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## The Most Important Current Affairs November 2021

### National Sports Awards 2021 announced

The **National Sports Awards** for the year **2021** were announced by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports. President of India Shri **Ramnath Kovind** will felicitate the awardees on November 13, 2021. The National Sports Awards are given every year to recognize and reward excellence in sports. Given below is the list of selected sportsperson who will receive these awards this year.

#### Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award 2021:

Name of the Sportsperson	Discipline
Neeraj Chopra	Athletics
Ravi Kumar	Wrestling
Lovlina Borgohain	Boxing
Sreejesh P.R	Hockey
Avani Lekhara	Para Shooting
Sumit Antil	Para Athletics
Pramod Bhagat	Para-Badminton
Krishna Nagar	Para-Badminton
Manish Narwal	Para Shooting
Mithali Raj	Cricket
Sunil Chhetri	Football
Manpreet Singh	Hockey

#### Arjuna Awards for outstanding performance in Sports and Games 2021:

Name of the Sportsperson	Discipline
Arpinder Singh	Athletics
Simranjit Kaur	Boxing
Shikhar Dhawan	Cricket
Bhavani Devi Chadalavada Anandha Sundhararaman	Fencing
Monika	Hockey
Vandana Katariya	Hockey
Sandeep Narwal	Kabaddi
Himani Uttam Parab	Mallakhamb
Abhishek Verma	Shooting
Ankita Raina	Tennis
Deepak Punia	Wrestling

Name of the Sportsperson	Discipline
Dilpreet Singh	Hockey
Harman Preet Singh	Hockey
Rupinder Pal Singh	Hockey
Surender Kumar	Hockey
Amit Rohidas	Hockey
Birendra Lakra	Hockey
Sumit	Hockey
Nilakanta Sharma	Hockey
Hardik Singh	Hockey
Vivek Sagar Prasad	Hockey
Gurjant Singh	Hockey
Mandeep Singh	Hockey
Shamsher Singh	Hockey
Lalit Kumar Upadhyay	Hockey
Varun Kumar	Hockey
Simranjeet Singh	Hockey
Yogesh Kathuniya	Para Athletics
Nishad Kumar	Para Athletics
Praveen Kumar	Para Athletics
Suhash Yathiraj	Para-Badminton
Singhraj Adhana	Para Shooting
Bhavina Patel	Para Table Tennis
Harvinder Singh	Para Archery
Sharad Kumar	Para Athletics





### Dronacharya Award for outstanding coaches in Sports and Games 2021 (Life-Time Category):

Name of the Coach	Discipline
T. P. Ouseph	Athletics
SarkarTalwar	Cricket
Sarpal Singh	Hockey
Ashan Kumar	Kabaddi
Tapan Kumar Panigrahi	Swimming

### Dronacharya Award for outstanding coaches in Sports and Games 2021 (Regular Category):

Name of the Coach	Discipline
Radhakrishnan Nair P	Athletics
SandhyaGurung	Boxing
PritamSiwach	Hockey
Jai PrakashNautiyal	Para Shooting
Subramanian Raman	Table Tennis

### Dhyan Chand Award for Lifetime Achievement in Sports and Games 2021:

Name	Discipline
Lekha K.C.	Boxing
AbhijeetKunte	Chess
Davinder Singh Garcha	Hockey
Vikas Kumar	Kabaddi
Sajjan Singh	Wrestling

### Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar 2021:

Category	Entity recommended for Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puraskar, 2021
Identification and Nurturing of Budding and Young Talent	ManavRachna Educational Institution
Encouragement to sports through Corporate Social Responsibility	Indian Oil Corporation Limited

**Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (MAKA) Trophy 2021:**  
Panjab University: Chandigarh.

### Public Affairs Index 2021: Kerala topped in governance performance

According to the **6th edition** of the **Public Affairs Index (PAI 2021)** report by the **Public Affairs Centre (PAC)**, a Bengaluru- based non-profit think tank, the top three slots have been taken by **Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Telangana** among 18 large states. PAI 2021 highlights the state government's quality governance and especially the state's government involvement over the curb of Covid-19.

#### Toppers among large states

- Kerala (1.618)
- Tamil Nadu (0.857)
- Telangana (0.891)

#### Toppers among small states

- Sikkim (1.617)
- Meghalaya (1.144)
- Mizoram (1.123)

#### Toppers among Union Territories

- Puducherry (1.182)
- Jammu and Kashmir (0.705)
- Chandigarh (0.628)

#### About the PAI 2021:

Public Affairs Index (PAI 2021) ranks the states and Union Territories based on three pillars of equity, growth and sustainability along with 5 themes, 14 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and 43 indicators.

### Harbhajan Singh & Javagal Srinath awarded MCC life membership

**The Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC)** has released the list of 18 Cricketers who were selected for the **MCC awards Honorary Life Membership of the Club**. The list witnessed the names of 2 former Indian cricketers - **Harbhajan Singh and Javagal Srinath**. This year's list saw the names of 18 players, including 16 Male & 2 Female players (**Sarah Taylor & Sara McGlashan**).

## MCC awards Honorary Life Membership Complete List:

England	Alastair Cook, Ian Bell, Marcus Trescothick, Sarah Taylor
South Africa	Hashim Amla, Herschelle Gibbs, Jacques Kallis & Morne Morkel
West Indies	Ian Bishop, Shivnarine Chanderpaul & Ramnaresh Sarwan
Australia	Alex Blackwell & Damien Martyn
India	Harbhajan Singh & Javagal Srinath
Sri Lanka	Rangana Herath
New Zealand	Sara McGlashan
Zimbabwe	Grant Flower

## PM Modi Unveils Shri Adi Shankaracharya Samadhi and Statue in Kedarnath

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** visited **Kedarnath in Uttarakhand** on November 05, 2021, to inaugurate key infrastructure projects related to the redevelopment of Kedarnath. PM inaugurated the reconstructed **Shri Adi Shankaracharya Samadhi (final resting place)** at the premises of the Kedarnath Temple in Rudraprayag district of Uttarakhand and unveiled the **statue of Shri Adi Shankaracharya at the Samadhi**. The Samadhi was damaged in the 2013 Kedarnath flood.

### About the Statue:

- The **12-foot long statue weighing around 35 tonnes (35,000kg)** has been constructed by **Mysore-based sculptor Arjun Yogiraj**.
- During the visit, PM Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of several reconstruction projects worth over **Rs 400 crore at Kedarpuri**.
- The unveiling programmes of the statute was organized at the 12 Jyotirlingas and Jyotishpeeth across the country including Char Dhams (Badrinath, Dwarka, Puri and Rameshwaram).

## ICC Players of the Month for October revealed

Pakistan's **Asif Ali** and Ireland's **Laura Delany** have been voted the **ICC Players of the Month for October**. Ali beat Bangladesh's Shakib Al Hasan and Namibia's David Wiese to the men's award, and Delany beat teammate Gaby Lewis and Zimbabwe's Mary-Anne Musonda to the women's prize.

The first award was given in January 2021. Given below is the list of winners:

Months	Men's Player of the Month	Women's Player of the Month
January	Rishabh Pant (India)	Shabnim Ismail (South Africa)
February	Ravichandran Ashwin (India)	Tammy Beaumont (England)
March	Bhuvneshwar Kumar (India)	Lizelle Lee (South Africa)
April	Babar Azam (Pakistan)	Alyssa Healy (Australia)
May	Mushfiquir Rahim (Bangladesh)	Kathryn Bryce (Scotland)
June	Devon Conway (New Zealand)	Sophie Ecclestone (England)
July	Shakib Al Hasan (Bangladesh)	Stafanie Taylor (West Indies)
August	Joe Root (England)	Eimear Richardson (Ireland)
September	Sandeep Lamichhane (Nepal)	Heather Knight (England)
October	Asif Ali (Pakistan)	Laura Delany (Ireland)

### About the award:

The International Cricket Council (ICC) presents the ICC Player of the Month to recognise male and female cricketers who have best performed across all forms of international cricket in a particular month.

## India bags 5 medals at inaugural ISSF President's Cup

**India** finished the inaugural **ISSF President's Cup** with **five medals**, including two Gold, two Silver and one Bronze. The invitation-only tournament was held at the **Wroclaw in Poland**, featuring the top-12 shooters in each of the shotgun, pistol and rifle categories. India's Manu Bhaker bagged two gold medals.

### Medal Winners include:

#### Gold

- 25m Rapid Fire pistol Mixed Team competition: Manu Bhaker
- 10m air pistol mixed team competition: Manu Bhaker

### Silver

- Women's 25m pistol silver individual competition: Rahi Sarnobat
- Men's 10m Air Pistol individual competition: Saurabh Chaudhary

### Bronze

- Men's 10m Air Pistol individual competition: Abhishek Verma

## National Education Day: 11 November

In India, the **National Education Day** is celebrated on **11 November** every year to commemorate the birth anniversary of **Maulana Abul Kalam Azad**, the first education minister of independent India. The day was announced by the Ministry of Human Resource Development on 11 September 2008. Maulana Abul Kalam Azad served as education minister from **15 August 1947 to 2 February 1958**.

### History of National Education Day:

On **11 September 2008**, the Ministry of Human Resource Development (HRD) has announced to commemorate the birthday of the great person by recalling the contribution of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad in the field of education by celebrating 11 November as National Education Day. Since 2008, every year in India, National Education Day is celebrated without declaring it a holiday.

### About Maulana Abul Kalam Azad:

- Maulana Abul Kalam Azad was born in Mecca, Saudi Arabia in 1888. His mother was an Arab and the daughter of Sheikh Mohammad Zaher Watri and Azad's father, Maulana Khairuddin, was a Bengali Muslim of Afghan origins who came to Arab during the Sepoy Mutiny and proceeded to Mecca and settled there.
- He came back to Calcutta with his family in 1890 when Abul Kalam was two years old. Maulana Abul Kalam Azad's contributions in the field of education, nation-building, and institution-building are exemplary.
- He is the key architect of education in India. He was awarded Bharat Ratna posthumously, India's highest civilian honour in 1992.

## Centre To Roll Back 3 Farm Laws

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has announced that his government will repeal the three contentious agricultural laws and requested protesting farmers to go back to their fields and homes. The announcement came on the Gurupurab/Prakash Utsav festival, when Sikhism founder Guru Nanak's birthday is celebrated in the country. The decision comes just ahead of state polls in **Punjab and Uttar Pradesh** where the farm protests were predicted to dent the BJP's electoral fortunes. Last year, in September, President Ram Nath Kovind gave his assent for the three bills passed by the Parliament.

### What's ahead?

Since the three farm bills have already been passed into law, the government will have to formally bring three new bills to repeal them and get them passed in both Houses.

### The three contentious bills are:

- The Farmer's Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Bill, 2020,
- The Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement of Price Assurance and Farm Services Bill, 2020 and
- The Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Bill.

## Australia wins their maiden T20 World Cup title

**Australia** won their maiden **T20 World Cup title** as they defeated **New Zealand** in the final by 8 wickets. A target of **173** in a global final is never easy but Marsh with his power and reach made it look like a walk in the park in the company of **David Warner** (53 off 38 balls), who also turned the wheels of fortune for himself and his team during a victory, achieved in 18.5 overs. **Mitchell Marsh** was named as the player of the match.

### About the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2021:

ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2021 had begun on 17th October 2021 at the Oman Cricket Academy Ground, the final match was commenced on 14th November in Dubai when the tournament's two best teams Australia and New Zealand met in a decider. The event which was to be held in India **shifted to UAE and Oman due to the COVID-19 situation in India**. BCCI, however, will continue to be the host of the event.

Here is the winner's List from 2007 to 2021:

T20 World Cup Winners List from 2007 to 2021	
Year	Winner
2007	India
2009	Pakistan
2010	England
2012	West Indies
2014	Sri Lanka
2016	West Indies
2021	Australia

### ICC announces host nations of next 10 men's tournaments

The **International Cricket Council (ICC)** has announced the **14 host countries** of the **ICC men's white-ball** events from **2024-2031**. India is set to host the **2029 Champions Trophy** and co-host the **2026 ICC Men's Twenty20 World Cup** with Sri Lanka and the **2031 ICC Men's 50-over World Cup** with Bangladesh.

The hosts were selected through a competitive bidding process overseen by an ICC Hosting Sub-Committee chaired by **Martin Snedden** along with **Sourav Ganguly**, President of Board of Control for Cricket in India and **Ricky Skerritt**, President of Cricket West Indies.

#### Hosts of ICC Events:

Event	Hosts
2024 ICC Men's T20 World Cup	USA & West Indies
2025 ICC Men's Champions Trophy	Pakistan
2026 ICC Men's T20 World Cup	India & Sri Lanka
2027 ICC Men's 50 over World Cup	South Africa, Zimbabwe & Namibia
2028 ICC Men's T20 World Cup	Australia & New Zealand
2029 ICC Men's Champions Trophy	India
2030 ICC Men's T20 World Cup	England, Ireland & Scotland
2031 ICC Men's 50 over World Cup	India & Bangladesh

### President Ramnath Kovind Presents Swachh Survekshan Awards 2021

President of India, **Ram Nath Kovind** presented the **Swachh Survekshan Awards 2021** at the Swachh Amrit Mahotsav organised by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs in New Delhi. 2021 is the **6th** edition of Swachh Survekshan awards in which as many as 4,320 cities were surveyed. The cities are ranked based on three parameters, which are service level progress (SLP), certifications and citizen's voice.

Once again, **Indore** has been adjudged as the cleanest city of India for the fifth consecutive year. Indore is followed by **Surat in Gujarat** at second place and **Vijaywada in Andhra Pradesh** in the third position.

#### Here is the complete List of Award-Winning Cities:

- Cleanest City: Indore
- Cleanest Ganga town: Varanasi
- Cleanest State (with more than 100 urban local bodies): Chhattisgarh
- Cleanest State (with less than 100 urban local bodies): Jharkhand
- Cleanest City (with less than one lakh population): Vita city of Maharashtra
- Cleanest small city (1-3 lakh population): New Delhi Municipal Council
- Cleanest medium city (3-10 lakh population): Noida
- Cleanest big city' (10-40 lakh population): Navi Mumbai
- Cleanest cantonment board: Ahmedabad cantonment
- Cleanest District: Surat
- Fastest Mover small city: Hoshangawad, Madhya Pradesh
- Best Small City in Citizens' Feedback: Tripuri, Maharashtra
- Top city in Safaimitra Suraksha Challenge: Navi Mumbai





## Jason Mott won 2021 National Book Award for fiction

The **72nd edition** of the **National Book Award** was organized as a virtual event by the National Book Foundation. **Jason Mott** won the **2021 National Book Award** for fiction for his novel **"Hell of a Book"**, a narrative about a black author's adventure while travelling around in a book tour.

### Winners of 2021 National Book Awards:

Category	Book	Author
Fiction	Hell of a Book	Jason Mott
Non-Fiction	All That She Carried: The Journey of Ashley's Sack, a Black Family Keepsake	Tiya Miles
Young People's Literature	Last Night at the Telegraph Club	Malinda Lo
Poetry	Floater	Martin Espada
Best Translated Literature	Winter in Sokcho	Elisa Shua Dusapin and translator Aneesa Abbas Higgins (translated from French)

## President Kovind presents Vir Chakra, Kirti Chakra and Shaurya Chakra

President of India, **Ram Nath Kovind** presented **Gallantry Awards** and Distinguished Service Decorations in Defence Investiture Ceremony at **Rashtrapati Bhavan**. Gallantry Awards have been instituted by the Government of India to honour the acts of bravery and sacrifice of the officers/personnel of the Armed Forces as well as other lawfully constituted forces and civilians. The order of precedence of these awards is Vir Chakra, Kirti Chakra and Shaurya Chakra.

### Vir Chakra:

Group Captain **Abhinandan Varthaman** was accorded the Vir Chakra by President Ram Nath Kovind for his role in pushing back Pakistan's fighter jets in February 2019. Abhinandan Varthaman was Wing Commander then. In the ensuing aerial dogfight, he shot down a Pakistani F-16 fighter aircraft on February 27, 2019.

### Kirti Chakra

President Kovind accorded the second-highest peacetime gallantry award Kirti Chakra (posthumously) to **Sapper Prakash Jadhav** for neutralising terrorists in an operation in Jammu and Kashmir. His wife and mother received the award.

### Shaurya Chakra

- Major Vibhuti Shankar Dhoundiyal** was accorded the Shaurya Chakra (posthumously) for his role in an operation where five terrorists were eliminated and 200 kg explosive material was recovered. His wife Lt **Nitika Kaul** and mother received the award.
- Naib Subedar Sombir** was accorded the Shaurya Chakra posthumously for killing an A++ category terrorist during an operation in Jammu and Kashmir. His wife Suman Devi and mother Rajendra Devi received the honour.
- The President also conferred the Shaurya Chakra to **Major Maheshkumar Bhure** who is an alumnus of Sainik School Satara. According to the citation, Major Bhure led an operation in which six top terrorist commanders were killed.

**About the Gallantry Awards:** The prestigious awards are usually conferred to the awardees/Next-of-Kins (NoKs) by the President at the Defence Investiture Ceremony held every year at the Rashtrapati Bhawan in New Delhi. The gallantry awards are announced twice a year first on the occasion of Republic Day and then on Independence Day. The order of precedence of these awards is Param Vir Chakra, Ashoka Chakra, Mahavir Chakra, Kirti Chakra, Vir Chakra and Shaurya Chakra.

## International Emmy Awards 2021 announced

The **2021 International Emmy Awards** was the **49th edition** of the annual ceremony held in New York City. The award recognised excellence in television programs produced and aired originally outside the U.S., and non-English language US primetime programs between the dates of **January 1, 2020, and December 31, 2020**.

From India, **Nawazuddin Siddiqui** was nominated for Best Actor for his performance in **Serious Men**, **Sushmita Sen**-led **Aarya** was nominated for Best Drama and comedian **Vir Das** was nominated for Best Comedy. However, India could not register a win in any of the above categories. Till date, the only Indian show to bag an Emmy is Delhi Crime which won Best Drama in 2020.



### List of Winners of 2021 International Emmy Awards:

1. Best Actor: David Tennant for Des (UK)
2. Best Actress: Hayley Squires for Adult Material (UK)
3. Best Drama Series: Tehran (Israel)
4. Best Comedy Series: Call My Agent Season 4 (France)
5. Best Documentary: Hope Frozen: A Quest To Live Twice (Thailand)
6. Best Telenovela: The Song Of Glory (China)
7. Best TV Movie / Mini-Series: Atlantic Crossing (Norway)
8. Best Arts Programming: Kubrick By Kubrick (France)
9. Best Short-Form Series: INSiDE (New Zealand)
10. Best Non-Scripted Entertainment: The Masked Singer (UK)
11. Best Non-English Language U.S. Primetime Program: 21st Annual Latin GRAMMY Awards (USA)

### 52nd International film festival of India concluded in Goa

The **52nd edition** of the **International film festival of India** concluded in Goa. For the first time, the **BRICS film festival** was hosted alongside IFFI, OTT platforms participated and 75 creative young minds of cinema were felicitated at IFFI. The event was attended by Manoj Bajpayee, Randhir Kapoor, Madhuri Dixit Nene as well as Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur and Goa CM Pramod Sawant.

#### List of award winners in IFFI Goa:

- Most friendly State for film shooting: **Uttar Pradesh**
- Silver Peacock for Best Actor (Male): **Jitendra Bhikulal Joshi** (Godavari)
- Best actor (female): **Angela Molina** (Paraguay) for Charlotte
- Best director: **Vaclav Kadrnka** (Czech Republic) for 'Saving One Who Was Dead'
- Golden Peacock Award for Best Film: Japanese film **Ring Wandering (Masakazu Kanyeko)**
- The Special Jury award: **Renata Carvalho** (Brazil)
- Indian Film Personality of the Year Award: **Prasoon Joshi**
- Jury Special Mention for Debut Feature Film: **The Wealth of the World**
- Best Debut Feature Film of a Director: **Director Mari Alessandrini's Zahori**
- ICFT UNESCO Gandhi Award: **Lingui: The Sacred Bonds**

### 6th BRICS Film Festival Awards 2021 announced

The **6th edition** of the **BRICS Film Festival awards** was announced at the **52nd International Film Festival of India in Goa**. For the first time, BRICS Film Festival was held alongside IFFI from November 20 to November 28, 2021. The Jury for this competitive festival had 5 members, one from each of the BRICS countries. The jury selected the awards under five categories after examining twenty films.

#### Awardees:

- South African Film '**Barakat**' by Director Amy Jephta and Russian Film '**The Sun above Me Never Sets**' by Director Lyubov Borisova shared the **Best Film Award** in the Sixth edition BRICS Film Festival.
- Brazilian filmmaker **Lúcia Murat** was awarded Best Director for her documentary '**Ana**'.
- Indian actor **Dhanush** won Best Actor (Male) for his role in '**Asuran**'.
- Brazilian actor **Lara Boldorini** was honoured with **Best Actor (Female)** for her role in '**On Wheels**'.
- Jury Special Mention Award was presented to Director **Yan Han** for his film A Little Red Flower from China.

### Banking and Financial Current Affairs

- The **Federal Bank** and **Aditya Birla Health Insurance Co. Limited (ABHICL)** entered into a Bancassurance Partnership. As a part of this alliance, Federal Bank will provide to its customer's innovative health insurance solutions offered by ABHICL. Customers of Federal Bank will have facilities like Day 1 cover for asthma, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, coaching on nutrition etc.
- **Yes Bank** and **BankBazaar.com** together launched a **Co-Branded credit card** named **FinBooster** to measure the Creditworthiness of the customers. FinBooster is built around a credit fitness tracker. FinBooster uses the CreditStrong app Subscription (credit fitness report) which helps customers to track creditworthiness that improves the Credit score.

- The Reserve Bank of India has now appointed **Bandhan Bank** as an **Agency Bank** of the RBI to conduct government business. Bandhan Bank now joins several other private banks that have been empanelled as an Agency Bank of the RBI. Bandhan Bank will now be authorised to handle transactions related to GST, VAT and the collection of state taxes.
- **Axis Bank** signed an MoU with the **Indian Navy** to offer a defence service salary package under "**Power Salute**" at New Delhi. Through the agreement, the bank will provide several benefits to all ranks of Indian Navy veterans and cadets. ICICI Bank also renewed its MoU with the Indian Army to offer enhanced benefits and new features through its '**Defence Salary Account**' (DSA) to all serving as well as retired Army personnel.
- The **RBI** has issued a revised **Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) framework** for banks to enable supervisory intervention at "**appropriate time**" and also act as a tool for effective market discipline. Capital, asset quality and leverage will be the key areas for monitoring in the revised framework. The revised PCA framework will be effective from **January 1, 2022**. The framework was last revised in **April 2017**.
- The **State Bank of India** has launched a **video life certificate service for pensioners**. This new facility will allow pensioners to submit their life certificates via video from their homes. This facility is available for pensioners (other than family pensioners). Thus, the spouse of the pensioner receiving a pension from the government will not be able to use this facility.
- The **Reserve Bank of India** has launched its first global hackathon named "**HARBINGER 2021 - Innovation for Transformation**". The theme of HARBINGER 2021 is '**Smarter Digital Payments**'. The Hackathon invites participants to identify and develop solutions that have the potential to make digital payments accessible to the under-served, enhance the ease of payments and user experience while strengthening the security of digital payments and promote customer protection.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has launched two innovative **customer-centric initiatives** of the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**. These initiatives are the **RBI Retail Direct Scheme** and the **Reserve Bank - Integrated Ombudsman Scheme**. There will be a single point of reference for customers to file their complaints, submit the documents, track status, and provide feedback.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has lifted restrictions imposed on **23rd April 2021** with immediate effect on credit card issuer **Diners Club International Ltd** to onboard new customers. RBI restricted Diners Club International Ltd. from onboarding new domestic customers onto its card network from **May 1, 2021**, due to non-compliance with RBI on the storage of **Payment System Data**.
- **Unity Small Finance Bank**, the joint venture between **Centrum Group** and **Bharatpe** has commenced operations as a small finance bank. Unity Bank will be a digital-first bank with a business model of collaboration and open architecture, uniting all its stakeholders to deliver a seamless digital experience. Bharatpe was co-founded by Ashneer Grover and Shashvat Nakrani in 2018.
- **Indian Bank** has launched the **Video KYC (know your customer) facility**, which allows an applicant to open an account from anywhere by incorporating its **Video-Based Customer Identification Process (VCIP) technology**, on its web-based platforms. The initiative would dispense with the need for a personal visit to any branch of the bank to complete the physical verification.
- **RBI** has imposed strict restrictions on business activities on **Maharashtra-based Babaji Date Mahila Sahakari Bank** including imposing a withdrawal limit of Rs 5,000 for depositors. This is the latest instance of the central bank clamping down on a co-operative bank. From the close of business on Nov 8, 2021, the bank cannot issue new loans or accept fresh deposits.
- **HDFC Bank Ltd** has launched the **second edition** of its "**Mooh Band Rakho**" campaign to raise awareness on fraud prevention in support of **International Fraud Awareness Week 2021** (November 14-20, 2021).
- The **Reserve Bank of India** has announced to introduce the **Internal Ombudsman mechanism** for the following two types of **Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs)**. These two types of NBFCs are Deposit-taking NBFCs (NBFCs-D) with **10 or more branches** and Non-Deposit taking NBFCs (NBFCs-ND) with asset size of **Rs.5,000 crore** and above having public customer interface.

- The total corpus of **Payments Infrastructure Development Fund (PIDF)** of RBI has reached **Rs 614 crore**. The PIDF scheme was launched by RBI in **January 2021**, to subsidize deployment of **payment acceptance infrastructure (PoS)** in Tier-3 to Tier-6 centres with a special focus on the North-Eastern States of the country. At that time it was decided that, RBI will make an initial contribution of **Rs. 250 crores** to the PIDF covering half the fund and the remaining contribution will be from card-issuing banks and card networks operating in the country.
- The **Working Group on Digital Lending** including Lending through Online Platforms and Mobile Apps, which was constituted by the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**, has submitted its report. RBI had set a WG on Digital Lending including Lending through Online Platforms and Mobile Apps, with **Jayant Kumar Dash**, Executive Director, RBI, as the Chairman to study all aspects of digital lending activities in the regulated financial sector as well as by unregulated players.
- **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** authorized **RBL Bank** to collect direct taxes on behalf of the **Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)** based on a recommendation from the Controller General of Accounts, Ministry of Finance and Government of India. Now, the customers of RBL Bank could pay their direct taxes through RBL Bank's mobile banking or net banking platforms or through branch banking networks.
- Private sector lender **ICICI Bank** has launched an online platform called '**Trade Emerge**' for Indian exporters and importers to offer them digital banking and value-added services. The cross border trade will become hassle-free, expeditious and convenient with Trade Emerge because an array of services are being offered in one place so companies will not require to coordinate with multiple touchpoints.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** revealed a draft scheme for amalgamating the **Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative (PMC) Bank** with the Delhi-based **Unity Small Finance Bank Ltd (USFB)**. Unity Small Finance Bank is a joint venture between Centrum Group and Bharatpe. It has commenced operations as a small finance bank with effect from November 1, 2021. According to the draft scheme of amalgamation, the takeover of the assets and liabilities of PMC Bank, including deposits, by Unity will give a greater degree of protection for the depositors.
- **Equitas Small Finance Bank (SFB)** partnered with **HDFC (Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited) Bank** to launch its new co-branded credit cards. Through this partnership, Equitas SFB will utilize the HDFC bank's reach in the credit card market and also to provide its customers a better banking ecosystem.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has imposed a monetary penalty of **Rs 1 crore** on the **State Bank of India (SBI)**, for violating subsection (2) of section 19 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949. SBI held shares in the borrower companies of an amount exceeding **30 per cent** of the paid-up share capital of those companies.
- **HSBC India** has launched **India's 1st credit card** made from recycled **PVC (Polyvinyl chloride) plastic**. The cards have been introduced in partnership with global cards manufacturer **IDEMIA** to gradually eliminate single-use PVC plastic. The cards are made from **85 per cent** recycled plastic and each card will save **3.18gm of plastic waste** in addition to helping lower overall carbon emission.

### Economy Current Affairs

- **Gross Goods and service tax (GST) collection** for the month of **October** came in at **Rs 1,30,127 crore**, the second-highest collection since GST was implemented in July 2017. The highest-ever GST collection of ₹ 1.41 lakh crore was recorded in April 2021. Revenues for the month are **24% higher** year-on-year.
- Domestic credit rating agency **Brickwork Ratings** has estimated the **gross domestic product (GDP) of India at 10-10.5 per cent** in the current financial year, i.e. in **2021-22 (FY22)**. Earlier this was estimated at **9 per cent**.
- The retail inflation, measured by the **Consumer Price Index (CPI)**, slightly rose to **4.48 per cent in October**. Separately, the factory output, measured in terms of Index of Industrial Production (IIP), grew by **3.1 per cent** in September. Food inflation picked up to **0.85 per cent** in October from **0.68 per cent** a month ago with a rise in prices of vegetables.
- The **RBI** has projected the CPI inflation at **5.3 per cent** for 2021-22. According to MoSPI data, inflation in the food basket rose to **0.85 per cent** in October, compared to **0.68 per cent** in the preceding month. India's retail inflation rate, measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI), rose slightly in October to **4.48% year-on-year** from **35%** in September due to an uptick in food prices. The inflation was **61%** in October last year.



- **Ministry of Commerce & Industry** released its data on **Wholesale Price Index (WPI)**. As per Ministry's data, provisional Wholesale Price Index (WPI) based inflation have been accelerated to a five-month high to **12.54%** in **October 2021** as against **66%** recorded in September. This rise was attributed to an increase in fuel and manufacturing prices. The report notes that, benchmark inflation print has remained in double digits for seven consecutive months.
- The Swiss brokerage firm, **UBS Securities** has revised India's real GDP growth projection for 2021-22 to **9.5 per cent** from **8.5 per cent** estimated earlier. The upward revision has been attributed to faster-than-expected recovery, rising consumer confidence and the resultant spending spike.
- **State Bank of India (SBI)** economists in its research report "**Ecowrap**", has revised upwards the GDP growth projection for India to the range of **9.3%-9.6%** for FY22 (2021-22). Earlier this was estimated in the range of **8.5%-9%**. The reason for the upward revision is a decline in the number of COVID cases.
- Wall Street brokerage, **Goldman Sachs** in its recent **Macro Outlook 2022** note revised upward its projection for the **gross domestic product (GDP)** to **9.1 per cent**, from the earlier estimate of 8 per cent for the calendar year 2022. For 2021-22 (FY22), it pegged economic growth at **8.5 per cent**.
- The meeting of the **Economic Advisory Council** to the **Prime Minister (EAC-PM)** members was held in **New Delhi** to examine the Indian economic growth in **2022-23 (FY23)** and further. There, EAC-PM members projected India's real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) to **7-7.5%** and a nominal rate of growth of more than **11% in FY23**. They also projected growth of 5% in the current fiscal year (FY22) from a record contraction of **7.3% (-7.3%) in FY21**.
- **Moody's Investors Service** in its latest report has projected that the economic growth in India will rebound strongly. It has pegged GDP growth for the nation at **9.3% and 7.9% in FY22 and FY23**, respectively. India recently hit record Covid-19 vaccination rates. Moody's notes that the vaccination drive in India has gathered pace after the second wave.

## Business Current Affairs

- The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** has approved a **USD 250 million** (about Rs 1,875 crore) loan to support India's **National Industrial Corridor Development Program (NICDP)**. This is the first subprogram of the programmatic USD 500 million loans to develop 11 industrial corridors spanning 17 states.
- The **Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd. (IREDA)** has launched a '**Whistle-blower Portal**' as a part of the celebration of '**Vigilance Awareness Week 2021**'. The portal was launched by **Shri Pradip Kumar Das**, Chairman & Managing Director (CMD), IREDA on November 02, 2021.
- **NITI (National Institution for Transforming India) Aayog** and the **World Bank (WB)** are working together to facilitate a program for faster and easier financing of **electric vehicles (EVs)**. NITI Aayog and World Bank are setting up a **\$300-million** 'first loss risk sharing instrument', with the **State Bank of India (SBI)** as its program manager. The current rate of interest for electric two-wheelers & electric 3 Wheelers, which is in the range of **20-25 per cent** is expected to be reduced to **10-12 per cent**.
- **Ministry of Finance** has approved the interest rate on **employees' provident fund (EPF)** deposits for 2020-21 at **8.5%**. The rate has been kept unchanged as for the year 2019-20. EPF is one fixed-income instrument that is completely tax-free under the **exempt-exempt-exempt (EEE) regime**, along with PPF and the **Sukanya Samriddhi Account**. Now the labour ministry will notify the interest rate for it to come into effect.
- Children-focussed fintech, **Junio** has launched a **smart multipurpose card** for pre-teens and teenagers on the **RuPay platform**. The Junio RuPay Card is designed for kids and can function as a debit card for both their online and offline purchases. Kids and parents can sign up on the Junio app, and use virtual Junio smart cards with zero annual charges. Junio Smart Card will allow youngsters to make online & offline payments with ease.
- **NPCI Bharat BillPay Ltd.**, the wholly-owned subsidiary of National Payments Corporation of India has tied up with **ICICI Prudential Life Insurance** to provide its marquee offering - **ClickPay** to the insurer's customers. **ICICI Prudential Life Insurance** is the first insurance company to offer this facility of **ClickPay** to its customers empowering them to make renewal premium payments with ease.

- Digital Payment firm, **PhonePe** has launched a tokenization solution named '**SafeCard**' for online debit and credit card transactions. Earlier in September 2021, RBI had made a device-based tokenization framework applicable to **Card-on-File Tokenisation (CoFT)** services as well i.e Card-on-File (CoF) means that the Credit/Debit card details are stored by merchants for ease of payment.
- **BharatPe** launched the **World's 1st Merchant Shareholding Program (MSP)** for its merchant partners. It is a **\$100 million** worth program, under which the company offers its merchant customers an opportunity to buy BharatPe's equity shares and become a partner. The company plans a public listing by **2024** and targets a public listing value of **\$1 billion**.
- **Paytm Money**, the wholly-owned subsidiary of Paytm, has launched '**Voice Trading**', powered by artificial intelligence (AI). It will allow users to place a trade or get information about stocks via single voice command. This voice command feature uses neural networks and **natural language processing (NLP)** to allow instant processing. This service has been launched in line with Paytm Money's efforts to offer next-gen and AI-driven tech to elevate user experience.
- **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** has approved a **\$1.5 billion loan (approx Rs 11,185 crore)** to help the Government of India purchase safe and effective vaccines against the coronavirus (COVID-19). The fund will be used to procure at least **66.7 crore** COVID-19 vaccine doses for an estimated **31.7 crore** people of the country. The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank is expected to co-finance an additional **USD 500 million** for the project.
- The **Central Board of Trustees (CBT)** of the **Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO)** have approved that up to **5 per cent** of the annual deposits can be invested in **alternative investment funds (AIFs)** including infrastructure investment trusts (InvITs). This investment will offer diversification to the EPFO's investment basket.
- **Bajaj Allianz General Insurance** announced its partnership with deep-tech startup **TropoGo** for the distribution of a **drone Insurance product**. With this Bajaj Allianz General Insurance becomes the 4th insurer to offer drone cover. **HDFC Ergo** was the first insurer to launch a drone insurance cover in June 2020, followed by **ICICI Lombard** in August 2021, and **Tata AIG** last month.

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has given its approval to **Life Insurance Corporation (LIC)** to raise its stake in private lender **Kotak Mahindra Bank** to **9.99 per cent**. Currently, LIC holds **4.96%** stake in the private lender. Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited has received an intimation from LIC stating that the RBI had granted its approval to LIC, for increasing its holding in the Bank up to **9.99 per cent** of the paid-up equity share capital of the Bank.

## International Current Affairs

- **Microsoft Corp.** has surpassed **Apple Inc.** to become the world's most valuable publicly-traded company by market capitalisation. At market close on October 29, 2021, Apple stood at about **\$2.46 trillion** while Microsoft reached nearly **\$2.49 trillion**. Apple had held the top position for more than a year.
- Bharat Biotech's **Covaxin** has got **WHO** approval as the technical advisory team has recommended the India-made vaccine for emergency use listing for **18 years and above**.
- **United States** lawmakers led by Congresswoman **Carolyn B Maloney** from New York, introduced a bill to declare Diwali a national holiday in the country. The lawmaker announced the **Deepavali Day Act** in the House of Representatives.
- **Yahoo Inc.** announced that it has pulled out of **China**, citing an increasingly challenging operating environment. The withdrawal was largely symbolic, as many of the company's services were already blocked by China's digital censorship. The company's move comes as the American and Chinese governments feud over technology and trade.
- **Britain's health regulators** have approved the **world's first pill** to treat cases of symptomatic COVID-19. Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) said, the antiviral **molnupiravir** has been found to be safe and effective at reducing the risk of hospitalisation and death in people with mild to moderate COVID-19, who are at increased risk of developing the disease.
- **Yahoo Inc.** has announced that the company has stopped providing service in mainland **China** with effect from November 01, 2021, due to the increasingly challenging business and legal environment in the country. With this Yahoo has ended its **22-year presence** in the Chinese market.

- The **Government of the United Kingdom (UK)** has unveiled a **£5 coin** to commemorate the life and legacy of **Mahatma Gandhi**. It is the first time Mahatma Gandhi has been commemorated on an official UK coin. The coin is available in a range of standards, including gold and silver, The special collectors' coin was designed by **Heena Glover**.
- **China** has launched the world's first Earth-science satellite, **Guangmu or SDGSAT-1** into space from the **Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center** in the northern Shanxi Province. The satellite was launched by the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) and developed by the International Research Center of Big Data for Sustainable Development Goals (CBAS).
- **China** had launched the **Shenzhou-13** spaceship on **October 16**, sending three astronauts on a six-month mission to the under-construction space station which was expected to be ready by next year. **Wang Yaping** became the first Chinese woman astronaut to walk in space as she moved out of the under-construction space station and took part in extravehicular activities for over six hours along with her male colleague **Zhai Zhigang**.
- **The United States of America (USA)** has joined the **International Solar Alliance (ISA)** as a member country. U.S is now the **101st country** to sign the framework agreement of the ISA. The framework agreement was formally signed by **John Kerry**, the U.S. Special Presidential Envoy for Climate, at the COP26 climate summit in Glasgow.
- US Space agency **NASA** and the **Elon Musk-owned** private rocket company **SpaceX** have launched the "**Crew 3**" mission on November 10, 2021. The "Crew 3" mission consists of Indian-origin NASA astronaut **Raja Chari** as its mission commander. The other three astronauts are NASA's **Tom Marshburn (pilot)**; and **Kayla Barron (mission specialist)**; as well as ESA (European Space Agency) astronaut **Matthias Maurer (mission specialist)**.
- **Fumio Kishida**, leader of the **Liberal Democratic Party (LDP)** has been re-elected as the **Prime Minister (PM) of Japan** following the victory of the LDP in the 2021 Parliament election. Fumio Kishida succeeded **Yoshihide Suga** who resigned as PM of Japan in September 2021.
- Spanish-German Actor **Daniel Brühl** has been named the **Goodwill Ambassador** for the **United Nations World Food Programme (UN-WFP)**. He has joined the WFP's mission to reach a world with Zero Hunger. As the goodwill ambassador, he will inform about the main drivers of hunger and showcase the efforts of UN WFP to tackle both immediate needs and root causes of hunger.
- **Japan's** solid-fuel **Epsilon 5 rocket** successfully put nine small satellites into orbit including an orbital debris removal technology demonstrator. This mission marks the fifth flight of the Epsilon rocket, which first flew in September 2013. Epsilon 5 released the primary payload, **Rapid Innovative Payload Demonstration Satellite No. 2 (RAISE-2)**.
- The **WePOWER** India Partnership Forum was held through a virtual platform on November 9, 2021, to boost the South Asia **Women in Power Sector Professional Network (WePOWER)** in India. The event was organized by the **World Bank (WB)** and **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** in association with the **India Smart Grid Forum (ISGF)**. The event saw a panel discussion on expanding job opportunities for women in India's Clean Energy Transition'.
- According to the latest report by the **World Bank** titled '**World Bank's Remittance Prices Worldwide Database**', India became the world's largest recipient of remittances by receiving **USD 87 billion** in 2021. **The United States (US)** was its biggest source, accounting for over 20% of these funds. India is followed by **China, Mexico, the Philippines, and Egypt**. In India, remittances are projected to grow 3% in 2022 to USD 89.6 billion.





- The biggest-ever Dubai Airshow began at **Al Maktoum International Airport, Dubai World Central**, with more than 1,200 exhibitors taking part in the five-day show. Dubai Airshow is also the largest of its kind since the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic. The show also features more than 160 of the world's most advanced aircraft on the ground and in the air.
- **Russian Navy** successfully test-fired the '**Zircon**' Hypersonic Cruise Missile from Frigate - Admiral Gorshkov warship, which rightly hit the test target placed in the **Russian Arctic waters**. Russia destroyed its own satellite in low-earth orbit using an Anti-Satellite (ASAT) Missile named '**Nudol**', which led to the formation of a cloud of space debris that could potentially destroy other orbiting satellites & the **International Space Station (ISS)**.
- **El Salvador** President **Nayib Bukele** has announced that the country is planning to build the world's first "**Bitcoin City**". The new city is planned to be developed in the eastern region of La Union and will be initially funded by bitcoin-backed bonds.
- **Australia** officially became a part of the new **Nuclear Powered Submarine defence alliance** with the **United Kingdom** and the **United States** after signing a deal with the countries in Canberra, Australia. Under the AUKUS deal, Australia will be provided with **8 nuclear-powered** submarines capable of stealthy and long-range missions. It is the first agreement on technology signed by the three countries after the formation of the defence alliance **AUKUS (Australia-UK-US)**.
- **Sudan's** removed Prime Minister **Abdalla Hamdok** was reappointed after signing a political declaration to end the current political crisis by **Hamdok and Abdel Fattah Al-Burhan**, general commander of the Sudanese Armed Force. Before becoming prime minister, Hamdok worked for the U.N. Economic Commission for Africa, the African Development Bank and as a special adviser at the Trade and Development Bank in Ethiopia.
- **JPMorgan Chase** has once again been named the **world's most important bank** to the health of the wider financial system, according to the latest annual ranking of top lenders by global regulators. The **Financial Stability Board (FSB)**, made up of regulators from G20 countries, published its latest table of the world's 30 most systemic banks.
- **Sheikh Sabah Al Khaled Al Hamad Al Sabah** has been appointed the new **Prime Minister of Kuwait**. Sheikh Sabah also served as Kuwait's Ambassador to Saudi Arabia and Envoy at the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) from 1995 to 1998. He has also been awarded with the Order of King Abdulaziz of First Class in 1998 by Saudi Arabia.
- **World Health Organisation (WHO)** has classified the new **COVID-19** variant **B.1.1.529** as **Omicron**. New COVID-19 variant B.1.1.529 was first reported to WHO from **South Africa** on 24 November 2021.
- **Petr Fiala** has been sworn in as the new **Prime Minister of the Czech Republic** by President **Milos Zeman**.
- **South Korea** is soon going to get the world's first floating city, to deal with the problem of floods due to rising sea levels. The floating city project is a joint effort by the **UN Human Settlement Programme (UN-Habit)** and **OCEANIX**. The city will be built off the coast of Busan in South Korea and is likely to be completed by **2025**.

### National Current Affairs

- Union Minister **Dr Jitendra Singh** has dedicated to the nation "**Sardar Patel Leadership Centre**" at **Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA)** in Mussoorie. The facility was inaugurated on the occasion of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas on October 31, 2021, which marks the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.
- Union Agriculture Minister, **Narendra Singh Tomar** and Lt Governor, **Manoj Sinha** has virtually inaugurated **Apple Festival**, organized for the first time in **Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir**.
- The **5th** edition of the three-day-long **Ganga Utsav** has been organised from November 01 to 03, 2021 in virtual format. The "**Ganga Utsav 2021 - The River Festival**" will not only celebrate the glory of the river Ganga but all the rivers of the country to promote the celebration of '**Nadi Utsav**' (**River Festival**).
- As part of '**AzadiKaAmritMahotsav**' - to celebrate 75 years of Independence and in remembrance of the Iron Man of India **Shri Vallabhbhai Patel**, **REC Limited**, a public sector company under the Ministry of Power organized a '**BijliUtsav**' near Statue of Unity in Kevadia, Gujarat. The event concluded with the distribution of LED bulbs as prizes to the winners of the competitions.

- Prime Minister Shri **Narendra Modi** laid the foundation stone and dedicated various **National Highway and Road projects** to the nation in the temple town of **Pandharpur in Maharashtra**, through video conference. These initiatives are aimed at improving connectivity in the region to facilitate the hassle-free and safe movement of devotees.
- The **Union Cabinet** chaired by Prime Minister Shri **Narendra Modi** has approved the declaration of **November 15 as Janjatiya Gaurav Divas**. 15 November has been chosen as this date marks the birth anniversary of **Sri Birsa Munda** who is revered as Bhagwan (God) by tribal communities across the country.
- Union Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs & Petroleum and Natural Gas, **Hardeep S. Puri** has unveiled the statue of **Rani Lakshmi Bai** at the **Maharani Lakshmi Bai college for Women, Bhiwani Rohilla in Hisar (Haryana)** through video conferencing.
- Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) Earth Sciences; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr. Jitendra Singh has inaugurated a new Biotechnology Centre for Northeast tribals in remote area of Arunachal Pradesh at Kimin.
- The central government of India promulgated two ordinances for extending the tenure of Directors of the **Enforcement Directorate (ED)** and **Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)** for up to five years. At present, the director of CBI and ED have been appointed for two-year tenure in office by the **Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) Act, 2003**.
- **Audit Diwas** is celebrated to mark the historic origin of the institution of **Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG)** and the contribution it has made to the governance, transparency and accountability over the past several years. Currently, former Lt. Governor of UT of Jammu Kashmir **G. C. Murmu** is serving as CAG of India.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has inaugurated the **341-km long Purvanchal Express** in **Sultanpur district, Uttar Pradesh**. The expressway links state capital Lucknow with Ghazipur and has been constructed at an estimated cost of **Rs 22,500 crore**. The key feature of the Expressway is the 3.2 km long airstrip to enable landing and take-off of Indian Air Force fighter planes in case of emergency.
- 3-day **Rashtra Raksha Samparpan Parv** will be held in **Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh** as part of **Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav** celebrations. **19th of November** is the Birth Anniversary of **Rani Lakshmi Bai**, the epitome of bravery and courage and a great National icon of Rashtra Raksha and India's Independence struggle. As a part of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', Rashtra Raksha Samparpan Parv will be organised from **November 17 to November 19, 2021**.
- The first-of-its-kind, dedicated **fisheries business incubator** has been inaugurated in **Gurugram** of Haryana to nurture fisheries start-ups under real market-led conditions. The incubator is known as **LINAC- NCDC Fisheries Business Incubation Centre (LIFIC)**. It was inaugurated by the Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, **Shri Parshottam Rupala**.
- Union Minister, **Piyush Goyal** virtually launched India's first **Digital Food Museum** in **Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu**. It is a 1,860-sqft museum co-developed by the **Food Corporation of India (FCI)** and Visvesvaraya Industrial and Technological Museums, Bengaluru (Karnataka) with an estimated outlay of **Rs 1.1 crore**. The museum is the first one-of-its-kind effort to depict India's food story from the beginning to India becoming the largest food grain exporter in the country.
- **India** has been re-elected to the Executive Board of **UNESCO** for the term **2021-25**. India received **164 votes** to get re-elected to a four-year term of office. Apart from **India, Japan, Philippines, Vietnam, Cook Islands and China** have also been elected in Group IV Asian and Pacific States category. UNESCO Executive Board consists of 58 member-states each with a four-year term of office.
- The President of India, **Ram Nath Kovind** visited **Sui village** in the **Bhiwani district of Haryana**, to inaugurate various public facilities in the village. This village is being developed as Adarsh Gram (Model village) by Mahadevi Parameshwaridas Jindal Charitable Trust under the Swa-Prerit Adarsh Gram Yojana (SPAGY) scheme of the Haryana Government.

- Union Minister of Law and Justice, **Kiren Rijiju** has launched the Citizen's **Tele-Law Mobile App**. This app would connect the beneficiaries directly with panel lawyers offering legal advice and consultation. The app will connect the beneficiaries directly with panel lawyers offering legal advice and consultation. The app was launched as part of **Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav** celebrations, celebrated by the Department of Justice from 8 to 14 November. The app would connect the beneficiaries directly with panel lawyers offering legal advice and consultation.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** dedicated to the Nation various developmental projects in **Mahoba and the Jhansi district of Uttar Pradesh**. At Mahoba, Prime Minister inaugurated multiple projects with a cumulative cost of more than **Rs. 3250 Crore**, related to alleviating the issue of water shortage in the region. These projects include **Arjun Sahayak Project, Ratauli Weir Project, Bhaoni Dam Project and Majhgaon-Chilli Sprinkler Project**.
- Union Education Minister **Dharmendra Pradhan** inaugurated the state-of-the-art **Centre for Nanotechnology and Centre for Indian Knowledge System** at **IIT Guwahati**. He also released a book on NEP 2020 implementation. Assam Education Minister **Ranoj Pegu** was present on the occasion. IIT Guwahati has achieved excellent rankings in the various national and international ranking systems.
- Union Home Minister, **Amit Shah** laid the foundation for '**Rani Gaidinliu Tribal Freedom Fighters Museum**' in **Manipur**, through video conferencing. The museum will be set up at Luangkao village in the **Tamenglong district of Manipur**, which is the birthplace of freedom fighter Rani Gaidinliu. The proposed museum is being set up at an estimated cost of Rs 15 crore by the **Ministry of Tribal Affairs**.
- Minister of Railways, **Ashwini Vaishnaw** has announced the launch of **Bharat Gaurav**, which will be run in theme-based circuits by both the private sector and the **IRCTC**. The Indian Railways is in the process of finalising theme-based tourist circuit trains through private and state-owned service providers in a move to display the country's rich cultural heritage.
- The **Labour ministry** has released the new series of **wage rate index (WRI)** with the base year being **2016**. The government periodically revises the base year of WRI for key economic indicators in order to provide a clear picture of economic changes and record the wage pattern of workers. The new series of WRI with base **2016=100** will replace the old series with base **1963-65**.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has laid the Foundation Stone of **Noida International Airport at Jewar in Uttar Pradesh**. The Jewar airport is the second international aerodrome in Delhi-National Capital Region (NCR). It is the fifth international airport in Uttar Pradesh. Uttar Pradesh has now become the state with the highest number of international airports in India.
- The Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for the Ministry of Science and Technology, **Dr Jitendra Singh** inaugurated Project **SWADESH**. The project SWADESH is a first of its kind large-scale multimodal neuroimaging database designed specifically for the Indian population. The unique brain initiative has been developed by the **DBT-National Brain Research Centre (DBT-NBRC)**, Gurgaon, Haryana.

### States Current Affairs

- Chief Minister (CM) of Haryana, **Manohar Lal Khattar** has launched the '**Uttam Beej portal**' which will benefit the farmers of Haryana by providing quality seeds with transparency. The portal will provide transparency in the seed production programme arranged by both the Government and private seed producing agencies and ensure the quality of certified seeds.
- **Chhattisgarh** has observed the annual **2nd National Tribal Dance Festival 2021** at Raipur's Science College ground as a part of the tourism development plan of the state.
- Kerala is celebrating its 65th "Kerala Pirayi," the formation day of the State. The State of Kerala was created on November 1, 1956, amalgamating the erstwhile provinces of Malabar, Cochin and Thiruvithancoor. Kerala Piravi Day commemorates this momentous union that led to the formation of modern-day Kerala as we know it.



- MoS IT Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar inaugurated the 10th internet exchange of NIXI in India. It will help in enhancing and improving the quality of Internet and Broadband services in Uttarakhand. This exchange at Dehradun not only will benefit the netizens of Dehradun but promote the arrival of more Internet Service Providers and more Content Delivery network at Dehradun.
- The **Meghalaya Cabinet** has approved the proposal of the creation of a new district called **Eastern West Khasi Hills district**. The new district has been formed by upgrading the Mairang civil sub-division. **Mairang** will now be a sub-division under the **West Khasi Hills district**. The new district will be inaugurated on November 10, 2021 by Meghalaya Chief Minister **Conrad Sangma**. This will increase the total number of districts in the state to 12.
- The **Punjab Cabinet** headed by chief minister **Charanjit Singh Channi** approved the '**Punjab Tissue Culture Based Seed Potato Rules-2021**' to develop Punjab as a standard potato seed centre. The Cabinet also approved to introduce the '**Punjab Horticulture Nursery Bill-2021**' by amending '**Punjab Fruit Nursery Act-1961**'.
- The state government of **Odisha** has launched a first of its kind road safety initiative named **Rakshak**, to train first responders of road accidents. Under the program, 300 master trainers will train 30,000 local people, staying or working at the eateries and different business establishments located near accident-prone spots.
- Bengaluru Karnataka chief minister Basavaraj Bommai has launched the 'Janasevaka' scheme offering 58 government services at the doorstep of citizens. In the first phase, the scheme will be available in all 198 municipal wards in Bengaluru. Under the scheme, citizens will be charged a facilitation fee of Rs115 along with department fee for the requested service.
- The Union Ministry of Minority Affairs organised the 31st Hunar Haat the Kumbh of Kaushal Kuber and Braj Raj Utsav at Vrindavan (Mathura, UP) to provide a platform to the country's talented craftsmen, artisans and culinary experts.
- **Meghalaya** state observed the **44th** edition of '**Wangala**', the festival of 100 Drums Festival begins. It is a post-harvest festival of the Garos tribe which is being held every year to honour '**Saljong**', the Sun God of Garos, which also marks the end of the harvest season.
- State Cabinet of **Arunachal Pradesh**, headed by Chief Minister **Pema Khandu**, approved "**Kaiser-i-Hind**" as the state butterfly. Kaiser-i-Hind is scientifically known as **Teinopalpus imperialis**. In literal terms, it means Emperor of India. The butterfly is having a wingspan of **90-120 mm**. It is found across six States along Eastern Himalayas at elevations from **6,000-10,000 feet** in a well-wooded terrain.
- The government of **Arunachal Pradesh** approved the '**Pakke Tiger Reserve 2047 Declaration on Climate Change Resilient and Responsive Arunachal Pradesh**', which aims to promote "climate-resilient development" in the state. The announcement is the first of its kind by any state government in the country.
- India's first '**grass conservatory**' or '**germplasm conservation centre**' spread over an area of 2 acres was inaugurated at **Ranikhet in Almora district of Uttarakhand**. This conservatory is funded under the Central Government's **CAMPA (Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority)** scheme and is developed by the research wing of the Uttarakhand Forest Department. To create awareness about the importance of grass species, promote their conservation, and facilitate research in the field.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has inaugurated a series of Tribal Welfare programs on his visit to Madhya Pradesh. PM Modi launched a welfare scheme named '**Ration Aapke Gram**' scheme & '**Sickle Cell Mission**' of Madhya Pradesh. He also laid the foundation stone for the construction of 50 new Eklavya Model Residential Schools across India.
- Bollywood actor **Salman Khan** is to become the Covid-vaccine ambassador of **Maharashtra**. Maharashtra Public Health Minister According to **Rajesh Tope**, there is hesitation about receiving anti-coronavirus vaccines in Muslim-majority communities, and the government will enlist the help of Bollywood actor Salman Khan to persuade people to get the vaccine.
- **Pochampally village** in **Yadadri Bhuvanagiri** district of **Telangana**, known for its famous hand-woven **Ikat saris**, was selected as one of the best tourism villages by the **United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO)**. The award will be given at the 24th session of the UNWTO general assembly on **December 2, in Madrid**.

- The Union Minister of Heavy Industries **Mahendra Nath Pandey** has inaugurated the first air pollution control tower of the state of **Uttar Pradesh in Noida**. The **Air Pollution Control Tower (APCT)** prototype has been developed by state-run **Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd (Bhel)**. The indigenously developed APCT is set up between the DND flyway and the slip road to Noida Expressway. The tower will help to mitigate the rising air pollution problem in the city.
- **Andhra Pradesh** has been named the best marine state in the country by the **Department of Fisheries**. The Department of Fisheries under the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying awarded best performing States for 2021-22 on 21 November 2021 on the occasion of the '**World Fisheries Day**', to recognise their accomplishments in the field and their contribution to the growth of the sector. Top States: Marine states: Andhra Pradesh; Inland states: Telangana; Hilly and North East states: Tripura. Top Districts: Best Marine District: Balasore in Odisha; Best Inland District: Balaghat in Madhya Pradesh; Best Hilly and NE District: Bongaigaon in Assam
- On Karthika Purnima, which is also known as Boita Bandana is celebrated at various water bodies of Odisha. The festival is the maritime tradition that is celebrated as a testament to the maritime trade history of Kalinga, traders and mariners known as sadhabas travelled on boitas (boats) to trade with distant island nations that share borders with the Bay of Bengal like Indonesia, Java, Sumatra and Bali.
- Lachit Divas (Lachit Day) is celebrated annually in the Indian state of Assam on November 24, to mark the birth anniversary of the legendary Ahom army general Lachit Borphukan. Lachit Borphukan was born on 24 November 1622 in Charaideo and is known for his military intelligence in the Battle of Saraighat.
- Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister, Shivraj Singh Chouhan has announced the renaming of Indore's Patalpani railway station after tribal icon Tantya Bhil, who was well known as 'Indian Robin Hood' by the tribals. CM also announced that 2 other landmarks, the Bhanwar Kuan intersection, and MR 10 bus stand, in Indore will also be named after Tantya Bhil. Notably, Bhopal's Habibganj railway station was recently named after Rani Kamalapati, a tribal queen.
- **Madhya Pradesh Cabinet** has approved the proposal to create cyber tehsils in the state of Madhya Pradesh. After this, MP will become the first state in the country to have a cyber tehsil. **Cyber Tehsil** will make the mutation process easy and people from anywhere in the state can avail of its benefit. With this, the process of conversion will become convenient in the cases of undisputed land.
- The three-day **Shillong Cherry Blossom Festival 2021** was inaugurated by Chief Minister of Meghalaya, **Conrad K Sangma**, and Ambassador of Japan to India, Satoshi Suzuki. It was celebrated from **November 25 to 27**.

### Schemes/Committees

- The Union Minister of Cooperation, Amit Shah has launched the "**Dairy Sahakar**" scheme at Anand, Gujarat during a function organised by Amul to celebrate the **75th Foundation Year of Amul**. The total outlay of the Dairy Sahakar scheme is **Rs 5000 crore**. The scheme will be implemented by **National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC)** under the Ministry of Cooperation.
- The Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Earth Sciences **Dr Jitendra Singh** officially launched India's First Manned Ocean Mission called the "**Samudrayan project**" at Chennai. The Unique Ocean Mission aims to have deep underwater manned vehicles for carrying out subsea activities. With this technology, India joins the elite club of nations such as the **USA, Russia, Japan, France and China** to have such underwater vehicles.
- Union Home Minister **Amit Shah** has announced that the Central government has extended the benefits of the "**Ayushman CAPF healthcare scheme**" to the personnel of all **Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs)**. The scheme was launched in line with the commitment of the Modi govt to ensure healthcare facilities of CAPF personnel so that they can discharge their duties with full concentration.
- Union Minister of Finance & Corporate Affairs, **Nirmala Sitharaman** has launched two schemes named '**Tejasvini & Hausala schemes**' of J&K Bank for girls. Under 18-35 years of age to start their businesses and '**Shikhar & Shikara**' schemes of Punjab National Bank (PNB) for development of tourism in **Jammu and Kashmir (J&K)**.

- **Union Cabinet** chaired by Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has approved the extension of **Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana (PMGKAY)** for another four months. The Phase V of the PMGKAY scheme will be operational from December 2021 till March 2022. Under the scheme, all the beneficiaries covered under the **National Food Security Act (NFSA)** receives food grains @ **5 kg per person per month**.

### Agreement/Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

- **Kotak Mahindra Bank (KMB)** has partnered with the **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)** to launch Kotak credit cards on the RuPay network named '**Veer**' for Indian armed forces i.e. the Army, Navy, and Air Force personnel. In India's **75th** year of Independence, the first credit card to be introduced by KMBL on the RuPay network is the '**Veer**' credit card, exclusively for the armed forces.
- The **Indian Railway Catering & Tourism Corporation Limited (IRCTC)** has partnered with **Truecaller India** to provide passengers with greater trust in communication. This partnership aims to reduce fraud in the railways.
- **Flipkart**, India's homegrown e-commerce marketplace, has signed an MoU with the **Ministry of Rural Development of the Government of India**, for their ambitious **Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihood Mission** program, to help empower local businesses and self-help groups - especially those that are led by women - by bringing them into the e-commerce fold.
- **ESAF Small Finance Bank** has launched **State Level Local Sustainable Economic Development Training Programme** in Kerala in collaboration with NABARD. Initially, this project will benefit 300 panchayats across Kerala. It was aimed at bringing financial empowerment and economic independence at the local level. It is a step towards building financial literacy at grass root levels.
- **Liberty General Insurance Ltd** has partnered with **PhonePe** to offer motor insurance digitally. Through PhonePe, Liberty General Insurance's motor insurance policy provides easy accessibility to the motor insurance cover, especially to the digitally savvy generation. PhonePe ventured into the distribution of insurance in 2020.
- **Aadhar Housing Finance and UCO Bank** have entered into a co-lending agreement to offer home loans at competitive interest rates. The partnership aims at providing easy and convenient home finance solutions to customers from the economically weaker sections of society. The co-lending framework of the Reserve Bank of India provides a tool for banks and non-banks to collaborate.
- **Tata Motors** has signed a 5 year Memorandum of Understanding with **Equitas SFB**, one of the country's largest small finance banks, to bring a set of attractive financial solutions to its customers. With benefits applicable across the Tata Motors small commercial vehicle (SCV) range, this tie-up will aim to facilitate seamless availability of financing for aspiring buyers.
- **India Post Payments Bank, Department of Posts & Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance co.** has announced a strategic partnership for offering term and annuity products to customers through the Bank's extensive network. Term & Annuity Products viz. Bajaj Allianz Smart Protect Goal & Bajaj Allianz Guaranteed - Pension Goal of Both the products available on easy to sell POS platform.
- **Maharashtra government** has signed an MoU with the **United States-based Non-Profit Organisation, Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI)**, to provide technical support for **Maharashtra's Electric Vehicle (EV) policy**. The MoU was signed at Glasgow, United Kingdom, at the **United Nations Conference on Climate Change (COP26)**. Maharashtra state EV policy aims to have a 10 per cent share of EV vehicles of total registrations in India by 2025.
- **National Thermal Power Corporation Limited (NTPC)** signed an MoU with **Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL)** to collaborate in the field of **Renewable Energy** and mutually explore opportunities for the supply of low carbon/RE RTC (round the clock) captive power. This is a first-of-its-kind novel initiative by two leading national energy majors of India, to support the country's commitment to achieving renewable energy targets and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. This comes in the backdrop of Indian Oil announcing its plan to build the country's first green hydrogen plant at its Mathura refinery.



- The **State Bank of India** has signed a strategic agreement with **Jamshedpur Football Club**, a fully owned subsidiary of **Tata Steel**, to promote and support football in India. This is the first of its kind of agreement by SBI in the game of football. Through this agreement, the SBI will become one of the principal sponsors of the JFC, thereby having the SBI logo on Jersey.
- **Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)** has entered into a collaboration with **Google India Pvt Ltd (GIPL)** for piloting a social impact lending programme with financial assistance up to Rs 1 crore at subsidized interest rates. The one-of-a-kind programme by SIDBI is launched as a crisis response related to **Covid-19** to reinvigorate the MSME sector in India.
- **BOB Financial Solutions (BFSL)**, a subsidiary of **Bank of Baroda (BoB)** has partnered with the **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)** to launch BoB Credit Cards (Easy and Premier variants) on the RuPay platform. Both Easy and Premier variants of BoB credit cards have been launched on the JCB International network and both cards support global acceptance.
- The **State bank of India (SBI)** has signed an MoU with **Pondicherry Co-op. Milk Producers' Union Ltd (PONLAIT)** for financing individual dairy farmers up to **Rs 3 Lakh**. The Loan will be made available through YONO application of the SBI Bank. SBI has introduced a technology product, named '**SAFAL- Simple And Fast Agriculture Loan**' for financing individual Dairy farmers, who are supplying milk to commercial dairies on a regular basis.
- **MakeMyTrip** partnered with the Ministry of Civil Aviation to promote regional air connectivity through the **UDAN scheme**. MakeMyTrip will now power UDAN flights on the 'AirSewa portal' and market them on its platform to promote its services.



## Appointments/Resignations (National & International)

- The Centre has appointed former Supreme Court Judge Justice **Ashok Bhushan** as the new **Chairperson** of the **National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT)**, for a period of four years or until he attains the age of 70 years, whichever is the earliest. He was the former Chief Justice of Kerala High Court. NCLAT was formed by the government under Section 410 of the **Companies Act, 2013**.
- Board member of Reliance Jio Infocomm, Reliance Retail and Reliance Foundation, **Isha Ambani** was appointed on the Board of Trustees of the prestigious **Smithsonian's National Museum of Asian Art**. The appointment is for 4 years. Apart from Isha Ambani, **Carolyn Brehm**, founder and CEO of the consulting firm Brehm Global Ventures LLC and lecturer, and **Peter Kimmelman**, also joined the board. **Antoine van Agtmael** is the chair of the museum's board of trustees.
- **Industry chamber Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI)** named **Arun Chawla** as its new director-general. He will assume charge with immediate effect. He joined FICCI in 2011 and is currently the deputy secretary-general of the chamber. He joined the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry in 2011 and is currently the deputy secretary-general of the chamber.
- **Barclays** new CEO is **CS Venkatakrishnan**, an Indian-American and the first person of color to hold that position. Venkatakrishnan, who was most recently Barclays' co-president and head of global markets, is stepping in as CEO after **Jes Staley** resigned over his ties with late financier Jeffrey Epstein, a convicted sex offender who died by suicide in prison three years ago.
- **Bandhan Bank** has announced Popular Assamese & Bollywood singer **Zubeen Garg** as the brand ambassador for the Bank in Assam. This association is a landmark one for Bandhan Bank as this is the first time ever that the Bank has associated with a brand ambassador since its inception six years back.
- **Rajib Kumar Mishra** shall exercise the power of chairman and managing director of **PTC India Ltd**, subsequent to relieving of **Deepak Amitabh**. PTC India Ltd. (formerly known as Power Trading Corporation of India Limited), was incorporated in 1999 to undertake the trade of power to achieve economic efficiency & security of supply & to develop a vibrant power market in the country.

- **Morinari Watanabe** was re-elected as the President of the **International Gymnastics Federation or Fédération Internationale de Gymnastique (FIG)** for a period of three years.
- The **International Human Rights Foundation (IHRF)** has appointed the **Spaniard Daniel del Valle** as the High Representative for Youth due to his achievements in the thematic area of youth empowerment and youth participation for the United Nations. IHRF, a non-governmental and non-profit institution.
- Vice Admiral **R Hari Kumar** has been named as the next **Chief of the Naval Staff** by the Government of India. He is presently posted as Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief Western Naval Command. He will take on the new role with effect from November 30, 2021. He will replace the incumbent Chief of the Naval Staff, Admiral **Karambir Singh**, who will complete his tenure on November 30, 2021.
- The government has announced the appointment of chiefs of two key **Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF)**. These are the **Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)** and the **National Disaster Response Force (NDRF)**. Special Director in the Intelligence Bureau **Sheel Vardhan Singh** has been appointed as the new **CISF DG**, while National Police Academy Director **Atul Karwal** has been appointed as the **NDRF DG**. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the proposal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for appointments.
- Amway India, a Direct Selling FMCG company announced the appointment of Bollywood megastar **Amitabh Bachchan** as its brand ambassador.
- Games24x7 fantasy cricket platform '**My11Circle**' announced Indian Cricketer **Mohammad Siraj** as its new brand ambassador. Other brand ambassadors of My11Circle –**Saurav Ganguly, Ajinkya Rahane, VVS Laxman**, etc. Mohammed Siraj plays for the Indian team and represents Royal Challengers Bangalore in the IPL.
- **Satya Narayan Pradhan** has been appointed as the **Director-General (DG)** of **Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB)** on a deputation till the date of his superannuation on **31st August 2024** or until further orders.
- 1982-batch retired IRS officer and former chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), **Pramod Chandra Mody** was appointed new **Secretary General Rajya Sabha**, replacing P.P.K. Ramacharyulu. Ramacharyulu meanwhile has been reassigned as an advisor for one year term. Ramacharyulu has now been appointed as an **advisor in the Rajya Sabha Secretariat**.
- Children's footwear brand **Plaeto** has announced the appointment of celebrated Indian cricketer **Rahul Dravid** as its brand ambassador and mentor. Plaeto is India's first D2C foot-health focused footwear brand designed specifically for Indian children. Plaeto was founded in March 2020 by Ravi Kallayil, Sara Kilgore and Pavan Kareti.
- Professor **Bimal Patel** of India has been elected to the **International Law Commission** for a period of five-year. His five-year term will start from **January 1, 2023**. Prof Patel is the Vice-Chancellor of Rashtriya Raksha University and a Member of the **National Security Advisory Board of India**.
- **Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)** President, **Sourav Ganguly** has confirmed, that former India batter **VVS Laxman** will be the next head of the **National Cricket Academy (NCA)**. **Laxman** will take over from his former batting colleague **Rahul Dravid**, who was recently appointed as chief coach of the Indian team following the end of Ravi Shastri's tenure.
- The President of BCCI, **Sourav Ganguly** has been appointed as the **Chairman** of the **ICC Men's Cricket Committee**, during the ICC Board Meeting. Ganguly will replace **Anil Kumble** who assumed the charge in 2012. Kumble stepped down having served a maximum of three separate three-year terms. **Johnny Grave**, CEO of Cricket West Indies has been appointed to the **ICC Women's Cricket Committee**.
- The United Nations Secretary-General, **Antonio Guterres** has appointed **Shombi Sharp** of the United States (US), a sustainable development expert, as the **UN Resident Coordinator in India**.
- The Union Tribal Affairs Minister **Arjun Munda** inaugurated **TRIFED (Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation Ltd)** **Aadi Mahotsav** at Dilli Haat in New Delhi, in the presence of Sukhram Munda, Grandson of Bhagwan Birsa Munda. On the occasion, Olympic medallist and boxer Padma Vibhushan **MC Mary Kom** was declared as the brand ambassador of the TRIFED Aadi Mahotsav. It is a national tribal festival and a joint initiative of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs and the TRIFED.

- The International Cricket Council (ICC) has appointed Geoff Allardice as the permanent CEO of the International Cricket governing body. He was serving as interim CEO for more than eight months. He replaces Manu Sawhney who officially resigned from his position in July 2021. Allardice, a former Australian first-class cricketer and administrator, was the ICC General Manager, Cricket for eight years. He had previously held a similar role at Cricket Australia.
- Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) special director Praveen Sinha was elected the delegate for Asia in the executive committee of the International Criminal Police Organization (Interpol) following a tough contest involving China. In the election, four contestants were China, Singapore, South Korea and Jordan. India's National Central Bureau (NCB-India) reached out to its counterparts around the world to campaign for this election. The elections were held in Istanbul, Turkey during the ongoing 89 INTERPOL General Assembly.
- Noted mountaineer from Uttarakhand, **Harshwanti Bisht** has earned the distinction of being elected the first woman president of the **Indian Mountaineering Foundation (IMF)**.
- Two-wheeler major, **Hero MotoCorp** announced the appointment of former chairman of State Bank of India (SBI) **Rajnish Kumar** as an independent non-executive director on the board of the company.
- Senior bureaucrat, **Vivek Johri** has been appointed as the new **Chairman** of the **Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC)**. He will succeed **M Ajit Kumar** who is completing his tenure.
- The **International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL)** has elected Inspector General **Ahmed Naser Al-Raisi** (United Arab Emirates) as its President for a **4-year term** at the **89th** Interpol general assembly meeting held in **Istanbul, Turkey**. He replaces **Kim Jong Yan** from South Korea.
- Indian-origin technology executive, **Parag Agrawal** has been appointed as the new **CEO** of **Twitter** after the social media giant's co-founder **Jack Dorsey** stepped down. He is now the **youngest CEO** in the S&P 500 elbowing Meta Platform Inc. CEO **Mark Zuckerberg**. However, Agrawal is 37 and the same age as Mark Zuckerberg.

## Ranks and Reports

- **Hurun India and EdelGive** have jointly released the **Edelgive Hurun India Philanthropy List 2021**. The list was topped by **Azim Premji**, the founder chairman of Wipro, with a donation of Rs 9,713 crore during fiscal 2020-21 which is around Rs 27 crore a day. HCL's **Shiv Nadar** once again retained the second spot on the list with an annual donation of Rs 1,263 crore, marking a 59 per cent rise. **Mukesh Ambani**, the chairman of Reliance Industries, and his family occupied the third spot on the philanthropy list with an annual donation of Rs 577 crore.
- **QS (Quacquarelli Symonds)** has released the **2022 QS World University Rankings**. The ranking has been topped by the **National University of Singapore (NUS)** for the **4th year** in a row. It is followed by **China's Peking University** at 2nd position and **Nanyang Technological University in Singapore**, and the **University of Hong Kong in Hong Kong** at 3rd. **Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IITB)** (42nd regionally) and **IIT Delhi** (45th regionally) are the only two Indian institutions among the Top-50. **IIT Madras**, which was in 50th place last year, has lost four places and now ranks 54th. India features 118 Indian Universities following China with 126 universities.
- **India** has been placed at **10th spot** in the global **Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) 2022** released by **Germanwatch** on the side-lines of the **COP26**. In 2020 also India was at **10th** position. India has retained its position as the top 10 best-performing countries with higher climate performance for the third year in a row.
- The **Logistics Ease Across Different States 2021 Index** was recently published by the **Ministry of Commerce & Industry**. This is the third edition of Index. In the index, **Gujarat, Haryana and Punjab** were emerged as best performing states with respect to mobility of goods and efficiency of logistics chain. This index provide ranking to states on the basis of logistics infrastructure.
- **India** ranked **18th** out of 30 countries in the 1st edition of the **Global Drug Policy Index** which was released by the **Harm Reduction Consortium in November 2021**. The index ranked **Norway, New Zealand, Portugal, the United Kingdom (UK), and Australia** as the top 5 countries on humane and health-driven drug policies.



- According to the data from air quality and pollution city tracking service from **IQAir**, a Switzerland-based climate group, **Delhi, Kolkata and Mumbai** are among the top ten most polluted cities of the world. **Delhi** topped the list with AQI at 556, **Kolkata** and **Mumbai** recorded an AQI of **177 and 169**, respectively, at **4th and 6th** position. The cities with the worst AQI indices also include Lahore, in Pakistan, and Chengdu, in China.
- India** has slipped to **82nd position** (drop by 5 slots from 2020) with a risk score of 44 in the global list of **2021 TRACE Bribery Risk Matrix (TRACE Matrix)** that measures business bribery risks, which was released by TRACE International. In 2020, India ranked 77 with a score of 45. Denmark has topped the rankings with a score of 2. An anti-bribery standard-setting organisation, known as TRACE, measures business bribery risk in 194 countries, territories, and autonomous and semi-autonomous regions.
- Andhra Pradesh Police has topped the 'IPF Smart Policing' Index 2021, among 29 states and Union Territories, released by the Indian Police Foundation (IPF). Andhra Pradesh has secured the first rank with an overall score of 8.11 out of 10. Telangana Police is in the second position with 8.10 points while Assam Police has secured the third position with an overall rating of 7.89. With a score of 5.81, Uttar Pradesh is ranked at 28th position and Bihar has occupied the last position with 5.74 points.
- The **Sadar Bazar police station** in **Delhi** has been ranked as the best police station of India for the year **2021** by the **Ministry of Home Affairs**. **Top the list:** Sadar Bazar police station: north district of Delhi.
- NITI Aayog** launched the inaugural **SDG Urban Index & Dashboard 2021-22**, to further strengthen Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) localization and institute robust SDG monitoring at the city level. The index is an SDG progress monitoring tool at the ULB level to highlight the strengths and gaps of ULB-level data, monitoring, and reporting systems. **Shimla** has topped among the 56 urban areas while **Dhanbad** in Jharkhand is at the bottom.
- All three radical findings are part of the summary findings of the fifth round of the **National Family and Health Survey (NFHS)**, which were released by the Union health ministry. India now has **1,020 women for every 1000 men**, is not getting any younger, and no longer faces the threat of a population explosion. According to NFHS-3, conducted in **2005-06**, the ratio was equal, **1000:1000**; it went down to **991:1000** in 2015-16 in NFHS-4. This is the first time, in any NFHS or Census, that the sex ratio is skewed in favour of women.
- The government think tank **Niti Aayog** has released the **first-ever Multi-dimensional Poverty Index (MPI)** to measure poverty at the national, State/UT, and district levels. As per the inaugural index, **Bihar** has been adjudged as the state with the highest level of **multidimensional poverty**. **51.91 per cent** of the state's population are multidimensionally poor. Meanwhile, Kerala (0.71 per cent), Goa (3.76%), Sikkim (3.82%), Tamil Nadu (4.89%) and Punjab (5.59 %) are the top 5 lowest poverty states across India.
- According to Kantar's BrandZ India 2021 report, **Amazon, Tata Tea and Asian Paints** emerged as the most purposeful brands in India across technology, FMCG, and non-FMCG categories respectively. In technology ranking Amazon leads the index followed by **Zomato, YouTube, and Google, and Swiggy** jointly in 4th place.

### Sports Current Affairs

- The **Jammu & Kashmir team** for deaf clinched **1st** position in **World Deaf Judo Championship** held at **Paris Versailles, France**. **Rakshanda Mehak** who is part of the Indian team for the deaf clinched the bronze medal by defeating the South Korean team in the semifinal. The championship was held at Versailles, France. The championship is organised by the **International Committee of Sports for the Deaf**.
- Indian Grandmaster (GM) **P Iniyan** has won the **5th Rujna Zora chess tournament** held at **Serbia**. International Master (IM) **Makarian Rudik** of Russia finished 2nd and another Indian Player **V S Raaghul** finished 3rd and IM **S. Nitin** placed 4th. **P Iniyan** is the 16th Indian Grand Master from Erode, Tamil Nadu. His current International Chess Federation (FIDE) ratings is 2556.

- **Unmukt Chand** has become the first Indian male cricketer to sign up for the **Big Bash League** as he is set to feature in the **Melbourne Renegades** side in the upcoming edition.
- Indian boxer **Akash Kumar** managed to clinch the **bronze medal** at the **2021 AIBA Men's World Boxing Championships** on November 05, 2021 at Belgrade in Serbia. The 21-year-old Akash lost 0-5 in the **54 kg category** to **Makhmud Sabyrkhan** of Kazakhstan.
- India's woman pistol star **Manu Bhaker** and Iranian Olympic champion **Javad Foroughi** has won the 10m air pistol mixed team gold at the inaugural **ISSF President's Cup** at the **Wroclaw** in **Poland**.
- **Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)** has joined **British racing team Jaguar Racing** as the title partner, ahead of the **2021/22 ABB FIA Formula E World Championship**. The team will be known as **Jaguar TCS Racing**.
- Afghanistan leg-spinner **Rashid Khan** became the youngest bowler to take **400 T20 wickets** during his team's crucial Super 12 encounter against New Zealand in Dubai. **Martin Gupthill** became Rashid's 400th victim in T20 cricket.
- **Max Verstappen (Red Bull - Netherlands)** has won the **2021 Mexico City Grand Prix** held at the Autódromo Hermanos Rodríguez in **Mexico City**.
- In Table Tennis, Indian duo **Manika Batra** and **Archana Girish Kamath** clinched the **women's doubles title** in the WTT Contender tournament in Lasko, Slovenia.
- 13-year-old **Tajamul Islam** is the first Kashmiri girl to have represented India and won the **gold medal** in the under-14 age category in **World Kickboxing Championship** held at Cairo in Egypt. Islam defeated Argentina's Lalina in the final.
- **Sankalp Gupta** has become **India's 71st Grandmaster** by scoring 6.5 points and finishing second in the GM Ask 3 round-robin event in **Arandjelovac, Serbia**.
- Indian batter **Rohit Sharma** has completed **3000 T20I runs** and became the third cricketer in the world to achieve this feat. Rohit reached the 3000 run mark in the **ICC men's T20 World Cup match** against Namibia. **Virat Kohli** is at the top of the tally with **3227 runs**, which is followed by New Zealand's **Martin Gupthill** & India's Rohit Sharma with **3115 and 3008 runs** respectively.
- Trinidadian cricketer **Dwayne Bravo**, the former captain of the **West Indies cricket team** has confirmed his retirement from international cricket.
- **Novak Djokovic (Serbia)** has defeated **Danill Medvedev (Russia)** in the finals to win his 6th **Paris Title** & the record **37th Masters Title** at Paris, France.
- India's first Physical **National Yogasana Championships** has been organised in **Bhubaneswar, Odisha** from November 11-13, 2021. The National Yogasana Sports Championships 2021-22 has been organised by the **National Yogasana Sports Federation (NYSF)** in association with the Odisha state.
- International Master (IM) **Mitrabha Guha** from Kolkata, West Bengal has become the **72nd Grandmaster of India** after securing his 3rd and final Grandmaster (GM) norm at GM Third Saturday Mix 220, Novi Sad, Serbia. He won this 3rd GM norm against GM Nikola Sedlak of Mitrabha Guha scored his 2nd GM norm at the Sheikh Russel International GM Tournament 2021, Bangladesh.
- The first matches for the **Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games** have been announced. Women's cricket is making its debut at the Commonwealth Games with the **T20 format**. The last time cricket was played in the multi-sporting showpiece was in the 1998 edition in Kuala Lumpur. The women's cricket T20 competition will be held at the **Edgbaston Stadium** from the 29 July, with the bronze and gold medal matches taking place on **7 August**. India will face Australia in the opening match when women's cricket makes its debut at the 2022 Commonwealth Games on July 29 while the final will be played on August 7. India in the early session, with Pakistan playing Barbados, who was recently confirmed as the team from the West Indies that will take part in the Commonwealth Games.
- **Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes-Great Britain)**, has won the 2021 F1 Sao Paulo Grand Prix (earlier known as **Brazilian Grand Prix**). **Max Verstappen** (Red Bull - Netherlands) came second while **Valtteri Bottas** (Mercedes-Finland) came third in the **Brazilian Grand Prix 2021**.
- The **International Cricket Council (ICC)** announced cricket legends **Mahela Jayawardena** (Sri Lanka), **Shaun Pollock** (SA), and **Janette Brittin** (England) were inducted into the hall of fame. The ICC Hall of Fame recognizes the achievements of the legends of the game from cricket's long and illustrious history. 106 players have been inducted since its launch in 2009.

- In tennis, **Garbine Muguruza** of Spain beat **Anett Kontaveit** of Estonia, 6-3, 7-5 in the final to claim her first WTA Final title. Muguruza is also the first Spaniard to win the WTA Finals. Muguruza battled back from a breakdown in the second set, winning the last four games of the match to seal her 10th career title. In doubles, Czech's **Barbora Krejčíková and Kateřina Siniaková** defeated Hsieh Su-wei (Chinese Taipei) and Elise Mertens (Belgium) 6-3, 6-4.
- **Alexander "Sascha" Zverev**, a German professional tennis player, won the fifth ATP title of the season (2021) and 18th overall at the **Vienna Open 2021** or **Erste Bank Open 2021** defeating Frances Tiafoe of the **United States of America (USA)**. At present, Alexander Zverev is ranked 3rd in the ATP World Ranking.
- Former South Africa captain **AB de Villiers** has announced his retirement from all forms of cricket. He had already retired from **international cricket in 2018**. However, AB de Villiers was still playing in the **Indian Premier League (IPL)** for Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB), ever since joining the franchise in 2011.
- The 2021 Asian Archery Championships was held in Dhaka, Bangladesh. The Indian archers bagged seven medals at the competition to occupy second place in the medal table. This included one gold, four silver and two bronze medals. South Korea won 15 medals to top the medal table, while the host Bangladesh settled at third place with 3 medals.
- Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes-Great Britain), has won the 2021 F1 Qatar Grand Prix. Max Verstappen (Red Bull - Netherlands) came second while Fernando Alonso (Alpine- Spain) came third. With this win, Lewis Hamilton has become the first driver to have won at 30 different circuits in Formula 1.
- In badminton, Kento Momota of Japan beat Anders Antonsen of Denmark 21-17, 21-11 to win the men's singles title at the 2021 Indonesia Masters Super 750 badminton tournament. The US\$600,000 tournament was held at Bali in Indonesia from November 16 to 21, 2021. In women's single, An Seyoung of South Korea defeated top-seed Akane Yamaguchi of Japan 21-17, 21-19 to win the title.
- The 5th edition of the Asian Youth Para Games 2025 will be hosted by Tashkent, the capital of Uzbekistan, and the approval given by the Asian Paralympic Committee's (APC) Executive Board. For the first time, 'Asian Youth Games 2025' and 'Asian Youth Para Games 2025' will be hosted in the same city & in the same venues.
- In cricket, **Tamil Nadu** has lifted the **Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy** defeating **Karnataka** after chasing 152. Batsman M. Shahruxh Khan smashed a dramatic last-ball six to help Tamil Nadu defend the T-20 title with a thrilling four-wicket win in the summit clash in **Arun Jaitley Stadium, Delhi**.
- In Tennis, Alexander Zverev of Germany beat World No.2 Daniil Medvedev of Russia, 6-4, 6-4, in the men's singles finals to clinch the 2021 ATP Finals title, held at Turin in Italy. This is Zverev's second Nitto ATP Finals title, after winning the first in 2018. Pierre-Hugues Herbert and Nicolas Mahut of France clinched the men's double title by defeating Rajeev Ram of the US and Joe Salisbury of the UK.
- Indian Squash star, **Saurav Ghosal** has scripted history as he has become the first Indian squash player to win the **Malaysian Open Championships**.

### Summits And Conferences

- Addressing the **COP26 Glasgow Climate Summit** held in **Scotland**, Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has said that India will reach net-zero carbon emission by **2070**. PM Modi stressed on a five-point plan or '**Panchamrit**' to fight the devastating effects of global warming and climate change. More than 120 world leaders were present at the COP26 Glasgow Climate Summit. India is the last of the world's major carbon polluters to announce a net-zero target. **China** has said that it would reach the net-zero carbon emission goal in **2060** while the **United States and the European Union** are aiming for reaching the goal by **2050**.
- The **2021 G20 (Group of Twenty) Summit** was held in **Rome, Italy** on October 30 and 31, 2021. It was the **16th** meeting of the G20 group. The meeting was held under the chairmanship of Italian Prime Minister **Mario Draghi**. The summit concluded with the adoption of the Rome Declaration by G20 Leaders.
- **Shri Hardeep S. Puri** chaired the valedictory session of the **14th edition of Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference 2021**. He presented awards to the state / city winners for "Excellence in Urban Transport" in different categories and distributed certificates under the Executive Programme in Sustainable Transport and trophies for SMART-MOVE.



- The third edition of **Goa Maritime Conclave (GMC) 2021** has been organised by the Indian Navy from November 07 to 09, 2021 at **Naval War College, Goa**. Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Karambir Singh would chair the conclave. The theme for 2021 GMC is “**Maritime Security and Emerging Non-Traditional Threats: A Case for Proactive Role for IOR Navies**”.
- Chief of Defence Staff, **General Bipin Rawat** will inaugurate the **14th edition of ‘c0c0n’**, an annual Hacking and Cyber Security Briefing, which will be held virtually from **Nov 10-13**. The conference, which is being conducted by Kerala Police in association with two non-profit organisations, **Society for the Policing of Cyberspace (POLCYB)** and Information Security Research Association (ISRA), would primarily discuss online scams and defences during the lockdown period. The theme of this year’s ‘c0c0n’ is **Improvise, Adapt and Overcome**.
- India’s President Shri **Ram Nath Kovind** addressed the **51st Conference of Governors and Lieutenant Governors** at Rashtrapati Bhavan in **New Delhi**. It is the **fourth** conference to be presided over by President Ram Nath Kovind. The **Governors and Lieutenant Governors** from all states and union territories across the country attended the conference along with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Vice President Venkaiah Naidu, and Union Home Minister Amit Shah.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has inaugurated the **82nd All India Presiding Officers Conference (AIPOC)** in **Shimla**. The first Conference was held in Shimla in 1921 and the AIPOC is being held in Shimla for the seventh time. All India Presiding Officers’ Conference (AIPOC) is celebrating its hundred years in **2021**. In this conference, various issues will be discussed such as the responsibility of presiding officers towards the Constitution, the House and the people.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has delivered the keynote address at **The Sydney Dialogue**, via video conferencing. PM addressed the event on the theme ‘**India’s technology evolution and revolution**’. The Sydney Dialogue has been organised from November 17-19, 2021 by the Australian Strategic Policy Institute.
- Union Home Minister **Amit Shah** is chairing the **Southern Zonal Council meeting** at Tirupati in Chittoor district of Andhra Pradesh. Southern Zonal Council comprises Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kerala, Telangana, and Union Territories of Puducherry, Lakshadweep, and the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the **First Global Innovation Summit of the Pharmaceuticals sector**. Chemical and Fertilizers Minister Dr Mansukh Mandaviya will also be present on the occasion. It will highlight the opportunities in the Indian pharma industry that has huge growth potential.
- **India** reaffirmed its strong commitment to strengthening **Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA)** in the **21st Annual Council of Ministers (COM) meeting**. The largest and pre-eminent organization in the Indian Ocean Region, is promoting peace, security, and prosperity in the region as well as in the wider Indo-Pacific. IORA COM was held in a hybrid format in Dhaka.
- The **Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)** will organise its flagship event ‘**Connect 2021**’ from November 26 to 27 in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. Connect is an international conference and exhibition on information & communication technology (ICT). Theme: “**Building a Sustainable Deep T’ech’N’ology Ecosystem**”.
- The **fifth edition** of the **World Congress on Disaster Management (WCDM)** was virtually inaugurated by the Union Defence Minister, **Rajnath Singh**. The event has been organised at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi campus from November 24-27, 2021. The theme of the 5th WCDM is **Technology, Finance and Capacity for Building Resilience to Disasters in the Contexts of Covid-19**.
- The **13th** edition of the **ASEM (Asia-Europe Meeting) Summit** has been organised on November 25 and 26, 2021. The Summit is being hosted by **Cambodia** as ASEM Chair. The theme of the two-day ASEM Summit is **Strengthening Multilateralism for Shared Growth**. The Indian delegation is being led by Vice President **M. Venkaiah Naidu** through the virtual platform.

- The External Affairs Minister, **S. Jaishankar** led the Indian delegations at the **20th Meeting of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Council of Heads of Government (CHG)**. The meeting was held in **Nur-Sultan** in virtual format under the chairmanship of **Kazakhstan**. The SCO-CHG meeting is held annually to deliberate on a range of pressing regional issues with focuses on the trade and economic agenda of the bloc and to approve its annual budget.
- The **7th edition** of the four-day **India International Science Festival (IISF)** is scheduled to be held in **Panaji, Goa**, from December 10 to 13, 2021. The festival theme in 2021 is "**Celebrating Creativity in Science, Technology and Innovation for Prosperous India**". The first IISF was held in New Delhi in 2015.

### Awards & Recognition

- South African playwright and novelist, **Damon Galgut** has won the **2021 Booker Prize** for "**The Promise**", his third shortlisted novel which chronicles a family in his homeland from the late apartheid era through to Jacob Zuma's presidency. Spanning several decades, the book shows the family's growing disintegration as the country emerges into democracy.
- Kannada actor **Puneeth Rajkumar** will be posthumously conferred the **Basavashree award 2021** by the Bruhanmutt. Fondly called Appu, Puneeth, who was born in Chennai on March 17, 1975, was an actor, playback singer, television presenter, and producer. Puneeth, son of Matinee Idol Rajkumar, was a lead actor in 29 films and as a child and appeared in many films.
- **Priyanka Mohite** was selected by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports for the prestigious '**Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award 2020**' for outstanding contribution in the field of land adventure.
- Two Delhi-based teenage brothers **Vihaan (17)** and **Nav Agarwal (14)** have won the **17th annual KidsRights International Children's Peace Prize** for tackling pollution in their home city by recycling household waste. The duo received the prestigious award by Indian Nobel Peace Prize laureate **Kailash Satyarthi**. Vihaan and Nav have developed an "**One Step Greener**" initiative for segregating rubbish and organising waste pickups for trash from thousands of homes, schools and offices.
- Author **M Mukundan** won the **2021 JCB prize for Literature**, for his book '**Delhi: A Soliloquy**'. The book, which has originally been written in Malayalam has been translated into English by **Fathima EV and Nandakumar K**. The novel, published by Westland, is a story about Delhi through the eyes of its Malayali youth protagonists.
- Union Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports **Shri Anurag Thakur** has presented the first-ever **SAI Institutional Awards** to **246 athletes** and coaches in **New Delhi**. A total of 162 athletes and 84 coaches have been conferred awards in the Outstanding Award and Best Award category for their performance in national and international competitions, with cash awards amounting to a total of **Rs 85.02 Lakhs** during the ceremony at the **Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium**.
- The **Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank (KVGB)** got the award for the best '**Digital Financial Services**', in line with India's vision of '**Atmanirbhar Bharat**', under the '**Regional Rural Banks**' (RRBs) category by **Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM)**. Bank chairman **P. Gopikrishna** received the award from Reserve Bank of India Regional Director **R. Gurumurthy** in Bengaluru.
- Indian badminton legend **Prakash Padukone** has been selected for the prestigious **Lifetime Achievement Award for 2021** by the **Badminton World Federation (BWF) Council**.
- Actor and BJP leader **Hema Malini**, and lyricist and former CBFC chief **Prasoon Joshi** will be facilitated with the **Indian Film Personality of the Year award** at the International Film Festival of India 2021. Their contributions to the field of Indian cinema spread over decades and their body of work has enthralled audiences across generations.
- Novelist **Beryl Thanga** has received the **12th Manipur State Award for Literature 2020** for his book - **Ei Amadi Adungeigi Ithat' (I and the then island)**. Manipur Governor **La. Ganesan** conferred the award on the 65-year-old writer for his novel published in 2015. The award carries a plaque, citation, **Rs. 3 lakh (in cheque)** and a shawl.
- India's one of the best-selling authors, **Anita Desai** has been conferred with the **Tata Literature Live! Lifetime Achievement Award for 2021** to recognise her long literary career which spans over 50 years. Meanwhile, the Poet Laureate award for 2021 has been conferred upon Indian poet **Adil Jussawala**. Both these awards are presented to recognise exceptional work which has made a significant impact in the Indian literary field.

- **Pratham** NGO has been awarded the **Indira Gandhi Peace Prize 2021** for its work on expanding the scope for education in India. Its pioneering work for more than a quarter-century in ensuring that every child has access to quality education. Its innovative use of digital technology to deliver education. Its regular evaluation of the quality of education. Its timely response in making children learn amid Covid-19 restrictions.
- **Doordarshan** and radio show by **All India Radio** has received multiple awards at **ABU - UNESCO Peace Media Awards-2021** at Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia. The awards were given by UNESCO in collaboration with Asia Pacific Broadcasting Union under the '**Together for Peace**' initiative. 'Ethical and Sustainable Relationship with Nature' award: **AIR's 'Living on the edge - The coastal lives'**. Living Well with Super-Diversity category: **Doordarshan's programme 'DEAFinitely Leading the Way'**.
- **Dr S K Sohan Roy** from Kerala, CEO, and founder of Aries Group of Companies has become the first Indian to be honoured with the **Knighthood of Parte Guelfa** for his humanitarian and Environmental protection efforts in business and movies.
- The **International Press Institute (IPI)** India Award for Excellence in Journalism 2021 has been awarded jointly to **Sreenivasan Jain and Mariyam Alavi of NDTV**, and **Lakshmi Subramanian and Bhanu Prakash Chandra of "The Week"**. Meanwhile, the IPI India Award for Excellence in Journalism 2020 had been awarded to **Ritika Chopra of The Indian Express**.



## Important Days

- **World Vegan Day** is observed globally on **1st November** every year. This day is celebrated to spread the benefits of veganism for humans, non-human animals, and the natural environment. Vegan Day is an opportunity to promote the benefits of a vegan diet and veganism in general.
- The **International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists** is an UN-recognized day observed annually on **2 November**. The day draws attention to the low global conviction rate for violent crimes against journalists and media workers, estimated at only one in every ten cases.
- **World Tsunami Awareness Day** was observed across the world on **5 November**. The day is celebrated to spread awareness among people across the world in matters related to the dangers of tsunami. In 2021, World Tsunami Awareness Day promotes "**Sendai Seven Campaign**," target (f), which aims to 'substantially enhance international cooperation to developing countries through adequate and sustainable support to complement their national actions for implementation of the present Framework by 2030.'
- **India celebrates Ayurveda Day** every year on the auspicious occasion of **Dhanteras**. **This year (2021)** Ayurveda Day is celebrated on **November 2nd**. The day is marked to spread awareness of the importance of Ayurveda in our daily lives. National Ayurveda Day is observed to focus on the strengths of Ayurveda and its unique treatment principles. The theme of National Ayurveda Day 2021: '**Ayurveda for Poshan**'.
- The **International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict** is an international day observed annually on **November 6**.
- The **National Cancer Awareness Day** is observed annually in India on **November 7**, to spread awareness on cancer, its symptoms and treatment. According to the **World Health Organization (WHO)**, cancer is the second leading cause of death globally.
- **International Day of Radiology** is observed globally on **8th November** every year. The theme for 2021 is '**Interventional Radiology - Active care for the patient**'



- **World Urbanism Day**, also known as “**World Town Planning Day**”, is celebrated on **8 November** globally, to recognise and promote the role of planning in creating livable communities.
- In **India**, **09 November** is celebrated as “**National Legal Services Day**” every year by all Legal Services Authorities, to commemorate the enactment of the Legal Services Authorities Act **1987**. The Day is celebrated to make people aware of the various provisions under the Legal Services Authorities Act and the right of the litigants.
- **World Science Day for Peace and Development** is celebrated each year on **November 10** every year. This day is celebrated to highlight the important role that science play in society and the need to engage the wider public in debates on emerging scientific issues. The year 2021 marks the **20th edition** of **World Science Day for Peace and Development**. With climate change becoming a serious threat to the lives of billions of people and the planet, this year’s celebration will highlight the importance of “**Building Climate-Ready Communities**”.
- **International Week of Science and Peace (IWOSP)** is a global observance celebrated every year from **November 9 to 14**. The event is celebrated to encourage people to develop better technology and cultivate peace in their countries.
- **Public Service Broadcasting Day** is celebrated on **12 November** every year. The day is celebrated to commemorate the first and only visit of the Father of the Nation, **Mahatma Gandhi**, to the studio of **All India Radio, Delhi in 1947**. On 12 November 1947, Mahatma Gandhi addressed the displaced people (a refugee from Pakistan), who had temporarily settled at Kurukshetra in Haryana after partition.
- **World Pneumonia Day** is observed across the world on **November 12** every year to raise awareness, promote prevention and treatment and produce action to combat the disease. World Pneumonia Day 2021 is an annual event that was first celebrated in the year **2009**.
- **World Antimicrobial Awareness Week (WAAW)** is celebrated from **18-24 November** every year. The 2021 theme, **Spread Awareness, Stop Resistance**, calls on One Health stakeholders, policymakers, health care providers, and the general public to be Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Awareness champions.
- On **14th November**, **Children’s Day** is celebrated every year to mark the birth anniversary of India’s first Prime Minister **Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru**. Children’s Day is popularly known as ‘**Baal Diwas**’ in India.
- **World Diabetes Day** is observed on **14th November** every year. The campaign aims to raise awareness around the crucial role that nurses play in supporting people living with diabetes. The theme for World Diabetes Day 2021-23: “**Access to Diabetes Care**”.
- **National Press Day** is observed on **16th November** every year to celebrate free and responsible press in India. On this day the **Press Council of India** started functioning as a moral watchdog to ensure that the press maintains high standards and is not constrained by any influence or threats. It also commemorates the day when the Press Council of India started functioning.
- The United Nations observes “**International Day for Tolerance**” on **16th November** every year. The United Nations is committed to strengthening tolerance by fostering mutual understanding among cultures and peoples.
- In India, **November 17** is observed every year as **National Epilepsy Day** by the **Epilepsy Foundation**, to create awareness about epilepsy. Epilepsy is a chronic disorder of the brain characterized by recurrent ‘seizures’ or ‘fits’. The month of November is observed as ‘**National Epilepsy Awareness Month**’.
- **World COPD Day** is observed on the **third Wednesday of November** every year to raise awareness about **chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)** and improve COPD care throughout the world. The World COPD Day 2021 falls on **November 17, 2021**. The 2021 theme is **Healthy Lungs – Never More Important**.
- **World Philosophy Day** is celebrated on the **Third Thursday of November** each year. In 2021, the day falls on **18 November**. World Philosophy Day 2021 opens the discussion on the different interactions of human beings with their social, cultural, geographical and political environment, with the underlying objective of better understanding the contribution of philosophy in our contemporary societies and the challenges they face, pandemic in particular.

- The **National Naturopathy Day** is observed in India on **18 November** every year, to promote positive mental and physical health through a drugless system of medicine, called as **Naturopathy**. The day was declared by the Ministry of **AYUSH (Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy)**, Government of India, on **November 18, 2018**.
- **World Toilet Day** is observed as an official United Nations international day across the world on **19th November 2021**. The day is observed to inspire action to tackle the global sanitation crisis. The day is observed to inform, engage and inspire people to take action toward achieving the goal of improving sanitation and aims to "Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all. World Toilet Day 2021 theme: **"valuing toilets"**".
- **World Antimicrobial Awareness Week (WAAW)** is celebrated every year from **18-24 November**. The purpose of the week is to increase awareness of global antimicrobial resistance, encourage best practices among the general public, health workers and policymakers to avoid the further emergence and spread of drug-resistant infections.
- In India, the **National Newborn Week** is observed every year from **15 to 21 November**. The main purpose of the week is to reinforce the importance of newborn health as a key priority area of the health sector and reduce the infant mortality rate by improving healthcare conditions for babies in the neonatal period. The theme of National Newborn Week 2021 is **'Safety, quality and nurturing care – the birthright of every newborn'**.
- **Guru Nanak Jayanti** is observed every year as the birth anniversary of the **Sikh founder, Guru Nanak Dev Ji**. This year marks the **552nd** birth anniversary of Guru Nanak, also known as **Prakash Utsav or Guru Purab**, as it marks an important festival for the Sikh community. Guru Nanak is the **first** of the ten Sikh gurus who is considered as the one who brought enlightenment to the world. He was born in **1469** in a village named **Talwandi**, which is currently located in **Nankana Sahib, Pakistan**.
- **World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims** is marked every year on **Third Sunday** in the month of November. In 2021, the World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims falls on **21 November 2021**. World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims 2021 theme is **"ACT for LOW SPEEDS/ACT for LOW-SPEED STREETS"**.
- **World Television Day** is commemorated on **21 November** every year. The day is a reminder of the power of visual media and how it helps in shaping public opinion and influencing world politics. Television has played a significant role in the lives of people for years. It is a medium that provides entertainment, education, news, politics, gossip, etc. and helps in transmitting moving images in two or three dimensions and sound.
- **World Fisheries Day** is celebrated on **21 November** every year by fishing communities across the world. It highlights the importance of healthy oceans ecosystems and ensuring sustainable stocks of fisheries in the world. 2021 is the **fifth** World Fisheries Day. The first World Fisheries Day was celebrated on November 21, 2015. On the same day, it was the grand opening of the **International Fisherman's organization** was held in New Delhi.
- Every year, **November 24** is celebrated as **Martyrdom Day of Guru Tegh Bahadur**, the ninth Guru of Sikhs of Sikh religion. The day is celebrated as **Shaheedi Divas** of Guru Tegh Bahadur across the country. It was on **24 November 1675**, Guru Tegh Bahadur sacrificed his life for the sake of people who did not even belong to his community. to protect religion, human values, ideals and principles.
- The **United Nations** designated **International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women** is celebrated worldwide on **November 25**. The day is celebrated to raise awareness of the fact that women around the world are subject to various forms of violence and the true nature of the issue is often hidden. This year's theme for the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women is **"Orange the World: End Violence against Women Now!"**.
- Every year **November 26** is celebrated as **National Milk Day** in India. The day is being observed since 2014 to commemorate the birth anniversary of the Father of India's White Revolution, **Dr Verghese Kurien**. He is also nicknamed as **"Milkman of India"**. To celebrate National Milk Day, the College of Dairy Science & Technology (CODST) and Guru Angad Dev Veterinary & Animal Sciences University (GADVASU) is organizing **"Milk Adulteration Testing Camp"** on **25 and 26 November 2021**.

- In India, **Constitution Day** is observed every year on **November 26** to mark the anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution of the country. In India, 26 November is celebrated as **Constitution Day or Samvidhan Diwas**. On this day in **1949**, the constitution was adopted which came into force on **January 26, 1950**, marking the beginning of a new era in the history of India. The day aims to spread the importance of the constitution and to spread the thoughts and ideas of BR Ambedkar, the father of the Indian constitution.
- In India, the '**National Organ Donation Day**' is observed every year on **27 November** since past 10 years. The day aims to promote awareness and recognize the selfless contribution made by deceased donors to healthcare and mankind re-instill our faith in humanity. **2021** marks the **12th National Organ Donation Day**.
- The **International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People** is an UN-organized day held every year on **November 29**. The day aims to educate the public on the question of Palestine and support a peaceful settlement of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.
- The United Nation recognised **Day of Remembrance for all Victims of Chemical Warfare** is held every year on **November 30**.
- 4th Scorpene submarine of the **Project-75**, Yard 11878 was delivered to the Indian Navy which will be commissioned as **INS (Indian Naval Ship) Vela**. Project-75 includes the construction of six submarines of Scorpene design by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) Mumbai (Maharashtra) in collaboration with M/s Naval Group, France. Currently, three submarines under Project-75 are functional with the Indian Navy viz. **INS Karanj**, **INS Kalvari**, and **INS Khanderi**.
- In continuation of a tradition that started in 1950, Nepal Army Chief Gen **Prabhu Ram Sharma** was conferred with the honorary rank of '**General of the Indian Army**' by President **Ram Nath Kovind**. Nepal conferred the honorary rank of 'General of Nepal Army' to Indian Army Chief Gen **MM Naravane** during his visit to Kathmandu in November last year.
- The **32nd** edition of the **India-Thailand Coordinated Patrol (Indo-Thai CORPAT)** between the **Indian Navy and the Royal Thai Navy** is being conducted from **12-14 November 2021**. Indian Naval Ship (INS) **Karmuk**, an indigenously built Missile Corvette and His Majesty's Thailand Ship (HTMS) **Tayanchon**, a Khamrosin Class Anti-submarine Patrol Craft, along with Maritime Patrol Aircraft from both navies are participating in the CORPAT.
- The **Indian Air Force's (IAF's) Suryakiran aerobatic team and Tejas**, India's indigenously designed and **manufactured Light Combat Aircraft (LCA)**, have landed in Dubai to showcase their aerial manoeuvres for the first time at the prestigious Dubai Air Show. The biennial Dubai Air Show is scheduled to be held at the Al Maktoum International Airport from November 14 to 18.
- The Navies of **India and France** will carry out the 6th edition of the biennial training exercise "**EX SHAKTI 2021**" from **November 15 to 26, 2021** in **Frejus, France**. The Indian Army will be represented by the **Gorkha Rifles Infantry Battalion** and **France Army** will be represented by troops of the 21st Marine Infantry Regiment of the **6th Light Armoured Brigade**. The exercise will focus on Counter-Terrorism operations and enhance military cooperation and interoperability between the two Armies. Apart from this, India and France will also carry out biennial airforce training exercise '**Exercise GARUDA**' , and biennial maritime training exercise '**Exercise VARUNA**'.

## Defence Current Affairs

- The seventh Indian Navy frigate of the **P1135.6 class** was launched at the **Yantar Shipyard** at **Kaliningrad in Russia**. The ship has been formally named as **Tushil**, a Sanskrit word that means protector shield. Tushil will be commissioned into the Indian Navy in mid-2023 followed by its sister ship by the end of 2023.
- A total of **84 Indian Air Force (IAF)** personnel took part in the international multilateral combat exercise **Blue Flag 2021**, along with IAF's **Mirage 2000** aircraft squadron at **Israel's Ovda Airbase**. The theme of Blue Flag 2021: **Integration of fourth and fifth-generation aircraft in complex operational scenarios**.
- **Indian Air Force (IAF) and the Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO)** carried out flight tests of an indigenously developed smart anti-airfield weapon. The two different configurations based on satellite navigation and electro-optical sensors have been successfully tested.



- The 3rd edition of the **Trilateral Maritime Exercise** named **SITMEX-21** is being held from 15 to 16 Nov 21 in the **Andaman Sea**. The Navies of the India, Singapore and Thailand will participate in the event. **Indian Naval Ship (INS) Karmuk** is participating in the 3rd edition from India. It is an indigenously built Missile Corvette. The event is being hosted by Royal Thai Navy (RTN) in the Andaman Sea with an aim to enhance the cooperation between the participating navies towards augmenting the overall maritime security in the region.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has handed over the indigenously built **light combat helicopters (LCH)**, developed by **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited**, to the Indian Air Force chief Marshal **Vivek Ram Chaudhari**.
- The Prime Minister will also hand over 'Made in India' **drones** to the Indian Army which would be using them for different requirements all across the country. For the Navy, PM Modi would hand over the DRDO designed **Advanced Electronic Warfare suite for naval ships** including that for Indian Aircraft Carrier **Vikrant**.
- **INS Visakhapatnam**, a P15B stealth guided-missile destroyer has been commissioned into the **Indian Navy** at the **Naval Dockyard, Mumbai**. This is the first of the four 'Visakhapatnam' class destroyers. It has been designed by the Indian Navy's in-house organization Directorate of Naval Design and constructed by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited, Mumbai. **INS Visakhapatnam** measures **163m in length, 17m in breadth with a displacement of 7,400 tonnes**. It was commissioned in the presence of Raksha Mantri **Shri Rajnath Singh**.
- The 5-day long, **15th edition** of the **Maldives, India, and Sri Lanka** biennial Trilateral Exercise '**Dosti**' was conducted in the Maldives from 20-24 November 2021 as part of regional security formation for a peaceful and stable Indian Ocean Region. The Exercise is conducted biennially among the Coast Guards of the 3 countries. This year marks the **30th year** since the initiation of the exercise.
- The **37th edition** of **India-Indonesia Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT)** is being held in the Indian Ocean region from 23-24 November 2021. CORPAT is held twice in a year to ensure safety and security. It was conducted for the first time in 2002. Indigenously built **Indian Naval Ship (INS) Khanjar** and **Dornier Maritime Patrol Aircraft** is participating in the CORPAT. Indonesian Naval Ship **KRI Sultan Thaha Syaifuddin, (376)** is participating from Indonesia.
- **Indian Navy** has commissioned indigenously built **Scorpene-class submarine Vela** at Mumbai's **Naval Dockyard**. **INS Vela** is the fourth in Project 75 series, following **Kalvari, Khanderi, and Karanj**. It is expected to further boost Indian capability to defend and secure its strategic sea lanes. It was built by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd in collaboration with M/s Naval Group of France.
- Army chief General, **M M Naravane** has observed the military exercise '**Dakshin Shakti**' being held here with the Army and the Air Force taking part in it. The exercise began in the deserts of Jaisalmer. **T-72, T-90** as well as **Vijayanta tanks** of the Army and the **IAF's Dhruv and Rudra helicopters**, and the **Jaguar fighter aircraft** participated in the joint exercise.
- A live '**Symphony orchestra**' was conducted by the Air Force Band of the Indian Air Force (IAF) at Golconda Fort as part of '**Swarnim Vijay Varsh**' and '**Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav**' celebrations. Air Force Station Hakimpet conducted the mega event in a joyful and patriotic atmosphere. The Indian Air Force Band, with its dazzling performance, enchanted the audience.
- The **National Cadet Corps (NCC)**, the youth wing of the Indian Armed Forces and the largest uniformed youth organisation in the world, is observing the **73rd anniversary** of its raising on **November 28**. NCC day is celebrated every year on the **4th Sunday** in November.



## Science and Technology

- **Google** parent company **Alphabet Inc.** has launched a new company in London called **Isomorphic Labs**. The company aims to use AI (artificial intelligence) for drug discovery and medicine to find cures for some of humanity's most devastating diseases. **Demis Hassabis** will be the CEO of Isomorphic Labs. Hassabis is the CEO and co-founder of DeepMind, another Alphabet subsidiary that used AI to predict the 3D structure of a protein directly from its amino acid sequence.
- **IBM Corp.** launched a client innovation centre in **Mysuru** with support from the **Karnataka Digital Economy Mission (KDEM)** to attract companies to set up operations in cities beyond Bengaluru. This initiative aims at supporting the rapid, high-tech driven economic growth in tier-2 and -3 regions while providing comprehensive hybrid cloud and AI technology consulting capabilities.
- **Alphabet Inc's Google** has invested \$1 billion in **CME Group** and has struck a separate deal to move the futures exchange operator's trading systems to the cloud. Under the terms of the 10-year partnership between Google and CME, the Chicago-based exchange operator will begin moving its technology infrastructure to Google Cloud next year.
- Home-grown mobile phone company **Lava International** has become the first Indian brand to launch **5G smartphones** for domestic consumers. The smartphone launched under the brand name 'Agni' has been developed by Lava in India and is getting manufactured at its plant in Noida, Uttar Pradesh.
- The US space agency **NASA** has launched a first-of-its-kind mission named **DART** to change the path of an asteroid by intentionally crashing a spacecraft into it. DART stands for **Double Asteroid Redirection Test**. The **\$325 million** DART mission was launched into orbit on November 24, 2021, from Vandenberg Space Force Base in California atop a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket.
- Science and Technology Minister, **Jitendra Singh** has launched India's first **Virtual Science Lab** for Children under **CSIR (Council of Scientific and Industrial Research) Jigyasa Programme**. These labs will connect students with scientists across the country. To provide quality research exposure and innovative pedagogy for school students based on an online interactive medium.

- **Skyroot Aerospace**, a space technology startup based in Hyderabad, has successfully test-fired **Dhawan-1**, India's first privately developed fully cryogenic rocket engine. This will power the upper stages of its upcoming **Vikram-2 orbital launch vehicle**. The rocket engine Dhawan-1 is named after Satish Dhawan, an Indian rocket scientist.

## Books & Authors

- **Amit Ranjan** authored a book titled "**John Lang: Wanderer of Hindoostan, Slanderer of Hindoostanee, Lawyer for the Ranee**". The book is about John Lang's life, his exploits, and literary works. He was an **Australian journalist and lawyer** who settled in India in the 19th century. He fought many cases against the British and also represented Rani Laxmibai in her legal battle against the annexation of her kingdom of Jhansi by the East India Company (EIC).
- The chairperson of the Infosys Foundation and a renowned author, **Sudha Murty** has published her new book titled "**The Sage with Two Horns: Unusual Tales from Mythology**", the 5th and last book of the "Unusual Tales from Mythology" series. The series features the stories of kings and queens, gods and goddesses, sages, and extraordinary men and women of wisdom.
- A book titled "**Not just cricket: A Reporters Journey**" authored by **Pradeep Magazine** is going to be released in Dec 2021. It consists of life experiences, social, political, ups and downs of Indian cricket by the journalist Pradeep Magazine. He is the author of the book "Not quite cricket" which exposed the match-fixing scandal.
- A new book titled "**The Cinema of Satyajit Ray**" written by the author **Bhaskar Chattopadhyay** and published by Westland details the life of legendary Indian Filmmaker - 'Satyajit Ray'. Bhaskar Chattopadhyay also authored novels like "Patang" (2016), "Here Falls the Shadow" (2017), and "The Disappearance of Sally Sequeira" (2018).
- Noted Economist and former Chief Economic Adviser to the Government of India, Dr **Shankar Acharya** has authored a new book titled "**An Economist at Home and Abroad: A Personal Journey**". The book features the professional and personal life of the most accomplished policy economist **Dr Shankar Acharya**.

- **Manohar Lal Khattar**, Chief Minister (CM) of Haryana released the book titled **"MODERN INDIA: For Civil Services and Other Competitive Examinations"** authored by **Poonam Dalal Dahiya**, Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP), Gurugram.
- **Aseem Chawla**, one of India's leading tax lawyers and well-known international tax and policy expert released his new book **"Finding A Straight Line Between Twists and Turns - An Imperfect, Yet Honest Reflections on the Indian Tax Landscape"** published by Matrix Publishers. The book provides an in-depth analysis of both national and international of the Indian tax landscape over a decade.
- Former union minister and Congress leader **Salman Khurshid**, who recently launched his book on the Ayodhya verdict named **"Sunrise over Ayodhya - Nationhood in our Times"**. Khurshid said, "People used to think that it will take 100 years for the verdict to come."
- A book titled **"Nehru: The Debates that Defined India"** is co-authored by **Tripurdaman Singh and Adeel Hussain**. A new book serves as a revisionist exploration of India's first and longest-serving prime minister Jawaharlal Nehru and investigates the overlooked role of his contemporaries and opponents in shaping his political vision.
- A book titled **"Unshackling India: Hard Truths and Clear Choices for Economic Revival"** authored by **Ajay Chhibber and Salman Anees Soz**.
- India's chief national badminton coach **P. Gopi Chand** formally launched his autobiography **Shuttler's Flick: Making every match count**, co-authored by **Priya Kumar**.
- India's Defence Secretary **Dr Ajay Kumar** has released a book titled **'FORCE IN STATECRAFT'** in **New Delhi**. The book is a compilation of essays on topics such as counter-insurgency operations, conflict in the **North East, airpower, nuclear posture etc.** contributed by all stalwarts of the Armed Forces, who have vast operational experience and understanding of several important cornerstones of forces and its application.
- A book titled **'The Disruptor: How Vishwanath Pratap Singh Shook India'** was authored by **Debashish Mukerji**. The book presents a detailed account on India's eighth Prime Minister (PM), **Vishwanath Pratap Singh (V P Singh)**, who served as PM between December 1989 to November 1990. He also served as the Defence Minister of India & the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh.
- Union Minister of Women and Child Development, **Smriti Zubin Irani** is set to release her first novel titled **"Lal Salaam: A Novel"** in November 2021. The novel is inspired by the killings of 76 Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) personnel during the Maoist attack in Dantewada, Chhattisgarh in April 2010. This book is a tribute to the people who have given their lifetime service to the nation.
- Vice President **M. Venkaiah Naidu** has released the book **'Srimadramayanam'** in Hyderabad. It has been written by **Sasikiranacharya**. It is about the leadership, good governance, and rule of law of Lord Rama. He also underlined the need to popularize literary works and poetic works of various Indian languages among the youth.
- Senior Indian diplomat, **Syed Akbaruddin** has authored a new book titled **"India vs UK: The Story of an Unprecedented Diplomatic Win"**. The book features the behind-the-scenes details on India's victory against the United Kingdom in the elections to the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in 2017.
- Indian-born American economist & Nobel laureate, **Abhijit Banerjee** has authored a new book (cookbook) titled **"Cooking to Save your Life"**. The book illustrated by France based illustrator Cheyenne Oliver is published by Juggernaut Books. He won the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences in 2019 along with Esther Duflo and Michael Kremer for their experimental approach to alleviating global poverty.
- A book titled **'Resolved: Uniting Nations in a Divided World'** is an autobiography of the Former United Nations Secretary-General **Ban Ki-moon**. It consists of life experiences and challenges that the author faced in his life & elaborates his tenure in the United Nations (UN). He served as the **8th Secretary-General** of the United Nations for a two 5-year term (2007-2016).
- Distinguished art historian & Padma Awardee, **Brijinder Nath Goswamy** has authored a new book on Indian arts, titled **"Conversations: India's Leading Art Historian Engages with 101 themes, and More"**. The book acquired by Penguin Random House India will be published in January 2022. In this book, B.N Goswamy explores a wide range of subjects on or around the arts.



- Former Army Officer **Maroof Raza** has authored a new book titled **"Contested Lands: India, China, and the Boundary Dispute"**. The book features the history of India's boundary making with Tibet and China and analyses the current India-China boundary contestation stemming from interpretations of history in the post-colonial period.
- General **MM Naravane** released a book **'Bangladesh Liberation @ 50 years: 'Bijoy' with Synergy, India-Pakistan war 1971'**, a compilation of personal accounts of the war by veterans from **India and Pakistan**. The book is an amalgamation of historical and anecdotal accounts of the 1971 War and comprises authors from both India and Bangladesh. Mostly who fought the war.
- A book titled **'Indian Innings: The Journey of Indian Cricket from 1947'** authored by **Ayaz Memon** released. It is an anthology of Indian Cricket and marked several insights of Indian cricket of the last 70 years. The book has covered the era of veteran cricketers K N Prabhu to P N Sundaresan and Dicky Rutnagar to Ramachandra Guha and Suresh Menon, those years of famous victories consist of experiences about World Cups, various Test cricket, etc.
- World's richest person **Elon Musk**-owned **SpaceX** has incorporated its wholly-owned subsidiary in **India** to start **local broadband operations**. SpaceX's satellite broadband arm **Starlink** aims to start broadband services in **India from December 2022**, with 2 lakh active terminals subject to permission from the government.
- **Indian Oil Corp (IOC)** will invest Rs 3,681 crore in setting up India's first mega-scale **Maleic Anhydride Plant** to manufacture value-added chemical products at its **Panipat refinery and petroleum complex (PRPC)** in Haryana. The project is proposed to have a capacity of 120,000 tonnes per annum of Maleic Anhydride (MAH).
- The first open-air rooftop drive-in movie theatre in India has been inaugurated at **Jio World Drive mall of Reliance Industries** in **Mumbai, Maharashtra**. The drive-in theatre will be operated and managed by the multiplex chain **PVR Ltd**. The theatre has been launched in partnership with the **Reliance Retail** and multiplex chain **PVR**. The facility can accommodate around 290 cars. The first movie screened at the theatre was **Akshay Kumar's Sooryavanshi**.
- Union Power Minister **R K Singh** virtually inaugurated the diversion of the **Marusudar River of Pakal Dul Hydro Electric Project** in **Kishtwar, J&K**. Pakal Dul HE Project (1,000 MW) is being constructed by **Chenab Valley Power Projects Pvt Limited (CVPPPL)** and **Jammu and Kashmir State Power Development Corporation**. Marusudar River is a major tributary of the **Chenab River**.
- **Bamboo and Cane Development Institute (BCDI)** of Tripura along with the **North East Centre of Technology Application and Reach (NECTAR)** claimed to have developed the country's first-ever bamboo made cricket bat maintaining all the standard protocols used for manufacturing cricket bats. These bats could be used in all forms of cricket. The most preferred wood for the production of cricket bats is willow. The company's CEO recently gave **Biplab Kumar Deb** a demonstration of the product.
- **Srinagar**, the summer capital of **Jammu and Kashmir**, is among the 49 cities selected worldwide to join the **UNESCO creative cities network (UCCN)**. Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** hailed the inclusion as a **"fitting recognition"** for the vibrant cultural ethos of the old city. It has been designated as a creative city of craft and folk arts, **UNESCO**.

### Miscellaneous Current Affairs

- **National Small Matchbox Manufacturers Association** has increased the price of a matchbox from **Rs.1 to Rs. 2 per box**. This will come into effect from **December 01, 2021**. The increase in the price of matchbox has been done after 14 years since last increase in **2007 from 50 paise to Re. 1**.
- The **Chennai-Mysore-Chennai Shatabdi Express** has become the first train of Southern Railway to receive **Integrated Management Systems (IMS) certification**. It got the certificate for world-class maintenance of the train, environment-friendly resources and convenient and safe travel of the passengers. It is also the first Shatabdi train and the only second mail/express train of Indian Railways to receive this prestigious certification.
- **'Vax'** has been chosen as the **word of the year** by the **Oxford English Dictionary (OED)** in 2021. Vax is derived from the Latin word **Vacca**, which means cow. Vax is used as a short form for vaccines and means a substance put into a person's body to prevent them from getting a disease. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, words related to vaccines saw a surge in 2021, including terms like double-vaxxed, unvaxxed and anti-vaxxer.

- **Falguni Nayar**, the CEO and founder of beauty and fashion eCommerce platform **Nykaa**, has become the richest self-made woman in India. She founded Nykaa in the year **2012**. She holds **53.5% stake** in Nykaa and has a net worth of **USD 7.48 billion**.
- **The Government of Delhi** launched the '**Shramik Mitra**' scheme for construction workers. Under the scheme, 800 '**Shramik Mitras**' will reach out to construction workers, and spread awareness on the government schemes. Delhi Govt has also increased the Dearness allowance for Unskilled, Semi-skilled workers, to increase their salary by around **1%**. Shramik Mitras will inform construction workers registered by the Construction Board at the ward level about assistance schemes of the government.
- **Bhadrachalam** in Telangana has been added as a destination in the **IRCTC's Ramayana Circuit train**. Union Minister for Culture and Tourism **G. Kishan Reddy** has expressed his gratitude to Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** for the inclusion of Bhadrachalam as one of the destinations in the Ramayana Circuit of the Pilgrim Special Train. Bhadrachalam is home to Sree Sita Ramachandra Swamy temple.
- An idol of **Goddess Annapurna** that was stolen from **Varanasi** about **100 years ago** and later found in Canada recently is all set to be back at its rightful place and will be gracing the **Kashi Vishwanath Temple** in Varanasi. It is **17 cm in height, 9 cm in breadth and 4 cm in thickness**.
- The **Habibganj railway station** in **Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh** has been renamed after **18th-century Gond Queen of Bhopal, Rani Kamalapati**. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will inaugurate the revamped Rani Kamalapati railway station on November 15, during his visit to Bhopal.
- **TVS Motor Company**, the flagship company of **TVS Group**, has joined the **United Nations Global Compact (UNGC)**, the world's largest voluntary corporate sustainability initiative. TVS Motor has become the **1st Indian two-wheeler and three-wheeler manufacturer** to join the UNGC. TVS Motor will also engage in collaborative projects which will advance the development goals of the UN, particularly the Sustainable development goals (SDG).
- **India** successfully launched the **41st Scientific Expedition to Antarctica** on November 15, 2021. The first batch of its contingents comprising of **23 scientists** and support staff has reached the **Indian Antarctic station Maitri**. Four more batches will be landing in Antarctica by **mid-January 2022**. The Indian Antarctic program began in **1981** and has completed 40 scientific expeditions.
- Tamil film **Koozhangal** will be screened at the **Indian Panorama segment** in the **52 International film festival Goa**. Koozhangal is also India's official entry for Academy Award for **Oscars**. It is a story about the relationship between an alcoholic, abusive husband and his wife. The story is from the viewpoint of their Child.
- The Centre has approved a new **Rajya Sainik Board (RSB)** for **Ladakh**. The Board will be an effective link between the Centre and the Ladakh Administration. **Rajya Sainik Board** will play an advisory role on the matters relating to the **ex-servicemen, war widows, widows and non-combatants, including serving soldiers and their dependents**. Zila Sainik welfare offices of Leh and Kargil will function under the newly constituted Rajya Sainik Board.
- **The Border Roads Organisation** has received the **Guinness World Record** for constructing & blacktopping the world highest motorable road passing through the **19,024 feet 0.73 inches (5798.251m)** high **Umlingla Pass** in the Union Territory of **Ladakh**. The 52-kilometre long Chisumle to Demchok tarmac road was developed under Project **HIMANK** (93RCC/753 BRTF) of BRO. Lieutenant General Rajeev Chaudhry, Director General Border Roads, received the Guinness World Records certificate.
- **Venezuela** has set a new **Guinness World Record** for the largest orchestra with **8,573 musicians** playing together for more than five minutes. The record was set by the country's **National System of Youth and Children's Orchestras**, known as "**El Sistema**". The previous such record for an orchestra was made by Russia when 8,097 musicians played together in St. Petersburg.
- **Collins Dictionary** has named the term '**NFT**' as the **Word of the Year 2021**. NFT is the acronym for "**non-fungible token**". As per Collins Dictionary, NFT is defined as "a unique digital certificate, registered in a blockchain, that is used to record the ownership of an asset such as an artwork or a collectible." Collins English Dictionary is published by **HarperCollins in Glasgow**.

- For the first time in the history of **All India Postal Wrestling Championship**, women wrestling has been inducted in the tournament, said Postmaster General of Delhi Circle, **Ashok Kumar**. 34th All India Postal Wrestling championship will begin in New Delhi. Tokyo Olympic Bronze medallist wrestler Bajrang Punia and Indian Olympic Coach Anil Mann will grace opening ceremony.
- The **Indian Railways** is constructing the **tallest pier railway bridge** of the world in **Manipur**. The bridge is being built at a height of **141 metres**. The total length of the Manipur bridge will be **703 metres**. Once completed, the project will enable passengers to cover **111 km** of distance in **2-2.5 hrs**. The ambitious project of the Railways in Manipur is part of the Jiribam-Imphal railway line.
- The American publishing company **Merriam-Webster** has chosen the word "**vaccine**" as its **2021 Word of the Year**. Merriam-Webster is America's most trusted online dictionary for English word definitions, meanings, and pronunciation.
- **Kulgam** district administration and the Department of Tourism, **Jammu & Kashmir** organized the **1st ever Aharbal Festival at Kulgam, J & K** to promote tourism in Kashmir, particularly at the Aharbal waterfall. Aharbal falls, also known as "**Niagara Falls**" of **Kashmir**, is a hill station in the southwestern part of Kashmir Valley in the **Jammu and Kashmir**.
- Eminent Cricket Coach and Dronacharya Awardee, **Tarak Sinha** has passed away after a prolonged illness. He is known for training some of India's finest cricketers like Manoj Prabhakar, Raman Lamba, Ajay Sharma, Atul Wassan, Surinder Khanna, Sanjiv Sharma, Aakash Chopra, Anjum Chopra, Rumeli Dhar, Ashish Nehra, Shikhar Dhawan and Rishabh Pant.
- Well-known educationist, teacher, and philosopher, **Koneru Ramakrishna Rao** passed away. He was an internationally recognized psychologist and served as president of the US-based Parapsychological Association and the Indian Academy of Applied Psychology. He was awarded Padma Shri in 2011.
- **FW (Frederik Willem) de Klerk**, the former president of South Africa and the last white person to head the country, has passed away due to cancer. He was head of state between September 1989 and May 1994. **In 1993, De Klerk and Nelson Mandela** jointly received the **Nobel Peace Prize** for their work towards ending apartheid.
- Former Vice President of Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP), **Anand Shankar Pandya** has passed away. He was over 99 years old.
- The eminent historian, orator and noted author from Maharashtra, **Balwant Moreshwar Purandare** has passed away. He was 99. The author was popularly known as Babasaheb Purandare. Purandare wrote extensively about Maratha warrior king Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. He had earned the moniker '**Shiv Shahir**' which literally means Shivaji's bard. He was felicitated with India's second-highest civilian award, **Padma Vibhushan**, on 25 January 2019.
- Renowned author **Mannu Bhandari** has passed away. She was 90. She was born in Bhanpura city of Madhya Pradesh in 1931 and grew up in Rajasthan's Ajmer. Her father Sukhsampat Rai was a freedom fighter, who worked on English to Hindi and English to Marathi dictionaries. Bhandari was also one of the key members of the Nayi Kahani movement of Hindi literature.
- Internationally acclaimed Zambia-born South African author, **Wilbur Smith** has passed away. He was 88. The global bestselling author has authored 49 novels and sold over 140 million copies worldwide in more than 30 languages. He rose to fame in 1964 with his debut novel "When the Lion Feeds" which turned in the movie with 15 sequels. Smith published his autobiography "**On Leopard Rock**" in 2018.

## Obituaries

- Kannada superstar Puneeth Rajkumar passed away due to a fatal cardiac arrest. He was the son of legendary actor **Rajkumar**. He was known to fans as "Appu" – after the 2002 film. He was also a singer and was admired for his dance skills. Puneeth was the presenter of Kannadada Kotyadhipathi, the Kannada version of the game show Who Wants To Be A Millionaire?
- Australian legend **Alan Davidson** has passed away. The bowling allrounder, who made his Test debut against England in 1953, represented Australia 44 times in the longest format. The left-arm pacer had finished his career with a stunning average of 20.53, having picked up 186 wickets.
- **Ahmad Shah Ahmadzai**, the former Prime Minister (PM) of **Afghanistan** and a renowned jihadi leader passed away at the age of 77 in Kabul, Afghanistan. Ahmad Shah Ahmadzai has served as the acting PM of Afghanistan under President **Burhanuddin Rabbani** during 1995-1996 prior to the 1996 Taliban Takeover.



- Veteran author, football journalist and sports commentator **Novy Kapadia** has passed away due to health complications. He was often called as '**the voice of Indian football**'. The noted commentator had covered nine FIFA World Cups, as well as Olympics, Asian Games and Commonwealth Games. As an author, Kapadia had written books like Barefoot To Boots, The Many Lives Of Indian Football among others.
- Renowned Punjabi folk singer **Gurmeet Bawa** has passed away following a prolonged illness. She was 77. Gurmeet was best known for her long 'hek' (Breathless opening of a Punjabi folk song calling "ho" to create a melodious voice with an unbreakable wave) that she could hold for about 45 seconds. She came to fame after she started performing on Doordarshan and thus became the first Punjabi female singer to appear on the national television channel.
- The former president of South Korea **Chun Doo-hwan** passed away at the age of 90 years due to heart failure in Seoul, South Korea. He belonged to the '**Democratic Justice**' party. He became the 5th President of South Korea. He served as the **President of the Democratic Justice Party from 1981 to 1987**.
- Sahitya Akademi Award-winning, Eminent Assamese poet, **Sananta Tanti** has passed away. Some of his works include Ujjwal Nakshatrar Sondhanot, Moi Manuhar Amal Utsav, Nizor Biruddhey Sesh Prastab, and Moi. He won the Sahitya Akademi Award (Assamese) in 2018 for his collection of poems titled "Kailoir Dinto Amar Hobo".



- Veteran composer and lyricist, **Stephen Joshua Sondheim** has passed away at the age of 91 in Connecticut, United States (US). He received 8 Tony Awards, a Special Tony Award 2008 for lifetime achievement in the theatre. He also received a **Pulitzer Prize ('Sunday in the Park')**, and an Academy Award for the song '**Sooner or Later**'. Also won several awards like eight Grammy Awards, Presidential Medal of Freedom 2015, etc.

### Static Takeaways

- WHO Established: 7 April 1948;
- WHO Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland.
- United States Capital: Washington, DC;
- United States President: Joe Biden;
- United States Currency: United States Dollar.
- Kotak Mahindra Bank Founded: 2003;
- Kotak Mahindra Bank Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra;
- Kotak Mahindra Bank Tagline: Let's make money simple.
- IRCTC Founded: 27th September 1999;
- IRCTC Headquarters: New Delhi;
- Federal Bank Founded: 23 April 1931;
- Federal Bank Headquarters: Aluva, Kerala;
- Federal Bank Tagline: Your Perfect Banking Partner.
- Yes Bank Founded: 2004;
- Yes Bank Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra;
- Yes Bank Tagline: Experience Our Expertise.
- Axis Bank Founded: 3 December 1993;
- Axis Bank Headquarters: Mumbai;
- Axis Bank Chairperson: Shri Rakesh Makhija.
- IREDA Headquarters location: New Delhi;
- IREDA Founded: 11 March 1987.
- World Bank Founded: July 1944;
- World Bank Headquarters: Washington DC, USA;
- National Company Law Appellate Tribunal Founded: 1 June 2016.
- FICCI Founded: 1927;
- FICCI Headquarters: New Delhi;
- Israel Capital: Jerusalem;
- Israel Currency: Israeli Shekel;
- Israel Prime Minister: Naftali Bennett;
- Israel President: Isaac Herzog.
- International Committee of Sports for the Deaf Founded: 1924;
- International Chess Federation (FIDE) Founded: 1924 in Paris, France;

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International Chess Federation (FIDE) Headquarters: Lausanne, Switzerland;</li> <li>• Melbourne Cricket Club Founded: 1838;</li> <li>• Melbourne Cricket Club Location: Melbourne, Australia;</li> <li>• (1st Female President of MCC).</li> <li>• UNESCO headquarters: Paris, France.</li> <li>• UNESCO Founded: 16 November 1945.</li> <li>• Headquarters location of Phonepe: Bengaluru, Karnataka.</li> <li>• China Capital: Beijing;</li> <li>• China Currency: Renminbi;</li> <li>• China President: Xi Jinping.</li> <li>• International Solar Alliance Headquarters: Gurugram;</li> <li>• International Solar Alliance Founded: 30 November 2015;</li> <li>• International Solar Alliance Founded: Paris, France;</li> <li>• Headquarters of NASA: Washington D.C., United States.</li> <li>• NASA Founded: 1 October 1958.</li> <li>• SpaceX Founded: 2002.</li> <li>• SpaceX Headquarters: California, United States of America.</li> <li>• Japan Capital: Tokyo;</li> <li>• Japan Currency: Japanese Yen.</li> <li>• SBI Headquarters: Mumbai.</li> <li>• SBI Founded: 1 July 1955.</li> <li>• RBI Founded: April 1, 1935;</li> <li>• RBI Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra;</li> <li>• RBI Deputy Governors: Mahesh Kumar Jain, Michael Debabrata Patra, M Rajeshwar Rao, T Rabi Sankar.</li> <li>• National Payments Corporation of India Headquarters: Mumbai;</li> <li>• National Payments Corporation of India Founded: 2008.</li> <li>• Bandhan Bank HQ: Kolkata, West Bengal;</li> <li>• Bandhan Bank Founded: 2001;</li> <li>• PTC India Ltd Founded: 16 April 1999.</li> <li>• International Gymnastics Federation Founded: 23 July 1881;</li> <li>• International Gymnastics Federation Headquarters: Lausanne, Switzerland.</li> <li>• International Human Rights Foundation Founded: 2005;</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International Human Rights Foundation HQ: New York, USA.</li> <li>• Indian Navy Founded: 26 January 1950;</li> <li>• International Society of City and Regional Planners Headquarters: The Hague, Netherlands;</li> <li>• International Society of City and Regional Planners Founded: 1965.</li> <li>• UNESCO formation: 4 November 1946;</li> <li>• UNESCO headquarters: Paris, France.</li> <li>• Google Founded: 4 September 1998, California, United States.</li> <li>• Google Founders: Larry Page, Sergey Brin.</li> <li>• IBM Corp. Headquarters: Armonk, New York, United States;</li> <li>• IBM Corp. Founded: 16 June 1911.</li> <li>• PhonePe is headquartered in Bangalore;</li> <li>• PhonePe Parent organization: Flipkart.</li> <li>• World Bank Founded: July 1944;</li> <li>• World Bank Headquarters: Washington DC, USA;</li> <li>• NTPC Limited Founded: 1975;</li> <li>• NTPC Limited Headquarters: New Delhi, India;</li> <li>• Headquarters of HDFC Bank: Mumbai, Maharashtra;</li> <li>• The tagline of HDFC Bank: We understand your world.</li> <li>• BharatPe Founded: 2018;</li> <li>• BharatPe Headquarters: New Delhi;</li> <li>• Paytm Money Founded: 20 September 2017;</li> <li>• Paytm Money Headquarter: Bengaluru, Karnataka;</li> <li>• International Law Commission HQ: Geneva, Switzerland;</li> <li>• International Law Commission Founded: 1947.</li> <li>• United Nations Founded: 24 October 1945;</li> <li>• United Nations Headquarters: New York, New York, United States;</li> <li>• Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank Founded: 2005;</li> <li>• Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank Headquarters: Dharwad, Karnataka;</li> <li>• ICC Headquarters: Dubai, United Arab Emirates;</li> <li>• ICC Founded: 15 June 1909;</li> <li>• Press Council of India Founded: 4 July 1966, India;</li> <li>• Press Council of India Headquarters: New Delhi.</li> <li>• World Toilet Organization Headquarters: Singapore.</li> <li>• World Toilet Organization Founded: 19 November 2001.</li> </ul> |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• United Nations Global Compact Headquarters: New York, United States;</li> <li>• International Labour Organization Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland;</li> <li>• International Labour Organization Founded: 1919.</li> <li>• Russia Capital: Moscow;</li> <li>• Russia Currency: Rouble;</li> <li>• Russia President: Vladimir Putin.</li> <li>• El Salvador Capital: San Salvador.</li> <li>• Australia Capital: Canberra;</li> <li>• Australia Currency: Australian dollar;</li> <li>• Australia Prime minister: Scott Morrison.</li> <li>• Sudan Capital: Khartoum;</li> <li>• Sudan Currency: Sudanese Pound.</li> <li>• Kuwait Capital: Kuwait City;</li> <li>• Kuwait Currency: Kuwaiti dinar.</li> <li>• Bank Of Baroda Headquarters: Vadodara, Gujarat, India;</li> <li>• RBL Bank Founded: 1943;</li> <li>• RBL Bank Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra;</li> <li>• RBL Bank Tagline: Apno Ka Bank.</li> <li>• ICICI Bank Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra;</li> <li>• ICICI Bank Tagline: Hum Hai Na, Khayal Apka.</li> <li>• Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd Founded: 2016;</li> <li>• Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd Headquarters: Chennai, Tamil Nadu;</li> <li>• Asian Paralympic Committee Headquarters: Dubai, United Arab;</li> <li>• Asian Paralympic Committee CEO: Tarek Souei.</li> <li>• World Milk Day is observed on 1 June every year by the United Nations.</li> <li>• Venezuela Capital: Caracas;</li> <li>• Venezuela Currency: Venezuelan bolívar;</li> <li>• President of Venezuela: Nicolás Maduro.</li> <li>• Headquarters of NASA: Washington D.C., United States;</li> <li>• NASA Founded: 1 October 1958.</li> <li>• J&amp;K Lieutenant Governor: Manoj Sinha.</li> <li>• National Organ &amp; Tissue Transplant Organization Headquarters: New Delhi.</li> <li>• MakeMyTrip Founded: 2000;</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MakeMyTrip Headquarter: Gurugram, Haryana;</li> <li>• NITI Aayog Formed: 1 January 2015;</li> <li>• NITI Aayog Headquarters: New Delhi;</li> <li>• Czech Capital: Prague; Currency: Czech koruna.</li> <li>• Bajaj Allianz General Insurance Founded: 2001;</li> <li>• Bajaj Allianz General Insurance Headquarters: Pune, Maharashtra;</li> <li>• Skyroot Aerospace Founded: 12 June 2018;</li> <li>• Skyroot Aerospace Headquarters: Hyderabad, Telangana.</li> <li>• Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs Headquarters: New Delhi, India;</li> <li>• Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs Formed: 26 January 1944.</li> <li>• South Korea Capital: Seoul;</li> <li>• South Korea Currency: South Korean won;</li> <li>• South Korea President: Moon Jae-in.</li> <li>• Lieutenant Governor of J&amp;K: Manoj Sinha.</li> <li>• HSBC India Founded: 1853;</li> <li>• HSBC India Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra;</li> <li>• INTERPOL Formed: 1923;</li> <li>• INTERPOL Headquarters: Lyon, France;</li> <li>• INTERPOL Member states: 195;</li> <li>• INTERPOL Motto: connecting police for a safer world.</li> <li>• Twitter formed: 21 March 2006.</li> <li>• Headquarters of Twitter: San Francisco, California, United States.</li> </ul> |
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• States and their Chief Ministers & Governors:

Sr. No.	State	Chief Minister	Governor
1	Andhra Pradesh	YS Jagan Mohan Reddy	Biswa Bhusan Harichandan
2	Arunachal Pradesh	Pema Khandu	Brig. (Dr.) B. D. Mishra
3	Assam	Himanta Biswa Sarma	Prof. Jagdish Mukhi
4	Bihar	Nitish Kumar	Phagu Chauhan
5	Chhattisgarh	Bhupesh Baghel	Sushri Anusuiya Uikey
6	Goa	Pramod Sawant	P.S. Sreedharan Pillai
7	Gujarat	Bhupendra Patel	Acharya Dev Vrat
8	Haryana	Manohar Lal Khattar	Bandaru Dattatraya
9	Himachal Pradesh	Jairam Thakur	Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar
10	Jharkhand	Hemant Soren	Ramesh Bais
11	Karnataka	Basavaraj S Bommai	Thaawarchand Gehlot
12	Kerala	Pinarayi Vijayan	Arif Mohammed Khan
13	Madhya Pradesh	Shivraj Singh Chouhan	Mangubhai Chhaganbhai Patel
14	Maharashtra	Uddhav Thackeray	Bhagat Singh Koshyari
15	Manipur	N. Biren Singh	La. Ganesan
16	Meghalaya	Conrad Kongkal Sangma	Satya Pal Malik
17	Mizoram	Pu Zoramthanga	Dr. Kambhampati Haribabu
18	Nagaland	Neiphiu Rio	Jagdish Mukhi
19	Odisha	Naveen Patnaik	Prof. Ganeshi Lal
20	Punjab	Charanjit Singh Channi	Banwarilal Purohit
21	Rajasthan	Ashok Gehlot	Kalraj Mishra
22	Sikkim	PS Golay	Ganga Prasad
23	Tamil Nadu	MK Stalin	R. N. Ravi
24	Telangana	K Chandrasekhar Rao	Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan
25	Tripura	Biplab Kumar Deb	Satyadeo Narain Arya
26	Uttar Pradesh	Yogi Aditya Nath	Smt. Anandiben Patel
27	Uttarakhand	Pushkar Singh Dhami	Lt. Gen. Gurmit Singh
28	West Bengal	Mamata Banerjee	Jagdeep Dhankhar

• Union Territories and their Chief Ministers & Lt. Governors:

Sr. No.	Union Territory	Chief Minister	Lt. Governors & Administrators
1	Andaman and Nicobar Island		Admiral D K Joshi (Lieutenant Governor)
2	Chandigarh		Banwarilal Purohit (Administrator)
3	Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu		Shri Praful Patel (Administrator)
4	Delhi	Arvind Kejriwal	Shri Anil Bajjal (Lieutenant Governor)
5	Jammu and Kashmir		Shri Manoj Sinha (Lieutenant Governor)
6	Lakshadweep		Shri Praful Patel (Administrator)
7	Puducherry	N. Rangaswamy	Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan (Addl. Charge) (Lieutenant Governor)
8	Ladakh		Shri Radha Krishna Mathur (Lieutenant Governor)

• Here is the list of New Cabinet ministers:

SI. No	Minister	Ministry
1	Rajnath Singh	Minister of Defence
2	Amit Shah	Minister of Home Affairs; and Minister of Cooperation
3	Mansukh Mandaviya	Minister of Health and Family Welfare; and Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers
4	Nitin Gadkari	Minister of Road Transport and Highways
5	Nirmala Sitharaman	Minister of Finance; and Minister of Corporate Affairs
6	Narendra Singh Tomar	Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
7	Dr S. Jaishankar	Minister of External Affairs
8	Arjun Munda	Minister of Tribal Affairs
9	Smriti Irani	Minister of Women and Child Development
10	Piyush Goyal	Minister of Commerce and Industry; Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution; and Minister of Textiles
11	Dharmendra Pradhan	Minister of Education; and Minister of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
12	Pralhad Joshi	Minister of Parliamentary Affairs; Minister of Coal; and Minister of Mines
13	Narayan Rane	Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
14	Sarbananda Sonowal	Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways; and Minister of AYUSH
15	Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi	Minister of Minority Affairs
16	Dr. Virendra Kumar	Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment

Sl. No	Minister	Ministry
17	Giriraj Singh	Minister of Rural Development; and Minister of Panchayati Raj
18	Jyotiraditya M. Scindia	Minister of Civil Aviation
19	Ashwini Vaishnaw	Minister of Railways; Minister of Communications; and Minister of Electronics and Information Technology
20	Ramchandra Prasad Singh	Minister of Steel
21	Pashu Pati Kumar Paras	Minister of Food Processing Industries
22	Gajendra Singh Shekhawat	Minister of Jal Shakti
23	Kiren Rijiju	Minister of Law and Justice
24	Ra Kumar Singh	Minister of Power; and Minister of New and Renewable Energy
25	Hardeep Singh Puri	Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas; and Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs
26	Bhupender Yadav	Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change; and Minister of Labour and Employment
27	Mahendra Nath Pandey	Minister of Heavy Industries
28	Parshottam Rupala	Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying
29	G. Kishan Reddy	Minister of Culture; Minister of Tourism; and Minister of Development of North Eastern Region
30	Anurag Singh Thakur	Minister of Information and Broadcasting; and Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports

• Heads of various organizations in News in month of November 2021

Sr No	Head of Organization	Name of Person
1	WHO Director General	Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus
2	Kotak Mahindra Bank MD & CEO	Uday Kotak
3	IRCTC CMD (Additional Charge)	Rajni Hasija
4	Federal Bank MD & CEO	Shyam Srinivasan
5	Yes Bank CEO	Prashant Kumar
6	Axis Bank MD & CEO	Amitabh Chaudhary
7	World Bank President	David R Malpass
8	FICCI President	Uday Shankar
9	FICCI Secretary General	Dilip Chenoy
10	International Committee of Sports for the Deaf President	Rebecca Adam
11	International Chess Federation (FIDE) President	Arkady Dvorkovich



Sr No	Head of Organization	Name of Person
12	Melbourne Cricket Club President	Clare Connor
13	UNESCO Head	Audrey Azoulay
14	CEO of Phonepe	Sameer Nigam
15	International Solar Alliance Director-General	Ajay Mathur
16	NASA administrator	Bill Nelson
17	SpaceX founder & CEO	Elon Musk
18	SBI Chairperson	Dinesh Kumar Khara
19	RBI Governor	Shaktikanta Das
20	National Payments Corporation of India MD & CEO	Dilip Asbe
21	MD and CEO of Bandhan Bank	Chandra Shekhar Ghosh
22	International Human Rights Foundation Chairman	Garry Kasparov
23	International Human Rights Foundation Founder	Thor Halvorssen Mendoza
25	Commander-in-Chief of Indian Navy	President Ram Nath Kovind
26	Director-General of UNESCO	Audrey Azoulay
27	Google CEO	Sundar Pichai
28	IBM Corp CEO	Arvind Krishna
29	PhonePe CEO	Sameer Nigam
30	World Bank President	David Robert Malpass
31	NTPC Limited Chairman & MD	Gurdeep Singh
32	MD and CEO of HDFC Bank	Sashidhar Jagdishan
33	BharatPe CEO	Ashneer Grover
34	Paytm Money CEO	Varun Sridhar
35	United Nations Secretary general	António Guterres
36	Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank Chairman	P Gopikrishna
37	ICC Deputy Chairman	Imran Khwaja
38	ICC Chairman	Greg Barclay
39	World Toilet Organization Founder and Director	Jack Sim
40	United Nations Global Compact Executive Director & CEO	Sanda Ojiambo
41	International Labour Organization Director-General	Guy Ryder
42	Bank Of Baroda Chairman	Hasmukh Adhia
43	Bank Of Baroda MD & CEO	Sanjiv Chadha

Sr No	Head of Organization	Name of Person
44	RBL Bank CEO & MD	Vishwavir Ahuja
45	ICICI Bank MD & CEO	Sandeep Bakhshi
46	Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd MD & CEO	Vasudevan Pathangi Narasimhan
47	Asian Paralympic Committee President	Majid Rashed
48	MakeMyTrip Founder & Group Executive Chairman	Deep Kalra
49	NITI Aayog Chairperson	Narendra Modi
50	NITI Aayog Vice Chairperson	Rajiv Kumar
51	NITI Aayog CEO	Amitabh Kant
52	Bajaj Allianz General Insurance CEO & MD	Tapan Singhel
53	Skyroot Aerospace Co-founder, CEO & CTO	Pawan Kumar Chandana
54	HSBC India CEO	Hitendra Dave
55	INTERPOL President	Ahmed Naser Al-Raisi
56	INTERPOL Secretary-General	Jürgen Stock

  
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