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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
Dilpreet Singh	Hockey
Harman Preet Singh	Hockey
Rupinder Pal Singh	Hockey
Surender Kumar	Hockey
Amit Rohidas	Hockey
Birendra Lakra	Hockey
Sumit	Hockey

Name of the Sportsperson	Discipline
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
Sarkar Talwar	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
Sandhya Gurung	Boxing
Pritam Siwach	Hockey
Jai Prakash Nautiyal	Para Shooting
Subramanian Raman	Table Tennis

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

Name	Discipline
Lekha K.C.	Boxing
Abhijeet Kunte	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)

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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).

National 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.

States in the News

- 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 Thiruvithanoor. 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.

International 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.

Agreements/MoUs Signed

- **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.

Books and 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.

Banking/Economy/Business News

- 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 **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.
- 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.

Appointments/Resignations

- 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.

Defence News

- 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**.

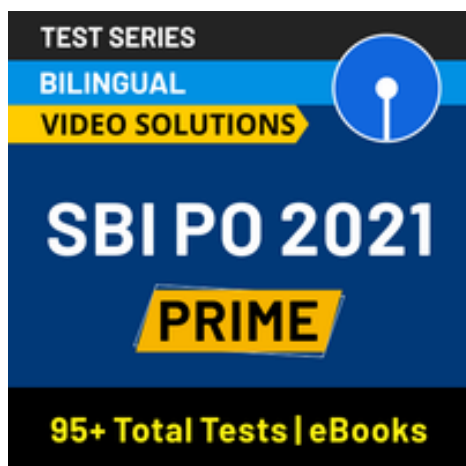
- **Indian Air Force (IAF) and the Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO)** carried out flight tests of an indigenously developed smart anti-airfield weapon. The two different configurations based on satellite navigation and electro-optical sensors have been successfully tested.

Awards and Recognitions

- 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.

Summit and Conference

- 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.

Schemes and Committees News

- 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.

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.

Sports News

- 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 Iniyen** has won the **5th Rujna Zora chess tournament** held at **Serbia**. International Master (IM) **Makarjan Rudik** of Russia finished 2nd and another Indian Player **V S Raaghul** finished 3rd and IM **S. Nitin** placed 4th. **P Iniyen** 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.

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.

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.

Miscellaneous News

- **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.
- 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**.

Static Takeaways

- Haryana Capital: Chandigarh;
- Haryana Governor: Bandaru Dattatreya;
- Haryana Chief Minister: Manohar Lal Khattar.
- Chhattisgarh Capital: Raipur;
- Chhattisgarh Governor: Anusuiya Uikey;
- Chhattisgarh Chief Minister: Bhupesh Baghel.
- WHO Established: 7 April 1948;
- WHO Director General: Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus;
- 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 MD & CEO: Uday Kotak;
- Kotak Mahindra Bank Tagline: Let's make money simple.
- IRCTC Founded: 27th September 1999;
- IRCTC Headquarters: New Delhi;
- IRCTC CMD (Additional Charge): Rajni Hasija.
- Federal Bank Founded: 23 April 1931;
- Federal Bank Headquarters: Aluva, Kerala;
- Federal Bank MD & CEO: Shyam Srinivasan;
- Federal Bank Tagline: Your Perfect Banking Partner.
- Yes Bank Founded: 2004;
- Yes Bank Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra;
- Yes Bank CEO: Prashant Kumar;
- Yes Bank Tagline: Experience Our Expertise.
- Axis Bank Founded: 3 December 1993;
- Axis Bank Headquarters: Mumbai;
- Axis Bank MD & CEO: Amitabh Chaudhary;
- 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;

- World Bank President: David R. Malpass.
- National Company Law Appellate Tribunal Founded: 1 June 2016.
- FICCI Founded: 1927;
- FICCI Headquarters: New Delhi;
- FICCI President: Uday Shankar;
- FICCI Secretary General: Dilip Chenoy.
- 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 Committee of Sports for the Deaf President: Rebecca Adam.
- International Chess Federation (FIDE) Founded: 1924 in Paris, France;
- International Chess Federation (FIDE) Headquarters: Lausanne, Switzerland;
- International Chess Federation (FIDE) President: Arkady Dvorkovich.
- Melbourne Cricket Club Founded: 1838;

- Melbourne Cricket Club Location: Melbourne, Australia;
- Melbourne Cricket Club President: Clare Connor (1st Female President of MCC).
- UNESCO headquarters: Paris, France.
- UNESCO Head: Audrey Azoulay.
- UNESCO Founded: 16 November 1945.
- CEO of Phonepe: Sameer Nigam
- Headquarters location of Phonepe: Bengaluru, Karnataka.

