Jeremy Kessel** as the new **Grievance Officer for India**. Kessel is the Global Legal Policy Director of Twitter. The appointment of Grievance Officer by social media companies is mandated under the new **Information Technology Rules, 2021**.
- **WhatsApp** has appointed former **Amazon executive Manesh Mahatme** as a director to lead the growth of its payments business in India. As Director, **WhatsApp Payments-India**, Mahatme will focus on enhancing the payments experience for users, scaling the service and work towards contributing to the messaging app's vision of digital and financial inclusion in India.
- Justice (Retd.) **Shambhu Nath Srivastava**, a former judge of Allahabad High Court and former chief Lokayukta of Chhattisgarh, has been appointed the chairman of the **Indian Federation of United Nations Associations (IFUNA)**.
- The **Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC)** has extended the tenure of **NITI Aayog Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Amitabh Kant**, by one year till **June 30, 2022**. This is for the third time that Kant's tenure has been extended. Mr Kant was first appointed as the CEO of the federal policy think tank on February 17, 2016, for a fixed two-year term.

- Air Marshal **Vivek Ram Chaudhari** will be the new Vice Chief of Indian Air Force succeeding Air Marshal **Harjit Singh Arora**. Air Marshal Chaudhari is currently serving as commander-in-chief of the IAF's Western Air Command (WAC) that looks after the security of the country's air space in the sensitive Ladakh sector as well as various other parts of north India. Air Marshal Arora retired from service and Air Marshal Chaudhari is likely to take charge of the new assignment.

Defence News

- The **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** successfully test-fired an extended-range version of the indigenously developed **Pinaka rocket**. The rockets were launched from a **Multi-Barrel Rocket Launcher (MBRL)** at Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur off the coast of Odisha. The enhanced range version of the Pinaka Rocket System can destroy targets at distances up to 45 km.
- The **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** successfully flight-tested a New Generation Nuclear-Capable Ballistic Missile "**Agni P (Prime)**" from **Dr APJ Abdul Kalam island** off the coast of **Odisha, Balasore**. As per Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) officials, Agni-Prime is a new generation advanced variant of the Agni class of missiles.
- **Ukraine** and the **United States** launched joint naval exercises "**Sea Breeze drills**" in the **Black Sea** in a show of Western cooperation with Kiev as it faces off with **Russia**. The drills come just days after the **British Royal Navy's HMS Defender** passed near Russian-annexed Crimea in the Black Sea, with Moscow saying it fired warning shots at the destroyer to ward it off.
- **Turkey and Azerbaijan** have begun joint military drills "**Mustafa Kemal Atatürk - 2021**" in **Baku**, deploying tanks, helicopters and drones in an effort to improve the two countries' combat interoperability. The exercises involve up to 600 personnel in an effort to improve the allies' combat interoperability.
- **Israeli** defence electronics company **Rafael Advanced Defense Systems** has unveiled **Sea Breaker**, a 5th generation long-range, autonomous, precision-guided missile system, which can precisely target sea and land targets up to a range of 300 kilometres.



- **Indian Navy warship** conducted military drill with **South Korean vessel** in the **East China Sea**. The Navy partnership exercise is aimed at enhancing interoperability and facilitating the exchange of best practices with partner navies in the maritime domain. Indian Navy's indigenous **ASW Corvette INS Kiltan** undertook the exercise with Republic of Korea's Ship **ROKS Gyeongnam**, a Daegu-class frigate, on June 28.
- India's 1st indigenous drone defence dome '**Indrajaal**' has been developed by **Hyderabad-based Grene Robotics**. As per the company, the drone defence dome - 'Indrajaal' is capable of autonomously protecting an area of **1000-2000 sq km** against aerial threats. It protects the area by assessing and acting on aerial threats such as **Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs)**, and **Low-Radar Cross Section (RCS) targets**.

Awards and Recognitions

- French author **Emmanuel Carrere**, popular for his non-fiction books in a high literary vein, has been granted this year's **Spanish Princess of Asturias Literature Award**. The 50000-euro award is one of the 8 prestigious prizes by the foundation named after the heir to the Spanish throne, **Princess Leonor**. The 8 prizes cover different disciplines-arts, social sciences, sports etc.
- Engineers India Limited (EIL) Chairman & Managing Director (CMD), **RK Sabharwal** has been honoured with the highest civilian award of Mongolia '**The Order of Polar Star**' by his excellency. The President of Mongolia recognises the outstanding contribution made by him towards the establishment of the **first-ever oil refinery in Mongolia**.
- Journalist **Palagummi Sainath** has been awarded the **Fukuoka Grand Prize for 2021**. He is a committed journalist who has continued to investigate impoverished farming villages in India and captured the reality of the lifestyle of the residents in such areas. The award, established by **Japan's Fukuoka city and the Fukuoka City International Foundation**, is given to individuals and organisations for their work in preserving Asian culture.
- Freelance filmmaker **Deepti Pillay Sivan's** most touted documentary, "**Decoding Shankar**" about the life and career of the celebrated musician **Shankar Mahadevan**, recently won the Best Film Award in the Documentary section (Best Biographical) at the **Toronto International Women Film Festival, 2021**.

- The **Kuvempu Rashtriya Puraskar**, the national award instituted in memory of late poet laureate Kuvempu, has been awarded to renowned Odia poet **Dr. Rajendra Kishore Panda** for the year 2020. The prestigious award carries a cash award of **Rs 5 lakh**, a silver medal, and a citation.

Summit and Conference

- The **7th edition** of the **Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS)**, concluded in **France** on July 01, 2021. The biennial event was hosted by the **French Navy at La Réunion** from 28 June to 01 July 2021. From India, **Admiral Karambir Singh**, Chief of the Naval Staff, Indian Navy, participated in the inaugural session of the event virtually. **France** is the current chair of the Symposium, which assumed the Chairmanship on 29 June 2021 for a two-year tenure.
- **Andhra Pradesh Governor Biswa Bhushan Harichandan** inaugurated the **two-day International Education e-Conference**. The Conference held on the **theme of Holistic Education for Excellence in Life**.

Ranks and Reports

- **Ashgabat**, the capital of **Turkmenistan** in Central Asia, has been named the world's most **expensive city for foreign workers**. The city topped the list in a 2021 cost-of-living survey by consultancy firm **Mercer**. **Hong Kong** was on the second position, followed by **Beirut** in Lebanon and **Tokyo** in Japan.
- **India** has been ranked as the **10th best country** in the world in the **Global Cybersecurity Index (GCI) 2020**, released by **International Telecommunication Union (ITU)**. The GCI 2020 is the fourth edition of the annual index and ranked 194 countries. The GCI measures the commitment of countries to cybersecurity at a global level.
- **India** stands at the **20th spot** among the top 100 countries that have been ranked in the **Global Startup Ecosystem Index 2021** by **Startup Blink**. Like last year, **the US, the UK, Israel, Canada and Germany** are in the top five spots this year too and continue their lead.

Sports News

- **Cristiano Ronaldo** has become the joint-top scoring **men's international player of all time**. He is currently tied with Iran legend **Ali Daei**, who scored **109 times in 149 matches** between 1993 and 2006.

- **Max Verstappen** (Netherlands-Red Bull) has won the **2021 Styrian Grand Prix**. This is the fourth win of Verstappen in the 2021 Formula One season.
- The ace Indian archer **Deepika Kumari**, created a new world record as she claimed three back-to-back gold medals in a single day, during the **Archery World Cup Stage 3**, held in **Paris**. The Ranchi daughter claimed gold in each of **women's recurve individual, team and mixed pair events**. India topped the medals tally with four gold medals. The fourth gold medal came by **Abhishek Verma**, from men's individual event in the compound section.
- **ICC Men's T20 World Cup**, originally slated to be held in **India**, will now be shifted to the **UAE**. The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), which holds the hosting rights of this year's event, will inform the **International Cricket Council (ICC)** in this regard. The T20 World Cup was postponed last year due to the pandemic.
- Madhya Pradesh all-rounder **Anshula Rao** became the **first women cricketer** to be handed a four-year ban after failing the dope test. She was handed the ban by the panel of the **National Anti-Doping Agency** for faking a dope test which dates back to July 2020.
- Opener **Shafali Verma** has become the youngest Indian cricketer to make a debut in all formats, when India took on England in the first ODI in Bristol. She took **17 years and 150 days** to make her debut in all formats. She has become the fifth-youngest cricketer overall in the list of all format debuts.
- India's **Rahi Sarnobat** clinched the **gold medal** in the women's **25m pistol** event at the **ISSF shooting World Cup**. She is the first Indian to win one silver and two bronze medals in the ongoing tournament. She scored 591 out of a maximum of 600 in the qualifying stage.



- Indian-origin American **Abhimanyu Mishra** has become the youngest-ever chess Grandmaster in the world. At **12 years, four months and 25 days**, he obliterated the long-standing record held by **Sergey Karjakin**, who was **12 years and seven months** old when he attained the title. Three years ago, India's **R Praggnanandhaa** had almost surpassed him but missed the opportunity by a whisker.
- Indian wrestler **Sumit Malik** was banned for two years by the sport's world governing body UWW after his B sample also returned positive for a prohibited stimulant.
- Top para high-jumper **Mariyappan Thangavelu** was named the **flag-bearer of the Indian contingent** in the **Tokyo Paralympics**, which begins on **August 24**.

Important Days

- The **United Nations Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises Day** is held on **June 27** since **2017** to celebrate the work of MSME in local and global economies and their contribution to sustainable development. In 2021, the theme is **"MSME 2021: key to an inclusive and sustainable recovery."**
- The **United Nations** observe **29 June** as **International Day of the Tropics**. The International Day of the Tropics celebrates the extraordinary diversity of the tropics while highlighting unique challenges and opportunities nations of the Tropics face.
- **International Asteroid Day** is observed globally on **30th June** every year. International Asteroid Day aims to raise public awareness about the asteroid impact hazard and to inform the public about the crisis communication actions to be taken at the global level in case of a credible near-Earth object threat.
- **International Day of Parliamentarism** is observed globally on **30 June** every year. The International Day of Parliamentarism is a time to review the progress that parliaments have made in achieving some key goals to be more representative and move with the times, including carrying out self-assessments, working to include more women and young MPs, and adapting to new technologies.
- The **National Postal Worker Day** is marked every year on **July 1** globally in recognition of the contribution made by postal workers in our society. The day is a unique opportunity to say 'thank you not only to postmen but also to all delivery personnel, as online shopping has become a lifeline for many of us.

- **National Chartered Accountants Day or CA Day** is celebrated on **July 1** every year. This day is celebrated to commemorate the finding of the **Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI)** by the parliament of India in **1949**. Every year on the day of the establishment of the ICAI, CA Day is celebrated to honour the Chartered Accountant.
- The **National Doctors' Day** is organized on **01 July** annually in India by the **Indian Medical Association (IMA)**. The day is celebrated to honour the great physicians and help us understand the importance of doctors in our lives and value them, to offer them our respects by commemorating one of their greatest representatives.
- **World Sports Journalists Day** is observed globally on **2nd July** every year. The day aims to acknowledge the work of sports journalists & to encourage them to do better at their work. Sports journalists help millions of people in the world to receive information on various sports.
- The **World UFO Day (WUD)** is held on **July 2** every year globally. It is a day dedicated to the existence of **Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO)** by the **World UFO Day Organization (WUFODO)**.
- The **United Nations** celebrates the **International Day of Cooperatives** every year on the **first Saturday of July** to increase awareness of cooperatives. In the year **2021**, the International Day of Cooperatives will be celebrated on **3rd July** with a focus on the contribution of cooperatives to combating climate change. This July 3rd, the International Day of Cooperatives (#CoopsDay) will be celebrated as **"Rebuild better together"**.

Obituaries

- Mollywood's veteran cinematographer and director, **Sivan** passed away recently. The ace cinematographer rose to fame in the Malayalam film industry with the photographs, he took for a film titled Chemeen. He has won a National Award three times in his career. His popular films include **Abhayam, Yagam, Keshu, Kochu Kochu Mohangal, Oru Yathra, etc.**
- Editor of 'Sudharma' Sanskrit Daily, **K.V. Sampath Kumar** has passed away. He, along with his wife, was selected for the **Padma Shri honour** from the **Government of India in 2020** for his contribution to the field of **Literature & Education**. He has also received several awards like the **Siddarudha award, the Shivaratri Deshikendra Media award, the Abdul Kalam award** and others.

- Filmmaker **Raj Kaushal**, who directed movies like **"Shaadi Ka Laddoo"** and **"Pyaar Mein Kabhi Kabhi"**, passed away. He was married to actor-TV presenter Mandira Bedi. Apart from direction, Kaushal had also produced filmmaker **Onir's 2005** acclaimed drama **"My Brother... Nikhil"**, starring Sanjay Suri and Juhi Chawla. His last directorial was the 2006 thriller, **"Anthony Kaun Hai?"**, starring Arshad Warsi and Sanjay Dutt.
- Former Indian footballer **M Prasannan** has passed away. A gifted midfielder of the **1970s**, he shared the dressing room with stalwarts of Indian football like **Inder Singh and Doraiswamy Natraj**. He played for **Kerala, Maharashtra, and Goa in Santosh Trophy National Football Championship**.
- **Donald Rumsfeld**, the two-time defence secretary and the one-time presidential candidate whose reputation as a skilled bureaucrat and visionary of a modern US military was unravelled by the long and costly Iraq war, died recently. Rumsfeld is the only person to serve twice as Pentagon chief. The first time, in **1975-77, he was the youngest ever**.

Miscellaneous News

- Lieutenant Governor J&K, **Manoj Sinha** has launched the **"HAUSLA- inspiring her growth"**, a comprehensive programme for Catalysing Women Entrepreneurship in UT. The priority of the government is to reduce the gap between women and men entrepreneurs, in a systematic manner and to encourage women who are currently engaged in various professions so that they too can become a part of the **'Hausla' program**.
- J&K Chief Secretary, **Arun Kumar Mehta**, inaugurated SDRF first Battalion's 24x7 mental health helpline **'SUKOON'** at its headquarters. This initiative, launched by **SDRF First Battalion Kashmir** in collaboration with **Mission Youth J&K** and Tourism department, will guide the caller to avail services of clinical psychologists, therapists, counsellors and psychiatrists.
- On July 1, India's oldest running newspaper, **Mumbai Samachar**, will enter its **200th year**. The Gujarati newspaper, with its office located in an iconic red building at Horniman Circle in Mumbai's Fort area, was first published in **1822**. It was founded by a **Parsi scholar Fardoonji Murazban**, who had experimented with various other publishing options before landing on this successful print run.

- A group of scientists who discovered two **new species of jumping spiders** from the Thane-Kalyan region named one of them after the brave police constable **Tukaram Omble** who lost his life in the **26/11 terror attacks**. The species is called '**Icius Tukarami**.'

Static Takeaways

- Kerala CM: Pinarayi Vijayan.
- Kerala Governor: Arif Mohammad Khan.
- World Bank Headquarters: Washington, D.C., United States.
- World Bank Formation: July 1944.
- World Bank President: David Malpass.
- Goa Capital: Panaji.
- Governor of Goa: Bhagat Singh Koshyari.
- Chief Minister of Goa: Pramod Sawant.
- Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh: YS Jagan Mohan Reddy; Governor: Biswa Bhusan Harichandan.
- Chief Minister of Uttarakhand: Tirath Singh Rawat;
- Governor of Uttarakhand: Baby Rani Maurya.
- Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh: YS Jagan Mohan Reddy; Governor: Biswa Bhusan Harichandan.
- Sweden Capital: Stockholm; Currency: Swedish krona.
- European Space Agency is an intergovernmental organization of 22 member states;
- European Space Agency was established in 1975 and headquartered in Paris.
- Philippines President: Rodrigo Duterte.
- Philippines Capital: Manila.
- Philippines Currency: Philippine peso.
- China Capital: Beijing.
- China Currency: Renminbi.
- China President: Xi Jinping.

- Chief Minister of Jharkhand: Hemant Soren;
- Governor: Shrimati Droupadi Murmu.
- Paisabazaar Founded: 15 December 2011;
- Paisabazaar Founders: Naveen Kukreja, Yashish Dahiya.
- SBI Chairperson: Dinesh Kumar Khara.
- SBI Headquarters: Mumbai.
- SBI Founded: 1 July 1955.
- ICICI Bank Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- ICICI Bank MD & CEO: Sandeep Bakhshi.
- ICICI Bank Tagline: Hum Hai Na, Khayal Apka.
- Headquarters of HDFC Bank: Mumbai, Maharashtra;
- MD and CEO of HDFC Bank: Sashidhar Jagdishan;
- The tagline of HDFC Bank: We understand your world.
- Amazon CEO: Jeff Bezos (May 1996–5 Jul 2021);
- Amazon Founded: 5 July 1994.
- Flipkart headquarters: Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- Flipkart CEO: Kalyan Krishnamurthy.
- Central Vigilance Commission Formed: February 1964;
- Central Vigilance Commission Headquarters: New Delhi.
- Central Bureau of Investigation Headquarters: New Delhi;
- Central Bureau of Investigation Founded: 1 April 1963.
- Chief Executive Officer of Twitter: Jack Dorsey.
- Twitter formed: 21 March 2006.
- Headquarters of Twitter: San Francisco, California, United States.
- WhatsApp Founded: 2009;
- WhatsApp CEO: Will Cathcart (Mar 2019–);
- WhatsApp Headquarters: Menlo Park, California, United States;
- WhatsApp Acquisition date: 19 February 2014;
- WhatsApp Founders: Jan Koum, Brian Acton;
- WhatsApp Parent organization: Facebook.
- NITI Aayog Formed: 1 January 2015.
- NITI Aayog Headquarters: New Delhi.
- NITI Aayog Chairperson: Narendra Modi.
- Air Chief Marshal: Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria.
- Indian Airforce founded: 8 October 1932.
- Indian Airforce Headquarters: New Delhi.
- Ukraine President: Volodymyr Zelensky;
- Ukraine Capital: Kyiv;
- Ukraine Currency: Ukrainian hryvnia;
- US Capital: Washington, D.C.;

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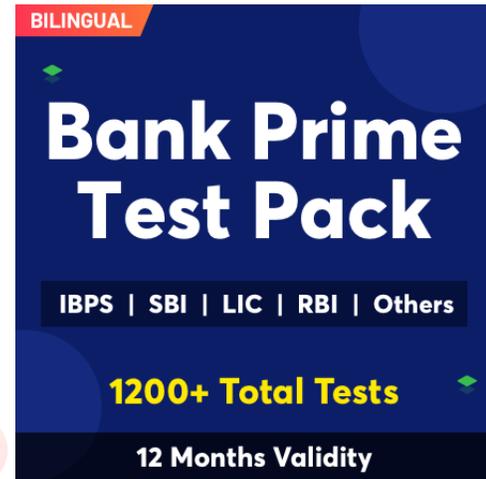


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- US President: Joe Biden;
- US Currency: United States Dollar.
- Turkey President: Recep Tayyip Erdogan;
- Turkey Capital: Ankara;
- Turkey Currency: Turkish lira;
- Azerbaijan Capital: Baku;
- Azerbaijan Prime minister: Ali Asadov;
- Azerbaijan President: Ilham Aliyev;
- Azerbaijan Currency: Azerbaijani manat.
- Israel Prime minister: Naftali Bennett;
- Israel Capital: Jerusalem; Currency: Israeli Shekel.
- Chief of Naval Staff: Admiral Karambir Singh.
- Indian Navy Founded: 26 January 1950.
- International Telecommunication Union
Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland;
- International Telecommunication Union Founded:
17 May 1865;
- International Telecommunication Union Head:
Secretary-General; Houlin Zhao.
- Secretary of BCCI: Jay Shah.
- President of BCCI: Sourav Ganguly.
- Headquarters of BCCI: Mumbai, Maharashtra;
Founded: December 1928.
- Inter-Parliamentary Union Headquarters: Geneva,
Switzerland.
- Inter-Parliamentary Union President: Gabriela
Cuevas Barron.

- Inter-Parliamentary Union Founded: 1889.
- Inter-Parliamentary Union Secretary-General:
Martin Chungong.
- Institute of Chartered Accountants of India
Headquarters: New Delhi.
- President of ICAI: CA Nihar N Jambusaria.
- International Sports Press Association of
Headquarters: Lausanne, Switzerland.
- International Sports Press Association of President:
Gianni Merlo.
- China Capital: Beijing;
- China Currency: Renminbi;
- China President: Xi Jinping.



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