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Current Affair

Important Days

Date	Day	Extra Info
September 2	World Coconut Day	
September 5	Gauri Lankesh Day	Will be observed by Canada's Burnabycity
September 5	National Teachers' Day	birth anniversary of renowned scholar,
		recipient of Bharat Ratna, first Vice-President, and second President of independent India, Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan
September 5	International Day of Charity	Mother Teresa's death anniversary
September 6- 12	'Food Processing Week'	
September 7	International Day of CleanAir for blue skies	Theme- 'Healthy Air, Healthy Planet'
September 8	International Literacy Day	Theme- Literacy for a human-centred recovery: Narrowing the digital divide
September 9	International Day to Protect Education from attack	
September 9	Himalayan Day	Theme- contribution of Himalayas andour responsibilities
September 9	World Electric Vehicle Day	
September 9	Telangana Language Day	
September 10	World Suicide PreventionDay	Theme- Creating Hope Through Action
September 11	National Forest Martyrs Day	
September 11 (2 nd Saturday of September)	World First Aid Day	
September 12	International Day for South-South Cooperation	
September 14	Hindi Diwas	
September 15	World LymphomaAwareness Day	
September 15	National Engineer's Day	marks the 160th birth anniversary of M Visvesvaraya
September 15	International Day ofDemocracy	Theme- Covid-19: A Spotlight onDemocracy
September 16	International Day for the Preservation of the OzoneLayer	Theme- Montreal Protocol – Keeping us,our food, and vaccines cool.
September 17	World Patient Safety Day	Theme- "Safe maternity and newborn care," WHO encourages all stakeholdersto "Act now for safe and compassionate delivery!"
September 17	Hyderabad Liberation Day	
September 18	World Water MonitoringDay	Theme- Valuing water
September 18	World Bamboo Day	Hashtag- #PlantBamboo.
September 18	International Equal PayDay (IEPD)	Theme- 'What's your pay gap?'
September 18	International CoastalCleanup Day	Theme- "Keep trash in the bin and not inthe ocean"
September 18(3 rd Saturday)	International Red Panda Day	
September 21	International Day of Peace	Theme- Recovering better for anequitable and sustainable world
September 21	World Alzheimer's day	Theme- Know dementia, knowAlzheimer's
September 22	International Car-Free Day	
September 22	World Rhino Day	Theme- Keep the Five Alive

September 20-26	International Week of the Deaf (IWD)	Theme- Celebrating Thriving Deaf Communities
September 23	International Day of Sign Languages	Theme- We Sign For Human Rights
September 25	Antyodaya Diwas	in honour of late Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya to mark his birth anniversary
September 25	World Pharmacists Day	Theme- Pharmacy: Always trusted for your health
September 26	International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons	
September 26	World Environmental Health Day	Theme- Prioritising Environmental Health for healthier communities in the global recovery
September 26 (Fourth Sunday of September)	World River Day	Theme- Waterways in our communities
September 26	World Contraception Day	
September 27	World Tourism Day	
September 28	International Day for Universal Access to Information (IDUAI)	Theme- The Right to Know — Building Back Better with Access to Information
September 28	World Rabies Day	Theme- Rabies: Facts, not Fear
September 29	International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste	Theme- Stop food loss and waste. For the people. For the planet
September 29	World Heart Day	Theme- USE HEART TO CONNECT – Harnessing the power of digital health to improve awareness, prevention, and management of CVDs
September 30	International Translation Day	Theme- United in Translation
September 30	World Maritime Day	Theme- Seafarers at the core of shipping's future

MOU/Agreement Countries:

- India and the US have signed an agreement for cooperation in the development of Air-Launched Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (ALUAV).
- Union Cabinet has approved the signing of Memorandum of Understanding between the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India and the Chamber of Auditors of the Republic of Azerbaijan.
- India, Denmark jointly launched 'Centre of Excellence on Offshore Wind' as part of Green Strategic Partnership.
- Union Cabinet approved the signing of an agreement between India and Portugal on the recruitment of Indian citizens to work in that European country.
- The Pharmacopoeia Commission for Indian Medicine has signed MoU with Homoeopathy and the American Herbal Pharmacopoeia, USA.
- India and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) have formally launched negotiations on a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) that aims at expanding bilateral trade and investment between the two nations.
- India and Oman inked an agreement for exchange of white shipping information and to boost maritime security cooperation in reflection of growing cooperation between the two sides.

MOU Industry/States/Others:

- For setting up the country's first Air Force Heritage Centre, the Chandigarh administration and Indian Air Force signed an in-principle agreement.

- Nasscom Centre of Excellence for Internet of Things (CoE-IoT) has signed an intent of cooperation with Taiwan-India Artificial Intelligence Technology Innovation Research Centre, Taiwan's largest university and incubator of startups under the National Chung Cheng University.
- National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) and South Asian Institute for Advanced Research and Development (SAIARD) have signed an MoU to create and enhance capacity building on integrated river basin management.
- Punjab government and the American Chamber of Commerce in India (Amcham India) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to promote investment in the state as well as further increase the ease of doing business for US member companies.
- Gujarat Government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Amazon India to boost the export of MSME sector.
- Coal India Limited has signed an MoU with Department of Sports in New Delhi for betterment of sports infrastructure in the country.
- All India Institute of Ayurveda under Ministry of Ayush has signed a Memorandum of Understanding, MoU in coordination with Western Sydney University Australia, in virtual mode to appoint an Academic Chair in Ayurveda.
- The Indian Institute of Technology Bombay signed an MoU with the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA) for extending the ongoing collaboration for operations and scientific utilisation of the GROWTH-India Telescope in Ladakh.
- Coal India Ltd or the CIL (under the Ministry of Coal) signed an MoU with Department of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of Assam to strengthen the health infrastructure at Silchar Medical College & Hospital, Silchar, the only Medical College / Hospital in Barak Valley Region, Assam.
- Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur and the Indian Air Force have joined forces in their efforts to develop strong technologies in the field of Aerospace Technology, both academically and via research.
- Niti Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission in collaboration with ISRO and CBSE has launched 'Space Challenge' for school students across India.
- BLS International has been empanelled for processing Ayushman Bharat cards under Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) by the National Health Authority.
- Vodafone Idea (Vi) has joined hands with Celltick, a provider of cell broadcast-based products and public warning systems, to deploy an Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) for the Andhra Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority (APSDMA).
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), HDFC Bank and the Greater Noida Industrial Development Authority (GNIDA) inked a pact to set up a facility for to manage up to 300 metric tonnes of dry waste in the city every month.
- Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), Niti Aayog in collaboration with the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) successfully launched the ATLSpace Challenge 2021 for all school students across the country.
- Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Limited (TRIFED) and e-grocery platform Big Basket, entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the promotion and sale of natural Van Dhan products being made available to Big Basket from Van Dhan production units.
- Odisha government roped in Unicef and Centre for Policy Research (CPR) for urban-rural convergence on Faecal Sludge and Septage Management (FSSM) and Plastic Waste Management (PWM).
- Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying signed Memorandum of Understanding with Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to support India's livestock sector
- Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) has signed an MoU with the Natural History Museum (NHM) London to work together to collect, study and conserve faunal specimens for science and to create and exchange associated data and images.
- For prioritising skill development among students as per National Education Policy (NEP-2020), Karnataka's Department of Higher Education and the Information Technology (IT) major Infosys would enter into three memorandums of understanding (MoUs)

Appointments and Resignations:

Name	Post	Other Info
Gurmit Singh	Governor of Uttarakhand	Succeeded Baby Rani Maurya
Banwarilal Purohit	Governor of Punjab	
RN Ravi	Governor of Tamilnadu	
Jagdish Mukhi	Governor of Nagaland	
Bhupendra Patel	17 th Chief Minister of Gujarat	
Charanjit Singh Channi	Chief Minister of Punjab	
Dr PPK Ramacharyulu	Rajya Sabha Secretary General	succeeds Desh Deepak Verma
Rajiv Bansal	Secretary in the Ministry of Civil Aviation	
K Rajaraman	Secretary, Department of Telecommunications	
Pradip Kumar Tripathi	Secretary, Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT)	
Govind Mohan	Secretary, Ministry of Culture	
Anurag Jain	Secretary, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry	
K Sanjay Murthy	Secretary, Department of Higher Education	
Devendra Kumar Singh	Secretary, Ministry of Cooperation	
Sunil Barthwal	Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Employment	
Anuradha Prasad	Secretary, Inter State Council Secretariat, Ministry of Home Affairs	
Ansuli Arya	Secretary, Department of Official Language	
Rajesh Aggarwal	Secretary, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship	
Vivek Ram Chaudhari	Next Chief of the Air Staff (CAS)	Will succeed R.K.S. Bhadauria
Gopal Mukherjee	Advocate General of West Bengal.	Kishore Datta
Nimaben Acharya	First woman Speaker of the Gujarat Assembly	
JB Mohapatra	Chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)	
Lt Gen Gurbirpal Singh	34th Director General of the National Cadet Corps (NCC)	
Aveek Sarkar	Chairman of Press Trust of India (PTI)	
K N Shanth Kumar	Vice-Chairman of Press Trust of India (PTI)	
Sanjeeb Chaudhuri	Part-time Chairman of the IDFC FIRST Bank Limited	
V. Vaidyanathan	Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer of IDFC FIRST Bank	
Ashish Singhal	MD, CEO of SVC Bank	
G.S. Pannu	President of the Income Tax Appellate Tribunal	
G.C. Murmu	Chairman of the Assembly of the Asian Organisation of Supreme Audit Institutions (ASOSAI) for the period 2024-27	
Sardar Iqbal Singh Lalpura	Chairman, National Commission for Minorities	Succeeds Ghayorul Hasan
Raul Rebello	Chief Operating Officer (COO) of Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services Limited	
Atul Bhatt	CMD of Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited	Will succeed P K Rath
Suman Sharma	Managing Director of Solar Energy Corporation of India	

	India (SECI)	
Vartika Shukla	First woman Chairperson & Managing Director of Engineers India Ltd	
Nirlep Singh Rai	CMD of National Fertilizers	
Alka Nangia Arora	Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of National Small Industries Corporation Ltd (NSIC)	
AG Thankappan	Chairman of Spices Board	
Rajnish Kumar	Independent Non-executive director of HSBC	
S.L.Tripathy	CMD of United India Insurance Company Limited	
Uday Kotak	Non-Executive Chairman of debt-ridden IL&FS Group	
Amit Saxena	Chief Technology Officer (CTO) of RBI Innovation Hub	
Harsha Bhupendra Bangari	MD of Export-Import Bank of India (EXIM Bank)	
Vijay Goel	Vice-Chairman of the Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti	
Pawan Kumar Goenka	Chairperson of Indian National Space Promotion Authorization Centre (In-Space)	
Debabrata Mukherjee	Chairman of Audit Bureau of Circulations (ABC) for 2021-2022	
Pratap G Pawar	Deputy-Chairman of Audit Bureau of Circulations (ABC) for 2021-2022	
Prativa Mohapatra	Vice President and Managing Director for Adobe India	
Rajiv Aggarwal	Director of Public Policy for Facebook India	
Punit Goenka	CEO and MD of ZEE and SPNI	
Mirabai Chanu	The face of "Stay in Play" campaign by Adidas	
Rajnish Kumar	Economic Advisor of Andhra Pradesh	
Manika Sheokand	Goodwill Ambassador of the Water Conservation Campaign for the Haryana Government	
Rani Rampal and Smriti Mandhana	Brand Ambassadors of Equitas Small Finance Bank	
Neeraj Chopra	Brand Ambassador of Tata AIA Life Insurance	
Virat Kohli	Athlete-investor, Global brand ambassador of Hyperice	
Rahul Dravid	Brand Ambassador of Piramal Realty	
Kriti Sanon	Brand Ambassador of Fossil in India	
Pankaj Tripathi	Brand Ambassador of Fino Payments Bank	
Joshna Chinappa	Brand Ambassador of Japanese sports major, ASICS	
Justice M Venugopal	Acting Chairperson of the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT)	
Justice Indu Malhotra	Ombudsman cum Ethics Officer of Delhi and District Cricket Association (DDCA)	
Satish Parekh	President of International Road Federation – India Chapter	Succeeds Dr Subhmay Gangopadhyay
Piyush Goyal	India's Sherpa for the G20	
Cyrus Poncha	Vice-President of the Asian Squash Federation (ASF)	
Kailash Satyarthi	Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Advocate by UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres	
Magnus Carlsen	Global Brand Ambassador of Mastercard	

Gordon Brown	WHO Ambassador for Global Health Financing	
Prashant Kumar	International Legal Assistance Consortium Board of Directors	
CK Ranganathan	President of All India Management Association (AIMA)	Will succeed Harsh Pati Singhania
Abhishek Verma	Member of World Archery's athletes' committee	
G C Murmu	External auditor of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)	
Raja Randhir Singh	Acting President of the Olympic Council of Asia	
David Mui, Hong Kong	President of the Asian Squash Federation (ASF)	
Jim Lanzone	CEO of Yahoo	
Najib Mikati	Prime Minister of Lebanon	
Mullah Hasan Akhund	Acting Prime Minister of Afghanistan	
Hibatullah Akhundzada	Supreme Leader of Afghanistan	
Stefan Yanev	Caretaker Prime Minister of Bulgaria	
Fumio Kishida	Prime Minister of Japan	
Aziz Akhannouch	Prime Minister of Morocco	
Justin Trudeau	Prime Minister of Canada	

Resignations

Uttarakhand Governor Baby Rani Maurya has resigned from the Post.
Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani resigned from the post.
R N Ravi resigned as the Centre's interlocutor for Naga peace talks.

Awards and Recognitions:

<i>Award Name</i>	<i>Person/Institution</i>	<i>Extra Knowledge</i>
Ramon Magsaysay Award	Dr Firdausi Qadri from Bangladesh, Muhammad Amjad Saqib from Pakistan, Filipino fisher, community environmentalist Roberto Ballon, American Steven Muncy	
'International Lifetime Achievement Award in Neurosurgery' conferred by the American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS)	Basant Kumar Misra, Odisha	the first Indian to get this honour
Behler Turtle Conservation Award	Shailendra Singh	for bringing three critically endangered turtle conservation species back from the brink of extinction
Seventh Yamin Hazarika Woman of Substance Award 2021	Namita Gokhale	
Global 'Young Eco-Hero' Award 2021	Ayaan Shankta	for his project Conservation and Rehabilitation of Powai Lake
Swami Brahmanand Award 2021	Anand Kumar	for his contribution in the field of education through his 'Super 30' initiative, which prepares

		underprivileged students for the IIT entrance exam
Florence Nightingale Award	Bhanumati Gheewala	Nurse from from Sir Sayajirao General Hospital
Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Award	Dr Binoy Kumar Saikia	In Earth, Atmosphere, Ocean and Planetary Sciences category
National Florence Nightingale Award 2020	S V Saraswati	
2021 Yidan Prize for Education Development	Rukmini Banerji and Eric Hanushek	
2021 Changemaker Award	Fairooz Faizah Beether of Bangladesh	for her work promoting good health and well-being by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
Five star Eat Right Station certification by FSSAI	Chandigarh Railway Station	
"Association for Talent Development (ATD) 2021 BEST Award"	Larsen & Toubro Technology Services , Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID)	
"Rajbhasha Keerthi Puraskar" Award	National Mineral Development Ltd. (NMDC)	
'Rajbhasha Keerti Puraskar'- FIRST PRIZE	Visakhapatnam Steel plant	for effective implementation of Official Language Hindi for the year 2020-21
Dun & Bradstreet – Corporate Award 2021 in the category of Best Growth Performance-Power	SJVN	
"Best Use of Digital Technology" category at the CIPS Excellence in Procurement Awards 2021 (CIPS Awards)	Government e Marketplace (GeM)	
22nd National Award for Excellence in Energy Management from the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)	Golden Rock Railway Workshop (GOC), Trichy	
President's Colour Award	Indian Naval Aviation at INSHansa in Goa	
CII National Awards of "National Energy Leader" & "Excellent Energy Efficient Unit" 2021	Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL)	
Blue Planet Prize by International Hydropower Association (IHA)	NHPC's 510 MW Teesta-V Power Station, Sikkim	
International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT)	2021 Africa Food Prize	The award was presented at African Green Revolution Forum (AGRF) summit at

		Nairobi
2021 UNHCR Nansen Refugee Award	Jeel Alben Association for Humanitarian Development, a Yemeni humanitarian organization	
Bird Photographer of the Year (BPOTY) 2021	Alejandro Prieto, Mexico	
Women's Prize for Fiction 2021	Susanna Clarke, UK	for her second novel 'Piranesi'
SDG Progress Award	Sheikh Hasina	Prime Minister of Bangladesh
UNESCO King Sejong Literacy Prize 2021	National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS)	
World's best bank, World's best digital bank by Euromoney	DBS	

Recognitions

Dorje Angchuk, a Ladakh-based engineer has become the only Indian Honorary Member of the International Astronomical Union.
Odisha's Manda buffalo, mostly found in Koraput district and adjoining areas of Malkangiri and Nabarangpur, has been recognised as an indigenous breed by the National Bureau of Animal Genetic Resources (NBAGR).
Ramesh Narayan will be inducted into the Asian Federation of Advertising Associations (AFAA) Hall of Fame at AdAsia 2021 slated to be held on December 3,4.
Jeev Milkha Singh has become the first professional golfer in the world to receive the prestigious 10-year Dubai Golden Visa in recognition of his outstanding achievements in the sport.
Union Minister of Home Affairs and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah awarded Rajbhasha Gaurav & Rajbhasha Kirti Awards to Ministries, Departments, Undertakings who have done excellent work in the Official Language during the years 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21. Union Minister of Home Affairs and Minister of Cooperation also released the 160th issue of the "Rajbhasha Bharati" booklet. Shri Shah also launched the E-Saral Hindi Vakya Kosh and E-Maha Shabda Kosh Mobile App, both initiatives of the Department of Official Language that aim to harness information technology for the growth of Hindi.
Prime Minister Narendra Modi, West Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee and the chief executive officer of the Serum Institute of India (SII) in Pune Adar Poonawalla were listed in the Time magazine's 100 most influential people of the year. Among global leaders, US President Joe Biden, US Vice President Kamala Harris, Chinese President Xi Jinping, Italian Prime Minister Mario Draghi, Israel's Naftali Bennett, Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi were also listed among the 100 most influential people this year.
Two more beaches in India have been awarded "Blue Flag" certification, Kovalam in TamilNadu and Eden in Puducherry.
Unacademy has topped the 2021 LinkedIn Top Startups India list followed by B2B e-commerce platform Udaan, and fintech firm CRED.
Judima, a home-made rice wine from Assam and Sojat Mehndi (Henna) from Rajasthan, has been awarded the geographical indication (GI) tag.
Politician-writer M Veerappa Moily and poet Arundhati Subramaniam were among the 20 authors who received the Sahitya Akademi Award for 2020 at a ceremony. While Moily received the prestigious award for his epic poetry 'Sri Bahubali Ahimsadigvijayam' in Kannada, Subramaniam won the award for her poetry collection, "When God is a Traveller", in English.
CISF official Geeta Samota successfully scaled Mount Kilimanjaro, the highest peak in Africa. With this, the 31-year-old became the "fastest Indian" to summit two peaks located in Africa and Russia.
International Astronomical Union has named a crater on the South Pole of the Moon after Matthew Henson.

Winners for the 73rd Emmy Awards 2021:

- Outstanding Drama Series: The Crown
- Outstanding Comedy Series: Ted Lasso

- Outstanding Variety Talk Show: Last Week Tonight with John Oliver
 - Outstanding Limited Series: The Queen's Gambit
 - Outstanding Actor-Comedy: Jason Sudeikis (Ted Lasso)
 - Outstanding Actor-Drama: Josh O'Connor
 - Outstanding Actor-Limited Series or Movie: Ewan McGregor (Halston)
 - Outstanding Actress-Comedy: Jean Smart (Hacks)
 - Outstanding Actress-Drama: Olivia Colman (The Crown)
 - Outstanding Actress-Limited Series or Movie: Kate Winslet (Mare of Easttown)
 - Outstanding Supporting Actor-Comedy: Brett Goldstein (Ted Lasso)
 - Outstanding Supporting Actor-Drama: Tobias Menzies (The Crown)
 - Outstanding Supporting Actor-Limited Series or Movie: Evan Peters (Mare of Easttown)
 - Outstanding Supporting Actress-Comedy: Hannah Waddingham (Ted Lasso)
 - Outstanding Supporting Actress-Drama: Gillian Anderson (The Crown)
 - Outstanding Supporting Actress-Limited Series or Movie: Julianne Nicholson (Mare of Easttown)
 - Outstanding Director-Comedy: Lucia Aniello (Hacks)
 - Outstanding Director-Drama: Jessica Hobbs (The Crown)
 - Outstanding Director-Limited Series, Movie or Dramatic Special: Scott Frank (The Queen's Gambit)
 - Outstanding Writing-Comedy: Lucia Aniello, Paul W Downs and Jen Statsky (Hacks)
 - Outstanding Writing-Drama: Peter Morgan (The Crown)
 - Outstanding Writing-Limited Series, Movie Or Dramatic Special: Michaela Coel (I May Destroy You).
- Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation announced its annual Goalkeepers 'Global Goals Awards' 2021, as part of its annual Goalkeepers campaign.
- The 2021 Global Goalkeeper Award : Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, former United Nations under-secretary-general and executive director of UN Women
 - The 2021 Changemaker Award : Fairouz Faizah Beether from Bangladesh
 - The 2021 Progress Award : Jenifer Colpas from Colombia

Conference and Summits:

Summit	Place/Host	Extra Knowledge
6th Eastern Economic Forum EEF Summit	Vladivostok,Russia	
12th Defence Expo-2022	Gandhinagar,Gujarat	
Annual Meeting of World Economic Forum2022	Davos-Klosters, Switzerland	<i>Theme- 'Working Together,Restoring Trust'</i>
8th Meeting of Agriculture Experts of Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) Countries	India	<i>Chaired by Dr Trilochan Mohapatra, Director General of Indian Council of Agricultural Research</i>
International Climate Summit (ICS) 2021	India	<i>Focus- 'Powering India's Hydrogen Ecosystem'</i>
First edition of the 'Global Buddhist Conference'	India	<i>Theme- 'Buddhism in Literature'</i>
4th Indo-US Health Dialogue	India	One MoU was signed concerning cooperation in the field of Health and Biomedical sciences. The other MoU was

- India and the UK agreed on a USD 1.2 billion investment in green projects and renewable energy to boost India's green growth ambitions at the 11th India-UK Economic and Financial Dialogue .
- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi chaired the 13th BRICS Summit virtually. The theme of the Summit, chosen by India, was, BRICS@15: Intra-BRICS Cooperation for Continuity, Consolidation and Consensus. At the conclusion of the Summit, the leaders adopted the 'New Delhi Declaration'.

International News:

- Nigeria will work with Bitt Inc as a technical partner in its bid to launch its own cryptocurrency, the "eNaira".
- Sri Lankan President Gotabaya Rajapaksa has declared an economic emergency to contain soaring inflation after a steep fall in the value of the country's currency caused a spike in food prices.
- World Health Organization opened a center in Berlin, where information can be shared to help prepare the world for the next global health crisis.
- Sai Life Sciences, a leading global Contract Research, Development & Manufacturing Organization (CRO/CDMO) has become a signatory of the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC), the world's largest sustainability initiative.
- India has become the first Asian country to develop a plastics pact. The India Plastics Pact (IPP) has launched as a collaboration between: WWF India and the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).
- Cuba became the first country in the world to vaccinate children from the age of two against Covid-19, using home-grown jabs not recognized by the World Health Organization.
- El Salvador has become the first country in the world to accept Bitcoin as legal tender.
- South Korea joined an exclusive club last week, becoming only the eighth country to successfully test-fire a submarine-launched ballistic missile (SLBM).
- The world's largest plant named 'Orca' designed to suck carbon dioxide out of the air and turning it into rock started running in Iceland.
- US, UK and Australia have announced the formation of AUKUS – a new trilateral security partnership for Indo-Pacific region.
- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has said that the Union Cabinet approved government guarantee up to 30,600 crore rupees to back Security Receipts to be issued by National Asset Reconstruction Company Limited, NARCL.
- Iran was officially admitted as a full member of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO). The decision to admit Iran as a full member was declared in the 21st summit of the SCO leaders in Dushanbe, Tajikistan.
- UNESCO designated Mura-Drava-Danube (MDD) as the world's first 'five-country biosphere reserve', according to a statement by the World Wide Fund (WWF) for Nature.
- Bitcoin's pseudonymous creator Satoshi Nakamoto's first statue was unveiled in a business park near the Danube river in Budapest, Hungary.
- The Director-General of UNESCO, Audrey Azoulay, has named Accra (Ghana) as UNESCO World Book Capital for 2023 after Guadalajara (Mexico) in 2022.
- World Health Organization (WHO) updated its air quality guidelines for the first time in 15 years.
- US department of energy along with its Indian counterpart has launched new public-private task force on Hydrogen and Biofuels to expand the use of clean energy technologies.
- India has been elected as the external auditor to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), a prestigious institution that promotes peaceful use of nuclear energy, for a period of six years from 2022 to 2027.

National News:

- Over eight thousand 800 crore rupees have been transferred to the bank accounts of the pregnantwomen and lactating mothers under the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi released a special commemorative coin of Rs 125 on the occasion of the 125th birth anniversary of Srila Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, the founder of the Hare Krishna movement, through videoconferencing.
- In a huge relief to pension subscribers in National Pension Scheme (NPS), the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) has revised the rules for those joining it after 65 years of age. In aset of new rules, PFRDA has permitted them to allocate up to 50% of the funds in equity, besides easingthe exit norms.
- Finance Ministry has released over 13 thousand 385 crore rupees to 25 states for providing grants to the Rural Local Bodies.
- High Commission of India in association with the ICT Ministry of Bangladesh and Women & E-commerceand SilkOak global limited launched an year long soft skills training programme in Dhaka.
- Indian Navy Offshore Patrol Vessel, INS Savitri delivered two Mobile Oxygen Plants (MOP) to thegovernment of Bangladesh to support its effort to fight the COVID 19 pandemic..
- Total enrolments under Atal Pension Yojana (APY) has crossed the 3.30 crore mark till 25th of August, 2021. The Ministry of Finance said that more than 28 lakh subscribers were enrolled in APY in the firstfive months of current fiscal.
- Ayush Ministry has launched the campaign AYUSH AAPKE DWAR from more than 45 locations across the country.
- Union Minister for Women and Child Development (WCD) Smriti Zubin Irani inaugurated NUTRIGARDEN to mark the beginning of Poshan Maah – 2021 at All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA).
- Union Cabinet approved the Production Linked Incentive Scheme for Textiles. Under it, the incentivesworth 10,683 crore rupees will be provided over five years.
- Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED) in collaboration with the Ministry of External Affairs, is setting up an Atmanirbhar Bharat corner in 75 Indian Missions/Embassies across the world in the next 3 months.
- Union Cabinet approved the production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme for textiles for a budgetary outlay of Rs 10,683 crore to boost domestic manufacturing of man-made fibres (MMF), garments, and technicaltextiles.
- Culture Minister G Kishan Reddy launched a programme Bujurgon ki Baat-Desh Ke Saath in New Delhi.
- Defence minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated the first Emergency Landing Facility for the Indian AirForce (IAF) on the Satta-Gandhav stretch of National Highway (NH) 925A along with Union road transport and highways minister Nitin Gadkari.
- Union Minister of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change, Bhupender Yadav launched PRANA. PRANA meaning 'Life' in Sanskrit, is a portal for regulation of air pollution in 132 cities across the country.
- To mark the International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies, the tallest air purification tower of the country was inaugurated by UT Adviser Dharam Pal.The Chandigarh Pollution Control Committee (CPCC) had taken an initiative to install the tower at Transport Chowk, Sector 26.
- The government has set up an expert committee to frame new laws for medicines, cosmetics and medical devices in a bid to replace the existing Drugs and Cosmetics Act which was formed in 1940.
- Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar, Ministry of Electronics, Minister of State for Electronics & IT, gracedthe 'Launch Program of PMGDISHA Drive & Announcement of 100% Digital Literacy of all digitalvillages' under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.
- Union Minister for Civil Aviation Jyotiraditya Scindia has launched the Medicines from the Sky project tosend medicines to Primary Health Care Centres using drones.
- Government has increased the financial support from nine crore to 70 crore rupees to ensure moreAyush colleges are opened across the country.
- Government has said that it will release 56 thousand 27 crore rupees in the current Financial Year itselfin order to disburse all pending export incentives due to exporters.
- Finance Ministry released the 6th monthly installment of Post-Devolution Revenue Deficit grant to thestates worth nine thousand 871 crore rupees.
- Union Cabinet approved the Production-linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for Automobile and DroneIndustries with a budgetary outlay of 26 thousand 58 crore rupees.
- Union Tribal Affairs minister Arjun Munda said that his ministry would start Prdhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojna covering 36 thousand villages across the country.
- Rural Development Ministry has provided Community Enterprise Fund loan worth Rs. 8.60 crore to over 2,600 Self Help Group entrepreneurs in a week, as part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.
- NITI Aayog launched a report on measures to ramp up urban planning capacity in India, recommending

'Healthy City for All' by 2030.

- Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar has said that benefits of Central Government schemes for Agriculture sector should reach the correct farmers at the conference of Lieutenant Governors and Administrators of all Union Territories in New Delhi.
- Loan target of 16 lakh crore rupees has been set for the current year and around 14 lakh crore rupees has already been given to the farmers through Kisan Credit Card. Under the Digital Agriculture Mission, the database of 5.5 crore farmers has been prepared and it will reach 8 crore by December this year.
- Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) has declared Kushinagar Airport as a Customs notified airport.
- Union Tourism and DoNER minister G Kishan Reddy said that the Centre has sanctioned Rs 200 crore for 16 projects under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme, which focuses on integrated development of theme-based tourist circuits, in the North Eastern region.
- Railways has launched Rail Kaushal Vikas Yojana, a programme under the aegis of Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana.
- Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance released an amount of 2,427 crore rupees to 11 states for the Urban Local Bodies.
- Power ministry has decided to set up district level committees for oversight on all power related schemes. The committees will also look at the impact on the provision of power services to the people.
- Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh launched countrywide free Telemedicine Consultation cum drugs facility on the occasion of birthday of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The Minister also announced that "JIGYASA", a student-scientist connect programme of the Ministry of Science and Technology, will be extended to cover schools in over 700 districts of India within one year.
- Union Tribal Affairs minister Arjun Munda said that his ministry would start Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana covering 36 thousand villages across the country.
- Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways, Nitin Gadkari announced that the Government is constructing the world's longest highway, the Delhi-Mumbai Express highway.
- Ministry of Law and Justice has launched a Pan-India Special Campaign called "Ek Pahal Drive" for Justice Delivery at doorstep.
- Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) will launch the country's first indigenous cruise liner, in partnership with Cordelia Cruises – a private company.
- Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya released Food Safety and Standards Authority of India FSSAI's 3rd State Food Safety Index to measure the performance of States across five parameters of food safety.
- Niti Aayog and Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI) launched an initiative 'Shoonya' to promote zero-pollution delivery vehicles by working with consumers and industry.
- India's first official framework for air quality forecast, SAFAR, has been accepted internationally with peer-reviewed Elsevier Journal publishing its findings.
- Finance Ministry has approved capital expenditure projects worth over 2903 crore rupees in eight States. The capital will be provided to states under the scheme Special Assistance to States for Capital Expenditure for 2021-22 to give timely stimulus to economic recovery.
- Two crore 82 lakh households have been electrified so far under the Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana – Saubhagya.
- Centre has notified Production Linked Incentive Scheme (PLI) for automobile and auto components. The scheme will be implemented over a period of five years starting from financial year 2022 to 2023.
- Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana has completed three years.
- Ministry of Civil Aviation has released an interactive digital airspace map for flying drone. The map demarcates green, yellow and red zones across the country for the purpose of drones operations.
- Indian Army will organise 'Bijoya Sanskritik Mahotsav' from September 26 to 29 in Kolkata to mark 50 years of Bangladesh's liberation following India's victory over Pakistan in the 1971 war.
- Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana – "Saubhagya Scheme" has completed four years of successful implementation, on 25 September 2021.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission, saying it had the potential to bring "revolutionary changes in our health facilities".
- Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh launched the "Amrit Grand Challenge Program" titled "जनCARE" to identify 75 Start-Up Innovations in Telemedicine, Digital Health, mHealth with BIG Data, AI, Block Chain and other technologies.
- Government has taken a monumental step towards addressing the challenges and problems the elderly population face, through country's first Pan-India toll-free helpline – 14567 — called 'Elder Line'.

- Supreme Court has introduced a new system “Fast and Secured Transmission of Electronic Records” (FASTER) system by which its crucial decisions, including orders on bail and stay of arrest, can be communicated electronically to prison authorities and investigating agencies through a secure channel.
- The Cabinet has approved 4,400 crore rupees investment in ECGC Ltd. (formerly known as Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India Ltd.) in five years to provide support to exporters as well as banks.
- Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) headed by Defence minister Rajnath Singh has approved proposals of modernization and operational needs of the Indian Armed Forces amounting to 13,165 crore rupees.
- Cabinet has approved continuation of the National Export Insurance Account (NEIA) scheme and infusion of 1,650 crore Grant-in-Aid over five years.
- The goods and services tax council secretariat notified the setting up of two GoM, one to look into the rate structure and another to look at systems reforms required to plug revenue leakages. The seven-member panel, looking to rate structure, would be headed by Karnataka chief minister Basavaraj Bommai. The eight-member panel, headed by Maharashtra deputy chief Minister Ajit Pawar.

State News:

Arunachal Pradesh

- Arunachal Pradesh government has launched two ambitious schemes, one in agriculture sector called ‘AtmaNirbhar Krishi Yojna’ and the other for horticulture named ‘AtmaNirbhar Bagwani Yojna’.
- Union Tourism Minister G Kishan Reddy laid the foundation stone for the developing Parshuram Kund in Lohit district of Arunachal Pradesh.

Assam

- Assam announced that the Rajiv Gandhi Orang National Park — the oldest game reserve in the state, located on the north bank of the Brahmaputra — will be known as the Orang National Park.
- Assam Government in exercise of powers conferred by Section 3 of the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958 has declared the entire State of Assam as Disturbed Area upto six months with effect from 28th of August this year unless withdrawn earlier.
- Centre has decided to set up 7 new Ekalavya Vidyalayas in Assam.
- Assam is setting up a tea Park at Chayygaon in Kamrup District.

Chhattisgarh

- Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh Bhupesh Baghel launched the ‘Millet Mission’ and said the state will become the millet hub of the country in the future.

Delhi

- Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia launched the Delhi government’s ‘Business Blasters’ programme which aims at developing young entrepreneurs at the school-level by providing students seed money to start a business.
- The programme will be implemented in all Delhi government schools under the “Entrepreneurship Mindset Curriculum (EMC)”.
- Delhi Deputy Chief Minister and Education Minister Manish Sisodia launched a unique project titled “Mobile Music Bus”, a mobile music classroom and recording studio. It is India’s first ‘Mobile Music Bus’.

Gujarat

- Gujarat government has announced an 11 per cent hike in dearness allowance for its employees and pensioners with effect from 1st July.
- Gujarat rolled out ‘Vatan Prem Yojana’ for rural development.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated Sardardham Bhavan in Gujarat’s Ahmedabad and performed ‘bhoomi puja’ of Sardardham Phase-II Kanya Chhatralaya (girls’ hostel) through video conferencing.
- Union Minister Nitin Gadkari launched “iRASTE”, an Artificial Intelligence-powered project, on a pilot basis in Nagpur in Maharashtra with the aim of reducing accidents.
- Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju inaugurated the country’s first “Sports Arbitration Centre of India” in Gujarat.

Haryana

- Haryana has been adjudged first in the country in installation of off-grid solar pumps under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha Evam Utthan Mahaabhiyaan (PMKUSUM) with installation of 14,418 pumps against 15,000 sanctioned pumps for the year 2020-21.
- Haryana Cabinet approved the implementation of the Mukhyamantri Bagwani Bima Yojana (MBBY), an assurance-based scheme to compensate crop losses due to adverse weather and natural calamities for farmers growing horticulture crops.
- On the 105th birth anniversary of Deendayal Upadhyay, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar launched a web portal “Samarpan Portal” wherein people can register themselves to offer voluntary service in the fields of education, skill development, sports and agriculture.

Himachal Pradesh

- Himachal Pradesh's Kaza which is located in of Lahaul and Spiti district has got a unique distinction to its name as it now has the world's highest electric vehicle (EV) charging station at 500 ft.
- In a bid to promote a sustainable environment, the world's highest electric vehicle charging station was inaugurated in Kaza of Lahaul and Spiti district in Himachal Pradesh.

Jammu & Kashmir

- Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha launched Rural Enterprises Acceleration Programme titled 'Saath' for Self Help Group (SHG) women.
- In order to promote door to door digital banking and financial services in remote areas of Jammu and Kashmir, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha launched Mission 'One Gram Panchayat-One DIGI-Pay Sakhi', at Jammu & Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI) in Pampore.
- In the run up to the celebrations of 75th Azadi ka Amrit Mohatsav, Union Minister of State (MoS) for Communications, Devusinh Chauhan launched a commemorative postal stamp in the honour of Rao Jai Lal Rathore on his 515th birth anniversary in Srinagar.
- Around 1,000 cyclists participated in a cycle race, "Pedal for Peace", organised by the Jammu and Kashmir Police.

Karnataka

- Karnataka government has decided to establish a Spices Park at Ambale in Chikkamagaluru district.
- Karnataka government has roped in Jana Small Finance Bank (Jana SFB) to build digital payment infrastructure to support its Namma Shaale Nanna Koduge (Our school, my contribution) initiative.

Kerala

- Kerala Chief Minister inaugurated a new 'Digital Hub' at Technology Innovation Zone in Kochi by the Kerala Startup Mission (KSUM).

Ladakh

- Union Territory Government of Ladakh has announced snow leopard as its state animal and black-necked crane as state bird two years after it was carved out as a separate Union Territory (UT) from the erstwhile State of J&K.

Maharashtra

- In a bid to help women who have lost their husbands due to COVID, the Maharashtra government launch a special mission 'Mission Vatsalya' to serve around 18 benefits, schemes, services to them under one roof.
- Maharashtra Cabinet has decided to set up a Science City in Pune. The complex will be known as 'Bharat Ratna Rajiv Gandhi Science City' in Pimpri- Chinchwad Municipal Corporation in Pune.
- Mumbai is the first city in South Asia to launch the Mumbai Climate Action Plan.

Manipur

- Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh virtually launched the e-ILP platform for effective regulation of the Inner Line Permit (ILP) system in the state.
- Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh launched COVID-19 Affected Livelihood Support Scheme to provide assistance to those who had been severely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic in the State.
- Famous Sirarakhong Chilli and Tamenglong Orange of Manipur has now received the Geographical Index (GI) tag.

Meghalaya

- In a bid to bring the citizens of Meghalaya closer to governance by promoting participatory democracy, the state government unveiled MyMeG programme to mark International Democracy Day.

Nagaland

- Nagaland's first and India's 61st Software Technology Park of India (STPI) centre was inaugurated at the state capital.
- Nagaland's "sweet cucumber" was awarded a geographical identification (GI) tag as an agricultural product under provisions of The Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999.

Odisha

- In Odisha, Nuakhai, an important agrarian festival in the State is being celebrated on September 11, 2021.

Rajasthan

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually inaugurated the Central Institute of Petrochemicals Technology (CIPET) in Rajasthan's Jaipur district.

Sikkim

- Sikkim government has declared 'Copper Mahseer' locally named 'Katley' as the State fish to highlight the importance of the fish and to give emphasis to its conservation measures.

Tamilnadu

- Tamil Nadu government announced plans to set up India's first Dugong Conservation Reserve in the Palk Bay on the southeast coast of the state.

Telangana

- Telangana government has partnered with Marut Drones, a Hyderabad-based drone technology startup, to launch a drone-based afforestation project, named 'Hara Bhara'.
- Telangana Government has entered into an agreement with Wingsure, an insurtech venture spin-out of SRI International.

Uttarakhand

- The country's largest open air fernery was inaugurated at Ranikhet in Uttarakhand's Almora district.

Uttar Pradesh

- President Ram Nath Kovind laid the foundation stones for Uttar Pradesh National Law University and new building complex of Allahabad High Court in Prayagraj.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of Raja Mahendra Pratap Singh State University in Aligarh.
- The CM of Uttar Pradesh, Yogi Adityanath announced to launch of 'Uttar Pradesh Matra Bhumi Yojana' to allow the direct participation of the common man in the development work of the state.
- Uttar Pradesh government will set up an electronic park in the Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (Yeida) area that is expected to attract an investment of ₹50,000 crore, according to Yeida CEO Arun Veer Singh.

Finance and Banking News:

- IDBI Intech Ltd., the technology led business transformation organisation offering specialised solutions in the Banking, Financial Services and Insurance (BFSI) verticals has successfully implemented their iAML (Anti Money Laundering) solution at India's insurance giant, the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC).
- Axis Bank has tied up with BharatPe to expand its merchant acquiring business in the country.
- EarlySalary has tied up with HDB Financial Services Ltd (HDBFS), a leading Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) to fuel growth in Digital Lending.
- New Development Bank (NDB) established by the BRICS ((Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) countries in 2015 has approved Bangladesh as its new member.
- Finance Ministry said that tax on interest pertaining to contribution towards Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) or General Provident Fund (GPF) exceeding ₹2.5 lakh will not be retrospective.

- Federal Bank launched its credit card in association with Visa in a bid to improve unsecured, high-yielding book and complete the suite of banking products it offers.
- PhonePe has launched the country's first geospatial website 'Pulse' that will offer comprehensive data on digital payment trends.
- India's holding of IMF's Special Drawing Rights (SDR) has gone up to SDR 13.66 billion which is equivalent to USD 19.41 billion as per exchange rate.
- HDFC Bank became the first Indian lender to list its \$1 billion foreign currency additional tier-I (AI-1) bonds, priced at 3.7%, on the International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) of the Gujarat.
- Government has issued rules for calculating taxable interest on contribution to provident fund beyond Rs 2.5 lakh for cases where employer is contributing, and Rs 5 lakh where employer isn't contributing.
- Eight major banks have joined the account aggregator network that will enable customers to easily access and share their financial data. These lenders include State Bank of India, ICICI Bank, Axis Bank, IDFC First Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank, HDFC Bank, IndusInd Bank, and Federal Bank. Neo bank Fi has also joined the account aggregator network and is one of the first fintechs to join the ecosystem.
- ICICI Lombard has received the final nod from the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) for its acquisition of Bharti Axa General Insurance.
- UCO Bank has partnered with Finwizard Technology, which runs Fisdome, to offer wealth management products and services via its mBanking Plus App.
- Central banks of Australia, Singapore, Malaysia and Republic of South Africa to begin the trial of using Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDC) in cross-border payments.
- India Post Payments Bank and LIC Housing Finance Limited announced a strategic partnership for providing home loan products to over 4.50 crore customers of India Post Payments Bank.
- SBM Bank has partnered with fintech player OneCard to launch a mobile-based credit card.
- First Policy Insurance Brokers has completed the acquisition of Amicus Insurance Brokers in a bid to augment its market position.
- HDFC Bank has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC) to offer credit support to MSMEs across the country.
- Bank of India (BOI) has entered into a co-lending arrangement with MAS Financial Services for MSME loans. The tie-up comes on the occasion of the bank's 116th Foundation Day.
- Karnataka Bank launched WisePOSgo, a point of sales swiping machine that processes business payments, in collaboration with Mswipe Technologies for its merchant customers.
- Bank of Baroda launched its one-stop digital banking platform 'bob World'. The application will provide "seamless, contactless and effortless" banking services under a single roof.
- SBM Bank India has tied up with fintech player Lendingkart for providing working capital to micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) through an overdraft facility.
- UCO Bank will no longer be subject to strict lending curbs imposed in May 2017, with the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) taking the lender out of the prompt corrective action (PCA) restrictions. With this, only two banks remain under PCA—Indian Overseas Bank and Central Bank of India.
- HDFC Bank has signed a pact with the National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC) for providing credit support to the micro, small and medium enterprise (MSME) sector.
- Bank of Baroda announced that the bank has ranked number 1 with a total of 86 per cent marks on the scorecard issued by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) for February and March 2021.
- Karnataka Bank in collaboration with Mswipe Technologies Pvt., Ltd., launched WisePOSgo – a point of sales (POS) device that processes business payments of its merchant customers.
- South Indian Bank (SIB), has joined hands with fintech company OneCard to launch its credit card SIB – OneCard.
- Paytm Payments Bank launched India's first FASTag-based metro parking facility.
- DBS has launched real-time online tracking for cross-border collections for businesses in India in partnership with SWIFT Global Payments Innovation.
- RBI and the Monetary Authority of Singapore have announced a project to link their respective fast payment systems, Unified Payments Interface (UPI) and PayNow. The linkage is targeted for operationalization by July 2022.
- Punjab & Sind Bank (PSB), a public sector bank, has entered into a strategic co-lending alliance with Indiabulls Commercial Credit and Indiabulls Housing Finance (IHFL) for MSME and Priority Sector Housing Loans respectively.
- Power Finance Corporation (PFC), a non-banking financial company (NBFC) under the power ministry, has issued its maiden 300-million-euro seven-year Euro Bond issuance on 13 September, 2021.

- Escorts Ltd has partnered with IndusInd Bank to provide financial solutions to farmers.
- Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) participated in a special event held at the Administrative Staff College, Guwahati, Assam, to strengthen the state co-operation.
- HSBC India has launched a digital proposition aimed at simplifying cross-border transactions.
- World Bank would discontinue the practice of issuing Doing Business report following an investigation prompted by internal reports of “data irregularities” in its 2018 and 2020 editions (released in 2017 and 2019, respectively) and possible “ethical matters” involving bank staff.
- Union Cabinet has cleared a proposal to provide Rs 30,600 crore government guarantee for security receipts issued by the National Asset Reconstruction Company (NARCL) as part of resolution of bad loans.
- Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd and the Indian Institute of Science announced a partnership to set up a state-of-the-art Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning (AI-ML) Centre at the IISc campus.
- Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has launched a new mobile app PRAGATI (Performance Review Application, Growth And Trend Indicator) for exclusive use of its Development Officers.
- HDFC Bank will work with Paytm to offer co-branded credit cards on the Visa platform to businesspersons, millennials and others.
- India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) announced a strategic alliance with Tata AIG General Insurance Co. Ltd. for distribution of non-life insurance products across the country.
- Bank of Baroda (BoB) and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) have launched an international co-branded RuPay NCMC Platinum contactless debit card.
- PayPoint India has entered into a partnership with one of India’s leading banks, Bank of Baroda (BoB) to provide banking services across the country through the Business Correspondent (BC) model.
- BLS International Services Ltd has been selected as National Business Correspondent for State Bank of India (SBI) to deliver banking services in urban, semi-urban and rural areas across the country.
- RBL Bank and Mastercard announced the launch of a new festive campaign, #UseBefikar, which rewards existing cardholders with exciting shopping offers and rewards.
- Bank deposits grew by 11.9 per cent on a year-on-year basis during the financial year 2020-21 compared to 8.8 per cent in the previous year.
- RBI has effected major changes to the norms governing the transfer of bad loans and standard assets by lenders to bring in transparency in the process and to improve liquidity in the system, besides corporate governance.
- Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) is partnering with ICICI Bank, which will allow customers to use their ICICI Bank FASTag to pay for fuel and lubricants at HPCL retail outlets.
- ICICI Bank has partnered with Amazon India to offer overdraft (OD) facility upto ₹25 lakh to individual sellers and small businesses registered on the e-commerce company’s online marketplace.
- Securities Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has approved the frameworks for gold exchange and Social Stock Exchange.
- Federal Bank joined hands with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and launched the “Federal Bank RuPay Signet Contactless Credit Card.”
- Reserve Bank of India allowed loan exposures classified as fraud to be transferred to Asset Reconstruction Companies (ARCs) paving the way for focussed recovery efforts in loans worth trillions of rupees.
- Reserve Bank of India said that Rs 50,000 crore has been set as the ‘Ways and Means Advances (WMA) limit for the Central government during the H2FY22 (October 2021 to March 2022).
- National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has partnered with YES Bank to launch a contactless payments solution RuPay On-the-Go.
- Paytm Payments Bank has forged a tie-up with Ria Money Transfer, a cross-border money transfer firm and a business segment of Euronet Worldwide, to help its 333 million customers receive money from their relatives abroad.
- Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) and Department of Post have entered into an agreement for “Print to Post” solutions.
- National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has approved a credit plan for the high-altitude animal often referred to as “mountain cattle”. The scheme was developed by the National Research Centre on Yak (NRCY) at Dirang in Arunachal Pradesh’s West Kameng district.

Business News:

- Prosus NV said that its fintech business PayU will buy digital payments provider BillDesk for USD 4.7 billion (about Rs 34,376.2 crore).
- The International Institute of Information Technology (IIIT) Bangalore and National Payments

Corporation of India (NPCI) will jointly offer an advanced executive program in cybersecurity.

- India Mortgage Guarantee Corporation (IMGC), India's leading mortgage guarantee company, has announced its partnership with Clix Housing Finance Limited (Clix HFL) to offer innovative Mortgage Guarantee backed home loan products for salaried and non-salaried customers in the affordable housing segment.
- Zerodha has received in-principle approval to set up an asset management company (AMC) company.
- HDFC Life acquired Exide Life Insurance in Rs 6687-crore deal.
- India has emerged as the third largest startup ecosystem in the world after the US and China.
- LIC has picked up nearly 4 per cent equity shares of the Bank of India through an open market transaction.
- Visa and Innoviti develop stored value debit card for payments without connectivity.
- National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and Fiserv Inc, a leading global provider of payments and financial services technology, have entered into an agreement to launch the plug-and-play RuPay credit card stack, nFiNi.
- The government has appointed 10 merchant bankers including Goldman Sachs (India) Securities, Citigroup Global Markets India, and Nomura Financial Advisory and Securities India to manage the mega initial public offering of country's largest insurer LIC. Other selected bankers include SBI Capital Market, JM Financial, Axis Capital, BofA Securities, JP Morgan India, ICICI Securities, and Kotak Mahindra Capital Co Ltd.
- Byju's has acquired online exam preparation platform Gradeup for an undisclosed amount.
- Paytm Money, is launching a wealth and investment advisory marketplace on its platform to offer curated advisory services and products to retail investors. Paytm Money has partnered with start-up WealthDesk to offer investment portfolios called 'WealthBaskets' as the first step to build up the advisory ecosystem.
- Flipkart launched 'Flipkart Boost', a new programme aimed at helping digital-first consumer brands to grow their business.
- Amazon Pay has tied up with homegrown investment advisory services startup Kuvera to offer wealth management services to 50 million customers in India.
- Tata Steel commissioned a 5-tonne per day (TPD) carbon capture plant at its Jamshedpur Works, making it the country's first steel company to adopt such a carbon capture technology that extracts CO2 directly from the blast furnace gas.
- Infosys launched 'Equinox' platform to help enterprises securely deliver hyper-segmented, personalized omnichannel commerce experiences for B2B and B2C buyers.
- Reserve Bank of India announced the opening of the third cohort under the Regulatory Sandbox.
- Niti Aayog and Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI) launched an initiative to promote zero-pollution delivery vehicles by working with consumers and industry.
- BHEL announced the commissioning of India's largest floating solar photovoltaic plant in Andhra Pradesh.
- Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) became the second listed company and the first information technology (IT) firm to cross the Rs 13 lakh crore market capitalization.
- Amazon India has launched the Kisan (farmer) store that will make agri-inputs such as seeds, farmtools and accessories, available to buyers at competitive prices with the added convenience of delivery at their doorstep.
- Foreign investors have pumped in over 16,000 crore rupees into the Indian capital market so far in September.
- NITI Aayog launched an initiative in partnership with edutech giant BYJU'S, under which students of Classes 6-12 in government schools across 112 'Aspirational Districts' will get free access to the company's "premium learning resources".
- Tata Capital Ltd has launched loans against mutual funds and customers can avail quick and hassle-free loans ranging from Rs 5 lakh to Rs 2 crore.
- IIFL Home Finance Ltd. (IIFLHFL) has signed an agreement with Punjab National Bank (PNB) for co-lending.
- Zee Entertainment Enterprises (ZEEL) announced that its board of directors at a meeting held, unanimously provided an in-principle approval for the merger with Sony Pictures Networks India (SPNI).
- Flipkart is introducing a separate marketplace model 'Flipkart Xtra' to offer flexible earning opportunities to individuals, service agencies and technicians.

- Federal Bank announced a tie-up with OneCard for a mobile-first credit card that targets the country's young, tech-savvy population.
- India has signed a contract with Airbus Defence and Space Company of Spain for acquisition of 56 C-295MW transport aircraft for the Indian Air Force.
- All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) will set up a training centre in Haryana soon for its Idea Development, Evaluation and Application (IDEA) Lab initiative.
- Ministry of Defence (MoD) signed an estimated ₹22,000-crore deal with Airbus Defence and Space S.A., Spain, for 56 C-295MW transport aircraft to replace the Indian Air Force's ageing 56 Avro aircraft that were procured in the 1960s.
- India has emerged as Dubai's second biggest trading partner after China with the overall volume touching 38.5 billion dirham in the first half of 2021.

Economy News:

- The gross domestic product, GDP, of the country surged 20.1 percent in the April-June quarter of the current fiscal according to the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation data.
- Moody's Investors Service has retained India's growth forecast for the calendar year (CY) 2021 at 9.6 per cent, in its August update to 'Global Macro Outlook 2021-22' report. The GDP growth forecast for calendar year 2022 is retained at 7 percent.
- Morgan Stanley maintained its estimate of India GDP growth at 10.5 per cent for FY2022 versus the general consensus of 9.2 per cent.
- Goods and Services Tax collection for the month of August fell to Rs 1,12,020 crore from Rs 1.16 lakh crore in July.
- India's gross domestic product (GDP) surged 20.1% in the April-June quarter of FY22.
- United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) has pegged India's economic growth rate to hit a four-year high of 7.2 per cent for 2021 against a contraction of 7 per cent in 2020.
- Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) cut its projection of India's economic growth by 0.2 percentage points to 9.7 per cent for the current financial year.
- Asian Development Bank has cut its forecast for India's GDP growth in 2021-22 to 10%, from 11% projected earlier.

Science & Technology:

- Indian Institute of Technology Madras is developing an online platform to tackle e-waste. Called e-Source, it will link stakeholders in the formal and informal economy.
- Ayush Ministry has developed a yoga protocol that can integrate seamlessly with work routine and help professionals de-stress and refocus. The five-minute protocol encompassing asanas, Pranayama and Dhyana will be available through an app called 'Y-Break'.
- A startup company of IIT Ropar, Urban Air Laboratory has claimed that it has developed the world's first, state-of-the-art 'Smart Bio-Filter' that can make breathing fresh.
- Hansa New Generation trainer aircraft designed and developed by CSIR- NAL in Bengaluru has successfully made its maiden flight.
- India's first bio-brick based building was inaugurated at Indian Institute of Technology- Hyderabad (IIT-H).
- China launched the 24th Gaofen-series Earth-observation satellite in a bid to monitor environmental protection efforts and boost its natural resources surveillance. The satellite was launched from the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center in Shanxi province on a Long March 4C carrier rocket.
- China successfully launched a new Earth observation satellite, Gaofen-5 02, into space, aboard a Long March-4C rocket, from the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Centre in north China's Shanxi Province.
- Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited's (BHEL) research and development centre at Hyderabad successfully demonstrated India's first indigenously designed high ash coal gasification-based Methanol production plant.
- Skyroot Aerospace has become the first private company to formally enter into an agreement with the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).
- India is all ready to launch its first nuclear-missile tracking ship IND Dhruv.
- With an aim to break the language barrier that many students face when they join institutes of higher education, IIT-Bombay launched 'Project Udaan', that enables translation of textbooks and other study material related to engineering and other streams.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched "Sansad TV" along with Vice President of India and Rajya Sabha

Chairperson, M Venkaiah Naidu and Lok Sabha speaker Om Birla at the Main Committee Room, Parliament House Annexe. The launch date coincided with the International Day of Democracy.

- In the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha launched the Senior Citizens National Helpline "Elderline"-14567 in J&K, at Raj Bhavan, Jammu.
- SpaceX's first private flight blasted off with two contest winners, a health care worker and their rich sponsor Jared Isaacman, a 38-year-old billionaire and philanthropist with pilot training.
- Department of Space has signed a framework MoU with space technology start-up Agnikul Cosmos for granting access to the facilities and expertise of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) in developing and testing systems and sub-systems of space launch vehicles.
- Ministry of Information and Communications (MoIC) and Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) signed Implementing Arrangement (IA) to jointly develop a small satellite for Bhutan.
- Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) tested a new version of the Akash Missile 'Akash Prime' from the Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur, Odisha.
- The latest in a series of U.S. satellites Landsat 9 that has recorded human and natural impacts on Earth's surface for decades was launched into orbit from California to ensure continued observations in the era of climate change.
- United States has tested an air-breathing hypersonic weapon built by Raytheon Technologies capable of speeds faster than five times the speed of sound, marking the first successful test of the class of weapon since 2013.

Environment:

- Super typhoon "Chanthu" threatened Philippines, Taiwan with destructive winds and torrential rains.
- India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued a red alert for Odisha and Andhra Pradesh after the 'Cyclone Gulab' made landfall over Northwest and adjoining West-central Bay of Bengal.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated 35 crop varieties with special traits through video conference to the nation. He also dedicated the newly constructed campus of the National Institute of Biotic Stress Management Raipur to the nation. On the occasion, Prime Minister also distributed the Green Campus Award to Agricultural Universities.

Defence News:

- Indian Naval Ship (INS) Tabar participated in a Maritime Partnership Exercise with the Algerian Navy ship 'Ezzadjer'.
- INS Tabar, as part of her overseas deployment, made a port call at Casablanca in Morocco and participated in a Maritime Partnership Exercise with Royal Moroccan Navy ship "Lieutenant Colonel Arrahman" off Casablanca port.
- Indian Army contingent will participate in a two-week multi-nation military exercise named 'ZAPAD 2021' at Nizhny in Russia that is aimed at boosting anti-terror cooperation.
- The three-day long 28th edition of Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise SIMBEX concluded. Indian Navy was represented by Guided Missile Destroyer INS Ranvijay with a ship borne helicopter, ASW Corvette INS Kiltan and Guided Missile Corvette INS Kora and one P8I Long Range Maritime Patrol Aircraft.
- The bilateral exercise – AUSINDEX between Indian Navy and Royal Australian Navy commenced in Australia. The participating Indian Naval Ships Shivalik and Kadmatt are the latest indigenously designed and built Guided Missile Stealth Frigate and Anti-Submarine Corvette.
- India has participated in a multi-nation counter-terror exercise in Russia's Orenburg region that has been organised under the aegis of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO). India has sent a team of 200 personnel for the sixth edition of 'Exercise Peaceful Mission' from September 13 to 25, 2021.
- 15th edition of Indo-Nepal joint military exercise "Surya Kiran" will begin on September 20.
- Indian Navy and the Indonesian Navy are taking part in a bilateral maritime exercise, known as 'Samudra Shakti'. The two-day exercise is being held near to Sunda Strait from 20 to 22 September.

Sports News:

Tournament	Winner	Other news
Noisiel International Open 2021 ChessTournament	P Iniyan	
Norway Chess Open 2021 Masters	D Gukesh	
Norway Chess 2021	GM Magnus Carlsen	
Asian Snooker Championship 2021(Held in Doha, Qatar)	Pankaj Advani	Defeated Amir Sarkhosh
IBSF 6-Red Snooker World Cup	Pankaj Advani	
Ostrava Open women's doubles title	Sania Mirza-Shuai Zhang	
US Open Mens'Singles Title	Daniil Medvedev of Russia	Beat Novak Djokovic
US Open Womens' Singles Title	Emma Raducanu, Britain	Beat Leylah Fernandez
Ryder Cup	USA	Beat Europe
Dutch Grand Prix 2021	Max Verstappen (Red Bull)	
Italian Grand Prix 2021	Daniel Ricciardo	
F1 Russian Grand Prix 2021	Lewis Hamilton	

Sports:

- India bagged 39 medals including 14 gold at ASBC Asian Youth & Junior Boxing Championships held in Dubai.
- Shiva Thapa and Sanjeet booked their places for next month's World Championships by winning gold medals in their respective weight categories at the Men's National Boxing Championships in Bellary. Rohit Mor stunned defending champion Mohammad Hussamuddin to win the gold in the 57kg category. Deepak Kumar (51kg), Akash (54kg), Akash (67), Sumit (75kg), Sachin Kumar (80kg), Lakshya (86kg) and Narender (+92kg) also secured gold medals.
- R Raja Rithvik has become India's 70th and latest chess Grandmaster.
- Shafali Verma maintained her number one position among women's T20 batters while New Zealand's Sophie Devine is the new joint top-ranked all-rounder in the latest ICC rankings .
- Rohit Sharma became the first batter to score 1000 runs against one team in the IPL when he crossed 18 in the match against the Kolkata Knight Riders.
- South Africa's Lizelle Lee took Joint First Position with Mithali Raj in ICC Womens ODI Rankings.
- England Test skipper Joe Root and Ireland's Eimear Richardson have been voted as the winners of the ICC Players of the Month for August 2021.
- Jasprit Bumrah became the fastest Indian pacer to reach 100 wickets in Test Cricket.
- Cricket Foundation, the Singapore-headquartered blockchain-based platform has roped in around 120 partners from the cricketing eco-system that includes former greats like Wasim Akram, VVS Laxman and Lance Klusener as they launched first NFT of its kind named "CricketCrazy.io".
- Punjab's Harmilan Kaur Bains shattered the 19-year-old national record to win the 1500m title in 60th National Open Athletics Championships in Warangal.
- Odisha was named the host of this year's FIH men's hockey Junior World Cup.
- The fifth edition of the Elite Women's National Boxing Championships will be held at Hisar in Haryana between October 21-27.
- International Cricket Council (ICC) launched the T20 World Cup anthem composed by Bollywood music director Amit Trivedi along with a film featuring 'avatars' of India captain Virat Kohli and West Indies skipper Kieron Pollard among others.
- South African pacer Dale Steyn has announced his retirement from all forms of cricket.
- Former Zimbabwe captain Brendan Taylor announced his retirement from international cricket.
- Sri Lankan legend Lasith Malinga announced his retirement from all forms of cricket.
- England cricketer Moeen Ali has announced his retirement from Test cricket.
- Cristiano Ronaldo became the highest-scoring man in the international football history with his 110th goal for Portugal.
- International Olympic Committee (IOC) has suspended North Korea until the end of 2022 after it failed to send a team to the Tokyo Games.
- 2022 Asian Games is set to be held in Hangzhou, China and will mark the 19th anniversary of the event.

- North Korea has been barred from participating in the Winter Olympics in Beijing in 2022.
- Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics unveiled its official motto, "Together for a Shared Future".

Paralympic medal winners of India 2020:

1. Avani Lakhera, Shooting (Gold and Bronze)
2. Sumit Antil, Javelin Thrower, Gold
3. Manish Narwal, Shooting, Gold
4. Pramod Bhagat, Badminton, Gold
5. Krishna Nagar, Badminton, Gold
6. Bhavinaben Patel, Table Tennis, Silver
7. Nishad Kumar, High Jump, Silver
8. Yogesh Kathuniya, Discus Thrower, Silver
9. Devendra Jhajharia, Javelin Thrower, Silver
10. Mariyappan Thangavelu, Long Jump, Silver
11. Singhraj Adhana, Shooter, Silver and Bronze
12. Praveen Kumar, High Jump, Silver
13. Suhas Yathiraj, Badminton, Silver
14. Sunder Singh Gurjar, Javelin Throw, Bronze
15. Sharad Kumar, High jump, Bronze
16. Harvinder Singh, Archery, Bronze
17. Manoj Sarkar, Badminton, Bronze

- Shooter Avani Lekhara was the flag bearer of Indian contingent. The 19-year-old trailblazer had two podium finishes in Tokyo while Tek Chand was the flag bearer at the opening ceremony. India wrapped up their campaign at the Tokyo Paralympics with the largest-ever haul of 19 medals, helped them sign off 24th in the overall tally with China, Great Britain and United States leading the top 3 spots.

Committee:

<i>Head of Committee</i>	<i>Purpose</i>
P Vasudevan(By RBI)	to review applications and give recommendations on new umbrella entity(NUE) licences
Ashok Kumar Tandon(Ministry of Information and Broadcasting)	to review the existing guidelines of Journalist Welfare Scheme
Baijayant Panda(15Mmember Panel)	for a comprehensive review of National Cadet Corps(NCC)
Rajnath Singh	for better implementation of various welfare schemes meant for SC, ST, OBC, minorities and women
Dr K Kasturirangan(National Steering Committee)	for the development of National Curriculum Frameworks
Ajay Seth	to lay out a concrete road map to bolster India's sustainable finance architecture

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- Ministry of Coal has constituted a Task Force and Expert Committee to Prepare Road Map for Coal based

Hydrogen Production. The Task Force will be headed by Additional Secretary in the Ministry. On the other hand, the Expert Committee will be headed by Director General of the Federation of Indian Petroleum Industry, R.K. Malhotra.

- Centre and States have initiated an exercise to rework the rates slab under the Goods and Services Tax (GST), with the formation of a Group of Ministers (GoM). Basavaraj S Bommai tasked to propose rationalisation of tax rates and considering the merger of different tax slabs within two months. One more GoM has been set up under the convenorship of Deputy Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Ajit Pawar, to suggest ways for GST System Reforms.

Rankings:

Index	India's Rank	Other Information
Global Innovation Index (GII) 2021 (By the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO))	46 th	Top- Switzerland

- India could become the world's third-largest importer following China and the United States by 2050, according to a report released by the UK's Department of International Trade.
- At present, India occupies the eighth spot on the list of the largest importing countries with a 2.8 per cent share. As per the Global Trade Outlook report, the country's position on the list will jump to the fourth position by 2030 with a 3.9 per cent share.

Loans from Banks/Countries:

From	To	Amount	Purpose
Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)	India	50 million dollar (about Rs 368 crore)	to fund non-bank financial entities that provide financial services to women
Export-Import Bank of India	Africa Finance Corporation (AFC)	\$ 100 million	to develop critical infrastructure required for the revival of Africa's economies in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic
Export-Import Bank of India (Exim Bank)	Maldives	USD 40 million	for the purpose of financing for development of sports infrastructure
Asian Development Bank	Tamil Nadu	\$150 million (about Rs 1,095 crore)	for a sustainable housing project for the urban poor
Asian Development Bank (ADB)	India	300 million dollar	to scale up improvement of rural connectivity to help boost rural economy in Maharashtra
Asian Development Bank (ADB)	India	\$112 million	to develop water supply infrastructure and strengthen capacities of urban local bodies (ULBs) for improved service delivery in four towns in the state of Jharkhand
Asian Development Bank (ADB)	India	\$251 million	for urban flood protection and management in the Chennai- Kosasthalaiyar river basin in India
DP World, UAE	Tamil Nadu	Rs 2,000 crore	for establishing a slew of projects in Tamil Nadu

- EXIM Bank of India has concluded Agreements with Fahi Dhiriulhun Corporation Limited (FDC) of Maldives to extend Buyers Credit of around \$228 million for the construction of 4000 Social Housing Units in Hulhumale' Phase II.

Deadlines/ Important Dates/Years:

- Central Board of Direct Taxes has further extended the due dates for filing of Income Tax Returns and various reports of audit for Assessment Year 2021-22. The due date of furnishing of Return of Income for the Assessment Year 2021-22, which was earlier extended to 30th September, has been further extended to the 31st of December.
- Union minister for Jal Shakti Gajendra Singh Shekhawat said under the Jal Jeevan Mission, the Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led government is working to ensure that every household in the country has a piped water connection by 2024.
- IRDAI allowed insurers to continue selling and renewing short-term Covid specific health insurance policies till March 2022.
- According to World Bank, Reduced agricultural production, water scarcity, rising sea levels and other adverse effects of climate change could cause up to 216 million people to leave their homes and migrate within their own countries by 2050.
- Government has extended the deadline for linking of PAN with Aadhaar by six months till March 2022.
- World's longest expressway between Delhi and Mumbai to open in March 2023.

Rankings (Persons, Cities, Organisations and Others):

- Amul, Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF) has dropped two places to rank 18th in the Rabobank's 2021 Global Top 20 Dairy Companies list. French-based dairy company Lactalis has topped the list.
- Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras retained the top spot among institutes all over India for the third consecutive year whereas the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bengaluru was the best among research institutions, according to the Ministry of Education's National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) rankings.
- Pune topped the list of NewsOnAir Radio Live-Stream India Rankings. In rankings of top AIR Streams in India, Vividh Bharati National is leading in the rankings, followed by AIR News 24x7 and AIR Malayalam.
- Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Ahmedabad has been adjudged as the best B-school in India, according to the QS World University Rankings 2022. Overall the first place has been secured by Stanford Graduate School of Business, followed by Harvard Business School and Penn (Wharton), which secured the second position jointly.
- Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay stands among top 22 per cent in the 2022 QS Graduate Employability Rankings.
- London, Mumbai and Bangalore have featured among the world's top startup hubs, according to a comprehensive ranking of international startup hubs compiled by Startup Genome for its annual Global Startup Ecosystem Report 2021.
- **Times World University Ranking 2022**

Top- University of Oxford

THE University Ranking 2022: Best Indian University

- 301-350: IISc Bangalore
- 351-400: IIT-Ropar
- 351-400: JSS Academic Higher Education and Research
- 401-500: IIT Indore
- 501-600 Alagappa University
- 501-600 Thapar University

Books:

Book	Author	Other Info
Haryana Environment and Pollution Code	Dheera Khandelwal	
A Rude Life: The Memoir	Vir Sanghvi	
Back to the Roots	Tamannaah Bhatia	Co-Author- Luke Coutinho
Bullets Over Bombay: Satya and the Hindi Film Gangster	Uday Bhatia	
Human Rights and Terrorism in India	Subramanian Swamy	
Translating Myself and Others	Jhumpa Lahiri	
Shining Sikh Youth of India	Dr Prabhleen Singh	
The Three Khans: And the Emergence of New India	Kaveree Bamzai	
Dancing with Dreams	Adityanath Das	
400 Days	Chetan Bhagat	
Jungle Nama	Amitav Ghosh	
The Long Game: How the Chinese Negotiate with India	Vijay Gokhale	
The Fractured Himalaya: How the Past Shadows the Present in India-China Relations	Nirupama Rao	
My Life in Full: Work, Family and Our Future	Indra Nooyi	Former PepsiCo CEO
The Battle of Rezang La	Kulpreet Yadav	
Smart Villages: Bridging the Global Urban-Rural Divide	Sridhar Vembu	

Obituaries

Name	Profession
Chandan Mitra	Journalist and former Rajya Sabha member
Keshav Desiraju	Former Union Health Secretary
Oscar Fernandes	Veteran Congress leader and Rajya Sabha MP
Syed Ali Shah Geelani	The patriarch of separatist politics in the Valley and hardline Hurriyat hawk
Aziz Hajini	Noted writer and former secretary of Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages
KM Roy	Veteran journalist, columnist and former Editor of Mangalam daily
Manorama Mohapatra	Eminent litterateur, social worker and former editor of Odia daily 'The Samaja'
Rajni Kaul	the first woman to read a news bulletin in Hindi on BBC
Ramanuj Prasad Singh	Former Hindi Newsreader of All India Radio
Sidharth Shukla	Television actor and Bigg Boss 13 winner
Yudhvir Singh Dadwal	Former Commissioner of Delhi Police
Kamla Bhasin	Eminent women's rights activist, poet and author
Thanu Padmanabhan	Well-known theoretical physicist and cosmologist Professor
Bhabani Roy	Former India international Footballer and Mohun Bagan legend
Murtaza Lodhgar	Former Bengal left-arm spinner and Mizoram U-19 head coach
Jean-Pierre Adams	Former France Footballer
Jacques Rogge	Former IOC president
Jimmy Greaves	Former England Footballer
Michael K Williams	American actor
Yuriy Sedykh	Two-time Olympic hammer gold medallist
Abdelaziz Bouteflika	Former Algerian President
Casimir Oye Mba	Gabon's former Prime Minister

- To commemorate the death anniversary of freedom fighter Subramania Bharati, Tamil Nadu government has declared September 11 as 'Mahakavi' Day.
- Tamil Nadu Government is celebrating the 143rd birthday of E.V. Ramasamy as Social Justice Day on September 17, 2021.
- The High Commission of India celebrated the 57th Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) day in Dhaka.
- Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) will observe 1 October as the National Pension System Diwas to promote pension and retirement planning.