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Current Affair

MoU/Agreement Countries:

- Minister of State for External Affairs V. Muraleedharan has recently visited Gambia. During the visit two Agreements were signed for deepening bilateral relations.
- In a significant move, India and France agreed to strengthen defence and security partnership by enhancing intelligence and information sharing, bolstering mutual capabilities, expanding military drills and pursuing new initiatives in maritime, space and cyber domains.
- India and Israel signed a pact aimed at spurring innovation and speeding up the development of dual use technologies by small and medium sized firms in both countries.
- India and United States have agreed on a transitional approach on Equalisation Levy 2020.
- India and Nepal inked a Memorandum of Understanding for reciprocal recognition of COVID vaccination certificate to significantly ease the travel woes for fully vaccinated people from the two neighboring countries.

MoU Industry/States/Others:

- Ministry of Rural Development has signed an MoU with Flipkart to help empower local businesses and self-help groups (SHGs) especially those that are led by women by bringing them into the e-commerce fold.
- Niti Aayog and the World Bank are working together to facilitate a program for faster and easier financing of electric vehicles (EV) after high-street banks seemed lukewarm due to a small resale market, higher default probabilities and significant upfront costs.
- ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company has collaborated with Vega Helmets to provide a personal accidental policy on every online purchase of Vega Helmet to increase road safety awareness and inculcate the habit of protection.
- National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) has signed an agreement with the government of Uttar Pradesh to manage the Varanasi Milk Union for five years.
- Bamboo and Cane Development Institute (BCDI) of Tripura along with North East Centre of Technology Application and Reach (NECTAR) claimed to have developed the country's first-ever bamboo made cricket bat maintaining all the standard protocols used for manufacturing cricket bats.
- European Union and the German Federal Ministry of the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU) funded Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions (NAMA) Support Project titled 'Waste Solutions for a Circular Economy in India' will support Bengaluru in transition to low-carbon Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) Management technologies in line with circular economy principles which are based on design out waste and pollution, keep products and materials in use and regenerate natural systems.
- International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to further strengthen the cooperation between the two organisations in fighting corruption and crime in sport.
- National High-Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRCL), signed an MoU with Japan Railway Track Consultant Co Limited (JRTC) for the designs of High-Speed Rail (HSR) track works.
- Leading stock exchange BSE has collaborated with the All India MSME Association (AIMA MSME) to encourage and promote the listing of MSMEs and startups.
- Maharashtra government signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Indian arm of the USA-based Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI) to support adoption of electric vehicles (EVs) in Maharashtra.

- Indian Institute of Technology-Guwahati (IIT) will collaborate with Oil India Limited (OIL) on the development and introduction of new technologies energy, and related sectors.
- Indian Oil Corporation and NTPC have signed an agreement for collaborating on renewable energy.
- Trade Promotion Council of India (TPCI) said it has inked an MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) with the Government of Navarra, Spain to further promote trade and investments between the two countries.
- Ministry of Tribal Affairs and Central Board of Secondary Education, CBSE jointly launched an online certificate course on Experiential Learning for the 21st Century for Eklavya Model Residential School and CBSE teachers.
- Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has entered into a partnership with Google India Pvt. Ltd. (GIPL) for piloting a social impact lending programme with financial assistance up to ₹1 crore at competitive interest rates to MSMEs.
- Meghalaya government has signed an MoU with the United Nations World Food Programme to streamline and strengthen the public distribution system in the state.
- Atal Innovation Mission, a flagship initiative of Niti Aayog has announced a collaboration with Vigyan Prasar to drive synergies between AIM's Atal Tinkering Labs and Vigyan Prasar's unique interactivity platform, Engage With Science.
- As a 5T initiative, the Department of Water Resources and the UNICEF signed a Letter of Agreement (LoA) in a ceremony presided over by department Principal Secretary Anu Garg for collaboration on communication and policy initiatives of the department.

Appointments and Resignations:

Name	Post
P C Mody	Secretary General of Rajya Sabha
Justice Ashok Bhushan	Chairperson of the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT)
Justice Ramalingam Sudhakar	President of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT)
Sheel Vardhan Singh	Chief of Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)
Atul Karwal	Chief of National Disaster Response Force (NDRF)
Sanjay Kumar Mishra	Director of Enforcement Directorate(ED)
Vice Admiral R Hari Kumar	25 th Chief of Naval Staff
Satya Narayan Pradhan	Director-General of Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB)
Arun Chawla	Director General of Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI)
Vivek Johri	Chairman of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs CBIC
Rajnish Kumar	Independent Director of Hero Motocorp
Lieutenant General Nav KKhanduri	General Officer Commanding (GOC) of the Indian Army's Western Command
Zubeen Garg	Brand Ambassador of Bandhan Bank in Assam
Sourav Ganguly	Chairman of the ICC men's Cricket Committee
Rahul Dravid	Brand Ambassador of Plaeto, a footwear brand for children
Ravi Shastri	Commissioner of Legends League Cricket (LLC)
VVS Laxman	Next National Cricket Academy Head
Salman Khan	Brand Ambassador of Vaccination Drive in Maharashtra
Amitabh Bachchan	Brand Ambassador of Amway India
Harshwanti Bisht	First woman president of the Indian Mountaineering Foundation (IMF)

CS Venkatakrishnan	CEO of Barclays
Parag Agrawal	CEO of Twitter
Bimal Patel	Member of UN's International Law Commission
Praveen Sinha	Delegate for Asia on the Executive Committee of the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL)
Daniel del Valle	High Representative for Youth of International Human Rights Foundation (IHRF)
Shombi Sharp, USA	UN Resident Coordinator in India
Daniel Bruhl	Goodwill Ambassador for the United Nations World Food Programme WFP
Morinari Watanabe	President of International Gymnastics Federation
Geoff Allardice, Australia	Permanent CEO of the International Cricket Council
Abdalla Hamdok	Prime Minister of Sudan
Nicolae Ciuca	Prime Minister of Romania
Sheikh Sabah al-Khalid	Prime Minister of Kuwait
Petr Fiala	Prime Minister of Czech Republic
Daniel Ortega	President of Nicaragua
Rumen Radev	President of Bulgaria

- Centre issued a notification on extension of the tenure of Defence Secretary, Home Secretary, Director of Intelligence Bureau, Secretary of Research and Analysis Wing for the period of two years.
- Centre has brought ordinance to extend the tenure of Enforcement Directorate (ED) and Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) directors up to 5 years.

Awards and Recognitions:

Award Name	Person/Institution	Extra Knowledge
2021 Booker Prize for Fiction	Damon Galgut, South Africa	for his novel The Promise
Basavashree Award 2021	Puneeth Rajkumar	Late Kannada actor
'Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award 2020'	Priyanka Mohite	For her outstanding contribution in the field of land adventure
2021 KidsRights International Children's Peace Prize	Vihaan (17) and Nav Agarwal (14)	for tackling pollution from household waste
2021 JCB Prize for Literature	M. Mukundan, Malayalam writer	For his book Delhi: A Soliloquy
Karnataka Ratna Award	Puneeth Rajkumar	
12th Manipur State Award for Literature	Beryl Thanga	for his book ' Ei Amadi Adungeigi Ithat'
Lifetime Achievement Award from the Badminton World Federation (BWF)	Prakash Padukone	
ICC Mens Player of the October Month	Asif Ali, Pakistan	
ICC Womens Player of the Month	Laura Delany, Ireland	

Tata Literature Live! Lifetime Achievement Award for 2021	Anita Desai	
Poet Laureate award for 2021	Adil Jussawala	
Award for the city with the most sustainable transport system in the country	Kochi, Kerala	
National Book Award for Fiction	Hell of a Book	Authored by Jason Mott
ABU – UNESCO Peace Media Awards 2021	All India Radio and Doordarshan	Held at at Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia. All India Radio's programme 'Living on the edge – The coastal lives' won an award in the category of 'Ethical and Sustainable Relationship with Nature'. Doordarshan's programme 'DEAFinitely Leading the Way' won an award under 'Living Well with Super Diversity' category
Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development for 2021	NGO Pratham	
SKOCH GOLD Awards	School Education Department and Higher Education Department of West Bengal	
Startup India Grand Challenge 2021	Sascan Meditech, Start Up in Kerala	

Recognitions

Harbhajan Singh and Javagal Srinath have been announced among the 18 new Honorary Life Members of the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) alongside England players Sir Alastair Cook, Marcus Trescothick, Ian Bell and Sarah Taylor.
Sri Lankan great Mahela Jayawardena, former South Africa all-rounder Shaun Pollock and ex England batter Janette Brittin will be inducted into the ICC Hall of Fame.
Union ministry of home affairs (MHA) has recognised Bhattu Kalan police station of Fatehabad district in Haryana among the top three police stations in India in 2021. Also the Gangapur police station in Odisha's Ganjam district has been selected as one of the top three police stations in the country for the current year by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs.
Beauty startup Nykaa's founder Falguni Nayar has become India's wealthiest self-made female billionaire, according to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index.
Nepal Army Chief General Prabhu Ram Sharma was conferred the honorary rank of General of the Indian Army by President Ram Nath Kovind at a ceremony at the Rashtrapati Bhavan.
Director General of Border Roads Lt Gen Rajeev Chaudhry received the Guinness World Records certificate for the achievement of Border Roads Organisation of constructing and black topping the world's highest motorable road. It has been constructed at 19,024 feet at Umlingla Pass in Ladakh.
Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank (KVGB) was adjudged the best regional rural bank (RRB) under the

'Regional Rural Banks' category, in recognition of its initiatives in the sphere of digital financial services by the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM), Mumbai.
Sports Authority of India gave out its first-ever Institutional Awards to a total of 162 athletes and 84 coaches for their performance in national and international competitions.
Venezuela has set a new Guinness World Record for the largest orchestra with 8,573 musicians playing together for more than five minutes.
Indore has once again bagged the award for being India's cleanest city as President Ram Nath Kovind announced the 'Swachh Survekshan 2021' awards. Chhattisgarh has been awarded cleanest state in the annual cleanliness survey while Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh has won the cleanest Ganga town in the Swachh Survekshan 2021' awards.
National Health Mission, J&K received award for Swasthya Nidhi Survey App in the Health Category at fourth Digital Transformation Awards Summit titled 'Towards Integrated Digital Health Infrastructure' organized by Governance Now.
Dr S K Sohan Roy from Kerala, CEO, and founder of Aries Group of Companies has become the first Indian to be honoured with the Knighthood of Parte Guelfa for his humanitarian and Environmental protection efforts in business and movies.
Himachal Pradesh's Kamdhenu Hitkari Manch, Namhol in district Bilaspur has been selected as 'Best Milk Cooperative Society' and is being awarded 'Gopal Ratna' Award by the Ministry of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, Government of India.
The HUNAR HAAT, organized by the Ministry of Minority Affairs at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi, received the prestigious India International Trade Fair, 2021 Silver Medal for strengthening commitment to "Vocal for Local" and its strong presence at the Trade Fair.
Amazon, Asian Paints and Tata Tea have been named as the "most purposeful" brands in India 2021 in tech, non-FMCG and FMCG categories, the latest BrandZ India report by insights and consulting firm Kantar shows.

National Sports Awards 2021

Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Awards 2021 (Rs 25 Lakhs each)

- Neeraj Chopra (Athletics)
- Ravi Kumar (Wrestling)
- Lovlina Borgohain (Boxing)
- PR Sreejesh (Hockey)
- Avani Lekhara (Para Shooting)
- Sumit Antil (Para Athletics)
- Pramod Bhagat (Para Badminton)
- Krishna Nagar (Para Badminton)
- Manish Narwal (Para Shooting)
- Mithali Raj (Cricket)
- Sunil Chhetri (Football)
- Manpreet Singh (Hockey)
- Arjuna Awards (Rs 15 Lakhs each)
- Arpinder Singh (Athletics)
- Simranjit Kaur (Boxing)
- Shikhar Dhawan (Cricket)
- CA Bhavani Devi (Fencing)
- Monika (Hockey)
- Vandana Katariya (Hockey)
- Sandeep Himani Uttam Narwal Parab (Kabaddi)(Mallakhamb)
- Abhishek Verma (Shooting)

- Ankita Raina (Tennis)
- Deepak Punia (Wrestling)
- Dilpreet Singh (Hockey)
- Harman Preet Singh (Hockey)
- Rupinder Pal Singh (Hockey)
- Surender Kumar (Hockey)
- Amit Rohidas (Hockey)
- Birendra Lakra (Hockey)
- Sumit (Hockey)
- Nilakanta Sharma (Hockey)
- Hardik Singh (Hockey)
- Vivek Sagar Prasad (Hockey)
- Gurjant Singh (Hockey)
- Mandeep Singh (Hockey)
- Shamsheer Singh (Hockey)
- Lalit Kumar Upadhyay (Hockey)
- Varun Kumar (Hockey)
- Simranjeet Singh (Hockey)
- Yogesh Kathuniya (Para Athletics)
- Nishad Kumar (Para Athletics)
- Praveen Kumar (Para Athletics)
- Suhash Yathiraj (Para Badminton)
- Singhraj Adhana (Para Shooting)
- Bhavina Patel (Para Table Tennis)
- Harvinder Singh (Para Archery)
- Sharad Kumar (Para Athletics)

Dronacharya Award life-time achievement (15 Lakhs)

- P. Ouseph (Athletics)
- Sarkar Talwar (Cricket)
- Sarpal Singh (Hockey)
- Ashan Kumar (Kabaddi)
- Tapan Kumar Panigrahi (Swimming)

Dronacharya Regular (Rs 10 Lakhs each)

- Radhakrishnan Nair P (Athletics)
- Sandhya Gurung (Boxing)
- Pritam Siwach (Hockey)
- Jai Prakash Nautiyal (Para Shooting)
- Subramanian Raman (Table Tennis)
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Dhyan Chand Award (10 Lakhs)

- Sajjan Singh (Wrestling)
- Lekha K.C (Boxing)
- Abhijeet Kunte (Chess)
- Davinder Singh Garcha (Hockey)
- Vikas Kumar (Kabaddi)
- Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (MAKA) Trophy 2021: Panjab University – Chandigarh

Padma Awards 2021

119 Padma Awards will be presented by President this year. The list comprises 7 Padma Vibhushan, 10 Padma Bhushan and 102 Padma Shri Awards. 29 of the awardees are women, 16 Posthumous awardees and 1 transgender awardee.

Winner list

- Mr. Kovind presented Padma Bhushan to Gandhian Krishnammal Jagannathan, senior Jammu Kashmir leader Muzaffar Hussain Baig, veteran Gynecologist from Ladakh Dr Tsering Landol and business magnates Anand Mahindra and Venu Srinivasan. He also honoured English and Odia Author Manoj Das and Former Union Minister and former Goa Chief Minister Manohar Parrikar with Padma Bhushan posthumously.
- Prominent personalities who were given Padma Shri include Pulmonologist Digamber Behera, Environmentalist Tulsi Gowda, Singer Suresh Wadkar, TV series producer Ekta Kapoor, Filmmaker Karan Johar, Farmer and Sarpanch of model panchayat Popatrao Pawar, Sattriya dancer Indira PP Bora, Former Hockey Captain and Coach M P Ganesh, Bhajan singer and social worker Munna Master and Chaiti Ghoda dancer Utsab Charan Das. Convener of Bhopal Gas Peedit Mahila Udyog Sangathan, an advocacy group for victims, survivors and their families Abdul Jabbar was honoured with Padma Shri posthumously.
- Mr Kovind had honoured Former Union Ministers Arun Jaitley, George Fernandes, and Sushma Swaraj with Padma Vibhushan posthumously along with Classical singer Pandit Chhannulal Mishra. Badminton player P V Sindhu received Padma Bhushan. Prominent personalities who were given Padma Shri include Captain of women's hockey team Rani Rampal, Singer Adnan Sami, former head scientist of ICMR, Dr Raman Gangakhedkar, Actress Kangna Ranaut, Environmentalist Himmataram Bhambhu and veteran theatre and television artist, Sarita Joshi.

Conference and Summits:

Summit	Place/Host	Extra Knowledge
82nd Edition of All India Presiding Officers' Conference, AIPOC	Shimla, Himachal Pradesh	
North-East Education Conclave 2021	Guwahati, Assam	
5th East Asia Summit Conference on Maritime Security Cooperation	Kolkata	
1st International Conference on Hydrogen Energy – Policies, Infrastructure Development and Challenges	New Delhi	
7th edition of Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS) Conclave of Chiefs	Paris, France	
13th edition of the ASEM (Asia-Europe Meeting) Summit	Cambodia	Theme-Strengthening Multilateralism for Shared Growth
20th meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Council of Heads of Government (CHG)	Kazakhstan	

- Chief of Defence Staff General Bipin Rawat inaugurated the 14th edition of 'c0c0n', an annual Hacking and Cyber Security Briefing, which held virtually. The theme of this year's 'c0c0n' is – Improvise, Adapt and Overcome.

- Vice President Venkaiah Naidu inaugurated the 24th edition of Bengaluru Tech Summit, which is being conducted in a hybrid format, will witness participation of over 30 countries.
- The fifth World Congress on Disaster Management on the overarching theme of “Technology, Finance and Capacity for Building Resilience to Disasters in the Contexts of Covid-19” was organised the IIT Delhi campus.

International News:

- Oxford English Dictionary has announced ‘Vax’ as Word of the Year 2021 after words related to vaccines spiked in frequency this year.
- A new £5 coin to commemorate the life and legacy of Mahatma Gandhi has been unveiled by the UK Chancellor during the festival of Diwali.
- India is among 27 countries to sign up to a sustainable agriculture action agenda at the conclusion of the first week of the COP26 climate summit in Glasgow, laying out new commitments to make farming more sustainable and less polluting.
- United States of America has become the 101st member country to join the International Solar Alliance (ISA).
- WePOWER India Partnership Forum, held through a virtual platform launched the efforts to scale up the South Asia Women in Power Sector Professional Network (WePOWER) in India.
- India has successfully launched the 41st Scientific Expedition to Antarctica with the arrival of the first batch of its contingent at the southern white continent.
- China has surpassed the United States to become the richest nation in the world as global wealth tripled over the past two decades, according to a new report by the research arm of consultants McKinsey & Co.
- The number of people using tobacco globally decreased to 1.30 billion in 2020, from 1.32 billion in 2015, the World Health Organization WHO has reported.
- India has been reelected to the UNESCO Executive Board, one of the three constitutional organs of the United Nations, for the 2021-25 term.
- Barbados has become the first sovereign country with an embassy in the metaverse.
- With a newly formed defence alliance with Britain and the United States, AUKUS, Australia has formally embarked on a hotly contested programme to equip its naval forces with nuclear submarines.
- El Salvador is planning to build the world’s first “Bitcoin City”.
- Collins Dictionary announced that its Word of the Year is “NFT” — digital assets that exploded in popularity this year along with the rise of cryptocurrencies. The term stands for the acronym for “non-fungible token,”.
- India is among the six countries in South and South-East Asia that attracts most investments in the domestic seed sector from the global seed industry.
- India has made no progress on anaemia and childhood wasting according to the 2021 Global Nutrition Report (GNR, 2021) released recently.

National News:

- To make school students aware of the stories of bravery of Indian Armed Forces, recently the Ministry of Defence proposed that school students should be made to undertake the projects based on the valour of armed and paramilitary forces. Veer Gatha Project would be launched on CBSE IT platform for CBSE schools and for the state government run schools on MyGov platform.
- On the occasion of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas and marking the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh has dedicated to the nation “Sardar Patel Leadership Centre” at Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA) in Mussoorie. Union Minister of

Cooperation, Amit Shah has launched the Dairy Sahakar scheme with outlay of Rs 5000 crore at Gujarat's Anand with the overall objectives of doubling the farmers' income and Atmanirbhar Bharat. He also addressed Amul's 75th foundation day in Anand.

- Union Minister of State Dr Jitendra Singh launched India's first manned ocean mission Samudrayan at Chennai.
- Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya launched the nationwide expansion of the Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV), and said it will help reduce childhood mortality by around 60 per cent.
- Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan launched Bhasha Sangam initiative for schools, Bhasha Sangam Mobile App and Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat Mobile Quiz.
- The government has said that two crore 50 lakh rural Self Help Groups women will be provided livelihood support in the next two years. The Rural Development Ministry said, the government has launched an initiative to enable rural Self Help Groups women to earn at least one lakh rupees per annum.
- Ramky Enviro has inaugurated one of the world's first and India's largest landfill gas-to-compressed biogas plant at the Hyderabad Integrated Municipal Solid Waste (HiMSW) site.
- National Commission for Women (NCW), along with the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) launched a pan-India Legal Awareness Program for Women titled "Empowerment of Women through Legal Awareness" to impart practical knowledge about legal rights and remedies provided under various women related laws.
- Indian Railways will develop an Art Gallery with Souvenir Shop at Kevadiya Railway Station under Public-Private Partnership.
- Home Minister Amit Shah launched the 'Ayushman CAPF' Scheme health cards at the national level in New Delhi.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Initiative for the Resilient Island States (IRIS) for developing infrastructure of small island nations, saying it gives a new hope, a new confidence and satisfaction of doing something for the most vulnerable countries.
- Speaking at the COP26 global climate summit in Glasgow session on 'Accelerating Clean Technology Innovation and Deployment', PM Modi advocated for a global solar power grid by giving out a call for "one sun, one world, one grid".
- Centre has released 17,000 crore rupees as GST Compensation to States and Union Territories.
- The central government launched its 'Har Ghar Dastak' Covid-19 inoculation campaign for special house-to-house Covid-19 vaccination focussed on those whose second dose is overdue to accelerate the inoculation drive.
- The government has formed a technology innovation group on sixth generation (6G) standards for mobile networks to take the lead in the development of the next-generation technology globally.
- Prime Minister 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.
- India's first open-air theatre opened in Mumbai and will showcase the film Sooryavanshi featuring Akshay Kumar, Ajay Devgn, and Katrina Kaif in the lead role.
- Ministry of Tourism in its ongoing effort to strengthen the Hospitality & Tourism Industry has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC).
- Department of Expenditure under Ministry of Finance has released an amount of over 8,453 crore rupees as health sector grant for rural and urban local bodies of 19 States.

- Centre will release 95 thousand 82 crore rupees as tax devolution to States in the current month after including one advance instalment to help them push their capital expenditure.
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh unveiled a plaque to rename Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses after late Manohar Parrikar.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched key initiatives for the Janjatiya community on Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas Mahasammelan. Among the schemes introduced, the PM launched the 'Ration Aapke Gram' scheme in Madhya Pradesh, the Madhya Pradesh Sickle Cell Mission, and laid the foundation of 50 Eklavya Model Residential Schools across the country.
- Films Division will pay a cinematic tribute to the doyen of Indian Independence movement, popularly known as Punjab Kesari Lala Lajpat Rai on his 93th death anniversary.
- Union Minister for Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Giriraj Singh inaugurated 'Bhumi Samvaad' – a National Workshop on Digital India Land Record Modernisation Programme (DILRMP) at India Habitat Centre in the national capital.
- The government has signed a contract for procurement of two simulators at a cost of Rs 357 crore for imparting training to pilots of Jaguar fighter jets.
- The 52nd edition of the International Film Festival of India that is underway in Goa is a one-stop platform for movie lovers and film buffs to learn more about movies from around the world. Union Minister of Information and Broadcasting Anurag Singh Thakur inaugurated the Indian Panorama Section at the event.
- Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana – Gramin, PMAY-G completed five years.
- Enrollment of children in government schools has leaped from 65.8 per cent to 70.3 per cent over the last one year, according to the latest Annual Status of Education Report (ASER) survey.
- Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said the country's northeast, where people speak in at least 180 different languages, epitomise diversity, and Assam, being the gateway to the region, will be made a "laboratory" for mother tongue-based education.
- Cabinet approved the construction of 32,152 km of roads which are to be completed under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) in far-flung tribal and backward areas, including those affected by left wing extremism, at a cost of Rs 33,822 crore.
- Union Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Narayan Rane launched the Special Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme for Service Sector (SCLCSS) at Guwahati for promoting entrepreneurship and opportunities for MSMEs in the North-Eastern Region.
- Labour and Employment Minister Bhupender Yadav flagged off the first ever All India Domestic Workers Survey. The survey will cover 742 districts in 37 States and Union territories.
- Union Government has notified uniform goods and services tax rate at 12 percent on Man-Made Fibre (MMF), MMF yarn, MMF fabrics, and apparel.
- Renewable wood-based products can help combat climate change and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals, according to a new report by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations.
- Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) Earth Sciences; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh inaugurated "Tech NEEV/@75" as part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav and interacted with successful start-ups including those from the tribal communities on the occasion of Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas.
- Government has approved the proposals for Construction of three lakh 61 thousand houses under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban).
- Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs gave its approval for the continuation of the umbrella scheme, Ocean Services, Modelling, Application, Resources and Technology, O-SMART of Ministry of Earth

Sciences for implementation during the period from 2021-26 at an overall cost of 2 thousand 177 crore rupees.

- Union Cabinet has approved continuation of National Apprenticeship Training Scheme for next five years.
- Union Cabinet has approved the Privatization of Electricity Distribution and Retail Supply Business in the Union Territory of Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu.
- Indicating a demographic shift, the number of women surpassed men for the first time in India with the sex ratio being 1,020: 1,000, according to findings of the National Family and Health Survey-5.
- Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan inaugurated the state-of-the-art Centre for Nanotechnology (CNT) and Centre for Indian Knowledge System (CIKS) at IIT Guwahati. He also released a book on NEP 2020 implementation.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi called for adoption of future technologies for grass root policing requirements and development of inter-operable technologies which would benefit Police forces across the country.
- President of India, Ram Nath Kovind visited Sui village in the Bhiwani district of Haryana, to inaugurate various public facilities in the village. This village is being developed as Adarsh Gram (Model village) by Mahadevi Parameshwaridas Jindal Charitable Trust under the Swa-Prerit Adarsh Gram Yojana (SPAGY) scheme of the Haryana Government.
- Ministry of labour released a new series of Wage Rate Index (WRI) with base year 2016, being compiled and maintained by the Labour Bureau, an attached office of the ministry. The new series of WRI with base 2016=100 will replace the old series with base 1963-65.
- Railways is set to begin a third segment dedicated to the tourism sector and launch a set of around 190 theme-based trains called Bharat Gaurav trains.
- The 7th India International Science Festival (IISF) 2021 will be held in Panaji, Goa from 10th to 13th of December.
- Finance Ministry has allocated additional funds of ₹10,000 crore as an interim measure for the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) scheme.
- Union Minister Mansukh Mandaviya said about Rs 64,000 crore will be invested by the Centre in creating health infrastructure in the country over the next five years.
- Toll collection through FASTag recorded an all-time high of 214.23 million (about 21.42 crore) transactions in October worth Rs 3,356 crore.

State News:

Arunachal Pradesh

- For the first time, Arunachal Pradesh's cabinet meeting was held outside the state capital of Itanagar and at the Pakke Tiger Reserve in Pakke Kessang district instead.

Assam

- A strategic cyber intelligence centre of excellence (CoE) will be set up in Assam's largest city Guwahati.

Chhattisgarh

- National Tribal Dance Festival and Rajyotsava 2021 was held at Science College ground in Raipur, the capital of Chhattisgarh.

Delhi

- Delhi Cabinet approved a budget of Rs 1,544 crore under the Emergency COVID-19 Response Package to bolster health systems in order to be prepared for a possible third wave.

- The Government of Delhi launched the 'Shramik Mitra' scheme for construction workers.

Gujarat

- Gujarat government launched 'Niramay Gujarat Yojana' to screen and protect people above 30 years from non-communicable diseases.
- Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel launched 'Aatmanirbhar Gram Yatra' from Mahemdabad near Ahmedabad to reach out to the villages in the state.

Haryana

- Manohar Lal Khattar, Chief Minister (CM) of Haryana has launched the 'Uttam Beej portal' which will benefit the farmers of Haryana by providing quality seeds with transparency.
- Indian Oil Corp (IOC) said it will invest Rs 3,681 crore in setting up India's first mega-scale Maleic Anhydride Plant to manufacture value-added chemical products at its Panipat refinery and petroleum complex (PRPC) in Haryana.
- Union Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs & Petroleum and Natural Gas Shri Hardeep S. Puri unveiled the statue of Rani Lakshmi Bai at the Maharani Lakshmi Bai college for Women, Bhiwani Rohilla in Hisar (Haryana) through video conferencing.
- 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 for Science and Technology Dr. Jitendra Singh launched first of its kind, latest, world's most sophisticated MRI facility at the National Brain Research Centre (NBRC), Manesar in Haryana.

Jammu & Kashmir

- Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha inaugurated a two-day lengthy Apple Pageant-2021 organised in Srinagar within the digital presence of Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Narendra Singh Tomar.
- Union Power Minister R K Singh virtually inaugurated the diversion of Marusudar River of Pakal Dul Hydro Electric Project in Kishtwar.
- In the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, Army signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the University of Kashmir enabling the soldiers posted in J&K to seek admission in various courses.
- UNESCO has included Srinagar city of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir in its coveted list of Creative Cities Network (UCCN).
- Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman handed over credit sanction letters of Rs 306 crore to beneficiaries in Jammu and Kashmir and announced a host of initiatives, including a Rs 200 crore cluster development fund for the Union territory.

Karnataka

- Karnataka chief minister Basavaraj Bommai launched the 'Janasevaka' scheme offering 58 government services at the doorstep of citizens.
- Karnataka government at the cabinet meeting held 8 November, decided to rename the 'Mumbai-Karnataka' region as 'Kittur Karnataka'.

Kerala

- In a pioneering initiative to take tourism deep into the state's interiors and rural hinterland, Kerala Tourism launched the 'STREET' project in select spots in seven districts, which would help

visitors experience the diversity of offerings in these locales. STREET is an acronym for Sustainable, Tangible, Responsible, Experiential, Ethnic, Tourism hubs.

Madhya Pradesh

- Madhya Pradesh government has announced a scheme Mukhyamantri Awasiya Bhu-adhikar Yojna to provide free plots of land to families who don't own one, so that they can lead a dignified life.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated to the Nation various Railway projects in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh. He dedicated to the nation the redeveloped Rani Kamalapati Railway Station in Bhopal. Rani Kamalapati Railway Station is the first world-class model station in the country and has all the facilities that are available at international airports.
- Under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, the Cabinet has given its approval to start Mukhyamantri Udyam Kranti Yojana to connect educated youths of the State with self-employment.
- Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan announced to name Patalpani railway station near Indore and two other landmarks in that city after tribal icon Tantya Bhil.
- In Madhya Pradesh 'Urja Saksharta Abhiyan' would be launched to make all the citizens aware about energy saving.
- Madhya Pradesh Cabinet approved the proposal to create cyber tehsils, informed Home Minister Narottam Mishra, adding that the state will be the first across the country to do so.
- In Madhya Pradesh, the 'Kranti Surya Gaurav Kalash Yatra' is being launched from the birthplace of freedom fighter Jannayak Tantya Mama, Barod Ahir village of tahsil Pandhana in Khandwa district.

Maharashtra

- The Hingoli revenue department has handed over 225 hectare of land here in Maharashtra to authorities of the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory (LIGO) project for setting up the first such facility in the country.
- Indian Railways got first pod hotel at Mumbai Central station.

Manipur

- In Manipur, the State Government revived its initiative to deliver governance at doorstep and bring inclusive development in the state with launching the Go to Village 2.0 in Thoubal district.
- Union Minister of Textiles Piyush Goyal announced that the Ministry of Textiles has decided to set up a Handloom Village at Moirang of Manipur.
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah virtually laying the foundation stone of the Rani Gaidinliu tribal freedom fighters' museum at Luangkao Village in Tamenglong District of Manipur.
- Indian Railways is constructing the world's tallest bridge pier in Manipur which is a part of 111 km long Jiribam-Imphal railway project.

Meghalaya

- Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma inaugurated the newly created Eastern West Khasi Hills district which will be the 12th district of the state.
- Wangala Festival, also known as the 100 drum festival is celebrated with much zeal and enthusiasm in India's north-eastern state of Meghalaya.
- TechEagle, the Gurugram-based company, partnered the Meghalaya government and Smart Village Movement (SVM) to carry out India's first hybrid e-VTOL drone delivery of lifesaving drug.
- The three-day Shillong Cherry Blossom Festival 2021 was inaugurated by Chief Minister of Meghalaya, Conrad K Sangma.

Nagaland

- Nagaland DGP T. John Longkumer officially launched the 'Call your Cop' mobile App at Police Headquarters in Kohima.

Odisha

- Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik launched 'Rakshak' road safety initiative, under which 30,000 first responders will be trained by 300 master trainers across all 30 districts.
- Kartika Purnima (Boita Bandana) is celebrated on the full moon of the Kartika month where Odisha people across the State head for the nearest water body to set afloat tiny banana, paper or thermocol boats with diyas, betel leaves, crackers, fruits and coins.

Punjab

- Punjab Cabinet approved the 'Punjab Tissue Culture Based Seed Potato Rules-2021' to develop Punjab as a standard potato seed centre.
- Punjab Education Minister Pargat Singh unveiled a career portal aimed at providing professional guidance to students of schools and colleges of the State.

Tamilnadu

- Union Minister for Commerce, Industry, Food and Public Distribution Piyush Goyal virtually launched India's first Food Museum in Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu.

Telangana

- Bhadrachalam in Telangana has been added as one of the destinations in the Ramayana Circuit of the Pilgrim Special Train of IRCTC.
- Pochampally village in Telangana about 50 km has been selected as one of the best Tourism Villages by the United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO).

Uttarakhand

- India's first grass conservatory has been established in Uttarakhand's Ranikhet.
- State-level scheme sanctioning committee (SLSSC) approved drinking water supply schemes worth Rs 225.24 Crore for Uttarakhand.

Uttar Pradesh

- Uttar Pradesh cabinet approved the proposal for implementation of 'Mathrubhumi Yojana' to facilitate individuals or private institutions to contribute in the development of any village.
- An idol of Maa Annapurna that was stolen from Varanasi about 100 years ago and later found in Canada recently was handed over to the Uttar Pradesh government. The idol will be installed at the Kashi Vishwanath Temple.
- Uttar Pradesh's first anti-air pollution control tower opened in Noida.
- Varanasi will soon become the first Indian city to start ropeway service as a mode of public transport.

West Bengal

- Mamata Banerjee government in West Bengal launched the 'Duare Ration' (ration at doorstep) scheme which the administration said will benefit around 10 crores of people of the state.
- West Bengal's Food & Supplies department has launched a dedicated WhatsApp chatbot to make it easier for the citizens of the State to apply for a ration card, lodge grievances and get access to other critical resources.

Finance and Banking News:

- The government has approved 8.5% rate of interest on employees' provident fund for the 2020-21 fiscal.
- Federal Bank and Aditya Birla Health Insurance Co. Limited (ABHICL) have entered into a bancassurance partnership.
- Reserve Bank of India eased Current Account Rules for bank exposures less than five crore rupees allowing lenders to open current accounts, cash credit and overdraft facilities without any restriction.
- Yes Bank announced the launch of co-branded credit card FinBooster in partnership with BankBazaar.com.
- Axis Bank signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Indian Navy, offering a defence service salary package.
- State Bank of India (SBI), has announced the launch of a pre-approved 2-wheeler loan scheme 'SBI Easy Ride' through YONO.
- Bank of Baroda has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with NCDEX e Markets Ltd (NEML) to become a "clearing bank" for handling financial transactions in the NeML market place and procurement/auction platform.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has authorised Bandhan Bank as an agency bank for undertaking government business.
- RBI issued a revised Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) framework for banks to enable supervisory intervention at "appropriate time" and also act as a tool for effective market discipline. The revised PCA framework will be effective from January 1, 2022.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) recently published its 'Statement of Commitment to Support Greening India's Financial System – NGFS.
- With an aim to offer seamless life certificate submission experience for millions of pensioners (other than family pensioners), State Bank of India (SBI), has announced the launch of the Video Life Certificate (VLC) facility.
- Liberty General Insurance Ltd has partnered with PhonePe to offer motor insurance digitally.
- ESAF Small Finance Bank has launched State Level Local Sustainable Economic Development Training Programme in Kerala in collaboration with NABARD.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced its first global hackathon 'HARBINGER 2021 – Innovation for Transformation' with the theme 'smarter digital payments'.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed several restrictions on Maharashtra-based Babaji Date Mahila Sahakari Bank, including capping withdrawals at Rs 5,000 for customers, amid deterioration in the lender's financial position.
- Reserve Bank said that FPIs had been permitted to invest in debt securities issued by Infrastructure Investment Trusts (InvITs) and Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs).
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched two innovative customer-centric initiatives of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) namely RBI Retail Direct Scheme and the Reserve Bank – Integrated Ombudsman Scheme.
- A regional rural bank Kerala Gramin Bank in Kerala has come out with a novel motivational incentive KGB Kavacham by offering an additional interest rate on the deposits for its customers.

- Reserve Bank of India has removed restrictions, with immediate effect, imposed on Diners Club International regarding on-boarding of fresh domestic customers onto its card network.
- Axis Bank signed an MoU with the Army Insurance Group (AGI) to offer retail mortgage loans to the Indian Army.
- PGIM India Mutual Fund announced the launch of PGIM India Global Select Real Estate Securities Fund of Fund, an open-ended equity fund of fund scheme investing in PGIM Global Select Real Estate Securities Fund.
- Aadhar Housing Finance and UCO Bank have entered into a co-lending agreement to offer home loans at competitive interest rates.
- NPCI Bharat BillPay has tied up with ICICI Prudential Life Insurance to provide ClickPay to the insurer's customers.
- Jana Small Finance Bank has tied up with M1xchange, RXIL, A.TReDS. The partnership with Jana Small Finance Bank will now provide buyers and suppliers registered on all the TReDS platforms with a variety of options to secure funds by discounting invoices after sale.
- Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance has entered into a tripartite partnership with the India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) and the Department of Posts (DoP), launching two insurance products to tap the vast rural customers across the country.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed several restrictions on Laxmi Cooperative Bank Ltd, Solapur, including Rs 1,000 cap on withdrawals for customers, due to deterioration in its financial position.
- HDFC Bank announced its integration with the government's National Agriculture Market (eNAM) to enable digital collections and settlement of funds to various e-NAM beneficiaries.
- Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has launched the second window of Swavalamban Challenge Fund (SCF) with Green Bharat as prioritised theme.
- The corpus of the Payments Infrastructure Development Fund (PIDF) stands at ₹613.89 crore.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has introduced an Internal Ombudsman mechanism for select Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs).
- RBI directed that Deposit-taking NBFCs (NBFCs-D) with 10 or more branches and Non-Deposit taking NBFCs (NBFCs-ND) with asset size of Rs5,000cr and above having public customer interface to appoint Internal Ombudsman (IO) at the apex of their internal grievance redress mechanism within six months from the date of issue of the direction, except for the certain type of NBFCs.
- Kotak Mahindra Bank and PVR Cinemas launched a co-branded movie debit card.
- With an aim to support and promote Indian football, State Bank of India (SBI), has entered into a strategic partnership with JFC, the football club owned by Tata Steel.
- IndusInd Bank, announced the launch of 'Indus Merchant Solutions' a comprehensive mobile application to enable merchants, retailers and professionals to carry out banking transactions digitally, on a single platform.
- NSDL e-Governance Infrastructure, IT-enabled services provider, said it has received an in-principle approval from RBI to set up an account aggregator business under its wholly owned subsidiary, NSDL e-Governance Account Aggregator Ltd. NSDL e-Governance Infrastructure issues PAN cards and helps government agencies in e-governance projects.
- HDFC Bank announced the launch of micro-credit facility for street vendors, PM Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi), with common service centres (CSC).
- State Bank of India has entered into a co-lending agreement with fintech firm U GRO Capital to offer financing solutions to micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs).
- Mswipe has partnered with OneCard, a mobile-first credit card company, to offer no-cost Equated Monthly Instalments (EMIs) across its network of 250,000 retailers.

- BOB Financial Solutions Limited (BFSL), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Bank of Baroda (BoB) has partnered with National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) to launch BoB Credit Cards (Easy and Premier variants) on the RuPay platform.
- Network International, the leading enabler of digital commerce across the Middle East and Africa, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with NPCI International Payments Ltd (NIPL), the international arm of National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), to discuss their collaboration on acceptance of NIPL's mobile-based real-time payment system, Unified Payments Interface (UPI), in the United Arab Emirates (UAE).
- IDFC First Bank has partnered Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL) to facilitate fuel payments at their retail outlets using the bank's FASTags
- RBL Bank has been authorised by the Reserve Bank of India to collect direct taxes on behalf of the Central Board of Direct Taxes.
- Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) approved investing up to 5 percent of the annual deposits in alternative investment funds (AIFs) including infrastructure investment trusts (InvITs).
- Reserve Bank came out with a draft scheme for takeover of the crisis-hit bank Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative (PMC) Bank by the Delhi-based Unity Small Finance Bank (USFB).
- State Bank of India (Chennai circle) has inked a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Puducherry Cooperative Milk Producers Union (PONLAIT) to provide loan to individual dairy farmers.
- ICICI Bank has announced the launch of its online platform, 'Trade Emerge', to offer comprehensive digital banking and value-added services to exporters and importers across India.
- Equitas Small Finance Bank had HDFC Bank have partnered for co-branded credit cards.
- Access to credit in the country's most under-developed districts has grown rapidly following the introduction of the government's aspirational district programme with microfinance loan outstanding in these districts rising 2.6-fold in the three-and-a-half years. Microfinance portfolio outstanding in 112 of such districts stood at Rs 28,737 crore at the end of June, compared with Rs 11,175 crore as just before the launch of the programme in January 2018.
- Union Bank of India has entered into a co-lending partnership with Capri Global Capital, under which they will disburse loans to MSMEs.
- An internal working group of the Reserve Bank on the ownership and corporate structure of private sector banks has favoured allowing promoters to maintain any percentage of holding in the first five years– more than the present minimum of 40 per cent now favoured — and then capping it at 26 per cent after 15 years of operations.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a penalty of Rs 1 crore on State Bank of India (SBI) for contravention of provision of sub section (2) of Section 19 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.
- Paytm Payments Bank Limited announced the launch of Paytm Transit Card, keeping in mind the vision of one nation, one card.
- Life Insurance Corporation of India has received approval from the RBI to raise its stake in Kotak Mahindra Bank to up to 9.99%.

Business News:

- Mastercard has partnered with Lawrencedale Agro Processing India (LEAF) to launch LEAF Farmer Network (LFN), a digital platform to improve financial assess and inclusion among the farmers in the country.

- Microsoft overtook Apple to become the world's most valuable public company.
- Elon Musk's satellite internet division Starlink has registered its business in India.
- Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA), a PSU under the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy, on 3rd November launched a 'whistle-blower Portal', as a part of 'Vigilance Awareness Week 2021'.
- Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved HDFC Life Insurance's acquisition of 100 per cent shareholding in Exide Life Insurance.
- BSE has collaborated with private sector lender HDFC Bank to further encourage and promote the listing of startups and small and medium enterprises (SMEs) across India.
- Yahoo Inc. has announced that the company has stopped providing service in mainland China with effect from November 01, 2021 due to the increasingly challenging business and legal environment in the country.
- PhonePe has launched PhonePe SafeCard, a tokenisation solution for online debit and credit card transactions.
- Google's parent company Alphabet has launched a new company that aims to use artificial intelligence for drug discovery.
- IBM Corp. launched a client innovation centre in Mysuru, Karnataka, with support from the Karnataka Digital Economy Mission (KDEM) which aims to attract companies to set up operations in cities beyond Bengaluru.
- Children-focussed fintech, Junio, has launched a smart multipurpose card for pre-teens and teenagers on the RuPay platform.
- Meta has announced the launch of online resource centre 'Grow Your Business Hub', for small businesses to help find relevant information, tools, and solutions curated to cater to their business goals.
- National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI) under the aegis of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has gone digital by enabling digital payments on all its customer-facing websites for ease of use.
- Niyo, in association with SBM Bank India and Visa, now offers a digital savings account with Niyo Global.
- Fintech company BharatPe announced the launch of Merchant Shareholding Program (MSP) for its merchant partners.
- Mobile wallet and Buy Now Pay Later (BNPL) fintech company MobiKwik has collaborated with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and Axis Bank to launch "MobiKwik RuPay Card".
- SEBI has amended rules to introduce silver exchange traded funds, a move that will expand the options available for investing in commodities through stock exchanges.
- TVS Motor Company has joined the United Nations Global Compact, the world's largest sustainability initiative.
- Tata Projects Limited has received an order for a 400kV double circuit transmission line project valued at around \$120 million (around ₹900 crores) from the Power Grid Company of Bangladesh Limited (PGCB).
- Paytm Money has launched 'Voice Trading', powered by artificial intelligence, allowing users to place a trade or get information about stocks via single voice command.
- Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) has given the nod to Invesco CoinShares Global Blockchain ETF Fund of Fund (FoF), which will be India's first scheme that offers exposure to global companies participating in the blockchain ecosystem.

- Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services (Mahindra Finance) announced the launch of a lease-based vehicle subscription business 'Quiklyz' for the urban centres, eyeing a business of Rs 10,000 crore in the next 3-5 years.
- JPMorgan Chase (JPM.N) has once again been named the world's most important bank to the health of the wider financial system according to Financial Stability Board (FSB).
- NPCI Bharat BillPay – the wholly-owned subsidiary of the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) announced its integration with Tata Power, the country's largest integrated power utility on ClickPay – making it the first power company to go live on the newly launched platform.
- BOB Financial Solutions Ltd (BFSL), a wholly owned subsidiary of Bank of Baroda (BoB), has partnered with OneCard, to launch a co-branded mobile-first credit card.
- Bajaj Allianz General Insurance announced its partnership with deep-tech startup TropoGo for the distribution of a drone Insurance product.
- MakeMyTrip will partner with the Ministry of Civil Aviation to promote regional air connectivity through the UDAN scheme.
- Indian Oil, Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited announced the launch of Model Retail Outlet Scheme and a Digital Customer Feedback Program called Darpan@petrolpump.
- India's forex exchange reserves increased by USD 289 million to USD 640.401 billion for the week ended November 19.
- AI driven Health- tech company Fedo has announced a 'Health Savings Account', called Fedo HSA, in collaboration with neo bank Open.

Economy News:

- The digitisation drive and pandemic-induced emergence of the gig economy have led to a faster formalisation of the economy, with the share of the informal sector shrinking to just 15-20 per cent in 2021 from 52.4 per cent in 2018, according to an SBI Research report.
- The finance ministry has given its go ahead to 8.5% rate of interest on provident fund deposit for 2020-21.
- Brickwork Ratings revised its growth estimate for the country's gross domestic product (GDP) to 10-10.5 per cent in the current financial year from an earlier expectation of a 9 per cent growth.
- Gross Goods and Services Tax (GST) revenue collections in October (for sales in September) rose 23.7 per cent year-on-year to Rs 1,30,127 crore, the second highest revenue collection under GST ever since its rollout in July 2017 and the fourth consecutive month when collections crossed the Rs 1 lakh mark.
- World Economic Forum has propagated that a Green New Deal for India could represent upwards of a \$15 trillion economic opportunity by 2070 & that it has the potential to create more than 50 million net new jobs.
- Retail inflation inched up to 4.48 per cent in October due to an uptick in food prices, government data showed.
- RBI has projected the CPI inflation at 5.3 per cent for financial year 2021-22.
- Country's Index of Industrial Production, or IIP, grew 3.1% in September.
- The wholesale price-based inflation spiked to 5-month high of 12.54 per cent in October.
- India, world's largest recipient of remittances, received USD 87 billion in 2021.
- Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM) has projected a real rate of growth of 7 to 7.5 per cent and a nominal rate of growth of more than 11 per cent in 2022-23.

- SBI Research has upgraded India's GDP growth projection for financial year 2022 to the range of 9.3%-9.6% from its earlier estimates of 8.5%-9%.
- According to Goldman Sachs, Indian GDP will grow at 8.5 per cent in 2021-22, and the rate will accelerate further to 9.8 per cent in 2022-23.
- UBS Securities has revised upwards its growth forecast for the current fiscal to 9.5 per cent from 8.9 per cent in September. Moody's Investors Services said that India's economic growth is seen to rebound strongly in the next fiscal year. Moody's forecasts the country's GDP at 9.3% in 2022.
- India Ratings expects the economy to grow 8.3 per cent in Q2 and close the year with 9.4 per cent in FY'22.

Science & Technology:

- Indian Space Research Organisation- ISRO will soon provide the world a solar power calculator application that can measure solar energy potential of any region across the globe.
- Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and the Indian Air Force have jointly conducted two flight tests of an indigenously developed smart anti-airfield weapon in Rajasthan's Jaisalmer.
- China sent an Earth science satellite into space from the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center in the northern Shanxi Province. Developed by the Chinese Academy of Sciences, the satellite (SDGSAT-1) is the world's first space science satellite dedicated to serving the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
- Australian Space Agency announced plans to send an Australian-made rover to the Moon by as early as 2026, under a deal with NASA.
- Astronaut Wang Yaping, a crewmember of China's Shenzhou-13 mission, became the first woman from the country to walk in space.
- Japan launched a small, low-cost Epsilon rocket carrying nine satellites.
- Indian Navy got its fourth submarine INS Vela under Project 75 after completing all trials at the sea. Project 75 includes the construction of six submarines of Scorpene design. These submarines are being constructed at Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) Mumbai, under collaboration with M/s Naval Group, France.
- Union Minister of State Civil Aviation General V.K. Singh (retd.) launched India's first Centre for Excellence in Research on Drone/UAV Technology and Artificial Intelligence at Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati.
- A new SpaceX Crew Dragon capsule carrying four astronauts including Indian origin Raja Chari to the International Space Station (ISS) as part of the company's Crew-3 mission has docked successfully at the orbiting lab.
- Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia launched eGCA, the e-governance platform of Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA).
- In a first-of-its-kind initiative by a brokerage in India, Geojit Financial has launched a platform for Non-Resident External (NRE) and Non-Resident Ordinary (NRO) categories of investors to open online trading and demat account services through Central Depository Services Ltd (CDSL).
- South Korea demonstrated a system for controlling urban air mobility vehicles (UAM).
- As part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, Law Minister Kiren Rijiju launched Citizens' Tele Law Mobile App and felicitated frontline functionaries at a function in New Delhi.
- Scientists at the Ahmedabad-based Physical Research Laboratory (PRL), under the Department of Space, have discovered a new exoplanet orbiting too close to an evolved or aging star with a mass of 1.5 times that of the Sun and located 725 light years away.

- In a major boost to the Indian Navy, INS Visakhapatnam was commissioned by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh at the Naval Dockyard in Mumbai. It is the first stealth-guided missile destroyer ship of Project 15B and a crucial step for the Navy to demonstrate its indigenous capability to build complex combat platforms.
- A Russian hypersonic missile Zircon has been successfully test-fired from a nuclear submarine for the first time.
- Science and Technology Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh has launched India's first Virtual Science Lab for Children under CSIR Jigyasa Programme, which will also connect students with scientists across the country.
- Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) here has become the first airport in South Asia to commission a Rosenbauer Tactical Simulator which allows firefighters to train in a realistic environment and be battle-ready for extreme aircraft fire emergency.
- Double Asteroid Redirection Test (DART), a new mission was launched by NASA to test technology for defending Earth against potential asteroid or comet hazards.
- INS Vela, the fourth Scorpene-class submarine was commissioned into the Indian Navy, a short while ago, in the presence of Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Karambir Singh, at the naval dockyard in Mumbai.
- Shiyen-11 satellite was launched aboard a Kuaizhou-1A carrier rocket from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre in the Gobi Desert in Inner Mongolia.
- Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for the Ministry of Science and Technology, Dr Jitendra Singh inaugurated Project SWADESH. The project SWADESH is a first of its kind large-scale multimodal neuroimaging database designed specifically for the Indian population.
- Skyroot Aerospace, a Hyderabad-based space technology startup, has test fired India's first privately developed fully cryogenic rocket engine named Dhawan-1 successfully demonstrating the technology that will power the upper stages of its upcoming Vikram-2 orbital launch vehicle.
- Indo-German Science and Technology Centre, IGSTC has launched a first-of-its-kind programme called Women's Involvement in Science and Engineering Research, WISER.

Defence News:

- Indian Air Force's Mirage 2000 aircraft squadron is taking part in the Blue Flag 2021 international exercise which was launched in Israel.
- Defence Ministry approved the procurement of arms and military equipment worth Rs 7,965-crore, including 12 light utility helicopters from Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
- Air forces of India and Egypt conducted a two-day exercise 'Desert Warrior' at the latter's El Berigat airbase to enhance mutual understanding and share operational experience.
- Indian and Thai navies began a three-day coordinated patrol in the Andaman Sea amid growing concern over China's increasing maritime forays into the Indian Ocean region.
- The sixth edition of Indo France joint military exercise 'EX-SHAKTI 2021' is being conducted at the French port town of Frejus.
- Indian Naval Ship INS Karmuk and an indigenously built Missile Corvette is participating in the 3rd edition of India, Singapore and Thailand Trilateral two day Maritime Exercise SITMEX – 21 in Andaman Sea.
- The Indian Army and Air Force carried out a joint exercise 'Operation Hercules' to assess their logistics supply chain.
- Indian Navy conducted a security exercise, called "Prasthan", in the Offshore Development Area (ODA) off the coast of Mumbai.

- 15th edition of the Maldives, India, and Sri Lanka biennial Trilateral Exercise 'Dosti', held in the Maldives is set to conclude.
- Indian Army's Pune-based Southern Command concluded a four-day multi-agency exercise 'Sagar Shakti' involving army, navy, air force, coast guard, Border Security Force and Gujarat state security in Kutch's Creek sector.
- Indian Navy participated in the first-ever Colombo Security Conclave (CSC) Focused Operation to enhance maritime security in the Indian Ocean region, along with Sri Lanka and the Maldives.

Sports:

Tournament	Winner	Other news
Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy T20 Title	Tamil Nadu	Beat Karnataka
5th Rujna Zora Chess Tournament, Serbia	P Iniyan	
World Deaf Judo Championship	J&K team for deaf	held at Paris Versailles, France
Men's Doubles Title of the World Table Tennis Contender Tunis	G. Sathiyam and Harmeet Desai	Beat France's Emmanuel Lebeson and Alexander Cassin
Malaysian Open Squash Championship	Saurav Ghoshal	Beat Miguel Rodriguez First Indian to win
2021 ICC T20 World Cup	Australia	Beat New Zealand Here are the full list of award winners: 1. Man of the Match: Mitchell Marsh 2. Player of the Tournament: David Warner – 289 runs
Singles Title on ATP Challenger Tour at ATP80 Manama Event	Ramkumar Ramanathan	
6th Paris Masters Title	Novak Djokovic	Beat Daniil Medvedev
Erste Bank Open ATP title 2021	Alexander Zverev	Beat Frances Tiafoe
WTA Finals Titles Womens'	Garbine Muguruza, Spain	Beat Anett Kontaveit
Mexican Grand Prix	Max Verstappen	
Brazilian Grand Prix 2021	Lewis Hamilton	
Qatar Grand Prix 2021	Lewis Hamilton	

- All India Football Federation (AIFF) approved Kerala as the venue for the women's national championship to be held from November 25 to December 9.
- The senior women's national football championship is all set to kick off from November 28 in four venues across Kerala. The championship will conclude on December 9.
- India is set to host the first-ever yogasana world championship in June next year. It was said by NYSF president Udit Sheth at the opening ceremony of India's first Physical National Yogasana Sports Championships in Bhubaneswar.
- Akash Kumar (54kg) secured India's first medal at the ongoing AIBA Men's World Championships by advancing to the semifinals with a superb win over former Olympic silver-medallist Yoel Finol Rivas of Venezuela. Akash became only the seventh Indian male boxer to secure a world championship medal.
- Parmjeet Kumar became the first Indian para-powerlifter to win a medal in World Championships as he claimed a bronze at the ongoing edition in Tbilisi, Georgia.

- Manu Bhaker in partnership with Olympic champion Javad Foroughi of Iran won the mixed air pistol gold in the President's Cup shooting championship in Wroclaw, Poland.
- 18-year-old Sankalp Gupta from Nagpur became India's 71st Grandmaster.
- Mitrabha Guha has become India's 72nd chess Grand Master.
- In Table Tennis, Indian pair of Manika Batra and Archana Girish Kamath clinched the women's doubles title in the WTT Contender tournament in Lasko, Slovenia.
- Unmukt Chand is set to become the first Indian cricketer to play in Australia's Big Bash League.
- Rohit Sharma became the third batter in men's T20 Internationals to score 3000 runs in the T20 World Cup clash against Namibia.
- West Indies allrounder Dwayne Bravo announced retirement from international Cricket after T-20 World Cup.
- Pakistan fast bowler Wahab Riaz is planning to retire from international cricket after the 2023 World Cup in India.
- Pakistan pacer Usman Khan Shinwari announced his retirement from the longest format to "prolong his cricket career".
- AB de Villiers has announced his retirement from all forms of cricket.
- Erik Kynard was upgraded to a 2012 Olympic high jump gold medal after original gold medalist Ivan Ukhov of Russia was previously stripped for doping.
- Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has joined iconic British racing team Jaguar Racing as title partner, ahead of the 2021/22 ABB FIA Formula E World Championship.
- 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.
- India will face Australia in the opening match when women's cricket makes its debut at the 2022 Commonwealth Games on July 29 while the final will be played on August 7.
- Pakistan after more than two decades with the country set to host the 2025 Champions Trophy. United States and West Indies will co-host of the 2024 T20 World Cup.
- India will get to host three ICC events in the next cycle, including the 2026 T20 World Cup and 2031 50-over World Cup, where the country will be Co-hosts along with Sri Lanka and Bangladesh respectively. India will also host the 2029 Champions Trophy singularly.
- International Cricket Council (ICC) has decided that India and Bangladesh will jointly host the 2031 ICC Men's Cricket World Cup.
- BCCI secretary Jay Shah has announced that the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2022 will be played in India.
- Asian Paralympic Committee (APC) announced that Tashkent will host the 2025 Asian Youth Para Games.
- India finished the inaugural ISSF President's Cup with five medals, including two Gold, two Silver and one Bronze.

India's winner list:

Gold:

1. Manu Bhaker – 25m Rapid Fire pistol Mixed Team competition
2. Manu Bhaker – 10m air pistol mixed team competition

Silver:

1. Rahi Sarnobat – women's 25m pistol silver individual competition
2. Saurabh Chaudhary – Men's 10m Air Pistol individual competition

Bronze:

1. Abhishek Verma – Men’s 10m Air Pistol individual competition.

India bagged a total of seven medals- one gold, four silvers and two bronze at the Asian Archery Championships 2021 held in Dhaka.

- In the women’s recurve final, the Korean team of Ryoo Su Jung, Oh Yejin and Lim Haejin defeated the Indian trio of Ankita Bhakat, Ridhi Phor and Madhu Vedwan 6-0. In men’s final, the Korean trio of Leo Seungyun, Kim Pil-Joong and Han Woo Tack outclassed the Indian team of Pravin Jadhav, Parth Salunkhe and Kapil 6-2.
- In the bronze-medal match, the mixed recurve team of Ankita Bhakat and Kapil clinched bronze after a 6-0 win against Uzbekistan.
- Jyothi Surekha Vennam clinched the gold medal in the women’s individual compound while 2017 Asian champion Abhishek Verma won silver in the men’s event. Jyothi Surekha Vennam and Rishabh Yadav also had to settle for silver in the compound mixed team, losing 155-154 to South Korea’s Choi Yonghee and Kim Yunhee.

List of winners of 2021 Indonesia Masters Badminton

1. Men’s Single – Kento Momota (Japan)
2. Women’s Single – An Seyoung (South Korea)
3. Men’s Double – Takuro Hoki and Yugo Kobayashi (both of Japan)
4. Women’s Double – Nami Matsuyama and Chiharu Shida (both of Japan)
5. Mixed Double – Dechapol Puavaranukroh and Sapsiree Taerattanachai (both of Thailand)

Committee:

Head of Committee	Purpose
Abhay Karandikar (By SEBI)	IT Projects Advisory Committee that will advise the markets regulator on projects aimed to utilise advanced technologies such as artificial intelligence, machine learning, data analytics, and cloud computing
Rajiv Gauba (20- member Empowered Group of Secretaries (EGoS))	to monitor the development and implementation of PM Gati Shakti NMP
G K Pillai	for the determination of RoDTEP rates for exports from special economic zones (SEZs) and export-oriented units (EOUs)
Jayant Kumar Dash (By RBI)	on digital lending through online platforms and mobile apps
Ratan P Watal	Central Vista Oversight Committee to directly oversee the Rs 20,000 crore project for a period of two years

- Central Board of Trustees (CBT) which is the apex decision-making body of Employees’ Provident Fund Organization, EPFO has approved constitution of four sub- committees comprising members of the Board from employees, employers’ side as well as from representatives of the Government side on different matters.
- Two committees on Establishment related matters and futuristic implementation of Social Security Code will be headed by the Minister of State Labour and Employment Rameswar

Teli. The remaining two committees on Digital capacity building and Pension related issues will be headed by Labour and Employment Secretary Sunil Barthwal.

Rankings:

<i>Index</i>	<i>India's Rank</i>	<i>Other Information</i>
Global Drug Policy Index 2021	18 th	Top- Norway
Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) released by Germanwatch	10 th	Highest/4 th - Denmark
Global Bribery Risk Rankings 2021 by TRACE	82 nd	Top- Denmark (Lowest Bribery)

- Union Minister for Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal launched the 3rd edition of the Logistics Ease Across Different States (LEADS) report, 2021. Gujarat has been adjudged as the Best Performing State while Uttar Pradesh is the top improver.
- NITI Aayog under the Indo-German Cooperation has released the inaugural Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Urban Index and Dashboard 2021-22. Shimla tops the Index followed by Coimbatore and Chandigarh.
- India now ranks third in the world in organ donation and transplantation as the total number of organ transplants done per year in the country has increased to 12,746 in the year 2019 according to a report by Global Observatory on Donation and Transplantation (GODT).

Loans from Banks/Countries:

<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Purpose</i>
Asian Development Bank (ADB)	India	USD 250 million (about Rs. 1,875 crore)	to support India's National Industrial Corridor Development Program (NICDP)
Asian Development Bank (ADB)	India	\$61 million	to improve livability, harness technology, and promote new developments to accommodate the expanding population in the city of Agartala, India
Asian Development Bank	India	300 million dollar	to strengthen and improve access to comprehensive primary health care in urban areas of 13 states
Asian Development Bank	India	USD 1.5 billion (around Rs 11,185 crore)	for COVID-19 vaccine procurement
Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)	India	USD 150 million	for implementation of the Sustainable
Export-Import Bank of India (Exim Bank)	India	\$100 million	Urban services program for Chennai metropolitan area (CMA)
World Bank	Andhra Pradesh	Rs 770 crore USD 250 million	for domestic manufacturers of Covid-19 vaccines or related products for Inland Water Transport department in Assam for a school education project

Deadlines/ Important Dates/Years:

- India will achieve net zero emissions latest by 2070.
- The International Maritime Organization (IMO) — the UN body charged with delivering international shipping's strategy on tackling climate change — has a target to cut emissions by 50 per cent by 2050.

- To achieve the objective of providing Housing to All by 2022, the Centre rolled out the revamped rural housing scheme, PMAY-G was launched on 20th November 2016.
- Union Cabinet has approved the extension of Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana till March 2022.
- Delhi airport will become a net zero carbon emission facility by 2030.
- Minister of State for Fisheries and Information & Broadcasting Dr. L. Murugan said that the government has targetted to increase marine exports from the country to one lakh crore rupees by 2024-25 fiscal.
- Centre has set a target of achieving Rs 1 lakh crore export from the fisheries sector by 2024-25.

Rankings (Persons, Cities, Organisations and Others):

- Of the world's top 10 cities with the worst air quality, three – Delhi, Kolkata and Mumbai, are in India, data from air quality and pollution city tracking service from IQAir, a Switzerland-based climate group showed.
- In a great achievement for the Jammu and Kashmir Police, the Union Ministry of Home Affairs adjudged Basant Garh Police Station in Udhampur district of Jammu division as 'one among 10 Best Police Stations' in the country in the Annual Ranking of Police Stations for the year 2021. As per an assessment by the Ministry of Home Affairs, the Sadar Bazar Police Station of North Delhi tops the list of best-performing Police Stations followed by Gangapur in Odisha's Ganjam.
- The levels of popular satisfaction with the quality of policing is reported to be highest in Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Assam, Kerala, Sikkim, Mizoram, and Gujarat, according to 'IPF Citizen Satisfaction Survey on SMART Policing, 2021'
- Telangana was adjudged best performer in inland fisheries, while Andhra Pradesh was named the best marine state in the country by the Centre. Balasore in Odisha was named the best marine district, and Balaghat in Madhya Pradesh received the award for the best district in inland fisheries.
- A quarter of India's population is still poor, according to the first National Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) released by the NITI Aayog. Bihar has the highest proportion of people who are poor (51.91%), followed by Jharkhand (42.16%), Uttar Pradesh (37.79%) and Madhya Pradesh (36.65%). Kerala, Goa, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu and Punjab have registered the lowest poverty rate among all states and are at the bottom of the index.
- Quacquarelli Symonds, global higher education think-tank and compilers of the world's most- consulted university rankings portfolio, released the QS Asia University Rankings 2022 recently for the continent's best higher education institutions. The top three Indian universities to feature on the Asia Rankings are IIT Bombay (Rank 42), IIT Delhi (Rank 45), and IIT Madras (Rank 54).

QS Asia University Rankings 2022: Top 5

1. National University of Singapore (NUS)-Singapore
2. Peking University- China (Mainland)
3. Nanyang Technological University (NTU)- Singapore
4. University of Hong Kong (HKU)- Hong Kong SAR
5. Tsinghua University- China (Mainland)

Books:

Book	Author	Other Info
John Lang: Wanderer of Hindoostan,	Amit Ranjan	

Slanderer of Hindoostanee, Lawyer for the Ranee		
The Story of the First Civilizations: From Mesopotamia to the Aztecs	Subhadra Sen Gupta	
Not Just Cricket: A Reporter's Journey	Pradeep Magazine	
The Cinema of Satyajit Ray	Bhaskar Chattopadhyay	
The Sage with Two Horns: Unusual Tales from Mythology	Sudha Murty	
Modern India	Poonam Dalal Dahiya	
Finding A Straight Line Between Twists and Turns – An Imperfect, Yet Honest Reflections on the Indian Tax Landscape	Aseem Chawla	
Bangla version of the book 'Operation X'	Capt MNR Samant and Sandeep Unnithan	This book is about the naval commando operation jointly launched by the Indian Navy and the Mukti Bahini of Bangladesh was launched in Dhaka
Nehru: The Debates that Defined India	Tripurdamani Singh and Adeel Hussain	
Sunrise over Ayodhya – Nationhood in our Times	Salman Khurshid	
Finding A Straight Line Between Twists and Turns	Aseem Chawla	
Uddna Baaz	Navdeep Singh Gill	A biography on Olympian Gurbachan Singh Randhawa
Sunrise Over Ayodhya: Nationhood in Our Times	Salman Khurshid	
The Disruptor: How Vishwanath Pratap Singh Shook India	Debashish Mukerji	
Shuttler's Flick: Making every match count	Pullela Gopichand and Priya Kumar	Autobiography of Pullela Gopichand
Unshackling India: Hard Truths and Clear Choices for Economic Revival	Ajay Chhibber and Salman Anes Soz	
Lal Salaam	Smriti Zubin Irani	
Cooking to Save your Life	Abhijit Banerjee	
Conversations: India's Leading Art Historian Engages with 101 themes, and More	BN Goswami	
Contested Lands: India, China and the Boundary Dispute	Maroof Raza	
Resolved: Uniting Nations in a Divided World	Ban Ki Moon	
The Ambuja Story: How a Group of Ordinary Men Created an Extraordinary Company	Narotam Sekhsaria	

- Mr Bhupender Yadav released a booklet titled 'Response to Covid – 2.0.' He also released another booklet titled 'Nirbadh: seamless service delivery.'
- Army Chief Gen. Manoj Naravane released the book titled "Bangladesh Liberation@50 Years: Bijoy' with Synergy: India-Pakistan War 1971".

Name	Profession
Anand Shankar Pandya	Renowned author
Mannu Bhandari	Eminent Hindi writer
Sananta Tanty	Eminent Assamese Poet
Peer Mohammed	Noted Mappila song (Mappilapattu) artist
Gurmeet Bawa	Renowned Punjabi folk singer
Shiva Shankar Master	Popular choreographer
Dr M Krishnan Nair	Eminent oncologist
Balwant Moreshwar Purandare	Noted historian and Padma Vibhushan awardee
Abon Borpujari	Former news reader of All India Radio
Koneru Ramakrishna Rao	Former chancellor of GITAM deemed-to-be University and former vice-chancellor of Andhra University (AU)
Tarak Sinha	Eminent Cricket Coach and Dronacharya Awardee
Hasan Azizul Haque	Acclaimed short-story writer and literary figure of Bangladesh
Novy Kapadia	Veteran football commentator
James Fenn	Former Kerala Santosh Trophy football player
Alan Davidson	Australian Cricket legend
Peter Philpott	Former Australia all-rounder
Ahmad Shah Ahmadzai	Afghanistan's former prime minister
FW de Klerk	Former South African President
Wilbur Smith	Legendary novelist
Robert Bly	Prominent Minnesota Poet
Stephen Sondheim	Veteran songwriter

Important Days

Date	Day	Extra Info
November 1	World Vegan Day	
November 2	National Ayurveda Day	celebrated every year on the auspicious occasion of Dhanteras
November 2	International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists	
November 5	World Tsunami Awareness Day	In 2021, World Tsunami Awareness Day promotes "Sendai Seven Campaign," target.
November 6	International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict	
November 7	National Cancer Awareness Day	
November 8	International Day of Radiology	
November 8	World Urbanism Day	
November 9-14	International Week of Science and Peace (IWOSP)	
November 9	National Legal Services Day	

November 10	World Science Day for Peace and Development	Theme- Building Climate-Ready Communities
November 11	National Education Day	to commemorate the birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the first education minister of independent India
November 11(2 nd Thursday of November)	World Usability Day	Theme- Design of our Online World: Trust, Ethics, and Integrity
November 12	World Pneumonia Day	
November 12	Public Service Broadcasting Day	
November 14	Children's Day	celebrated every year to mark the birth anniversary of India's first Prime Minister Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru
November 14	World Diabetes Day	Theme- Access to Diabetes Care – If Not Now, When?
November 16	National Press Day	
November 16	International Day of Tolerance	Theme- Tolerance is respect, acceptance, and appreciation of the rich diversity of our world's cultures, our forms of expression, and ways of being human
November 16	Audit Diwas	
November 15-21	National Newborn Week	Theme- Safety, quality, and nurturing care – birthright of every newborn
November 17	National Epilepsy Day	The month of November is observed as 'National Epilepsy Awareness Month'.
November Wednesday)	17(Third World COPD Day	Theme- Healthy Lungs – Never More Important
November 18-24	World Antibiotic Awareness Week (WAAW)	Theme- Spread Awareness, Stop Resistance
November 18	National Naturopathy Day	
November (Thursday)	18(Third World Philosophy Day	
November 19	Guru Nanak Jayanti	This year marks the 552nd birth anniversary of Guru Nanak, 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)	World Day of Remembrance	Theme- ACT for LOW SPEEDS /ACT for
	for Road Traffic Victims	LOW-SPEED STREETS
November 24	Martyrdom Day of Guru Tegh Bahadur	celebrated as Shaheedi Divas of Guru Tegh Bahadur across the country
November 25	International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women	Theme- Orange the World: End Violence against Women Now!

November 26	Constitution Day	celebrated as Constitution Day or Samvidhan Diwas. On this day in 1949, the constitution was adopted which came into force on January 26, 1950.
November 26	National Milk Day	to commemorate the birth anniversary of the Father of India's White Revolution, Dr. Verghese Kurien
November 27	12th National Organ Donation Day	
November 30	Day of Remembrance for all Victims of Chemical Warfare	
November 29	International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People	

6. Union Cabinet approved the declaration of 15 November, the birth anniversary of Birsa Munda, as 'Janjatiya Gaurav Divas'.



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