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The Most Important Current Affairs September 2021

Tokyo Paralympics 2020: India finishes 24th with record 19 medals

- ⇒ India finished their campaign at the Tokyo Paralympics 2020 with an all-time high of **19 medals** which includes five gold, eight silver, and six bronze. This is the best medal tally for India a single edition of the Paralympic Games.
- ⇒ India is placed at **24th position** in the overall medal tally out of a total of **162 nations**.
- ⇒ Tokyo Paralympics was the **16th Summer Paralympic Games**, held in Tokyo, Japan from **August 24, to September 05, 2021**.
- ⇒ **Badminton and Taekwondo** were inducted for the first time in Tokyo Paralympics.
- ⇒ Team **China** topped the final medal tally at Tokyo Paralympic Games. The country won a total of **207 medals** (96 golds, 60 silvers and 51 bronzes). **United Kingdom (124)** gets the second position followed by the **USA (104)**.
- ⇒ The closing ceremony was entitled '**Harmonious Cacophony**' and involved both able-bodied actors and others with disabilities. The theme was described by organizers as a '**world inspired by the Paralympics, one where differences shine**'.

Indian Flag Bearers:

- ⇒ Javelin thrower **Tek Chand** was the flag bearer at the opening ceremony of the Tokyo Paralympics.
- ⇒ Shooter **Avani Lekhara** was India's flag-bearer at the closing ceremony.

India at Paralympics 2020:

- ⇒ India sent its biggest ever contingent of **54 para-athletes** at Tokyo Paralympics to compete across as many as 9 sporting disciplines at the Games.
- ⇒ The Indian theme song of Paralympics 2020 "**Kar de kamaal tu**". The composer and singer of the song is **Sanjeev Singh**, a Divyang cricket player from Lucknow.

List of Indian medal winners of Tokyo Paralympics 2020:

Gold

- Athletics: **Sumit Antil (Men's Javelin Throw)**
- Badminton: **Pramod Bhagat (Men's Singles)**
- Badminton: **Krishna Nagar (Men's Singles)**
- Shooting: **Manish Narwal (Mixed 50m Pistol)**
- Shooting: **Avani Lekhara (Women's 10m Air Rifle Standing)**

Silver

- Athletics: **Yogesh Kathuniya (Men's Discus Throw)**
- Athletics: **Nishad Kumar (Men's High Jump)**
- Athletics: **Mariyappan Thangavelu (Men's High Jump)**
- Athletics: **Praveen Kumar (Men's High Jump)**
- Athletics: **Devendra Jhajharia (Men's Javelin Throw)**
- Badminton: **Suhas Yathiraj (Men's Singles)**
- Shooting: **Singhraj Adhana (Mixed 50m Pistol)**
- Table Tennis: **Bhavina Patel (Women's Singles)**

Bronze

- Archery: **Harvinder Singh (Men's Individual Recurve)**
- Athletics: **Sharad Kumar (Men's High Jump)**
- Athletics: **Sundar Singh Gurjar (Men's Javelin Throw)**
- Badminton: **Manoj Sarkar (Men's Singles)**
- Shooting: **Singhraj Adhana (Men's 10m Air Pistol)**
- Shooting: **Avani Lekhara (Women's 50m Rifle 3 Positions)**

9 new Supreme Court judges, including 3 women, takes oath

- ⇒ **Nine** new judges, including three women, have been administered the oath of office as **judges** of the Supreme Court by Chief Justice of India (CJI) **NV Ramana**.
- ⇒ The strength of the Supreme Court would go up to **33**, including the CJI, out of the sanctioned strength of **34**, after the swearing-in of the nine new judges.
- ⇒ Three out of these nine new judges — **Justice Vikram Nath and Justice BV Nagarathna and Justice PS Narasimha** — are in line to become the chief justice of India.
- ⇒ This is the first time that nine judges were sworn in together in the history of the top court. Traditionally, new judges take the oath of office in the CJI's courtroom, but due to that Covid pandemic, the swearing-in ceremony would be held in the auditorium of the Supreme Court's additional building complex.



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Ramon Magsaysay Award 2021 names announced

- ⇒ **Ramon Magsaysay Award 2021** awardees announced. The winners will be formally awarded the Magsaysay Award during the November 28 event at the **Ramon Magsaysay Centre in Manila**.
- ⇒ Among the awardees is **Dr Firdousi Qadri** of Bangladesh and **Muhammad Amjad Saqib** of Pakistan, as well as Philippine fisheries and community environmentalist **Roberto Ballon**, American citizen **Steven Munci**, who works for humanitarian work and help refugees, and Indonesian **WatchDoc** for investigative journalism.

List of awardees of Ramon Magsaysay Awards 2021:

- **Muhammad Amjad Saqib**: A visionary who founded one of the largest microfinance institutions in Pakistan, servicing millions of families.
- **Firdausi Qadri**: A Bangladeshi scientist who has been instrumental in discovering vaccines that have saved millions of lives.
- **Steven Muncy**: A humanitarian who has been helping the displaced refugees of Southeast Asia rebuild their lives.
- **WatchDoc**: A production house that ingeniously combines documentary filmmaking and alternative platforms to highlight underreported issues in Indonesia.
- **Roberto Ballon**: A fisherman from Southern Philippines who has led a community in restoring their rich aquatic resources and their primary source of livelihood.

Govt introduces "Bharat series (BH-series)" registration

- ⇒ **Ministry of Road Transport & Highways** has introduced a new registration mark for new vehicles i.e. "**Bharat series (BH-series)**". The vehicles bearing the BH-series mark will not have to require the assignment of a new registration mark when the owner of the vehicle shifts from one State to another.
- ⇒ **Who can apply for "BH-Series"?**
This facility is available on a voluntary basis to **Defense personnel, employees of Central Government/ State Government/ Central/ State Public Sector Undertakings** and private sector companies/organizations, which have their offices in **four or more States/Union territories**.

Format of Bharat series (BH-series) Registration Mark:

- YY – Year of first registration
- BH- Code for Bharat Series
- ####- 0000 to 9999 (randomized)
- XX- Alphabets (AA to ZZ)
- The motor vehicle tax will be levied for two years or in multiple of two. This scheme will facilitate the free movement of personal vehicles across States/UTs of India upon relocation to a new State/UT.

University of Oxford tops Times World University Rankings 2022

- ⇒ The Times Higher Education (THE) **World University Rankings 2022** has been announced. The **University of Oxford** is at the top of the list, followed by the **California Institute of Technology** and **Harvard University** at the second and third positions, respectively. The Indian Institute of Science (IISc), **Bengaluru**, is placed between the 301-350 position.

Three Indian educational institutes have found a place in the top 400 list:

1. IISc Bangalore – 301-350 bracket
2. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Ropar – 351-400 bracket.
3. IIT Indore – 401-500 bracket.

Top 3 Universities in the world:

1. University of Oxford, UK
2. California Institute of Technology, US
3. Harvard University, US

PM Modi, Mamata Banerjee among TIME's 100 Most Influential People list

- ⇒ **TIME magazine** unveiled its annual list of 'The 100 Most Influential People of 2021'.
- ⇒ Prime Minister **Narendra Modi**, West Bengal Chief Minister **Mamata Banerjee** and Serum Institute of India CEO **Adar Poonawalla** named among the world's 100 most influential people of 2021 by TIME magazine.
- ⇒ **A global list that includes:**
- US President Joe Biden,
 - US Vice President Kamala Harris,
 - Chinese President Xi Jinping,
 - Duke and Duchess of Sussex Prince Harry and Meghan,
 - Former US President Donald Trump and
 - Co-founder of the Taliban Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar.

US Open 2021 Concludes: Complete List of Winners

- ⇒ In the men's category, **Daniil Medvedev** has lifted his first Grand Slam trophy after defeating **Novak Djokovic** in the US Open men's singles final at the Arthur Ashe Stadium in New York.
- ⇒ In the women's category, Great Britain's tennis player **Emma Raducanu** defeated Canada's **Leylah Annie Fernandez** to win the 2021 US Open women's singles final title.
- ⇒ **Complete List of Winners in Different Categories:**

Category	Winner	Runner Up
Men's Singles	Daniil Medvedev	Novak Djokovic
Women's Singles	Emma Raducanu	Leylah Annie Fernandez
Men's Doubles	Ram/Salisbury	Jamie Murray/ Bruno Soares
Women's Doubles	Stosur/Zhang	Coco Gauff/ McNally
Mixed Doubles	Krawczyk /Salisbury	Giuliana Olmos/ Marcelo Arevalo

Joe Root, Eimear Richardson named ICC Players of the Month for August

- ⇒ England Test skipper **Joe Root** and Ireland's **Eimear Richardson** have been voted as the winners of the **ICC Players of the Month for August 2021**.

Hindi Diwas celebrated on 14 September

- ⇒ **Hindi Diwas** or **Hindi Day** is observed every year on **14 September** to mark the popularity of Hindi as an official language of India.
- ⇒ The language was adopted under **Article 343** of the Indian Constitution. The first Hindi day was celebrated on **14th September 1953**.

IIT Madras Retains Top Spot in Overall Category of NIRF India Ranking 2021

- ⇒ The Union Minister of Education, **Dharmendra Pradhan** released the **NIRF India Rankings 2021**. It is the sixth edition of the annual list which ranks higher educational institutions in the country based on objective criteria to promote competitive excellence.
- ⇒ In Overall Winner: **The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras** has retained the top spot in the overall category.

List of Winners:

- Overall: Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras)
- University: Indian Institute of Science, (IISc) Bangalore
- Management: Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Ahmedabad
- College: Miranda House, Delhi
- Medical: All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Delhi
- Engineering: Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras
- Architecture: Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee
- Research Institutions: Indian Institute of Science, (IISc) Bangalore

Uttarakhand, Punjab, Tamil Nadu get new governors

- ⇒ President **Ram Nath Kovind** appointed **Lt Gen Gurmit Singh**, who retired as the deputy chief of Army, governor of Uttarakhand, a post which fell vacant after **Baby Rani Maurya** tendered her resignation.
- ⇒ President also appointed **Banwarilal Purohit**, currently the Governor of Tamil Nadu, as the Governor of **Punjab**.
- ⇒ **R.N.Ravi**, presently the Governor of Nagaland, has been made the Governor of **Tamil Nadu**.
- ⇒ Professor **Jagdish Mukhi**, Governor of Assam is appointed to discharge the functions of the Governor of **Nagaland** in addition to his own duties until regular arrangements are made.

73rd Emmy award 2021 announced

- ⇒ **73rd Primetime Emmy Awards** ceremony held in **Los Angeles, California**. It is hosted by **Cedric the Entertainer** on CBS.

List of Important Winners for the 2021 Emmy Awards:

- **Outstanding Drama Series:** The Crown
- **Outstanding Comedy Series:** Ted Lasso
- **Outstanding Limited Series:** The Queen's Gambit
- **Outstanding Actor–Comedy:** Jason Sudeikis (Ted Lasso)
- **Outstanding Actor–Drama:** Josh O'Connor
- **Outstanding Actor–Limited Series or Movie:** Ewan McGregor (Halston)
- **Outstanding Actress–Comedy:** Jean Smart (Hacks)
- **Outstanding Actress–Drama:** Olivia Colman (The Crown)
- **Outstanding Actress–Limited Series or Movie:** Kate Winslet (Mare of Easttown)
- **Outstanding Director–Comedy:** Lucia Aniello (Hacks)
- **Outstanding Director–Drama:** Jessica Hobbs (The Crown)
- **Outstanding Director–Limited Series, Movie or Dramatic Special:** Scott Frank (The Queen's Gambit)

Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka bags Global Goalkeeper Award 2021

- ⇒ **Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation** announced its annual Goalkeepers 'Global Goals Awards' 2021, as part of its annual Goalkeepers campaign.
- ⇒ Goalkeepers is the foundation's campaign to accelerate progress towards the **Sustainable Development Goals (Global Goals)**.

Award were given in following categories:

- ⇒ **2021 Global Goalkeeper Award:**
Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, former United Nations under-secretary-general & executive director of UN Women.
- ⇒ **2021 Progress Award:**
Jenifer Colpas from Colombia, for her work which centres around improving access to clean water & sanitation.
- ⇒ **2021 Campaign Award:**
Satta Sheriff of Liberia, for her work promoting gender equality.

India ranks 46th in Global Innovation Index 2021

- ⇒ **India** ranked at **46th place** in the **Global Innovation Index 2021** released by **World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)**. The Index 2021 captures the innovation ecosystem performance of 132 economies & tracks the most recent global innovation trends.
- ⇒ **Top 5 countries in Global Innovation Index 2021 rankings:**

Rank	Country	Score
1st	Switzerland	65.5
2nd	Sweden	63.1
3rd	United States of America	61.3

- ⇒ Global Innovation Index (GII) provides detailed metrics about the innovation performance of 132 countries & economies around the world.

FSSAI's 3rd State Food Safety Index 2021 released

- ⇒ Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare, **Mansukh Mandaviya** released the Food Safety & Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)'s **3rd State Food Safety Index (SFSI)** to measure the performance of States across five parameters of food safety.
- ⇒ **List of nine leading States/UTs in the Index:**

Larger States:

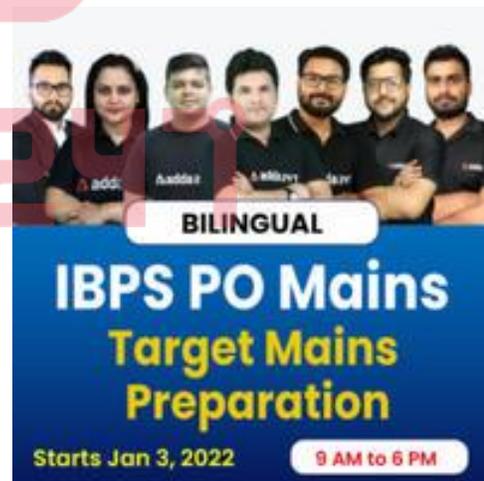
- Gujarat
- Kerala
- Tamil Nadu

Smaller States:

- Goa
- Meghalaya
- Manipur

Among UTs:

- Jammu & Kashmir
- Andaman & Nicobar Islands
- New Delhi



Banking Current Affairs
RBI in News

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1.	RBI increased the limit of fund transfer under the Indo-Nepal Remittance Facility Scheme from Rs 50,000 per transaction to Rs 2 lakh per transaction. The ceiling limit of 12 transactions in a year also removed. For cash-based transfers, the per transaction limit of Rs 50,000 will still be present with a maximum number of transfers 12 in a year.
2.	RBI imposed a monetary penalty of Rs 25 lakh on Axis Bank for violating certain provisions of know your customer (KYC) norms.
3.	RBI announced the theme for the Third Cohort under the Regulatory Sandbox (RS) as ' MSME Lending '. Regulatory Sandbox (RS) refers to live testing of new products or services in a controlled/test regulatory environment for which regulators may (or may not) permit certain regulatory relaxations for the limited purpose of the testing.
4.	RBI imposed a monetary penalty of Rs 1 lakh on Jila Sahakari Kendriya Bank Maryadit of Madhya Pradesh for violation of directions issued by the central bank on Know Your Customer (KYC).
5.	RBI imposed a penalty of Rs. 2.44 lakh on Spice Money Limited for contravention of certain norms. Spice Money is one of the largest Rural Fintech Companies in India.
6.	RBI has taken public sector lender UCO Bank out of the Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) framework on improvement in financial and credit profile.
	RBI allowed lenders/banks to transfer of loans that have been classified as fraud by these lenders to Asset Reconstruction Companies (ARCs) . Stressed loans including fraud loans that are in default for more than 60 days or classified as NPA are permitted to be transferred to ARCs.
	RBI issued guidelines regarding the Securitisation of Standard Assets . As per this, the minimum ticket size for the issuance of securitization notes will be Rs. 1 crore .
	RBI set the limit for Ways and Means Advances (WMA) for the second half of the financial year 2021-22 i.e October 2021 to March 2022 at Rs. 50,000 crores .
	RBI imposed a penalty of Rs 2 crore on RBL Bank for non-compliance with provisions of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 .
	RBI fined the Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) State Co-operative Bank, Srinagar with an Rs 11 lakh penalty for inadequacy in regulatory adherence.
	RBI announced the removal of Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) restrictions on Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) .

Public Sector Banks in News

State Bank of India	Opened a floating ATM on a Houseboat at Dal Lake in Jammu and Kashmir's Srinagar for the convenience of locals and tourists.
Bank of Baroda	Announced the launch of its digital banking platform named ' bob World '. It will provide all banking services under one roof.

Private Sector Banks in News

Karnataka Bank	Launched an all-in-one Point-of-Sales (POS) swiping machine dubbed as ' WisePOSGo ', for its merchant customers to process business payments. It is made in collaboration with Mswipe Technologies Pvt Ltd .
Yes Bank	Partnered with Visa to offer credit cards to its customers, following the regulatory ban on Mastercard by RBI.
Federal Bank	Tie-up with OneCard for a mobile-first credit card that targets the country's young, tech-savvy population.
	As per the Asiamoney 2021 Poll , HDFC Bank received the most votes among listed companies in India, leading to the bank being awarded the ' Overall Most Outstanding Company in India '.

Other Banking Related Current Affairs

- ⇒ **DBS Bank** launched real-time online tracking for cross-border payments for its corporate clients, in partnership with **SWIFT Global Payments Innovation (GPI)**. DBS is the first bank in India and Asia-Pacific to offer this service to corporate clients, at no additional cost.
- ⇒ **Paytm Payments Bank Ltd** launched India's first FASTag-based metro parking facility, at the **Kashmere Gate metro station** in partnership with **Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC)**.

Economy/Financial/Business Current Affairs

- ⇒ **HDFC Life** announced to acquire a **100% stake** in Exide Life Insurance Company in a stock and cash deal, for **Rs 6,887 crore**. Subsequently, Exide Life will be merged with HDFC Life.
- ⇒ **LIC** bought **3.9% stake** in the **Bank of India** through open market acquisition. Now, LIC has **7.05% stake** in **BOI**.
- ⇒ **PhonePe** launched a platform named **PhonePe Pulse**. It is India's first interactive platform with data insights and trends on digital payments.
- ⇒ **ADB & Government of India** signed a **USD 112 million loan** to develop water supply infrastructure and strengthen capacities of **urban local bodies (ULBs)** for improved service delivery in four towns in the state of **Jharkhand**.
- ⇒ **Government of India & the ADB** signed a **USD 300 million loan** as additional financing to scale up the improvement of rural connectivity to help boost the rural economy in the state of **Maharashtra**.
- ⇒ **NPCI** in partnership with **Fiserv Inc.** to launch the plug-and-play RuPay credit card stack, '**nFiNi**'. nFiNi is a ready stack of services required for fintechs and banks to issue RuPay credit cards and will enable fintech to co-create bank-sponsored credit cards. It is a **BaaS (banking-as-a-service) programme**.
- ⇒ **PFRDA** increased the entry age for the **National Pension System (NPS) from 65 years to 70 years**. Earlier the eligible age to invest in NPS was 18-65 years which has now been revised to **18-70 years**.
- ⇒ **Nirmala Sitharaman** chaired the **24th meeting** of the **Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC)**. Finance Minister is the chairperson of FSDC. The FSDC Sub-Committee is chaired by the Governor, RBI. Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC) is the apex level forum set up by the Government of India for strengthening and institutionalizing the mechanism for maintaining financial stability, enhancing inter-regulatory coordination and promoting financial sector development.
- ⇒ **LIC** launched a new mobile app '**PRAGATI**' for the exclusive use of its Development Officers. PRAGATI stands for "**Performance Review Application, Growth And Trend Indicator**".

- ⇒ **LIC** launched the mobile application of its digital paperless solution, "**ANANDA**" for LIC agents. ANANDA stands for **Atma Nirbhar Agents New Business Digital Application**.
- ⇒ **PhonePe** received an insurance broking licence from the **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)**. This means that it can now distribute insurance products from all insurance companies in India, on its platform.
- ⇒ **RuPay** launched a strategic campaign titled - **#FollowPaymentDistancing** to promote and encourage contactless payments among customers.
- ⇒ Netherlands-based **Prosus NV** announced to acquire the Indian digital payments provider **BillDesk** and merge it with its own fintech service business **PayU**. The size of the deal is **\$4.7 billion**.
- ⇒ **Power Finance Corporation Ltd (PFC)** successfully issued its maiden **Euro Green Bond**. The 7-year Euro 300 million Bond has been priced at 1.841 per cent. This Euro Green Bond is the **first-ever** Euro denominated Green bond issuance from India. It is also the first-ever Euro issuance by an Indian NBFC.
- ⇒ **Flipkart** unveiled the introduction of '**Flipkart Boost**,' an integrated initiative designed to help new era digital-first consumer companies to expand their growth to the next level
- ⇒ **GOI** appointed **10 merchant bankers** for managing the Initial Public Offering of **Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)**. The IPO of LIC is likely to be launched in the January-March quarter of 2022.
- ⇒ **Govt.** set up an asset management company (AMC) named **India Debt Resolution Company Ltd (IDRCL)** with a paid-up capital of **Rs. 80.5 lakh** on an authorized capital of **Rs 50 crore**. It will work in tandem with the **National Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd (NARCL)** to clean up **bad loans**.
- ⇒ **Muthoot Finance** joined hands with **Senseforth.ai**, a leader in **Conversational AI** technology to launch '**Mattu**', an AI-powered virtual assistant.



India's GDP Reports by Different Organization

	Name of the Organization	GDP Growth of India predicted
1.	Moody's Investors Service	India's growth forecast for 2021 at 9.6%
2.	Morgan Stanley	GDP growth forecast of India at 10.5% for 2021-22
3.	India's economy grew by 20.1% during the April-June quarter of this financial year, as against a 24.4% contraction seen during the same period last year. For the full financial year 2020-21, India's GDP contracted by 7.3%.	
4.	S&P Global Ratings	GDP growth forecast of India at 9.5% for 2021-22
5.	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)	GDP growth forecast of India at 7% for 2021-22
6.	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development	GDP growth forecast of India at 9.7% for 2021-22
7.	Asian Development Bank	GDP growth forecast of India at 10% for 2021-22
8.	ICRA	GDP growth forecast of India at 9% for 2021-22

Agreements/Memorandum of Understandings

- ⇒ **Axis Bank** partnered with **BharatPe** for the point of sale (PoS) business of **BharatPe** named **BharatSwipe**. Under this, Axis Bank will be the acquiring bank for **BharatSwipe** and will provide acceptance of credit and debit cards for merchants associated with **BharatPe**.
- ⇒ **Jana Small Finance Bank** inked an MoU with **HCBL Co-operative Bank**, Lucknow & **Mysore Merchants Co-operative Bank** in a bid to provide digital infrastructure and payments services to the respective banks under the bank sponsorship programme of the Reserve Bank of India.
- ⇒ **National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG)** signed an MoU with **South Asian Institute for Advanced Research and Development (SAIARD)** to create an academic platform to engage young students as well as develop a research and capacity building hub to support regional development in the eastern region.
- ⇒ **Satellite narrowband Internet of Things (NB-IoT) solution Skylo** launched 'Fish Catch Report' for the fishermen community to help initiate the selling process even before they dock boats on the shore.
- ⇒ **Bank of India** entered into a co-lending arrangement with **MAS Financial Services for MSME loans**. The tie-up comes on the occasion of the bank's **116th Foundation Day ('Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav')**.
- ⇒ **Rail Vikas Nigam Limited** Signed MoU with the **National Highway Authority of India** represented by the **National Highways Logistics Management Limited (NHLML)**. It is signed to develop Multi-Modal Logistics Parks (MMLPs) across the country under the **Bharatmala Pariyojana** programme.
- ⇒ **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)**, **HDFC Bank** and the **Greater Noida Industrial Development Authority (GNIDA)** inked a pact to set up a facility to manage up to 300 metric tonnes of dry waste in the city every month.
- ⇒ **Ministry of Defence, the Government of India** and **US Department of Defence** signed a Project Agreement (PA) for **Air-Launched Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (ALUAV)**. Under the collaboration, the two countries will work towards the design, development, demonstration, testing and evaluation of systems to co-develop an ALUAV Prototype.
- ⇒ **HDFC Bank** signed MoU with the **National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC)** for providing credit support to the micro, small and medium enterprise (MSME) sector. The branches of HDFC bank will extend support to the MSME projects in the areas they are located in and to other important industrial sectors across the country.
- ⇒ **NPCI International Payments Ltd (NIPL)** partnered with **Liquid Group Pte. Ltd.** to enable **UPI QR-based payments** acceptance in 10 markets across **North Asia and Southeast Asia**. This partnership will help BHIM App users to make UPI QR-based payments in the 10 markets of **Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Philippines, Vietnam, Cambodia, Hong Kong, Taiwan, South Korea, and Japan**, from early 2022.
- ⇒ **Niti Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission** in collaboration with **ISRO** and **CBSE** has launched 'Space Challenge' for school students across India. It is designed for all the school students, mentors and teachers across the country who not only are associated with schools having **Atal Tinkering Labs (ATL) labs** but for all the non-ATL schools as well.
- ⇒ **HDFC Bank** announced its partnership with **Paytm**, to offer co-branded credit cards on the Visa platform to businesspersons, millennials and merchants.
- ⇒ Board of Directors of **ZEE Entertainment Enterprises Limited (ZEEL)** unanimously approved the merger of the company with **Sony Pictures Networks India (SPNI)**. Zee Entertainment will hold **47.07%** stake, while Sony India will hold a **52.93%** stake. **Puneet Goenka**, the CEO of Zee Entertainment, will be the MD and CEO of the merged entity for 5 years.

- ⇒ **Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited & SBI Card** have joined hands to launch the '**BPCL SBI Card co-branded RuPay Contactless Credit Card**, offering fuel and other benefits.
- ⇒ **Government of India** and **Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation** signed a multi-year MoU to work together on sustainably improving India's livestock sector to support the nation's food and nutritional security, and protect the economic wellbeing of small-scale livestock producers.
- ⇒ **India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)** announced a strategic alliance with **Tata AIG General Insurance Co. Ltd.** for distribution of non-life insurance products across the country.
- ⇒ **NPCI** partnered with **YES Bank** to launch first-of-its-kind '**RuPay On-the-Go**' contactless payments solutions.
- ⇒ **Indraprastha Gas (IGL)** inked a MoU with the **South Delhi Municipal Corporation** to establish waste-to-energy plant in Delhi to convert municipal solid waste into compressed bio-gas (CBG) for use as fuel for running vehicles.

New Appointments: National

	Designation/Post	Who is Appointed?
Constitutional & Other Posts		
1.	Tamil Nadu Governor Banwarilal Purohit given the additional charge of Punjab and the Union Territory of Chandigarh .	
2.	Chairman, Central Board of Direct Taxes	IRS officer JB Mohapatra
3.	New Director General (DG), Border Security Force (BSF)	Pankaj Kumar Singh
4.	New DG, Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) .	Sanjay Arora
5.	Rajya Sabha Chairman, M Venkaiah Naidu has appointed Dr PPK Ramacharyulu , who is the secretary in the Rajya Sabha Secretariat since 2018, as the secretary general .	
6.	Acting Chairperson of the appellate tribunal, National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT)	Justice M. Venugopal
7.	President, Income Tax Appellate Tribunal	G.S. Pannu
8.	Chairman, National Commission for Minorities	Former IPS officer Iqbal Singh Lalpura
9.	Next Chief of Air Staff .	Vivek Ram Chaudhari
10.	Rajiv Bansal appointed as Secretary in the Ministry of Civil Aviation . He is currently the CMD of Air India .	
11.	Govt. accepts RN Ravi's resignation as interlocutor for Naga peace talks .	
12.	34th Director-General of the National Cadet Corps (NCC)	Lieutenant General Gurbirpal Singh
CEO'S/Chairman of Companies/Organizations/Banks/ Other Appointments		
13.	Former State Bank of India chairman, Rajnish Kumar appointed as an independent director of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (HSBC) Asia entity.	
14.	Adidas roped in Tokyo Olympic Silver-medalist Mirabai Chanu as the face of its " Stay in Play " campaign for its latest product innovation designed to keep more menstruating women in sports.	
15.	Chairman & managing director of disinvestment-owned steel company Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd (RINL)	Atul Bhatt
16.	First woman Chairperson and Managing Director of public sector enterprise Engineers India Ltd	Vartika Shukla
17.	Vice-Chairman, Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti (GSDS)	Vijay Goel
18.	Former managing director of Mahindra & Mahindra Pawan Kumar Goenka appointed as the chairperson of the Indian National Space Promotion Authorization Centre (In-SPACE) .	
19.	Former Supreme Court judge, Justice (Retired) Indu Malhotra will be the new Ombudsman cum Ethics Officer of Delhi and Districts Cricket Association (DDCA) for a period of one year.	
20.	Chief Technology Officer (CTO), RBI Innovation Hub	Amit Saxena
21.	Chairman cum Managing Director, National Small Industries Corporation Ltd.	Alka Nangia Arora
22.	Equitas Small Finance Bank roped in Indian women hockey player, Rani Rampal and cricketer Smriti Mandhana as the brand ambassadors of the company.	

	Designation/Post	Who is Appointed?
23.	Chairman-cum-Managing Director, United India Insurance Company Limited.	S.L. Tripathy
24.	Fino Payments Bank appointed Indian actor Pankaj Tripathi as its first brand ambassador, for a period of two-year.	
25.	Managing Director, Export-Import Bank of India (EXIM Bank)	Harsha Bhupendra Bangari (Replaced MD David Rasquinha)
26.	President of the India Chapter of the International Road Federation (IRF)	Ashoka Buildcon Managing Director and promoter Satish Parekh
27.	Tata AIA Life Insurance announced the signing of a multi-year brand partnership with Indian athlete and Olympic gold medallist Neeraj Chopra , as its brand ambassador.	
28.	Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer, IDFC First Bank	V. Vaidyanathan
29.	Chairman and Managing Director, National Fertilizers Ltd (NFL)	Nirlep Singh Rai
30.	Facebook India appointed former IAS officer Rajiv Aggarwal as the Director of Public Policy. He succeeds Ankhi Das .	
31.	President of the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI)	Raninder Singh
32.	Chairman of the Audit Bureau of Circulations (ABC) for 2021-2022.	Debabrata Mukherjee
33.	Chairman of Press Trust of India (PTI)	Aveek Sarkar
34.	President, All India Management Association (AIMA)	CK Ranganathan
35.	MD & CEO, National Securities Depositories (NSDL)	Padmaja Chunduru
36.	Automotive Skills Development Council (ASDC) appointed automobile industry veteran Vinod Aggarwal as its president.	
37.	Executive Council of the Indian Society of Advertisers (ISA) elected Sunil Kataria , Chief Executive Officer, India and SAARC, Godrej Consumer Products Limited as the Chairman of the ISA .	

New Appointments: International

	Designation/Post	Who is Appointed?
President/PM/Heads of Countries/Organizations		
1.	Dorje Angchuk , an Engineer in charge at the Indian Astronomical Observatory of the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA) at Hanle in the Ladakh region admitted as an Honorary Member of the International Astronomical Union (IAU) . Angchuk is the first and only Indian to bag the position.	
2.	Yahoo named Jim Lanzone as its new chief executive officer (CEO).	
3.	Adobe announced the appointment of Prativa Mohapatra as vice president and managing director for Adobe India.	
4.	India's Raja Randhir Singh taken over as acting president of the Olympic Council of Asia as Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah appeals a guilty verdict in a Swiss forgery trial.	
5.	Squash Rackets Federation of India (SRFI) Secretary-General, Cyrus Poncha unanimously elected as Vice-President of the Asian Squash Federation (ASF) .	
6.	Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India, GC Murmu elected as the chairman of the assembly of the Asian Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (ASOSAI) for a period of three years from 2024 to 2027.	
7.	Nobel Peace Laureate Kailash Satyarthi appointed by UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres as a Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Advocate in the 76th UN General Assembly.	
8.	WHO announced the appointment of The Rt Hon Gordon Brown , former PM of United Kingdom , as WHO Ambassador for Global Health Financing .	
9.	Mastercard Inc. has named Magnus Carlsen , the highest-rated chess player of all time, as its global brand ambassador.	

Awards & Recognition

	Name of the Award	Winner
Awards for Literature/Journalism		
1.	Women's Prize for Fiction 2021	Author Susanna Clarke (for her novel Piranesi)
2.	7th Yamin Hazarika Woman of Substance Award	Writer Namita Gokhale
Country's Highest Honour Given		
3.	Hyderabad-based International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) awarded the Africa Food Prize for 2021 for improving food security in sub-Saharan Africa.	
4.	National Institute of Open Schooling run by the education ministry bagged global recognition from UNESCO for its innovative approach towards education. The recognition is for educating differently-abled people through technology-enabled inclusive learning material.	
Other Awards Conferred		
5.	Odisha-born neurosurgeon Dr Basant Kumar Misra conferred the prestigious American Association of Neurological Surgeons' ' International Lifetime Achievement Award in Neurosurgery '. Misra is the first Indian physician to receive the AANS honor. He was the world's first surgeon to perform Computer-Guided Aneurysm surgery.	
6.	Mexican photographer Alejandro Prieto emerged as the winner of the Bird Photographer of the Year (BPOTY) 2021 . He has won for capturing a photograph of a greater roadrunner staring up at the barbed-wire-clad border wall between the USA and Mexico , with what almost looks like a sense of bewilderment.	
7.	Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID) awarded the coveted " Association for Talent Development (ATD) 2021 BEST Award ". POWERGRID securing 8th rank among the 71 organizations from around the globe, thus becoming the only PSU to win this award and one of the only two companies of India in the Top 20.	
8.	Mathematician Anand Kumar conferred with the Swami Brahmanand Award 2021 for his contribution in the field of education through his ' Super 30 ' initiative, which prepares underprivileged students for the IIT entrance exam.	
9.	Florence Nightingale Award will be given to a nurse, Bhanumati Gheewala , from Sir Sayajirao General Hospital, Gujarat . She has been in charge of COVID-19 positive pregnant women's deliveries as well as infant care.	
10.	A 12-year-old environmental activist from Mumbai, Maharashtra, Ayaan Shankta named as " 2021 International Young Eco-Hero ".	
11.	National Teachers' Award 2021 awarded by President Ram Nath Kovind . He gave the awards to 44 finest teachers in the country for their dedicated contribution. The award was also bestowed upon Pramod Kumar Shukla of Eklavya Model Residential School, Chhattisgarh . It is the second award in a row for an EMRS established under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs .	
12.	Indian biologist Shailendra Singh awarded the Behler Turtle Conservation Award for bringing three critically endangered turtle conservation species back from the brink of extinction.	
13.	Indian advertising doyen Ramesh Narayan will be inducted into the Asian Federation of Advertising Associations (AFAA) Hall of Fame at AdAsia 2021 .	
14.	Golden Rock Railway Workshop (GOC), Tiruchchirappalli bagged 22nd National Award for Excellence in Energy Management from the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for having adopted and implemented various energy conservation measures.	
15.	Brigadier SV Sarasvati , the Deputy Director-General of Military Nursing Service honoured with the National Florence Nightingale Award 2020 . It is the highest national distinction a nurse can achieve.	
16.	Fairooz Faizah Beether of Bangladesh chosen for the 2021 Changemaker Award for her work promoting good health and well-being by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation .	
17.	National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Hyderabad under the auspices of the Ministry of Rural Development presented Hunarbaaz Awards to 75 differently-abled candidates from 15 states .	
18.	A humanitarian organization from Yemen declared as the winner of 2021 UNHCR Nansen Refugee Award . It is named as " Jeel Albena Association for Humanitarian Development ", founded in 2017 by Ameen Jubran .	

Summits | Events | Festivals (National/International)

	Name of the Summit/Events	Venue
Summits Held Nationally		
1.	India hosted the 8th Meeting of Agriculture Experts of Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) Countries through video conferencing. It was chaired by Dr Trilochan Mohapatra, Secretary, Department of Agricultural Research & Education & Director General of ICAR. BIMSTEC comprise of seven Member States.	
2.	India is all set to host a key conference as part of the International Climate Summit (ICS) 2020-21 to build a dialogue for India's transition to clean energy.	
3.	India and Australia are undertaking their first-ever 2+2 ministerial dialogue at the Hyderabad House in New Delhi .	
4.	India and the United States of America launched the " Climate Action and Finance Mobilization Dialogue (CAFMD) ". It will strengthen India-US bilateral cooperation on climate and environment.	
5.	Govt proposed to institutionalise the India-Africa Defence Dialogue , as a regular event, to be held on the sidelines of the biennial DefExpo military exhibition . Theme of the 2nd India Africa Defence Dialogue will be ' India – Africa: Adopting Strategy for Synergizing and Strengthening Defence and Security Cooperation '.	
6.	India is set to host the first-ever Global Buddhist Conference in Nava Nalanda Mahavihara campus, in Nalanda, Bihar . It is being organised by Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) , will become an annual feature.	
7.	India will hold the G20 presidency from December 1, 2022, and will convene the G20 leaders' summit in 2023 for the first time. Piyush Goyal , Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Minister appointed as India's Sherpa for the G20 in 2023 (18th edition) . 2021 edition of the G20 meet will be held in Rome, Italy & 2022 G20 meet to be held in Bali, Indonesia .	
8.	PM Modi chaired the 13th BRICS Summit , through video conferencing. The theme of the India-led Summit was BRICS @15: Intra-BRICS Cooperation for Continuity, Consolidation and Consensus . PM Modi called for enhanced BRICS cooperation under the motto of ' Build-back Resiliently, Innovatively, Credibly and Sustainably '.	
9.	Govt. of India hosted the first India-United Kingdom Consular Dialogue in the virtual medium. Joint Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs, Devesh Uttam led the Indian delegation.	
10.	Amit Shah inaugurated and addressed the first-ever National Cooperative Conference (Sehkarita Sammelan) at the Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium in New Delhi .	
11.	Dr Bharati Pravin Pawar led the Indian delegation at the 4th Indo-US Health Dialogue , held in New Delhi .	
Summits Held Internationally		
12.	PM Modi virtually addressed the plenary session of the 6th Eastern Economic Forum (EEF) , organised in Vladivostok, Russia . An Indian delegation led by Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Hardeep Singh Puri participated.	
13.	PM Modi is set to attend the first-ever in-person QUAD (Quadrilateral Security Dialogue) Leaders' Summit at the White House , in Washington D.C. Quad nation comprises of India, Japan, the US and Australia . PM Modi will also address the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in New York.	
14.	21st Meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Council of Heads of State held in hybrid format in Dushanbe, Tajikistan . It was held under the Chairmanship of the President of Tajikistan, Emomali Rahmon . This was the first SCO Summit held in a hybrid format.	
15.	PM Modi embarked on a three-day visit to the United States . He is accompanied by a high-level delegation consisting of National Security Advisor Ajit Doval and senior officials including Harsh Vardhan Shringla . He will address the General Debate of the High-Level Segment of 76th Session of UN General Assembly (UNGA) on September 25 in New York.	

Committees in News

- ⇒ RBI will set up a committee to scrutinize applications and give recommendations on **New Umbrella Entity (NUE) licenses**. It will be headed by **Shri. P. Vasudevan**.
- ⇒ **Ministry of Defence** constituted a High-Level Expert Committee, for a comprehensive review of the **National Cadet Corps (NCC)**. Former Member of Parliament (MP) **Baijayant Panda** will be the Chairperson of the Committee.
- ⇒ **Union education ministry** formed a **12-member committee** to develop new curriculums for school, early childhood, teacher and adult education. It will be headed by National Education Policy-2020 (NEP-2020) drafting committee chairperson **K Kasturirangan**.
- ⇒ **Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA)** again extended the tenure of the **Company Law Committee** by one year. Corporate affairs secretary **Rajesh Verma** is the present chairperson of the committee.
- ⇒ **International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA)** constituted an Expert Committee to recommend an approach towards the development of the **Sustainable Finance Hub at IFSC**. It will be chaired by **C.K. Mishra**.

National Current Affairs

- ⇒ Raksha Mantri, **Rajnath Singh** visited the **Army Sports Institute (ASI), Pune** and named the Army Sports Institute stadium as "**Neeraj Chopra Stadium**". The focus is to identify and train promising sportspersons in 11 disciplines.
- ⇒ **PM Modi** dedicated to the nation the renovated complex of **Jallianwala Bagh Smarak** in Punjab's Amritsar, to mark 102 years of the **Jallianwala Bagh massacre**.
- ⇒ Union AYUSH Minister, **Sarbananda Sonowal** launched '**Y Break**' **Yoga protocol mobile application** in New Delhi. It is developed by **Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY)**.
- ⇒ Union Minister for Women and Child Development, **Smriti Zubin Irani** inaugurated **NUTRI GARDEN** to mark the beginning of **Poshan Maah – 2021** at **All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA)**.
- ⇒ **Ministry of Information and Broadcasting** decided to form a committee to review the existing guidelines of the **Journalist Welfare Scheme (JWS)**. It is chaired by **Ashok Kumar Tandon**.
- ⇒ **International Monetary Fund (IMF)** made an allocation of **Special Drawing Rights (SDR) 12.57 billion** to India. (approx USD 17.86 billion). With this, the total SDR holding of India has gone upto SDR 13.66 billion (equivalent to around USD 19.41 billion).
- ⇒ **PM Modi** inaugurated the **Sardardham Bhavan** in **Ahmedabad, Gujarat**, via video conferencing.

- ⇒ India's largest open-air **fernery** inaugurated in **Ranikhet of Uttarakhand**. It will serve the dual objective of '**conservation of fern species** as well as 'create awareness about their ecological role and promote further research.
- ⇒ **Nitin Gadkari** launched '**iRASTE**', an Artificial Intelligence-powered project. It aims to help reduce road accidents, understand the factors responsible for these events and come up with solutions to mitigate them. **iRASTE** stands for **Intelligent Solutions for Road Safety through Technology and Engineering**.
- ⇒ **Niti Aayog** in collaboration with US-based **Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI)** and **RMI India** launched a campaign named **Shoonya**, to promote zero-pollution delivery vehicles by working with consumers and industry.
- ⇒ **Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC)** has declared **Kushinagar Airport** as a **Customs notified airport**. This would also facilitate international passenger movements including that of Buddhist pilgrims.
- ⇒ **PM Modi** launched **Sansad TV**, which has been created by merging **Lok Sabha TV and Rajya Sabha TV**, jointly with Vice President **M Venkaiah Naidu** and Lok Sabha Speaker **Om Birla**.
- ⇒ Union Cabinet, chaired by **PM Modi** approved a number of structural and process reforms in the **Telecom sector**, to provide relief to ailing telecom service providers, struggling with high levels of debt. A total of 9 structural and 5 process reforms approved by the Cabinet.
- ⇒ **India** become the **first country in Asia** to launch a **Plastics Pact**, a new platform to promote a circular system for plastics. It is launched by the British High Commissioner to India, **Alexander Ellis**, at the **16th Sustainability Summit** hosted by the **Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)**.
- ⇒ As a part of the **Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav** celebration, the Ministry of AYUSH launched a campaign titled '**AYUSH AAPKE DWAR**', which aims to distribute medicinal plant saplings to **75 lakh** households in one year.
- ⇒ **Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED)** in collaboration with the **Ministry of External Affairs**, is setting up an **Atmanirbhar Bharat corner** in 75 Indian Missions/ Embassies across the world in the next 3 months. The first such corner was successfully inaugurated at Indian Embassy in **Bangkok, Thailand**.
- ⇒ **PM Modi** inaugurated the "**Shikshak Parv-2021**" and addressed the inaugural conclave through a video conference. The theme is "**Quality and Sustainable Schools: Learnings from Schools in India**".
- ⇒ Union Minister of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change, **Bhupender Yadav** launched a portal named **PRANA**, for the regulation of air pollution in 132 cities across the country. **PRANA** stands for **Portal for Regulation of Air pollution in Non-Attainment cities**.

Current Affairs Related to States in India

Northern States

- ⇒ **Rajnath Singh** and **Nitin Gadkari** inaugurated the **Emergency Landing Facility** on a National Highway in **Rajasthan**. It is constructed on the **Satta-Gandhav stretch of National Highway (NH) 925A** in **Barmer, Rajasthan**. This is the first time that a national highway (NH-925) will be used for the emergency landing of IAF aircraft.
- ⇒ Department of Justice under the **Ministry of Law and Justice** launched the **"Ek Pahal"** campaign to encourage mass registration under Tele-Law. It will run across the country from 17th September till 2nd October. It will cover 51,434 Common Service Centres in 50,000 Gram Panchayats in 633 districts across 34 States and UTs.
- ⇒ **Piyush Goyal** launched the **'National Single Window System (NSWS)'**, for investors and businesses. NSWS is a single-window portal that will act as a one-stop shop for investors or entrepreneurs, to get approvals and clearances needed from Government.
- ⇒ **Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)** will observe **October 01, 2021** as the **National Pension System Diwas (NPS Diwas)**. It is started by PFRDA under the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' to promote pension and retirement planning for a carefree 'azad' retirement.
- ⇒ PM **Modi** to announce the nationwide roll-out of the **National Digital Health Mission (NDHM)**. This will be renamed as **Pradhan Mantri Digital Health Mission (PM-DHM)**. Under this, a unique digital health ID will be provided to the people, which will contain all the health records of the person. The id will be created using details such as Aadhaar and the user's mobile number.
- ⇒ **Supreme Court of India** approved an electronic system named **FASTER (Fast and Secured Transmission of Electronic Records)**. It will be used for transferring **e-authenticated copies from courts to prisons**.
- ⇒ **India** elected as the external auditor to the **International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)**, a prestigious institution that promotes peaceful use of nuclear energy, for a period of six years from **2022 to 2027**. India's comptroller and auditor general **GC Murmu** was selected as the external auditor of IAEA.
- ⇒ **Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment** launched India's first Pan-India helpline for senior citizens named **'Elder Line'** for which the toll-free number is **14567**. It will allow senior citizens to connect and share their concerns, get information and guidance on problems that they face on a day-to-day basis.
- ⇒ PM **Modi** chaired the **38th PRAGATI** meeting to review multiple projects, grievances and programmes of central and state government. PRAGATI stands for **Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation**.

- ⇒ **Punjab Cabinet** gave a nod to a new scheme that will help the unemployed youth in the state to hone their skills and increase their chances of getting a job. These youngsters will be given short-term skill training free of cost under the **"Mera Kaam Mera Maan"** scheme of the state government. A target of 30,000 beneficiaries has been proposed, at a cost of **₹ 90 crores**.
- ⇒ **Haryana** topped among all other states of the country in terms of installation of off-grid solar pumps under **Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha Evam Utthan Mahaabhiyaan (PM-KUSUM)**, as per the data by the Union Ministry of New and Renewable Energy. Haryana has installed 14,418 pumps against 15,000 sanctioned pumps for the year 2020-21.
- ⇒ **Uttarakhand** Governor **Baby Rani Maurya** announced her resignation from the position.
- ⇒ Congress party has elected **Charanjit Singh Channi**, the outgoing technical education minister, as the new chief minister of Punjab after Captain **Amarinder Singh** resigned from the post. He has been elected as the leader of the Punjab Congress Legislative Party (CLP).
- ⇒ **Yogi Adityanath** led **Uttar Pradesh** government cleared a proposal to develop an **'Electronic Park'**, along the **Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YEIDA)** area, near Noida, to promote the electronics industry.
- ⇒ The world's highest **electric vehicle charging station** inaugurated in **Kaza village** of Lahaul and Spiti district in **Himachal Pradesh**. It is set up at a height of **500 ft**.
- ⇒ Central government decided to set-up a weaver Services and Design Resource Centre at Kullu (HP), which will be one of its own kind hub to promote and facilitate the continuous growth of the local handloom projects.



Eastern States (Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha & West Bengal)

- ⇒ **Nuakhai Juhar**, the agrarian festival of **Western Odisha**, was celebrated with religious fervour and tradition. It is celebrated 1 day after the celebration of **Ganesh Chaturthi**. Nuakhai is a crop festival celebrated by people of Western Odisha and Southern Chhattisgarh, to welcome the new rice of the season.

North-Eastern States

- ⇒ In Tripura, **Nirmala Sitharaman** inaugurated a project called **'My Pad, My Right'** initiated by **NABARD and NABFOUNDATION** at Killa village in Gomati district. It aims to bring livelihood and menstrual hygiene closer to rural women by way of grant, wage support and capital equipment.
- ⇒ **Assam cabinet** decided to remove the name of former Prime Minister **Rajiv Gandhi** from the **Orang National Park**. Cabinet has decided to rename the Rajiv Gandhi Orang National Park as Orang National Park.
- ⇒ **Nagaland's** first and India's **61st Software Technology Park of India (STPI) centre** inaugurated at Kohima.
- ⇒ Two famous products of Manipur, **Hathei chilli**, which is found in Manipur's Ukhrul district and is known for its unique flavour, and **Tamenglong mandarin orange** granted the **Geographical Indication (GI) tag**.
- ⇒ **Government of Sikkim** declared **'Cooper Mahseer'** locally named as **'Katley'** as the state fish.
- ⇒ **Assam** is setting up a tea Park at **Chayygaon in Kamrup District**. This tea garden will have rail and port connectivity, cargo and warehouse amenities & processing facilities.
- ⇒ Nagaland's "sweet cucumber" awarded a geographical identification (GI) tag as an agricultural product under provisions of The Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999.
- ⇒ Govt. has started work for the development of **'Parshuram Kund'**, a Hindu pilgrimage site on the **Brahmputra plateau** in the lower reaches of the **Lohit river** in **Arunachal Pradesh**.

Western States (Goa, Gujarat & Maharashtra)

- ⇒ **Maharashtra government** launched a special mission called **"Mission Vatsalya"** in order to help women who lost their husbands to **COVID-19**. It will provide several services and some 18 benefits under one roof to those women. It is designed for widows, with a special focus on widows coming from rural areas, poor backgrounds and deprived sections.
- ⇒ **Maharashtra Government** decided to set up a world-class science city at **Pimpri-Chinchwad** near Pune to develop a scientific outlook among the students and prepare them to become students in future. It is to be named as **'Bharat Ratna Rajiv Gandhi Science Innovation City'**.

- ⇒ **Bhupendra Patel** chosen as the new **Chief Minister of Gujarat** at the BJP legislature meeting. He is a BJP MLA from the Ghatlodia assembly seat in Ahmedabad.
- ⇒ **Government of Gujarat** announced, that it plans on undertaking public welfare projects worth Rs. 1,000 crores jointly with non-resident Gujaratis by December 2022. The projects will be under the state government's **'Vatan Prem Yojana'**. It was launched in Gujarat focusing on rural development through public and state contributions.

Central States (Madhya Pradesh & Chhattisgarh)

- ⇒ **Chhattisgarh CM Bhupesh Baghel** announced the launch of **'Millet Mission'**. It aims to provide proper price rates to farmers for minor cereal crops. To implement the mission, the state government signed MoU with the **Indian Institute of Millet Research (IIMR), Hyderabad** and the collectors of 14 districts of the state.

Southern States (Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Telangana)

- ⇒ Civil aviation minister **Jyotiraditya Scindia** launched a first of its kind **"Medicine from the Sky"** project in **Telangana**. It aimed at transporting vaccines and other essential products to remote areas using drones. It will be taken up on a pilot basis in 16 green zones in Telangana.
- ⇒ **Tamil Nadu** govt. announced to set up **India's first dugong conservation reserve** at the northern part of the **Palk Bay**. Dugong are commonly known as sea cows.
- ⇒ **Andhra Pradesh government** appointed **Rajnish Kumar** as its **economic advisor**.
- ⇒ **Karnataka CM Basavaraj Bommai** heads panel on rationalisation GST rates.

International Current Affairs

- ⇒ **Sri Lanka** declared a **state of emergency** as the **food crisis** worsened after private banks ran out of foreign exchange to finance imports.
- ⇒ Shanghai-based **New Development Bank (NDB)** approved the **United Arab Emirates, Uruguay and Bangladesh** as its new member countries.
- ⇒ **Aziz Akhannouch** appointed as the new **Prime Minister of Morocco** by the country's King **Mohammed VI**. Akhannouch's **National Rally of Independents (RNI) party** secured 102 out of the 395 seats in the parliament election.
- ⇒ **United States, United Kingdom and Australia** announced the new partnership **"AUKUS"** a new trilateral security partnership for the **Indo-Pacific region**. It was formally announced by British Prime Minister **Boris Johnson**, his Australian counterpart **Scott Morrison** and US President **Joe Biden** with a vision for a safer and more secure Indo-Pacific.

- ⇒ **China** launched the **24th Gaofen-series Earth-observation satellite** in a bid to monitor environmental protection efforts and boost its natural resources surveillance. It was launched from the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center in Shanxi province.
- ⇒ Japanese Prime Minister **Yoshihide Suga** would step down, setting the stage for a new premier after a one-year tenure marred by an unpopular COVID-19 response and rapidly dwindling public support.
- ⇒ **Cuba** became the **first country** in the world to vaccinate children from the age of two against **COVID-19**, using home-grown jabs not recognised by the **World Health Organisation**.
- ⇒ **China** successfully launched a new Earth observation satellite, **Gaofen-5 02**, into space, aboard a **Long March-4C rocket**, from the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Centre in north China's Shanxi Province. It is the 24th in the series of Gaofen Earth-observation satellites of China, to monitor environmental protection efforts and boost its natural resources surveillance.
- ⇒ **El Salvador** become the first country in the world to accept **Bitcoin** as legal tender.
- ⇒ **Iran** officially admitted as a full member of the **Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO)**. This was declared in the **21st summit** of the SCO leaders in **Dushanbe, Tajikistan**.
- ⇒ **Canada** Prime Minister **Justin Trudeau** won the third term to serve as the PM of the country.
- ⇒ Guinness World Records certified **two Japanese sisters as the world's oldest living identical twins at 107**. **Umeno Sumiyama and Koume Kodama** were born on Nov. 5, 1913.
- ⇒ PM **Sheikh Hasina** conferred with the **SDG Progress award for Bangladesh's steady progress** in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by the UN-sponsored Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN).
- ⇒ **Hungary** unveiled the statue of **Bitcoin** founder **Satoshi Nakamoto**. It was unveiled in Hungary's capital, **Budapest**.
- ⇒ **Japan's** former Foreign Minister, **Fumio Kishida** won the ruling party's leadership election, virtually ensuring that he will become the country's next prime minister.
- ⇒ **North Korea** successfully tested a new hypersonic missile called **Hwasong-8**, in a bid to increase the nation's capabilities for self-defence.
- ⇒ **US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)** and the **United States Agency for International Development (USAID)** are jointly sponsoring a **\$55 million** credit guarantee to address the economic impact of covid-19 by supporting loans to farmer producer organizations, ag-tech companies, and companies engaged in clean energy solutions for the agriculture sector.

Obituaries (National/International)

	Person Died	Profession/Famous In?
Politician (National-International)		
1.	Syed Ali Shah Geelani	Veteran Kashmiri separatist leader & former chief of All Parties Hurriyat Conference
2.	Oscar Fernandes	Veteran Rajya Sabha MP & former Union minister
3.	Mahant Narendra Giri	President of the Akhil Bharatiya Akhara Parishad
4.	Yudhvir Singh Dadwal	Former Governor of Arunachal Pradesh & Commissioner of Delhi Police
Actor/Director/Producer (National-International)		
5.	Sidharth Shukla	Bigg Boss 13 winner actor
Author/Journalist/Activist/Painter (National-International)		
6.	Buddhadeb Guha	Eminent Bengali writer
7.	Chandan Mitra	Former Rajya Sabha MP & senior journalist
8.	Aziz Hajini	Noted writer & former secretary of J&K Academy of Art, Culture & Languages
9.	Manorama Mohapatra	Eminent Odia litterateur, social worker & journalist
10.	Kamla Bhasin	Women's rights activist & noted author
Sportsmen/Sportswomen (National-International)		
11.	Vasoo Paranjape	Former India cricketer & coach
12.	Yuriy Sedykh	Double Olympic hammer throw gold medallist
13.	Bhabani Roy	Former India footballer & Mohun Bagan captain
14.	Jean-Pierre Adams	Former France footballer
15.	Jimmy Greaves	England's most prolific strikers & Tottenham Hotspur's record goalscorer

	Person Died	Profession/Famous In?
Others (National-International)		
16.	Jacques Rogge	Former President of the International Olympic Committee
17.	Keshav Desiraju	Former Union health secretary
18.	Rajni Kaul	First News Broadcaster for BBC Hindi
19.	Thanu Padmanabhan	Renowned Theoretical physicist & cosmologist Professor

List/Indexes (Ranks & Reports)

- Amul, Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation dropped two places to rank **18th** in Rabobank's **2021 Global Top 20 Dairy Companies list**. French-based dairy company Lactalis topped the list as the world's largest dairy company.
 - Hurun Research Institute released the **Hurun India Future Unicorn List 2021**. As per this, India is the **3rd largest Unicorn/startup** ecosystem in the world. USA is on top followed by China on second. India 51 unicorns as per the list.
 - Shanghai Ranking Consultancy released the Academic Ranking of World University 2021. IISc Bangalore ranked as the best university in the country while Calcutta University ranked second in the 2021.
 - NITI Aayog launched a report titled **Reforms in Urban Planning Capacity in India**. It presents measures to ramp up urban planning capacity in India. It suggests that every city must aspire to become a **'Healthy City for All'** by 2030.
- It recommended a Central Sector Scheme named **'500 Healthy Cities Programme'**, for a period of 5 years.
- Bank of Baroda** is Ranked #1 with a total of **86% marks** on the scorecard issued by the **Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology** for the month of February & March 2021. It ranks 44 banks (Public Sector Banks, Private Banks, Foreign Banks, Payments Banks, Small Finance Banks) on various parameters on the digital business.
 - World Bank Group** decided to discontinue publication of its **'Doing Business'** rankings of country business climates after a review of data irregularities in the **2018 & 2020 reports**.
 - India could become the **world's third-largest importer by 2050**, as per the report released by UK's Department of International Trade. With a **5.9%** share of global imports by 2050, the country will become the third-largest importer, following China & the United States.

Important Days (October to March)

Date	Day & Theme
2 Sept.	World Coconut Day Theme: 'Building a Safe Inclusive Resilient & Sustainable Coconut Community Amid COVID-19 Pandemic & Beyond'.
12 th Sept.	International Day for South-South Cooperation
	World First Aid Day Second Saturday of September Theme: 'First aid & road safety'
15 Sept.	World Lymphoma Awareness Day
15 Sept.	Engineer's Day Marks the birth anniversary of the engineering pioneer of India, Sir Mokshagundam Vishweshvaraya
15 Sept.	International Day of Democracy Theme: Strengthening democratic resilience in the face of future crises
16 Sept.	International Day for the preservation for the Ozone layer (World Ozone Day) Theme: Montreal Protocol – keeping us, our food & vaccines cool
17 Sept.	World Patient Safety Day Theme: Safe maternal & newborn care
18 Sept.	World Bamboo Day
18 Sept.	International Equal Pay Day
18 Sept.	World Water Monitoring Day Theme: Valuing Water
	International Coastal Cleanup Day Third Saturday in September Theme: Keep trash in the bin & not in the ocean
	International Red Panda Day (IRPD) Third Saturday of September
5 th Sept.	Teacher's day all over India
5 Sept.	International Day of Charity To commemorate the death anniversary of Mother Teresa

Date	Day & Theme
7 Sept.	International Day of Clean Air for blue skies Theme: Healthy Air, Healthy Planet
To commemorate 75 years of India's independence, Govt celebrating 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.' As a part of the celebration, the Ministry of Food Processing Industries is observing 'Food Processing Week' from 6th to 12th September 2021.	
8 Sept.	International Literacy Day Literacy for a human-centred recovery: Narrowing the digital divide.
9 Sept.	International Day to Protect Education from Attack
10 Sept.	World Suicide Prevention Day (WSPD) Theme: Creating hope through action
9 Sept.	World EV Day
9 Sept.	Himalayan Diwas Theme: 'Contribution of Himalayas & our responsibilities'. The event was part of the ongoing celebration of 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav'.
21 Sept.	International Day of Peace Theme: "Recovering Better for an Equitable & Sustainable World."
Last Sunday of September International Week of the Deaf September 20 to 26, 2021 Theme: Celebrating Thriving Deaf Communities	
21 Sept.	World Alzheimer's Day Theme: Know Dementia, Know Alzheimer's
23 Sept.	International Day of Sign Languages Theme: We Sign for Human Rights
22 Sept.	World Rhino Day
25 Sept.	World Pharmacist Day Theme: Pharmacy: Always trusted for your health
25 Sept.	Antyodaya Diwas to mark the birth anniversary of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya
27 Sept.	World Tourism Day Theme: Tourism for Inclusive Growth
26 Sept.	International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons
26 Sept.	World Environmental Health Day Theme: Prioritizing Environmental Health for healthier communities in the global recovery.
World Rivers Day Fourth Sunday of September Theme: Waterways in our communities	
28 Sept.	World Rabies Day Theme: Rabies: Facts, not Fear
28 Sept.	International Day for the Universal Access to Information
29 Sept.	International Day of Awareness of Food Loss & Waste Theme: Stop food loss & waste. For the people. For the planet
29 Sept.	World Heart Day Theme: Use Heart to Connect"
30 Sept.	International Translation Day Theme: United in translation
30 Sept.	World Maritime Day 2021 Theme: Seafarers at the core of shipping's future".

Books & Authors

Name of the Book	Author
Know Your Rights: & Claim Them	Angelina Jolie & Amnesty International with Geraldine Van Bueren QC
An Invitation to Die: A Colonel Acharya Mystery	Tanushree Podder
Anurag Thakur presented the first copy of the book titled Reflecting, Recollecting, Reconnecting to the Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu. The book chronicles Venkaiah Naidu's fourth year in office as the Vice President of India.	
'Human Rights & Terrorism in India	BJP MP Subramanian Swamy
Translating Myself & Others	Jhumpa Lahiri
'Back to the Roots'	Actress Tamannaah Bhatia with Luke Coutinho
Gita Govinda: Jaydeva's Divine Odyssey	Dr Utpal K. Banerjee
"Bullets Over Bombay: Satya & the Hindi Film Gangster"	Uday Bhatia
Haryana CM Manohar Lal released the book 'Haryana Environment & Pollution Code' compiled by former IAS officer & famous poet Smt. Dheera Khandelwal.	
The Three Khans: & the Emergence of New India	Kaveree Bamzai
Rajnath Singh released a book titled 'Shining Sikh Youth of India' in New Delhi, as a part of the commemoration of the 400th birth anniversary of Guru Tegh Bahadur. It is authored by Dr Prabhleen Singh.	
'400 Days'	Chetan Bhagat

Name of the Book	Author
Jungle Nama	Amitav Ghosh
The Long Game: How the Chinese Negotiate with India	Vijay Gokhale
The Fractured Himalaya: How the Past Shadows the Present in India-China Relations	Nirupama Rao
The Battle of Rezang La	Kulpreet Yadav
My Life in Full: Work, Family & our Future	Indra Nooyi

Defense Current Affairs

- ⇒ Raksha Mantri **Rajnath Singh** dedicated to the nation, the indigenously built Coast Guard Ship 'Vigraha' in **Chennai, Tamil Nadu**. The 98-meter vessel will be based in **Andhra Pradesh's Visakhapatnam (Vizag)**. It is designed and built indigenously by Larsen & Toubro Ship Building Limited. With this, the Indian Coast Guard now have 157 Ships and 66 Aircraft in its inventory.
- ⇒ **Indian Navy & the German Navy** carried out a joint exercise in the **Gulf of Aden** near Yemen, in the Indian Ocean leg of Indo-Pacific Deployment 2021. The Indian Navy was represented by frigate "Trikanth" while the German Navy by frigate "Bayern".
- ⇒ Indian Naval Ship, **INS Tabar**, is on her goodwill visit to the number of ports in **Africa and Europe** since June 2021 till September 2021. As a part of this visit, INS Tabar took part in the Maiden Maritime Partnership Exercise with **Algerian Navy**, off the Algerian coast, in the **Mediterranean Sea**.
- ⇒ **Indian Army** to participate in **Exercise ZAPAD 2021**, a Multi Nation exercise being held at **Nizhny in Russia**. It is one of the theatre levels exercises of the Russian Armed Forces and will focus primarily on operations against terrorists.
- ⇒ The next Defence Expo will be hosted by Gujarat in 2022. This was announced by chief minister Vijay Rupani. It will be held in **Gandhinagar** from 10th to 13th March next year.
- ⇒ India's first nuclear-missile tracking ship, named **INS Dhruv** commissioned from Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh. It is built by the **Hindustan Shipyard Limited** in collaboration with the **DRDO and National Technical Research Organisation (NTRO)**.
- ⇒ **Indian military** contingent comprising of an all arms combined force of 200 personnel is participating in **Exercise PEACEFUL MISSION -2021**, a Joint Counter Terrorism Exercise between **Shanghai Cooperation Organisation** member states.
- ⇒ **8th edition of Indian Army Chief's Conclave**, a gathering of serving and former Chiefs of Army Staff of the Indian Army, organised at **New Delhi**.
- ⇒ **15th edition of Indo-Nepal Joint Military Training Exercise Surya Kiran** held at **Pithoragarh** in Uttarakhand.
- ⇒ 28th edition of the **Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX)** held. It was hosted by the **Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN)** in the southern fringes of the South China Sea.

- ⇒ 4th edition of **AUSINDEX**, a bilateral navy exercise between the **Indian Navy** and the **Royal Australian Navy** held. Indian Navy Task Group comprises **INS Shivalik and INS Kadmat**.
- ⇒ Air Chief Marshal **RKS Bhaduria** attended **Pacific Air Chiefs Symposium 2021** at Joint Base **Pearl Harbor-Hickam in Hawaii**. The theme is **Enduring Cooperation towards Regional Stability**.
- ⇒ President **Ram Nath Kovind** awarded the **President's Colour** to the **Indian Naval Aviation** at a ceremonial parade held at the **INS Hansa** base near Panjim in Goa. The president was given the guard of honour by the Indian Navy on the occasion.
- ⇒ 3rd edition of Bilateral Exercise 'Samudra Shakti' held. Indian Naval Ships **Shivalik and Kadmat** arrived in **Jakarta, Indonesia** in the preparedness of this one of a kind exercise aimed at improving bilateral ties between India and Indonesia.
- ⇒ **Indian Army** to organize "Bijoya Sanskritik Mahotsav" in **Kolkata**. It is observed to mark the golden jubilee of the **India-Pak war 1971**.
- ⇒ **Ministry of Defence** will procure 118 Main Battle Tanks, MBTs **Arjun Mk-1A** for the Indian Army. It will support the **Make in India** initiative in the defence sector and it will help in achieving the goal of **Aatmanirbhar Bharat**.
- ⇒ **DRDO** carried a successful maiden test flight of a new version of the Akash Missile named 'Akash Prime' from Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur, Odisha.



Sports Current Affairs

Cricket {National Game of: Australia, Bermuda, England, Jamaica No. of Players: 11

Important Terms associated: Arm ball, Beamer, Bottom hand, Bouncer, Cameo, Carrom ball, Chinaman, Flick, Free hit, Glance, Googly, Hat-trick, Hit wicket, Leg bye, Nelson, Night watchman, Pinch hitter, Sweep, Upper Cut.}

- Indian all-rounder cricketer, **Stuart Binny** announced his retirement from all forms of cricket.
 - **South African** cricketer **Dale Steyn** has announced his retirement from all forms of cricket.
 - **BCCI** announced that the former India captain **MS Dhoni** will mentor the team for the tournament, which will be played in **UAE & Oman** in October & November.
 - Former Zimbabwe skipper & wicket-keeper batsman, **Brendan Taylor** announced his retirement from international cricket.
 - Former Australia pacer **Shaun Tait** roped in as the bowling coach of the **Puducherry** cricket team.
- ⇒ **England** cricket all-rounder **Moeen Ali** has announced his retirement from the Test match career.
- ⇒ **Rohit Sharma** became the first batter in the **IPL** history to score 1000 runs against a single team against **Kolkata Knight Riders**.

Football {National Game of: Brazil, Italy, Germany, Israel, Mauritius, Poland No. of Players: 11

Important Terms Associated: Back Pass, Corner Kick, Free Kick, Dribble, Futsal, Header, Kick off, Banana Kick, Toe Poke, Throw-in, Bicycle Kick}

- **130th** edition of the **Durand Cup** kicked off at the **Vivekananda Yubabharati Krirangan** in **Kolkata**.
- Portuguese captain **Cristiano Ronaldo** broken the world record for most goals scored in men's international football. Ronaldo surpassed Iranian striker **Ali Daei's** long-held record of **109 international goals** with **111 goals**.

Hockey {National Game of: India, Pakistan No. of Players: 11

Important Terms Associated: Advancing, Bully, Center Pass, Dribble, Drive, Flagrant Foul, Flick, Free Hit, Striker, Tackle, Undercutting, Dodge, Drag Flick, Grip, Hacking, Penalty Corner, Wall Pass}

Tennis

- ⇒ India's **Sania Mirza** & her Chinese partner **Zhang Shuai** won the women's doubles title in the **women's doubles final** at the **Ostrava Open** in **Ostrava, Czech Republic**.

Grand Prixes

- **Max Verstappen** (Red Bull – Netherlands) declared the winner of the **Belgian Grand Prix 2021**.
- **Daniel Ricciardo** (McLaren, Australian-Italian) won the Formula One **Italian Grand Prix 2021** title.
- **Max Verstappen (Red Bull – Netherlands)** won the formula one **Dutch Grand Prix 2021**.
- **Lewis Hamilton** (Mercedes-Great Britain) won the **F1 Russian Grand Prix 2021**. This is his **100th Grand Prix** win.

Sports Events |Tournaments Current Affairs

- In **table tennis**, Indian paddler **Bhavinaben Patel** claimed the historic **silver medal** at the **2020 Paralympic Games** at **Tokyo**, in the women's singles summit clash.
- ⇒ Shooter **Avani Lekhara** scripted history as she became the **first Indian woman** to win a **gold medal** at the Paralympics in the **R-2 women's 10m Air Rifle Standing SH1** event.
- India's **Nishad Kumar** clinched a **silver medal** in the men's **high jump T47** event at the **Tokyo Paralympics 2020**.
- India's **Sumit Antil** won the gold medal in the **men's javelin throw F64 final** event at the Tokyo Paralympics.
- India's greatest paralympian, **Devendra Jhajharia** won the silver medal in the **men's javelin throw** at the **Tokyo Paralympics 2020**.
- India's discus thrower **Yogesh Kathuniya** clinched the **silver medal** at the ongoing Tokyo Paralympics in the **men's Discus Throw F56** final event.
- In **Tokyo Paralympics 2020**, Indian shooter **Singhraj Adana** won the **bronze medal** in the **P1 Men's 10m Air Pistol SH1** final.
- ⇒ India's **Mariyappan Thangavelu** won the silver medal in the **men's high jump (T63)** at the Tokyo Paralympics.
- **Praveen Kumar** became **India's fourth medallist** in men's high jump & **11th medallist overall** at the Tokyo Paralympics 2020 as he won silver with an Asian record jump of **2.07m**.
- **Avani Lekhara** won **bronze medal** in the **women's 50m rifle 3 positions SH1** event to become the **first Indian woman** to win two medals at the Paralympics.
- In **Paralympics 2020**, India's ace archer **Harvinder Singh** won the bronze medal in the men's individual recurve open.
- **North Korea** formally suspended from the **2022 Beijing Winter Olympics** by the **International Olympic Committee (IOC)**.
- **Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics** unveiled its official motto, **"Together for a Shared Future"**, during a ceremony at the city's Capital Museum.

Other Sports Current Affairs

- ⇒ In Chess, Indian Grandmaster **S P Sethuraman** won the **2021 Barcelona Open chess tournament title**.
- ⇒ Star Indian golfer **Jeev Milkha Singh** become the first professional golfer in the world to receive the prestigious **10-year Dubai Golden Visa** in recognition of his outstanding achievements in the sport.
- ⇒ India's **Pankaj Advani** won the **Asian Snooker Championship 2021** by defeating Amir Sarkhosh.
- ⇒ **Harmilan Kaur Bains** of Punjab created a new national record in the **women's 1500m race** by clocking **4:05.39** to bag the gold at the **60th National Open Athletics Championships**.
- India's **R Raja Rithvik** became chess Grandmaster after he crossed the ELO Rating of 2500. The 17-year-old achieved this GM title in **Vezerkepzo Grandmaster Chess Tournament** at Budapest, Hungary. He became the **70th Grandmaster** from the country.
- **Pankaj Advani** grabbed his **24th World title** when he triumphed at the IBSF 6-Red Snooker World Cup with a victory over Pakistan's **Babar Masih** in the final.
- The team **India** archers settled for **three silver medals** at the 2021 World Archery Championships, held in Yankton, South Dakota, United States.
- **United States** clinched the **2021 Ryder Cup**.

Science & Technology

- **IIT Madras** is working on developing an innovative digital model to address the problem of **e-waste (electronic wastes)**. It is named as '**e-Source**,' will act as an **exchange platform**, to serve as an online marketplace for **Waste Electrical & Electronic Equipment**.
- **IIT Ropar & Kanpur & Faculty of Management Studies** jointly launched a living-plant based air purifier named "**Ubreathe Life**". It will boost the air purification process in indoor spaces. It is the **world's first, state-of-the-art 'Smart Bio-Filter'** that can make breathing fresh.
- Hyderabad-based Space technology startup, **Skyroot Aerospace** become the first private company to formally enter into an agreement with the **Indian Space Research Organisation**.
- **IIT Bombay** launched '**Project Udaan**', a language translator, to break the language barrier in education, which hampers the flow of messages. It is an end-to-end ecosystem, which can translate scientific & technical content from English to Hindi & all other Indian languages.
- Crew of the **Inspiration4**, the first-ever orbital flight crewed entirely by tourists, is now officially in orbit, as per the Livestream from **SpaceX**. It blasted off from **NASA's Kennedy Space Center**.

- **Infosys** launched **Infosys Equinox** to help enterprises securely deliver hyper-segmented, personalized omnichannel commerce experiences for **B2B & B2C buyers**.
- **International Astronomical Union** named a crater at the **Moon's south pole** after the Arctic explorer **Matthew Henson**, a Black man who in 1909 was one of the first people to stand at the very top of the world.
- ⇒ Apple's co-creator **Steve Wozniak** launched a new space start-up called **Privateer Space**.

Schemes Launched By Union & State Governments

- ⇒ In **Jammu and Kashmir**, Lieutenant Governor **Manoj Sinha** launched a Rural Enterprises Acceleration Programme titled '**Saath**' for Self Help Group (SHG) women. It aims to transform the lives of women and make them independent and strong in social and financial aspects.
- ⇒ In Jammu and Kashmir, Lieutenant Governor **Manoj Sinha** launched a new mission called '**One Gram Panchayat-One DIGI-Pay Sakhi**'. It was launched at Jammu & Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute, Pampore. This has introduced financial inclusion within the **UT's Self Help Group (SHG)** ecosystem.
- ⇒ Union Cabinet approved a **production linked incentive (PLI) scheme** for **auto, auto-components and drone industries** to enhance India's manufacturing capabilities. The PLI scheme will incentivise the emergence of advanced automotive technologies' global supply chain in India. Incentives worth **Rs. 26,058 crores** will be provided to industry over five years.
- ⇒ Union Minister for Panchayati Raj and Rural Development **Giriraj Singh** inaugurated a national meet on **SVAMITVA Scheme: A Stepping-Stone Towards Upliftment of Rural Economy in New Delhi**. SVAMITA is aimed to provide an integrated property validation solution for rural India leveraging property as a financial asset by the citizens with accurate land records for rural planning.
- ⇒ **Samajik Adhikarita Shivir** for distribution of aids & assistive devices to **Divyangjan** under ADIP Scheme and to Senior Citizens under **Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana of Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment**, will be organized by ALIMCO.
- ⇒ Speaker of Lok Sabha, **Om Birla** inaugurated the **NIDHI 2.0 (National Integrated Database of Hospitality Industry) scheme** on the occasion of **2021 World Tourism Day**.
- ⇒ As a part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, Union Minister **Dr Jitendra Singh** launched the "**AmritGrand Challenge Program**" titled "**जनCARE**". The Grand Challenge aims to identify 75 Start-Up and entrepreneurs, who come out with Innovative Ideas and Solutions for India's healthcare challenges, that can work in Low Resource Settings, for strengthening Healthcare Delivery in India.

Miscellaneous Current Affairs | One-Liners

- ⇒ World's highest movie theatre inaugurated in Ladakh. It is open in the Paldan area of Leh, at an altitude of 11,562 feet.
- ⇒ Union Territory of Ladakh declared snow leopard (Panther unica) as the new state animal & black-necked crane (Grus nicricollis) as the new state bird.
- ⇒ PM Modi virtually unveiled a special commemorative coin of Rs 125 to mark the 125th birth anniversary of ISKCON founder Srila Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada.
- ⇒ Canadian city of Burnaby declared September 5 as "Gauri Lankesh Day", as a tribute to the dead journalist on her death anniversary.
- ⇒ PM Modi laid the foundation stone of Raja Mahendra Pratap Singh State University at Aligarh, in Uttar Pradesh.
- ⇒ Tata Steel commissioned India's first carbon capture plant that extracts CO₂ directly from the blast furnace gas, at its Jamshedpur Works. With this, Tata Steel has become the country's first steel company to adopt such a carbon capture technology.
- ⇒ Ford Motor Co. will stop making cars in India.
- ⇒ Chandigarh Railway Station awarded a 5 star 'Eat Right Station' certification for providing high-quality, nutritious food to passengers.
- ⇒ India's tallest air purification tower inaugurated in the Union Territory of Chandigarh. It is installed at the initiative of the Chandigarh Pollution Control Committee at Transport Chowk, Sector 26, by Pious Air Pvt Limited.
- ⇒ India's first indigenously Designed High Ash Coal Gasification Based Methanol Production Plant inaugurated at Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) Research & Development Centre, Hyderabad.
- ⇒ The world's largest plant designed to capture carbon dioxide out of the air began its operations in Iceland. It is named Orca.
- ⇒ India's first building made of bio-bricks from agro-waste inaugurated at IIT Hyderabad. The sample building is made up of bio-bricks supported by a metal framework. It is part of Bold Unique Idea Lead Development (BUILD) project to demonstrate the strength & versatility of the material.

- ⇒ IRCTC joined hands & signed the agreement with Cordelia Cruises being operated by M/s Waterways Leisure Tourism Pvt. Ltd for promotion & marketing of the first indigenous luxury cruise in India.
- ⇒ CISF official Geeta Samota became the "fastest Indian" to summit two peaks located in Africa & Russia. She scaled Mount Elbrus in Russia, the highest peak in Europe & Kilimanjaro peak (5,895 mts) is located in Tanzania & is Africa's highest peak.
- ⇒ 1st edition of 'The Himalayan Film Festival-2021' (THFF) held at Leh, Ladakh.
- ⇒ Two more beaches in India have been awarded "Blue Flag" certification, an international eco-level tag, taking the total number of such beaches in the country to 10. These are Kovalam in Tamil Nadu & Eden in Puducherry.
- ⇒ Dr MG Ramachandran Central (DRM) or Chennai Central railway station will get 100% of energy through Solar Energy.
- ⇒ Judima, homemade rice wine from Assam & Sojat Mehndi (Henna) from Rajasthan awarded the geographical indication (GI) tag.
- ⇒ India has added 557 new species to its fauna, which includes 407 new species & 150 new records, reveals Animal Discoveries 2020, a document published recently by the Zoological Survey of India.

