

Weekly One Liners 08th to 14th of November 2021

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.

National Affairs

- 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.

States in the News

- 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.

International Affairs

- 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)**.

Agreements/MoUs Signed

- **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.

Books and Authors

- 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**.

Banking/Economy/Business News

- 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**.
- 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.
- **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.
- **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.

Appointments/Resignations

- **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**.

Defence News

- 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.

Awards and Recognitions

- 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.

Summit and Conference

- 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**".

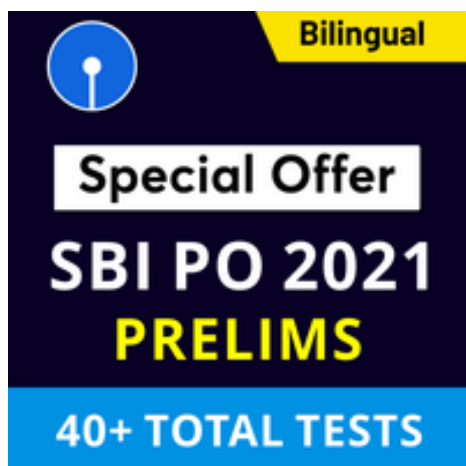
- Chief of Defence Staff, **General Bipin Rawat** will inaugurate the **14th edition of 'c0c0n'**, an annual Hacking and Cyber Security Briefing, which will be held virtually from **Nov 10-13**. The conference, which is being conducted by Kerala Police in association with two non-profit organisations, **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.

Ranks and Reports

- **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.

Science and Technology News

- **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.



Sports News

- 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.
- 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.

Important Days

- **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.

Obituaries

- 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.

Miscellaneous News

- 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.
- **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**.

Static Takeaways

- Meghalaya Capital: Shillong.
- Meghalaya Governor: Satya Pal Malik.
- Meghalaya Chief minister: Conrad Sangma.
- Punjab Governor: Banwarilal Purohit;
- Punjab Capital: Chandigarh;
- Punjab Chief minister: Charanjit Singh Channi.
- Chief Minister of Odisha: Naveen Patnaik and Governor is Ganeshi Lal.

- China Capital: Beijing;
- China Currency: Renminbi;
- China President: Xi Jinping.
- International Solar Alliance Headquarters: Gurugram;
- International Solar Alliance Founded: 30 November 2015;
- International Solar Alliance Founded: Paris, France;
- International Solar Alliance Director-General: Ajay Mathur.
- NASA administrator: Bill Nelson.
- Headquarters of NASA: Washington D.C., United States.
- NASA Founded: 1 October 1958.
- SpaceX founder & CEO: Elon Musk.
- SpaceX Founded: 2002.
- SpaceX Headquarters: California, United States of America.
- Japan Capital: Tokyo;
- Japan Currency: Japanese Yen.
- SBI Chairperson: Dinesh Kumar Khara.
- SBI Headquarters: Mumbai.
- SBI Founded: 1 July 1955.
- RBI Founded: April 1, 1935;
- RBI Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra;
- RBI Governor: Shaktikanta Das;
- RBI Deputy Governors: Mahesh Kumar Jain, Michael Debabrata Patra, M Rajeshwar Rao, T Rabi Sankar.
- National Payments Corporation of India MD & CEO: Dilip Asbe;
- National Payments Corporation of India Headquarters: Mumbai;
- National Payments Corporation of India Founded: 2008.
- Bandhan Bank HQ: Kolkata, West Bengal;
- Bandhan Bank Founded: 2001;
- MD and CEO of Bandhan Bank: Chandra Shekhar Ghosh.
- PTC India Ltd Founded: 16 April 1999.
- International Gymnastics Federation Founded: 23 July 1881;
- International Gymnastics Federation Headquarters: Lausanne, Switzerland.
- International Human Rights Foundation Chairman: Garry Kasparov;
- International Human Rights Foundation Founder: Thor Halvorssen Mendoza;
- International Human Rights Foundation Founded: 2005;
- International Human Rights Foundation HQ: New York, USA.
- Indian Navy Founded: 26 January 1950;
- Commander-in-Chief of Indian Navy: President Ram Nath Kovind.
- International Society of City and Regional Planners Headquarters: The Hague, Netherlands;
- International Society of City and Regional Planners Founded: 1965.
- Director-General of UNESCO: Audrey Azoulay;
- UNESCO formation: 4 November 1946;
- UNESCO headquarters: Paris, France.
- Chief Minister of Tripura: Biplab Kumar Deb;
- Governor: Satyadeo Narain Arya.
- Delhi Chief minister: Arvind Kejriwal;
- Delhi Governor: Lt. Governor Anil Bajjal.
- Google CEO: Sundar Pichai.
- Google Founded: 4 September 1998, California, United States.
- Google Founders: Larry Page, Sergey Brin.
- IBM Corp. CEO: Arvind Krishna;
- IBM Corp. Headquarters: Armonk, New York, United States;
- IBM Corp. Founded: 16 June 1911.
- PhonePe is headquartered in Bangalore;
- PhonePe CEO: Sameer Nigam;
- PhonePe Parent organization: Flipkart.

