

GENERAL AWARENESS-CURRENT AFFAIRS  
MONTH OF NOVEMBER-2021

**List of Important Days**

- November 01 - World Vegan Day.
- November 02 - International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists.
- November 05 - World Tsunami Awareness Day.
- November 07 - National Cancer Awareness Day.
- November 08 - International Day of Radiology. (Theme - "Interventional Radiology - Active care for the patient")
- November 08 - World Urbanism Day also known as "World Town Planning Day".
- November 09 - National Legal Services Day.
- November 10 - World Science Day. (Theme - "Building Climate-Ready Communities")
- November 11 - National Education Day.
- November 12 - World Pneumonia Day.
- November 12 - Public Service Broadcasting Day.
- November 14 - World Diabetes Day. (Theme - "Access to Diabetes Care")
- November 14 - Children's Day is popularly known as 'Baal Diwas' in India.
- November 15-21 - National Newborn Week 2021.
- November 16 - National Press Day.
- November 16 - International Day for Tolerance.
- November 17 - World COPD Day. (Theme - "Never More Important")
- November 17 - National Epilepsy Day.
- November 18 - World Philosophy Day.
- November 18 - 4th Naturopathy Day.
- November 18-24 - World Antimicrobial Awareness Week (WAAW).
- November 19 - 552nd Guru Nanak Jayanti also known as Prakash Utsav or Guru Purab.
- November 19 - World Toilet Day. (Theme - "valuing toilets")
- November 20 - World Children's Day. (Theme - "A Better Future for Every Child")
- November 21 - World Fisheries Day.
- November 21 - World Television Day.
- November 21 (Third Sunday of November) - World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims. (Theme - "ACT for LOW SPEEDS / ACT for LOW-SPEED STREETS")
- November 25 - International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. (Theme - "Orange the World: End Violence against Women Now!")
- November 26 - Indian Constitution Day.
- November 26 - 12th National Organ Donation Day.
- November 30 - Day of Remembrance for all Victims of Chemical Warfare.

## Reserve Bank of India

- The Reserve Bank of India has now appointed **Bandhan Bank** as an **Agency Bank** of the RBI to conduct **government business**.
  - Bandhan Bank will now be authorized to handle transactions related to GST, VAT and the collection of state taxes.
- 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 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 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.

## Other Banks

- **Yes Bank** and **BankBazaar.com** together launched a Co-Branded credit card named **FinBooster** to measure the Creditworthiness of the customers.
- **HSBC India** has launched India's 1st **credit card** made from **recycled PVC** (Polyvinyl chloride) plastic.

## Central Government

- The Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports Anurag Thakur announced on November 17, 2021, that the Union Cabinet has decided to provide **4G mobile services** in over 7,000 villages across Chhattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Jharkhand, and Odisha.

## States

- The state of **Punjab** is set to start the **Census** of one of the world's most threatened cetaceans, **Indus River dolphin**.
  - Indus River dolphin is scientifically called as Platanista gangetica minor. It is a freshwater dolphin, found in river Beas.
- 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 **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.
  - This will increase the total number of districts in the state to 12.
- 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%**.
- The state government of **Odisha** has launched a first of its kind **road safety** initiative named **Rakshak**, to train first responders of road accidents.

- 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 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.

### Defence and National Security

- 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.
- The Defence Acquisition Council approved the proposals worth **Rs. 7,695 crores** for the **Armed Forces Modernisation** under ‘Make in India’.
  - The Council was headed by the Union Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh**.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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**.
  - France. Currently, three submarines under Project-75 are functional with the Indian Navy viz. INS Karanj, INS Kalvari, and INS Khanderi.
- The Navies of **India** and **France** have carry out the 6th edition of the biennial training exercise “**EX SHAKTI 2021**” from November 15 to 26, 2021 in Frejus, **France**.
- 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.
- The 37th edition of **India-Indonesia Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT)** is being held in the Indian Ocean region from 23-24 November 2021.

### Schemes/Initiatives

- The Union Minister of Cooperation, **Amit Shah** has launched the “**Dairy Sahakar**” scheme at Anand, **Gujarat** during a function organized 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 Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd. (**IREDA**) has launched a ‘**Whistle-blower Portal**’ as a part of the celebration of ‘Vigilance Awareness Week 2021’.
- PM Narendra Modi visited **Kedarnath** in Uttarakhand 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.

- Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science and Technology Jitendra Singh launched the first-ever mentorship programme called the '**DBT-Star College Mentorship Programme**' for young innovators to mark the 75th year of India's Independence.
- The actor, politician, producer, and director **Kamal Haasan** has announced his plans to become the first Indian celebrity to have his own **digital avatar** in a game-based **metaverse**.
- 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.
- 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**.
- 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).
- Union Minister, Piyush Goyal virtually launched India's first **Digital Food Museum** in Thanjavur, **Tamil Nadu**.
- 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.
- 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**.

#### Summit/Conference

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the **Green Grids Initiative - One Sun One World One Grid (GGI-OSOWOG)** initiative jointly with his UK counterpart **Boris Johnson** at the event 'Accelerating Clean Technology Innovation and Deployment' at **COP26 Climate Summit at Glasgow**.
- India's President Shri Ram Nath Kovind addressed the 51st **Conference of Governors** and Lieutenant Governors at Rashtrapati Bhavan in **New Delhi**.

#### Agreement/Deal/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.
- The Indian Railway Catering & Tourism Corporation Limited (**IRCTC**) has partnered with **Truecaller** India to provide passengers with greater **trust in communication**.
- 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.
- The Minister of State for External Affairs V. Muraleedharan visited the Republic of Gambia.
  - **India, Gambia** sign two agreements for deepening bilateral relations.
- 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.

- **NPCI Bharat Bill Pay 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.
- **Maharashtra** government has signed an MoU with the United States-based Non-Profit Organization, **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).
- 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.
- Small Industries Development Bank of India (**SIDBI**) has joined hands with **Google India Pvt Ltd (GIPL)** to support micro, small and medium enterprises (**MSMEs**).
- Equitas Small Finance Bank (**SFB**) partnered with **HDFC** (Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited) Bank to launch its new co-branded credit cards.
- **Bajaj Allianz** General Insurance announced its partnership with deep-tech startup **TropoGo** for the distribution of a **drone Insurance** product.

#### Bills

- **Madhya Pradesh** government is planning to introduce new ‘**Prevention of Loss of Public and Private Property and Recovery of Damages Act**’.
  - The Minister informed that under the act, a claim tribunal will be formed for recovery of damages from those who pelt stones and damage government and private properties.
- The Indian government has released a **draft mediation bill** for public comment, which aims to **protect petitioners’ rights** to approach competent adjudicatory forums.
  - Pre-litigation mediation is included in the Draft Mediation Bill.
  - The bill protects litigants’ rights to seek urgent remedy from competent adjudicatory forums and courts.
  - The bill states that the successful outcome of mediation is now legally enforceable in the form of a Mediation Settlement Agreement.
- 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.
  - With this decision, Punjab has become the first Indian state to have the facility of tissue culture-based certification, which will develop the Jalandhar-Kapurthala belt of Punjab as the export hub of potatoes.
  - The Cabinet also approved to introduce the ‘Punjab Horticulture Nursery Bill-2021’ by amending ‘Punjab Fruit Nursery Act-1961’.
- **Punjab** Assembly adopted a resolution against Centre’s three contentious **farm laws** on November 11, 2021.
- 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.
- “**Draft Food Safety and Standards (Genetically Modified or Engineered Foods) Regulations, 2021**” was issued by Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) on November 15, 2021.
  - It will be applicable to Food or Processed food comprising of Genetically Modified ingredients produced from but not containing GMOs, LMOs or GEOs.
- ‘**The Farm Laws Repeal Bill, 2021**’ was passed by Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha on November 29, 2021, on the very first day of the Winter Session of Parliament.

## Fund

- 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 Central Government, **Meghalaya** Government, and the **World Bank** signed a **\$40 million** Meghalaya Health Systems Strengthening Project (MHSSP) for improving the quality of health services and strengthening the capacity to handle future emergencies including the COVID-19 pandemic in Meghalaya.
- 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**.
- The Central Government and Asian Development Bank (ADB) have signed a pact worth a **\$61 million** (around Rs 454 crore) loan to fund development projects in Agartala, **Tripura**.
- **India** is all set to seal a long-conceived proposal to procure 30 multi-mission armed Predator **Drones** from the **United States** for the three defence services of the country.
  - The procurement of the drones will be at an estimated cost of over **USD 3 billion** (around Rs. 22,000 crores).
- 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).

## Companies/Industry

- **Yahoo Inc.** has **pulled out** of **China** on November 2, 2021 because of an increasingly challenging business and legal environment.
- Digital Payment firm, **PhonePe** has launched a **tokenization solution** named '**SafeCard**' for online debit and credit card transactions.
- **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.
- **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.
- Paytm Money, the wholly-owned subsidiary of **Paytm**, has launched '**Voice Trading**', powered by artificial intelligence (AI).

## Space

- **SpaceX**, owned by the world's richest person Elon Musk, established its wholly-owned subsidiary in **India** in order to start local broadband operations.
  - The satellite broadband arm of SpaceX, Starlink aims to start the broadband services in India from **December 2022**, with 2 lakh active terminals subject to permission from the Government of India.
- **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).
- Astronaut **Wang Yaping** became the first **Chinese woman** to walk in space on November 7, 2021, during her first extravehicular operation on the **Shenzhou-13** mission.
- 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).
- **China** launched a new satellite called "**Gaofen-11 03**" from the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Centre.
  - This satellite is also called as Chang Zheng 4B, CZ-4B and LM-4B.
  - It is an expendable orbital Launch vehicle of China.
- **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.

### Science and Technology

- **India** successfully launched the 41st **Scientific Expedition** to **Antarctica** on November 15, 2021.

### Health/Diseases/Drugs

- 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.
- First case of **Norovirus** was confirmed in Wayanad district of **Kerala**. Norovirus is an animal-borne disease. It is transmitted through contaminated water and food.
- The European Medicines Agency (EMA) authorized the **Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine** Comirnaty for use in children aged 5 to 11 years old.

### Education

- '**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.
- **Collins** Dictionary has named the term '**NFT**' as the **Word of the Year** 2021.
  - NFT is the acronym for "non-fungible token."
- The American publishing company **Merriam-Webster** has chosen the word "**vaccine**" as its 2021 **Word of the Year**.

### Transport/Cars/Scooters

- The **Chennai-Mysore-Chennai Shatabdi Express** has become the first train of **Southern Railway** to receive Integrated Management Systems (IMS) certification.
- **Bhadrachalam** in **Telangana** has been added as a destination in the **IRCTC's Ramayana Circuit train**.
- The **Habibganj** railway station in Bhopal, **Madhya Pradesh** has been **renamed** after 18th-century Gond Queen of Bhopal, Rani Kamlapati.
  - Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will inaugurate the revamped **Rani Kamlapati** railway station on November 15, during his visit to Bhopal.
- The **Indian Railways** is constructing the **tallest pier railway bridge** of the world in **Manipur**.
  - The ambitious project of the Railways in Manipur is part of the Jiribam-Imphal railway line.

## Films and Film Festival

- 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**.

## Festival

- The 5th edition of the three-day-long **Ganga Utsav** has been organized 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).
- **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.
  - This year’s event was clubbed with Chattisgarh’s Rajyotsava (state foundation day- November 1, 2021).
- **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.
- 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.
- **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.
- 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.
  - Theme - “Celebrating Creativity in Science, Technology and Innovation for Prosperous India”

## Appointments/Election (or) Latest who is who?

- 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.
- **Barclays** new CEO is **CS Venkatakrishnan**, an Indian-American and the first person of color to hold that position.
- Industry chamber Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (**FICCI**) named **Arun Chawla** as its new director-general.
- **Rajib Kumar Mishra** shall exercise the power of chairman and managing director of **PTC India Ltd**, subsequent to relieving of **Deepak Amitabh**.
- **Amway India**, a Direct Selling FMCG company announced the appointment of Bollywood megastar **Amitabh Bachchan** as its brand ambassador.
- 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.



- Vice Admiral **R Hari Kumar** has been named as the next **Chief of the Naval Staff** by the Government of India.
  - He will replace the incumbent Chief of the Naval Staff, Admiral **Karambir Singh**, who will complete his tenure on November 30, 2021.
- **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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Children's footwear brand **Plaeto** has announced the appointment of celebrated Indian cricketer **Rahul Dravid** as its brand ambassador and mentor.
- The Board of Control for Cricket in India (**BCCI**) President Sourav Ganguly confirmed that former India batsman **VVS Laxman** will take charge as the Head of the National Cricket Academy (**NCA**).
  - The announcement comes after the post got vacant after the former Indian cricketer Rahul Dravid became Team India's Head Coach on November 3, 2021.
- BCCI President **Sourav Ganguly** has been appointed as the Chairman of **ICC Men's Cricket Committee**.
  - He will be succeeding **Anil Kumble**, who stepped down from the post after having served a maximum of three, 3-year terms.
- 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.
- Bollywood actor **Salman Khan** is to become the **Covid-vaccine ambassador** of **Maharashtra**.
- US Vice-President **Kamala Harris** on November 19, 2021, became the first **female acting President** of the **United States** for one hour and 25 minutes when US President Joe Biden temporarily transferred power to Harris while he went under anesthesia for a routine colonoscopy.
- The International Cricket Council (**ICC**) has appointed **Geoff Allardice** as the permanent **CEO** of the International Cricket governing body.
  - He replaces **Manu Sawhney** who officially resigned from his position in July 2021.
- **Sheikh Sabah Al Khaled Al Hamad Al Sabah** has been appointed the new **Prime Minister** of **Kuwait**.
- 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.
- 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.
- **Petr Fiala** has been sworn in as the new **Prime Minister** of the **Czech Republic** by President Milos Zeman.
  - Fiala succeeds **Andrej Babis**.

- Noted mountaineer from Uttarakhand, **Harshwanti Bisht** has earned the distinction of being elected the first woman **president** of the Indian Mountaineering Foundation (IMF).
- Senior bureaucrat **Vivek Johri** was appointed as the chairman of Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC).
- 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.
- Chief of Naval Staff 2021: Vice Admiral **Hari Kumar** took charge as the new **Chief of Naval Staff**.

#### Resignation/Dismissed/Retired/Quit

- Trinidadian cricketer **Dwayne Bravo**, the former captain of the West Indies cricket team has confirmed his retirement from international cricket.
- South African cricketer **AB de Villiers**, known to be one of contemporary cricket's greatest batsmen, announced his retirement from all forms of cricket on November 19, 2021.

#### Deaths

- Australian legend **Alan Davidson** has passed away. The bowling all rounder, who made his Test debut against England in 1953, represented Australia 44 times in the longest format.
- Well-known educationist, teacher, and philosopher, **Koneru Ramakrishna Rao** passed away.
- 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.
  - 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.
- **Mannu Bhandari**, a renowned and widely celebrated Indian author has passed away at the age of 90.
- The eminent historian, orator and noted author from Maharashtra, **Balwant Moreshwar Purandare** has passed away. The author was popularly known as Babasaheb Purandare.
- Internationally acclaimed Zambia-born South African author, **Wilbur Smith** has passed away.
- 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'.

#### Awards/Honours

- The National Mission of Clean Ganga (NMCG) has been registered in the **Guinness Book** of World Records on the first day of Ganga Utsav- the River Festival 2021 for the highest number of photos of handwritten notes that were uploaded on Facebook in an hour.
- An independent conservation organization in **New Zealand**, Forest & Bird, organised its annual **Bird of The Year Award**, recently.
  - In the year 2021, the annual bird of the year award was won by **Pekapeka-tou-roa**, which is a native bat species of New Zealand.
- **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.
- Maharashtra-based, 28-year old mountaineer **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.
- Author **M Mukundan** won the 2021 **JCB prize for Literature**, for his book 'Delhi: A Soliloquy'.

- 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 **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**.
- 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.
- Indian badminton legend **Prakash Padukone** has been selected for the prestigious **Lifetime Achievement Award** for 2021 by the Badminton World Federation (BWF) Council.
- 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.
- **Lionel Messi** won the men's **Ballon d'Or award** for a record seventh time on November 30, 2021.
  - Spain's **Alexia Putellas** won the **women's Ballon d'Or award** for the first time.

### Sports/Game

- 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.
- 16th Indian Grandmaster (GM) **P Iniyan** has won the 5th **Rujna Zora** chess tournament held at **Serbia**.
  - International Master (IM) **Makarjian Rudik** of Russia finished **2nd** and another Indian Player **V S Raaghul** finished **3rd** and **IM S. Nitin** placed **4th**.
- **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** became the 7th Indian male boxer who won a medal at the **World Boxing Championships**.
  - Akash a **bronze** medal in the 54-kg category at the 2021 AIBA Men's World Boxing Championships in Belgrade, **Serbia**.
- 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.
  - He is the 4th bowler to enter the 400 club after Dwayne Bravo (553), Sunil Narine (425) and Imran Tahir (420).
- 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**.
- **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**.
- 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.
  - Tajamul is also a brand ambassador of the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) scheme.

- **Max Verstappen** (Red Bull – Netherlands) has won the 2021 **Mexico City Grand Prix** held at the Autódromo Hermanos Rodríguez in **Mexico City**.
  - Seven-times world champion **Lewis Hamilton** (Mercedes-Great Britain) stood **second** while **Sergio Perez** (Mexico- Red Bull) came **third**.
- **Novak Djokovic** (Serbia) has defeated Daniil Medvedev (Russia) in the finals to win his 6th **Paris Title** & the record 37th Masters Title at Paris, **France**.
- **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.
- 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**.
- India's first **Physical National Yogasana Championships** has been organised in Bhubaneswar, **Odisha** from November 11-13, 2021.
- **Australia** won their maiden **T20 World Cup** title as they defeated New Zealand in the final by 8 wickets. **Mitchell Marsh** was named as the player of the match.
- **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.
- In tennis, **Garbine Muguruza** of Spain beat Anett Kontaveit of Estonia in the final to claim her first WTA Final 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).
- **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.
- Indian Squash star, **Saurav Ghosal** has scripted history as he has become the first Indian squash player to win the **Malaysian Open Championships**.

## Report

- **Microsoft Corp.** has surpassed **Apple Inc.** to become the **world's most valuable** publicly-traded company by market capitalization.
- 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.
- 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.

- **Gujarat** ranked **1st** among 21 states on the **national logistics index 2021** chart for its 'well-developed infrastructure and services driven by a responsive government'.
  - On the top ten states in LEADS 2021 report, Gujarat is followed by Haryana, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Odisha, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, and Telangana. Uttar Pradesh.
- **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.
- **Falguni Nayar**, the CEO and founder of beauty and fashion eCommerce platform Nykaa, has become the **richest self-made woman in India**.
- 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.
- The Global **wealth** has tripled over the last two decades with **China** overtaking the **United States** for the top spot worldwide.
  - The results are one of the takeaways from a new report by the research arm of the consultants McKinsey & Co. that has examined the national balance sheets of the ten countries representing more than 60% of the world income.
- 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.
- 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.
  - 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.

#### General - National

- 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.
- **India** has been re-elected to the **Executive Board** of **UNESCO** for the term 2021-25.
- **India** is elected as a member of the **UNESCO World Heritage Committee** for the period of 4 years, starting from 2021.

#### General - International

- **Britain's** health regulators have approved the world's first **pill** to treat cases of symptomatic **COVID-19**.
- 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 **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**).
- **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.

### Books and Authors

<b>Book's Name</b>	<b>Author's Name</b>
• John Lang: Wanderer of Hindoostan, Slanderer of Hindoostanee, Lawyer for the Ranee	Amit Ranjan
• The Sage with Two Horns: Unusual Tales from Mythology	Sudha Murty
• Nehru: The Debates that Defined India	Tripurdaman Singh and Adeel Hussain
• Sunrise over Ayodhya – Nationhood in our Times	Salman Khurshid
• Finding A Straight Line Between Twists and Turns	Aseem Chawla
• Unshackling India	Ajay Chhibber and Salman Anees Soz
• FORCE IN STATECRAFT	Dr Ajay Kumar
• Lal Salaam: A Novel	Smriti Irani
• Contested Lands: India, China and	Maroof Raza the Boundary Dispute



## TO THE POINTS: NOVEMBER-2021

- National Unity Day has been celebrated on 31st October to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. He was the first **Home Minister** of India.
- Theme of World Savings Day 2021 - **Understanding the Importance of Savings.**
- **World Vegan Day** has been observed on November 1.
- The Prime Minister Narendra Modi has arrived in Glasgow to attend the 26th session of **COP-26.**
- **Amul** has organised "Dairy Sahakar" scheme at Anand, Gujarat.
- The World's Largest Hydrogen Fuel Cell Power Plant has been inaugurated in **South Korea.**
- **World Bank** has released "The Changing Wealth of Nations 2021: Managing Assets for the Future".
- The Indian Railway Catering & Tourism Corporation Limited has partnered with **Truecaller** to provide passengers with greater trust in communication.
- **Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Telangana** have ranked top 3 as per the report of 6th edition, Public Affairs Index (PAI 2021) by the Public Affairs Centre.
- **Rs. 5 Crore** financial assistance sanctioned for the participation of Tamil Nadu Government in the World Expo at Dubai.
- An aromatic garden with over 140 fragrant plant species from all over India has been opened in **Uttarakhand.**
- **Microsoft** has become world's most valuable to hit a market value of 2.46 trillion Dollars.
- **Indian Bank** has reported ₹ 266.73 crore worth of fraud to the Reserve Bank of India.
- Asian Development Bank approved the **\$250 million** loan to support the Government of India's National Industrial Corridor Development Program.
- The Facebook has been renamed as Meta, derived from Greek. Meaning of Meta - **Beyond.**
- **Pay U** has launched a unique tokenization solution service called Token Hub.
- **8.5%** return has been approved by the Finance ministry on employees' provident fund deposits for 2020-21.
- **Max Life Insurance** has become the 1st life insurer to join the Account Aggregator framework, which was introduced by the Reserve Bank of India.
- **Veer** is the name of the credit cards on the RuPay network has been launched by Kotak Mahindra Bank along with NPCI for Indian armed forces.
- Ashok Bhushan has been appointed as the new Chairperson of **National Company Law Appellate Tribunal.**
- **Yezdi Nagporewalla** has been appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer of KPMG India.
- Swiss Re would buy **23%** stake in Paytm Insuretech for about 920 crore rupee.
- An app called 'Food Safety Connect has been launched by **FSSAI** to improve connects with consumers and food business operators.
- 7th Indian Navy Frigate of P1135.6 class **INS Tushil** has been launched by Indian Navy in Russia.

- The Athletics Federation of India has signed exclusive partnership with IOS Sports and Entertainment for **Three** Years.
- Kishore Kumar has bagged gold medal in the 3rd National Open Javelin Throw Championships. He hails from **Odisha**.
- Wear Brand **Manyavar** has become the official Indian Wear Partner of ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2021.
- Ashley Mallett passed away recently. He was a well-known **Cricketer**.
- Sunao Tsuboi passed away recently. He was survivor of **Hiroshima Bomb Attack**.
- **Australian**, All-rounder Alan Davidson has passed away recently.
- **UNGA** has recognized the International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists.
- India would achieve net-zero carbon emissions by **2070**.
- **Ministry of Finance** has chaired a review meeting with Ministry of Power, Ministry of Coal and Department of Atomic Energy in New Delhi.
- **Rajnath Singh** has addressed the "Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue" 2021.
- World's first and India's largest landfill gas-to-compressed biogas plant has been inaugurated in **Hyderabad**.
- India's 1st Manned Ocean Mission **Samudrayan** launched by Ministry of Earth Science in Chennai.
- Fumio Kishida has been elected as the Prime Minister of **Japan**.
- The 13th Meeting of Heads of National Statistical Offices of BRICS was held under **India's** Chair ship.
- **State Bank of India** has launched a video life certificate service for pensioners.
- ICICI Lombard General Insurance has partnered with Helmet brand **Vega** to offer personal accident insurance cover on every online purchase.
- **PhonePe** has launched SafeCard, a tokenization solution for online debit and credit card transactions.
- The Reserve Bank of India has eased the Current Account rules for Bank exposures of less than **Rs 5 crore**.
- Ramalingam Sudhakar has been appointed as the President of **NCLT**.
- The Home Minister Amit Shah has launched the 'Ayushman CAPF' Scheme health cards at the national level in New Delhi. The scheme is a joint initiative of **Home Ministry, Health Ministry and National Health Authority**.
- The Defence Acquisition Council has approved proposals worth 7,965 crore rupees for Armed Forces modernisation under Make in India. **Rajnath Singh** is the head of Defence Acquisition Council.
- The Ministry of Rural Development has signed a MoU with **Flipkart** to empower local businesses and SHGs.
- **Cabinet Secretary** is the Chairperson of Government constituted 20-member Empowered Group of Secretaries to monitor the development of the PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan.
- The Indian Navy has received its first P15B stealth guided-missile destroyer named "Visakhapatnam" (Y 12704). The destroyer was built at **Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders**.



- The CCI has approved acquisition of 100% shareholding in Exide Life Insurance by HDFC Life Insurance under **Section 31(1)** of the Competition Act, 2002.
- **Haryana** has launched the 'Uttam Beej portal' to improve the farmers manufacturing and revenue.
- Dharmendra Pradhan has launched Bhasha Sangam Mobile App. The App's every day usage in **22** Indian languages.
- **Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency** has launched a 'Whistle-blower Portal'.
- **Azim Hashim Premji** has been listed as the most generous philanthropist, according to the Edel Give Hurun India Philanthropy List 2021.
- A New Book Titled, "John Lang: Wanderer of Hindoostan, Slanderer in Hindoostanee, Lawyer for the Ranee" has been authored by **Amit Ranjan**.
- The Ministry of Sports has upgraded three existing sports facilities across the country as the Khelo India Sports Centres of Excellence. Currently **27** Khelo India Sports Centres of Excellence in India.
- Indian cricketers **Javagal Srinath & Harbhajan Singh** have given honorary life membership by the Marylebone Cricket Club.
- **P Iniyar** has won the 5th Rujna Zora chess tournament in Serbia.
- Ahmad Shah Ahmadzai passed away recently. He was the prime minister of **Afghanistan**.
- World Tsunami Awareness Day has been observed on **November 5**.
- **UNGA** has declared 6 November of each year as the International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict.
- Film **Sooryavanshi** would be the first movie to be displayed at Mumbai's Jio Drive-in theatre.
- **Pakistan** would not attend the Delhi Regional Security Dialogue on Afghanistan.
- Senegal has desired to continue engage with India to achieve full potential of the several bilateral relations. President of Senegal - **MackySall**.
- **Ethiopia** nine anti-government groups have agreed to form an alliance against current Prime Minister Administration.
- **The Deepavali Day Act** introduced in the House of Representatives to make Diwali a national holiday in the United States.
- **V. Muraleedharan** has recently visited Gambia in order to sign two Agreements.
- The Vice President Venkaih Naidu has visited **Bihar** recently.
- **24** Feature films have been totally selected to be screened during IFFI in Goa.
- **Bhai Dooj** festival has been celebrated by Hindus on the second lunar day of Shukla Paksha.
- **Narcotics Control Bureau** has constituted Special Investigation Team to take over 6 cases from Mumbai Zonal unit.
- **Kargil** region's All India Radio has launched Swachh Bharat Abhiyan in its premises.
- Delhi government has decided to declare as a public holiday on account of Chhath Puja on **10th November**.
- According to the Central Pollution Control Board, **448** is the recorded overall air quality index of the national capital Delhi.

- Aircraft squadron of the Indian Air Force **Mirage 2000** took part in the Blue Flag 2021 international exercise in Israel.
- **China** has successfully launched a Guangmu, an Earth-science satellite.
- **Bhaskar Chattopadhyay** has authored a New Book Titled, “The Cinema Of Satyajit Ray”.
- Indian boxer **Akash Kumar** has won bronze medal at the 2021 AIBA Men’s World Boxing Championships in Serbia.
- National Cancer Awareness Day was first announced in **2014**.
- Actress **Kangna Ranaut** has been recently conferred with Padma Shri Award by President Ram Nath Kovind.
- Recently **47th** Raising day has been addressed by the Power Minister R K Singh.
- **Narendra Modi** has emerged at the top of the global leader approval ratings according to Morning Consult.
- **India** has leads the international participation in Sharjah International Book Fair 2021 with 87 publishers.
- Narendra Modi has inaugurated the reconstructed Shri Adi Shankaracharya Samadhi in **Kedarnath**.
- **B.V.R. Subrahmanyam** has led the Indian delegation in the meeting between India and Bhutan on trade and transit issues.
- **RBI** has published its ‘Statement of Commitment to Support Greening India’s Financial System - NGFS.
- State Employment of Local Candidates Act, 2020 of Haryana government come into force on **January 15, 2022**.
- **Third** edition of Goa Maritime Conclave 2021 has been held under the aegis of Naval War College, Goa.
- C.S. Venkatakishnan has been appointed as the CEO of **Barclays Group**.
- A two-day exercise called Desert Warrior has been conducted between India along with **Egypt**.
- **National University of Singapore** has topped in Quacquarelli Symonds Asia University Rankings 2022 for the continent’s best higher education institutions.
- **China** has successfully launched three new remote sensing satellites recently.
- The DRDO and Indian Air Force have carried out two successful flight tests of indigenously-developed Smart Anti-Airfield Weapon. **Satheesh Reddy** is the chairman of DRDO.
- A Book Titled, “The Sage with Two Horns: Unusual Tales from Mythology” has been authored by **Sudha Murty**.
- **Pradeep Magazine** has authored a Book Titled, “Not Just Cricket: A Reporter’s Journey through Modern India”.
- Book **Modern India** has been released by the Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar.
- Manu Bhaker and Javad Foroughi has won gold in inaugural President’s Cup under **10M Air Pistol** category.
- Tarak Sinha passed away recently. He was associated with **Cricket**.
- The World Urbanism Day has been celebrated annually on 8 November. The day is also known as **World Town Planning Day**.

- Theme of the International Day of Radiology 2021, observed annually on 8th November - **Interventional Radiology Active care for the patient.**
- National Legal Services Day has been observed annually on **9th November.**
- **Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment** has released the Training Modules of Central Sector Scheme in New Delhi.
- **DRDO** has signed an MOU with Bilateral Innovation Agreement with Israel for development of start-ups and MSMEs in dual-use technologies.
- According to NITI Aayog, Bhoopalpalli of **Telangana** has topped in the most improved aspirational districts in the education sector for the month of September.
- **Srinagar** has been included in the UNESCO's coveted list of Creative Cities Network.
- Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules 2011 for enhanced protection of Consumer Rights comes into effect on **15th March 2022.**
- The Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal has launched the 3rd edition of **LEADS** report 2021.
- **K. Rajaraman** is the head of a Department of Telecommunications formed technology innovation group on the Sixth Generation.
- **Fifth** edition of annual 'Ganga Utsav 2021-The River Festival' has been organized virtually by National Mission for Clean Ganga.
- "Beating the Heat: Sustainable Urban Cooling Handbook report" is reported by **UNEP** has indicates that cities would be the hotspots, if global warming continues.
- **UK** has unveiled a £5 coin to commemorate Mahatma Gandhi on the occasion of Diwali.
- According to a report titled 'The Adaptation Gap Report 2021: The Gathering Storm' by UNEP, if the world limits warming to **1.5°C** may cause many climate risks.
- **Venkaiah Naidu** inaugurates the 24th edition of Bengaluru Tech Summit 2021 from November 17-19.
- Jitendra Singh has inaugurated Centre of Excellence for Bioresources and Sustainable Development and Rural Technology Demonstration Centre in **Arunachal Pradesh.**
- **Indian Army** has signed an MOU with the University of Kashmir enabling the soldiers posted in J&K to seek admission in various courses.
- **RBI** has announced its first global hackathon 'HARBINGER 2021 - Innovation for Transformation' with the theme 'smarter digital payments'.
- The RBI has imposed several restrictions on Babaji Date Mahila Sahakari Bank recently. Babaji Date Mahila Sahakari Bank is **Maharashtra** based bank.
- Fintech **Junio** has launched a smart multipurpose card for pre-teens and teenagers on the RuPay platform.
- **IBM** has launched a client innovation centre in Mysuru, Karnataka.
- **Equitas Small Finance** has signed an MOU with Tata Motors to bring financial solutions to its customers.
- **Bandhan Bank** has been appointed as an "Agency Bank" by RBI for undertaking government business.
- **Facebook** has launched the 'Grow Your Business Hub' at the Grow Your Business summit, to help micro, small, and medium businesses.

- An Indian-origin Canadian Anita Anand has become **43rd** Defence Minister of Canada.
- **R. Hari Kumar** has been appointed as the next Chief of the Naval Staff.
- Edtech **Byjus** has announced the appointment of Anil Goel as President – Technology.
- Damon Galgut, South African author has won the prestigious Booker Prize 2021 for his novel **The Promise**.
- **Aseem Chawla** has released a new book titled 'Finding A Straight Line Between Twists and Turns – An Imperfect, Yet Honest Reflections on the Indian Tax Landscape'.
- India has secured five medals at the U23 World Wrestling Championships 2021 in Belgrade. **Russia** has bagged the title.
- Max Verstappen has won the 2021 Mexico City Grand Prix .He belongs to **Red Bull** team.
- **Laura Delany** has emerged as the winner of ICC Women's Player for the month of October.
- Manika Batra along with **Archana Girish** has clinched the women's doubles title in the WTT Contender tournament in Lasko, Slovenia.
- Dwayne Bravo has announced his retirement from international cricket. He belongs to **West Indies**.
- Sankalp Gupta from Nagpur has become **71st** Grandmaster of India by finishing second in the GM Ask 3 round-robin event in Arandjelovac, Serbia.
- The World Science Day for Peace and Development has been observed on November 10. Theme -**Building Climate-Ready Communities**.
- The National Education Day has been celebrated on **November 11**.
- The Union Cabinet has approved **Birsa Munda** birth anniversary as Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas.
- The United States of America has become the **101st** member country to join the International Solar Alliance.
- **Sheel Vardhan Singh** has been appointed as new Director-General of the CISF.
- Morinari Watanabe has been re-elected as the president of the International Gymnastics Federation for a period of three years. Morinari Watanabe belongs to **Japan**.
- Fourth submarine vessel for the Project – 75 **INS Vela** delivered to the Indian Navy recently.
- **Japan** has successfully launched its fifth Epsilon solid-fuel rocket carrying nine small satellites.
- The Central government has launched a web portal on electric vehicles, at the COP26 Summit in the United Kingdom's Glasgow. Name of the portal - **E-Amrit**.
- **Gujarat** has retained the top place in Logistics Ease Across Different States (LEADS) index for 2021.
- India get **10th** rank in the global Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) 2022.
- The Bangla edition of the book 'Operation X' has launched in Dhaka. The book is written by **MNR Samant & Sandeep Unnithan**.
- India has won **5** medals at the inaugural ISSF President's Cup held at the Wroclaw in Poland.
- Koneru Ramakrishna Rao passed away recently. He was a famous **Academician & Psychologist**.
- **World Pneumonia Day** has been observed across the world on November 12 every year.
- In **2000** the Public Service Broadcasting Day has been declared.

- **Narendra Modi** has launched two innovative customer-centric initiatives of the Reserve Bank of India.
- Minister of State for External Affairs V. Muraleedharan is on a five day official visit to **Uganda and Rwanda**.
- The Cabinet has approved the committed price support of over 17,408 crore rupees to **Cotton Corporation of India**.
- **40th** edition of India International Trade Fair 2021 has been inaugurated by Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal.
- The 11th Defence Technology and Trade Initiative Group meeting has been held between India along with **USA**.
- **India Post Payment Bank** has entered into a partnership with Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance Company to enable customers to become financially secure.
- **22000** Electric Vehicle charging stations would be set up by Oil companies of India in prominent cities and along national highways across the country.
- **Rajeev Srivastava** has been appointed as the new chief executive officer of Standard Chartered Securities (India) Limited.
- **International Olympic Committee** has MOU with United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to further strengthen the cooperation between the two organisations.
- The Minister of Civil Aviation Jyotiraditya M Scindia has launched an e-governance platform called eGCA for DGCA. TCS has act as Service Provider for the Platform.
- **Tripurdaman Singh & Adeel Hussain** has Co-authored a New Book Titled, "Nehru: The Debates that Defined India".
- Mitrabha Guha has become the 72nd Grandmaster of India at GM Third Saturday Mix 220 in **Serbia**.
- FW de Klerk passed away recently. He was the **President** of South Africa.
- The World Kindness Day has been observed on **November 13**.
- **35** sportspersons would receive the Arjuna Award in the National Sports Awards 2021 at Rashtrapati Bhavan.
- The Union Minister Hardeep S. Puri has unveiled the statue of Rani Lakshmi Bai in **Haryana** through video conferencing.
- **Ministry of Health & Family Welfare** has organised National Webinar for Media to strengthen awareness about month-long 'Har Ghar Dastak' campaign.
- 6th Edition of Indo French Joint Military Exercise **Shakti** conducted from 15 to 26 November 2021 in Frejus, France.
- **45th** edition of the International Kolkata Book Fair would be held at the Central Park ground from 31st January to 13th February 2022.
- The Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya has inaugurated 32nd edition of "HunarHaat" in **Lucknow**.
- **Uttar Pradesh** has approved 735 Schemes related to Drinking Water Supply recently.
- The Reserve Bank of India has projected the CPI inflation at **5.3** per cent for 2021-22.
- India's Index of Industrial Production grown up **3.0** percent in September.

- The PM has launched two customer-centric initiatives of the RBI with a view to provide opportunities to retail investors. Name of the two schemes - **Retail direct scheme and Integrated ombudsman scheme.**
- The RBI has recently removed the restrictions on Diners Club International Limited. Diners Club International Limited Headquarters located in **USA.**
- **Ashu Suyash** has been appointed as Independent Director on Hindustan Unilever Limited Board.
- **Jasprit Bumrah** has been appointed as Brand Ambassador of Games24x7 fantasy cricket platform 'My11Circle'.
- **National Company Law Tribunal** has approved GAIL (India) Ltd.'s acquisition of 26 percent stake in ONGC Tripura Power Company.
- NASA and the SpaceX has together launched Crew 3 mission. **Raja Chari** is the mission commander.
- **Australia** has decided to send a rover to moon on 2024 in search of water.
- **South Korea** has demonstrated a system for controlling urban air mobility vehicles, serves as taxis between major airports.
- India got **18th** rank in the Global Drug Policy Index, released by the Harm Reduction Consortium.
- **Novak Djokovic** has won the Paris Master Title 2021.
- India's first Physical National Yogasana Championship has held in **Bhubaneswar.**
- Anand Shankar Pandya Passed away recently. He was the Vice President of **Vishwa Hindu Parishad.**
- Theme of the World Diabetes Day for the year 2021-2023, observed on 14th November - **Access to Diabetes Care.**
- **Hardeep Singh Puri** is on a three-day visit to UAE to attend the Abu Dhabi International Petroleum Exhibition and Conference.
- Home Minister Amit Shah would chair the Southern Zonal Council meeting in **Tirupati.**
- The government has decided to expand Citizens' Tele Law Mobile service to **75,000** gram panchayats.
- **Dubai's** five-day Airshow has begun at Al Maktoum International Airport.
- **30 members** of strong joint cycling team of the Indian and Bangladesh army has participated in rally on the occasion of the golden jubilee year of Bangladesh liberation.
- The Centre has extended the tenure of **Enforcement Directorate & Central Bureau of Investigation** Agencies' directors for 5 years.
- **Satya Narayan Pradhan** has been appointed as the Director-General of Narcotics Control Bureau on a deputation basis.
- Recently Amitabh Bachchan has been appointed as the brand ambassador of Amway India. **Mirabai Chanu** was appointed earlier of August 2021 by Amway India.
- UNWFP has appointed Daniel Bruhl as its Goodwill Ambassador.
- A book titled 'FORCE IN STATECRAFT' has been released by Ajay Kumar. He is a **Defence Secretary** of India.

- **Sunrise over Ayodhya** book authored by Salman Khurshid, released recently.
- A book titled, “Nehru: The Debates that Defined India” is co-authored by Tripurdaman Singh and Adeel Hussain. The book has mentioned **Political Journey** of Jawaharlal Nehru.
- The Women’s cricket tournament would make debut in **Commonwealth Game** in 2022.
- Balwant Moreshwar Purandare passed away recently .He was a famous **Historian**.
- **UN** has observed the “International Day for Tolerance” on November 16.
- The National Epilepsy Day has been observed on **November 17**.
- The World COPD Day has been observed on **Third Wednesday** of November.
- The 14th edition of Cyber security conference ‘c0c0n’ to be inaugurated by Gen. Bipin Rawat. Theme of 2021 ‘c0c0n’ - **Improvise, Adapt and Overcome**.
- The Competition Commission of India has approved the acquisition of **71.25%** shareholding of ASK Investment Managers Limited by BCP TopCo XII Pte Ltd.
- The sixth edition of Indo French joint military exercise **EX-SHAKTI** has conducted at the French port town of Frejus.
- The 3rd edition of the Trilateral Maritime Exercise (SITMEX – 21) has commenced on Nov 15-16, 2021. **Singapore, India and Thailand** are participated in the exercise.
- **India** has successfully launched the 41st Scientific Expedition to Antarctica.
- **Meenakshi Lekhi** has launched the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav mobile App to enable all single point access to all information related to the 75th anniversary celebrations of India’s independence.
- The Punjab Sports and higher education minister Pargat Singh has launched a book ‘Uddna Baaz’. The book is a biography of **Gurbachan Singh Randhawa**.
- A New Book Titled, ‘The Disruptor: How Vishwanath Pratap Singh Shook India’ has been authored by **Debashish Mukerji**.
- A book “Shuttler’s Flick: Making Every Match Count” is an auto biography of **Pullela Gopichand**.
- **Lewis Hamilton** has won the Brazilian Grand Prix 2021.
- High jumper Erik Kynard won gold medal from the 2012 London Olympics. He belongs to **USA**.
- Mannu Bhandari passed away recently. She was the famous author of **Hindi**.
- Wilbur Smith passed away recently. He was a famous **Author**.
- **World Philosophy Day** was observed on November 18.
- **November 18** has been observed as the National Naturopathy Day every year.
- Recently the Vice president Venkaiah Naidu has inaugurated **24th** edition of Bengaluru Tech Summit 2021.
- **Narendra Modi** has inaugurated the “First Global Innovation Summit of the Pharmaceuticals sector” on November 2021.
- On November 19, 2021, the Cabinet has gave its nod for 4G mobile services in uncovered villages of ‘aspirational districts’ in **5** states.
- 21st meeting of the SCO Council of Heads of State held on 17 September 2021 at **Dushanbe**.

- The CBIC chairman **Ajit Kumar** has recently inaugurated the Custom & GST pavilion in the India International Trade Fair.
- India along with **USA** held a meeting on counter-terrorism and the threats posed terror networks.
- The Prime Minister has inaugurated the Purvanchal Expressway in **Sultanpur** districts of Uttar Pradesh.
- The ADB in association has signed a \$ **61 million** loan to promote new developments to accommodate the expanding population in Agartala.
- An elusive swallowtail butterfly named 'Kaiser-i-Hind' has been declared as the state butterfly of **Arunachal Pradesh**.
- The revised GDP growth projection of India for FY 2021-22 is **9.5%** as per the Swiss brokerage firm, UBS Securities.
- **Paytm** has introduced AI powered 'Voice Trading' to provide information about stocks via single voice command to its users.
- **HDFC Bank** has launched the 2nd edition of 'Mooh Band Rakho' campaign to raise awareness on fraud prevention.
- The SIDBI in collaboration with Google would provide a financial assistance of upto **1 crore** amount to micro enterprises at competitive rates.
- Jamshedpur Football Club has tied up with **State Bank of India** to promote football in the country.
- As per the World Bank, **USA** is the biggest source of remittances to India in 2021.
- MIT Technology Review in association with **Infosys** has launched 'the Cloud Hub' forum in November 2021.
- **Bangalore International Airport** has partnered with Microsoft India launched Genie hackathon to develop an Application for passengers.
- Teenagers **Vihaan Aggarwal & Nav Aggarwal** has won the 17th annual Kids Rights International Children's Peace Prize for tackling pollution in Delhi.
- **FICCI** has hosted a virtual Agriculture Summit on November 17-18, 2021.
- On November 17, 2021, PM Modi has inaugurated 82nd All India Presiding Officers Conference (AIPOC) in **Shimla**.
- Recently the Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has inaugurated the Rashtra Raksha Samparpan Parv in **Uttar Pradesh**.
- On Nov 15, 2021, the Indian Air Force and the Indian Army has conducted a joint airlift exercise **Operation Hercules**.
- **K Rajaraman** has inaugurated the Public Procurement Policy (Make In India) portal.
- India got **82nd** rank in the 2021 Global Bribery Risk rankings among 194 nations.
- **Australia** has become the new world champions after beating New Zealand in the finale of the 2021 ICC T20 World Cup at Dubai International Cricket Stadium, UAE.
- **246** athletes and coaches have been conferred SAI Institutional Awards by the Sports Minister Anurag Thakur in New Delhi.
- Mahela Jayawardene along with Shaun Pollock and Janette Brittin have been inducted into ICC Cricket Hall of Fame in 2021. Mahela belongs to **Sri Lanka**.



- Theme of the World Toilet Day 2021, observed every year on November 19 - **Valuing toilets.**
- **World Antimicrobial Awareness Week** has been celebrated from 18-24 November every year.
- Narendra Modi has attended the 56th Conference of Director Generals of Police and Inspector Generals of Police in **Lucknow.**
- The cost to build the LINAC-NCDC Fisheries Business Incubation Centre is **3.23 Crore** to nurture fisheries start-ups under real market-led conditions.
- The Minister of Food and Public Distribution, Piyush Goyal has virtually launched India's first Food Museum in **Tamil Nadu.**
- According to the 4th edition of the Global report on trends in prevalence of tobacco use by WHO, The number of tobacco users would further decline to 1.27 billion by **2025.**
- **AIIB** has approved a 150 million USD loan to the Government of India for the implementation of the Sustainable Urban services program for Chennai Metropolitan Area.
- The projected rate of growth is **7.0 to 7.5%** by the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister for the year 2022-23.
- **RBL Bank** has been authorized by the Reserve Bank of India to collect direct taxes on behalf of the Central Board of Direct Taxes.
- CM **Bhupendra Patel** has launched 'Aatmanirbhar Gram Yatra' to reach out to the villages in the state.
- The Uttar Pradesh State government has opened its first air pollution control tower opened in Noida. The Height of the Tower is **20-meter.**
- India has been re-elected to the Executive Board of **UNESCO** for the term 2021-25.
- The PM **Modi** has delivered a keynote address at The Sydney Dialogue via video conferencing.
- **Bharat Dynamics Limited** has signed an export contract deal worth USD 21 million with Airbus Defense & Space, Spain for supply of Counter Measures Dispensing System.
- Indian Space Research Organisation has discovered a new exoplanet, 1.4 Times Bigger than **Jupiter.**
- **SpaceX** has launched 53 Starlink satellites on a Falcon 9 rocket from Cape Canaveral Space Force Station in Florida.
- **Ministry of Rural Development** has inaugurated 'Bhumi Samvaad' a National Workshop on Digital India Land Record Modernisation Programme in New Delhi.
- Union Minister **Smriti Zubin Irani** has authored her debut novel Lal Salaam, published by Westland Publications.
- Garbine Muguruza has defeated **Anett Kontaveit** to become the first Spaniard to win the elite season-ending WTA Finals in Guadalajara, Mexico.
- Novy Kapadia passed away recently. He was a well-known **Sports commentator, Football journalist, & Author.**
- Theme of World Children's Day 2021, celebrated annually on 20 November - **A better future for every child.**
- **Martin Scorsese & Istevan Szabo** would be honoured with Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award in the 52nd edition of the International Film Festival of India.

- The total cost for the procurement of two Fixed Base Full Mission Simulators (FBFMS) for Jaguar Aircraft from HAL for Indian Air Force is **Rs.357 crore**.
- **Indonesia, South Africa & UK** are the partner countries in the first edition of the “Infinity Forum”.
- India has virtually participated in **21st** edition of Annual Council of Ministers meeting.
- **West Bengal** has launched India’s first of its kind WhatsApp chat bot dedicated to facilitate the citizens to apply for a ration card, lodge grievances and get access to other critical resources.
- **HDFC Bank** has launched a micro-credit facility for the street vendors under PM Street vendor’s Atma Nirbhar Nidhi.
- **Mswipe** has announced a partnership agreement with One Card, a mobile-first credit card company.
- According to **Article 217**, M Duraiswamy has been appointed as the Acting Chief Justice of the Madras HC by the President in consultation with the Chief Justice of India.
- **MC Marry Kom** has been declared as the brand ambassador of the TRIFED Aadi Mahotsav.
- Minister **Hardeep Singh Puri** has attended the Abu Dhabi International Petroleum Exhibition and Conference.
- The Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has dedicated the renovated Rezang La Memorial. The memorial is located in **Ladakh**.
- Security exercise **Prasthan** conducted by the Indian Navy in the Offshore Development Area off the coast of Mumbai.
- A book titled, “Sunrise Over Ayodhya: Nationhood in Our Times” has been authored by **Salman Khurshid**.
- AB De Villiers has announced his retirement from all forms of cricket. He hails from **South Africa**.
- **Alexander Zverev** has won his fifth ATP title of the season at the Vienna Open 2021.
- Badminton player **Prakash Padukone** would receive the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award this year from the Badminton World Federation.
- **India** would host the Men’s Champions Trophy 2029.
- The first World Fisheries Day was observed on 21 November,2015. On the same day, the grand opening of the International Fisherman’s organization was held in **New Delhi**.
- World Television Day was observed on **21 November**.
- The Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has inaugurated Centre for Nanotechnology and Indian Knowledge System in **IIT Guwahati**.
- Nitin Gadkari has approved the works in **Punjab, Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh** on significant National Highways, Roads worth about Rs 3,900 Crore.
- **Indore** has won the title of ‘Cleanest City’ for fifth consecutive time under Swachh Survekshan.
- India has signed an agreement with **Singapore** on resumption of scheduled commercial passenger flights between the two countries.
- **Sixth** edition of Indo - France joint military exercise Ex SHAKTI 2021 has been commenced at the Military School of Draguignan, France.

- **BOB Financial Solutions Limited** has partnered with National Payments Corporation of India to launch Credit Cards in two variants of Easy and Premier on the RuPay platform.
- The Network International Company has signed an MOU with NPCI International Payments Ltd to facilitate UPI transactions in **United Arab Emirates**.
- Google has announced the 7th edition of its Google for India event 2021 virtually. Headquarters of Google – **California**.
- **Saurav Ganguly** has been appointed as the Chairman of the International Cricket Council Men's Cricket Committee.
- INS Visakhapatnam has been formally commissioned into the Indian Navy. It is indigenously designed and constructed by **Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited**.
- **Andhra Pradesh** has topped in the Indian Police Foundation Smart Policing Index 2021.
- **Sadar Bazar police station** has ranked as the best police station in the country in the annual rankings of police stations for the 2021 by the Ministry of Home Affairs.
- In the 2021 Asian Archery Championships, South Korea has won the tournament by **15 medals**.
- **Lewis Hamilton** has won the 2021 F1 Qatar Grand Prix Title.
- Gurmeet Bawa passed away recently. She was a famous **Singer**.
- India and **Australia** organised the fifth East Asia Summit Conference on Maritime Security Cooperation in Kolkata.
- The new Aayakar Bhawan-cum- Residential Complex **The Chinars** inaugurated by the Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in Srinagar.
- **Ashwini Vaishnaw** has introduced the theme-based tourist circuit trains Bharat Gaurav Trains.
- **Uttar Pradesh** has become the only state in India to have five international airports after Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of new international airport.
- Atal Innovation Mission has announced collaboration with Vigyan Prasar to drive synergies to Engage With Science. Vigyan Prasar is an autonomous organization of **Department of Science and Technology**.
- **Minister of Earth Sciences, Minister of Personnel, Public Grievances & Minister of Science & Technology** has inaugurated ISRO's 5-day Technology Conclave-2021.
- The World's first Bitcoin city has been planned to come up in **El Salvador**.
- Meghalaya has become the first state in the north-eastern region to sign a MoU with **UNWFP**.
- **Andhra Pradesh** has signed the legal agreements with Government of India and the World Bank to improve quality of learning for over 50 lakh students across the state.
- **IDFC FIRST Bank** has partnered with Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd for fuel payments using FASTags via HP PAY app.
- The SBI Research has projected India's GDP growth for financial year 2022 to the range of **9.3%-9.6%** from its earlier estimates of 8.5%-9%.
- **Prakash Padukone** has been awarded with the 'Lifetime Achievement Award 2021' from the Badminton World Federation.
- **Narayan Rane** has launched the Special Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme for the services industry at Guwahati.

- The 20th edition of the Confederation of Indian Industry flagship event 'Connect 2021' held in **Chennai**.
- Indian Air Force has conducted 'Symphony orchestra' in **Golconda Fort**.
- The Defence Ministry has approved a proposal to procure GSAT-7C satellite and related equipment for the **Indian Air Force** at a cost of Rs 2,236 crore.
- **Russia** has successfully test-fired a Zircon hypersonic cruise missile recently.
- A new plant species called Cryptocarya Muthuvariana has been discovered from **Kerala**.
- **Syed Akbaruddin** has authored a New Book Titled, 'India vs UK: The Story of an Unprecedented Diplomatic Win'.
- A Nobel Prize- winning economist Abhijit Banerjee has authored a cookbook recently. **Cooking to Save Your Life** is the name of the book.
- A New Book Titled, "Resolved: Uniting Nations in a Divided World" authored by **Ban Ki-moon**.
- **Uzbekistan** has been named as the venue for the 2025 Asian Youth Para Games by The Asian Paralympic Committee.
- **Kento Momota** has won the 2021 Indonesia Masters Super 750 badminton tournament men's singles title.
- Usman Shinwari has announced his retirement from the test cricket format recently. He was played for **Pakistan**.
- Defence Acquisition Council proposed **Rs. 2,236 Crore** amount for one Capital Acquisition of Indian Air Force for its modernization and operational.
- **Ashwini Vaishnav** has inaugurated a 3-day workshop titled 'Aadhaar 2.0- Ushering the Next Era of Digital Identity and Smart Governance' in New Delhi.
- **NITI Aayog** has launched the SDG Urban Index & Dashboard 2021-22 for ranking 56 urban areas on 77 SDG indicators across 46 targets of the SDG framework.
- **Statement of Intent** has been signed between NITI Aayog and Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation & Development to promote cooperation between India and Germany on various areas.
- The **Twelfth** Ministerial-level meeting of the India-United States Trade Policy Forum held in New Delhi.
- In the Khadi Prakritik Paint cow dung has been using as the raw material. This is adopted in **Chhattisgarh and Haryana's** Prakritik Paint manufacturing units.
- **Ministry of Prime Minister's Office** has inaugurated a second separate Bench of the Central Administrative Tribunal at Old Assembly Complex in Shergari area of Srinagar city.
- The Government of Andhra Pradesh and the World Bank has signed the legal agreements for \$250 million for a **Improve quality of Learning** project.
- Online platform **Trade Emerge** launched by ICICI Bank to offer comprehensive digital banking as well as value-added services to exporters and importers across India.
- AIR's programme 'Living on the edge - The coastal lives' has won an award in the category of 'Ethical and Sustainable Relationship with Nature' in ABU - UNESCO Peace Media Awards-2021. The award held in **Malaysia**.
- Election Commission of India organized a conference with the Chief Electoral Officers of **New Delhi**.

- Biennial Trilateral Exercise **Dosti** held between the Maldives, India, and Sri Lanka in the Maldives from November 20 to 24, 2021.
- The Southern Command of the Army has launched Exercise Dakshin Shakti in Rajasthan and **Gujarat**.
- **37th** edition of India-Indonesia Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT) has held between the Navies of India and Indonesia.
- **Bharat Electronics Limited** along with the Delhi Metro has launched the prototype of an indigenous Rolling Stock Driver Training System & Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition system.
- Tamil Nadu has won 2021/22 Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy at Arun Jaitley Stadium in New Delhi by beating **Karnataka**.
- Chun Doo-hwan passed away recently. He was a President of **South Korean**.
- The International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women has been observed on **November 25**.
- Prahlad Joshi has inaugurated E-portal of accreditation scheme for minerals exploration in 5th National Conclave on Mines and Minerals. It held in **New Delhi**.
- **Bhagwanth Khuba** has inaugurated 1st International Conference on Hydrogen Energy.
- Under the Chairmanship of **Kazakhstan** the 20th Meeting of the SCO Council of Heads of Government has held.
- According to the Equalisation Levy 2020, India's charge of 2% equalisation levy on e-commerce supply of services and the United States' trade action.
- **Venkaiah Naidu** has lead the Indian Delegation at the 13th ASEM Summit, held virtually.
- **Asian Development Bank** has signed a \$300 million loan agreement with Government of India to improve access to primary health care in urban areas of 13 states.
- **Nicolae Ciuca** has been appointed as the new Prime Minister of Romania.
- The Sweden's first female Prime Minister, **Magdalena Andersson** has resigned from office only hours after being voted.
- **David Tennant** has won the Best Performance by an Actor at the 49th International Emmy Awards -2021.
- **S K Sohan Roy** has become the first Indian to be honoured with the Knighthood of Parte Guelfa.
- The Competition Commission of India has approved the acquisition of a minority stake in Delhivery Ltd by FedEx Express. Chairperson of CCI - **Ashok Kumar Gupta**.
- NASA has selected new Earth science missions that study the behaviour of tropical storms and thunderstorms. The mission is expected to be launch in **2027**.
- China has launched its third Gaofen-11 reconnaissance satellite from the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center in northern China. The launch was China's **44th** mission of 2021.
- **National Aeronautics and Space Administration** has launched the world's first planetary defence system called DART spacecraft.
- **Alexander Zverev** has won the 2021 ATP title held at Turin in Italy.

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