



DECEMBER 2021

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Important Days

Date	Day	Extra Info
December 1	World AIDS Day	Theme- End inequalities. End AIDS and End Pandemics
December 1	57th Raising Day of Border Security Force(BSF)	
December 2	National Pollution Control Day	observed in the memory of people who lost their lives in the Bhopal gas disaster in 1984.
December 2	World Computer Literacy Day	
December 3	International Day of Persons with disabilities	Theme- Leadership and participation of persons with disabilities
December 4	National Navy Day	Theme- 'Swarnim Vijay Varsh'
December 4	International Day of Banks	
December 5	World Soil Day	Theme- Halt soil salinization, enhance soil production
December 5	International Volunteer Day (IVD)	Theme- Volunteer now for our common future
December 7	International Civil Aviation Day	Theme- Advancing Innovation for Global Aviation Development
December 7	National armed forces flag day	
December 8	South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Charter Day	
December 9	International Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide and of the Prevention of this Crime	
December 9	International Anti-Corruption Day	Theme- Your right, your role: say no to corruption
December 10	Human Rights Day	Theme- EQUALITY – Reducing inequalities, advancing human rights.
December 11	International Mountain Day	Theme- sustainable mountain tourism
December 11	UNICEF Day	theme for this year is to help children recover from interruptions and learning losses experienced through pandemics in the last two years
December 12	International Universal Health Coverage Day	Theme- Leave No One's Health Behind: Invest in health systems for all
December 12	International Day of Neutrality Nupur Lal Day by Manipur	
December 14	National Energy Conservation day	
December 15	International Tea Day	
December 16	Vijay Diwas (also called Victory Day)	50 th edition
December 18	International Migrants Day	Theme- Harnessing the potential of human mobility
December 18	Minorities Rights Day	
December 18	World Arabic Language Day	Theme- The Arabic Language and Civilizational Communication
December 20	International Human Solidarity Day	
December 20-25	Good Governance Week	Theme- "Prashasan Gaon Ki Aur"
December 22	National Mathematics Day	celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversary of Mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan
December 23	National Farmers' Day/Kisan Divas	to commemorate the birth anniversary of the fifth Prime Minister of India, Chaudhary Charan Singh
December 24	National Consumer Rights Day	
December 25	Good Governance Day (Sushasan Divas)	Nation celebrates the birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna and former-Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee
December 27	International day for Epidemic Preparedness	

1. India and Bangladesh will jointly observe Maitri Divas or friendship day on December 6 in Dhaka and New Delhi and 18 countries around the world, including Russia, Saudi Arabia and the US.
2. Fifth Siddha Day was celebrated by AYUSH Ministry.

MOU/Agreement Countries:

- India and the EU have agreed on a detailed work programme until 2023 to implement the 2016 EU-India Clean Energy and Climate Partnership with a focus on increasing technical cooperation in the area of energy efficiency, renewable energy, cooperation within the International Solar Alliance and green hydrogen.
- India and the UK explored the possibility of cooperation in the outer space domain.
- India and Uzbekistan have decided to promote interregional cooperation between their respective states with an eye on improving overall economic partnership.
- Cabinet has approved the Treaty on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters between India and Poland.
- Vietnam signed a Letter of Intent to establish partnership in Digital Media. It was signed by Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting Anurag Thakur and Vietnam's Minister of Information and Communication Nguyen Manh Hung.
- India and the US have announced a new program supporting innovations to tackle climate and clean energy challenges. The program titled 'Technology-based Energy Solutions: Innovations for Net Zero' constitutes a call for Ignition Grants by the United States-India Science and Technology Endowment Fund.
- India and the Philippines are set to formally seal a government-to-government BrahMos deal soon.

MOU Industry/States/Others:

- Walmart and its subsidiary Flipkart announced they will sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Madhya Pradesh government to create an ecosystem of capacity building for MSMEs in the state.
- NITI Aayog announced the launch of 'e-Sawaari India Electric Bus Coalition' in partnership with Convergence Energy Service Ltd (CESL) and World Resources Institute, India (WRI India), with support from Transformative Urban Mobility Initiative (TUMI).
- Ministry of Defence (MoD) entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Institute of Teacher Education (IITE) Gandhinagar to facilitate training to teachers of Sainik Schools.
- Karnataka Department of Youth Empowerment & Sports has signed a Letter of Understanding with UNDP (United Nations Development Programme) as part of the state-level initiative 'Code-Unnati' with the aim of improving access to entrepreneurship and employment opportunities among the youth, including women.
- IIT Delhi recently signed an MoU with the Indian Air Force (IAF) for various developmental projects to support the requirements of the IAF.
- Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) has tied up with Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) to scale-up Alkaline Electrolyze technology for Green Hydrogen production.
- Odisha government's Department of Mission Shakti signed an agreement with the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) to empower women economically and drive gender equality in the state.
- Meta (formerly Facebook) will expand its partnership with the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) to provide a curriculum on digital safety and online well-being and augmented reality (AR) for over 10 million students and 1 million educators in the country over the next three years.
- Andhra Pradesh government is joining hands with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), and Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), to help farmers take up sustainable agri-food systems.
- Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has signed six agreements with four countries for launching foreign satellites during 2021-2023.
- TVS Motor Company (TVS.M.NS) will develop electric vehicles (EV) with BMW's motorcycle brand in India, joining a host of Indian automakers that have sought to expand their clean mobility offering.

- PFC, India's leading NBFC in the power sector, signed an agreement to lend Rs 275 crore for deployment of 350 electric buses across nine cities of Uttar Pradesh.
- Tata Motors has joined hands with the Maharashtra government to support setting up of a registered vehicle scrapping facility (RVSF) in the state.
- Gujarat Alkalies and Chemicals Limited (GACL) and GAIL (India) Limited (GAIL) have joined hands to set-up a Bioethanol plant of 500 KLD capacity in Gujarat
- Edelweiss General Insurance (EGI) has tied up with digital payments major PhonePe to offer digital motor insurance products.
- NITI Aayog has signed a Statement of Intent with United Nations World Food Program for the mainstreaming of millets and supporting India in taking lead globally in knowledge exchange.
- Karnataka Gramin Bank (KGB), sponsored by Canara Bank, has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Care Health Insurance Ltd to market health insurance products for customers of the bank across 22 districts of Karnataka.
- Mastercard and Google announced the rollout of tokenization that will enable Google Pay users to safely transact using their Mastercard credit and debit cards.
- ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company, one of India's leading private general insurance companies, has collaborated with Clove Dental, India's largest network of oral clinics to offer dental insurance.
- Jammu and Kashmir government signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with University College Birmingham (UCB) at India Global Forum, Dubai to explore potential progression opportunities through institutional partnership with vocational colleges and universities in the valley.
- NITI Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission, and the United Nations Capital Development Fund rolled out their first AgriTech Challenge cohort for its innovative Agri-tech program.
- NITI Aayog has entered into an agreement with United Nations World Food Program (WFP) to address issues related to inclusion of millets in government programmes.
- SIDBI has signed a memorandum of understanding with the government of West Bengal to develop the MSME ecosystem in the state.
- Karnataka government's e-Governance department has partnered with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and State Bank of India (SBI) for enabling and implementing 'e-RUPI', a cashless and contactless payment solution to students under its scholarship programme.

Appointments and Resignations:

Name	Post	Other Info
Sunil Arora	Board of advisers for the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance	
Chandra Prakash Goyal	Director-General of Forests & Special Secretary (DGF&SS), Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change	
Sanjiv Mehta	President of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)	
Nageswar Rao Y	Administrator of Reliance Capital board	
Lt Gen Manoj Kumar Mago	Commandant of National Defence College (NDC), New Delhi	
Sambit Patra	Chairman of India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC)	
Ganji Kamala V. Rao	MD of India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC)	
Pradip Shah	Chairman of the National Asset Reconstruction Company (NARCL)	
Ravinder Bhaker	Chairman of National Film Development Corporation (NFDC), Films Division, and Children Films Society of India (CFSI)	
Alka Upadhyaya	Chairperson of the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)	

Mohit Jain	President of The Indian Newspaper Society	succeeds L Adimoolam
Manoj Mukund Naravane	Chairman of Chiefs of Staff Committee	
Vikram Misri	Deputy National Security Advisor	will succeed Pankaj Saran
Sanjay Arora	Additional Charge of Chief of Sasastra Seema Bal	
Sanjay Jain	Chief Executive of India Debt Resolution Company (IDRCL)	
Arvind Kumar	Director General of Software Technology of India (STPI)	
Harjinder Singh	Chef de Mission of the India's contingent for the upcoming 2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing	
Atul Dinkar Rane	DG for BrahMos Aerospace	
Atul Kumar Goel	MD & CEO of Punjab National Bank (PNB)	
Ittira Davis	MD, CEO of Ujjivan Small Finance Bank (SFB)	
Vasudevan Pathangi Narasimhan (PN)	MD, CEO of Equitas Small Finance Bank	
Rajeev Ahuja	MD, CEO of RBL Bank	Succeeded Vishwavir Ahuja
HO Suri	MD of IFFCO-TOKIO General Insurance	
Kamlesh Gandhi	Co-Chairman of Finance Industry Development Council (FIDC)	
Radhika Jha	Chief Executive Officer (CEO) at Energy Efficiency Services Ltd. (EESL)	
Praveen Kumar	Director General & Chief Executive Officer (DG&CEO), Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA)	
Puneet K. Bahl	Commandant, Indian Naval Academy, Ezhimala	
Sanjay Dutt	Brand Ambassador of Arunachal Pradesh	for 50th year celebrations
Ravindra Jadeja	Brand Ambassador of Kinara Capital	
Neeraj Chopra	Brand Ambassador for Disney Byju's Early Learn App	
Vijay Raaz and Varun Sharma	Brand Ambassadors of EaseMyTrip	
Rishabh Pant	Uttarakhand's Brand Ambassador	
Saurav Ghosal	Professional Squash Association's (PSA) Men's President	
PV Sindhu	Member of the Badminton World Federation's (BWF) Athletes' Commission till 2025	
Gita Gopinath	Deputy Managing Director of International Monetary Fund	
Anupam Ray	India's next Permanent Representative to the UN Conference on Disarmament in Geneva	
Anil Menon	SpaceX's first flight surgeon	
Naomi Kawase	UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador	first Japanese woman to hold this post
Catherine Russell	Executive Director of UNICEF	Replaced Henrietta Fore
Dr. Ahmed Nasser Al Raisi, UAE	President of INTERPOL	
Mohammed ben Sulayem	President of the International Automobile Federation (FIA)	became the first non-European to be elected
Magdalena Andersson	First Female Prime Minister of Sweden	
Adama Barrow	President of Gambia	
Xiomara Castro	First female President of Honduras	

Gabriel Boric	Chile's youngest ever president	
Olaf Scholz	Germany's new Chancellor	
Karl Nehammer	Chancellor of Austria	

Resignations

Somalian Prime Minister Mohamed Hussein Roble has been suspended over corruption allegations.

Awards and Recognitions:

Award Name	Person/Institution	Extra Knowledge
International Press Institute (IPI) India Award for Excellence in Journalism-2021	Sreenivasan Jain and Mariyam Alavi of NDTV, and Lakshmi Subramanian and Bhanu Praksh Chandra of The Week	
Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay NIF Book Prize 2021	Naoroji: Pioneer of Indian Nationalism	Book by Dinyar Patel
56th Jnanpith Award 2020	Nilmani Phookan Jr.	Assamese poet
57th Jnanpith Award 2021	Damodar Mauzo	Konkani poet
Woman of the Year Award by World Athletics	Anju Bobby George	
Ciprian Foias Prize by the American Mathematical Society (AMS)	Nikhil Srivastava	
Young Geospatial Scientist' Award	Ropesh Goyal	in recognition of his unique contribution to developing the Indian Geoid Model and computation software
2022 Royal Gold Medal by Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA)	Balkrishna Doshi	
2021 DST-ICTP-IMU Ramanujan Prize for young mathematicians	Neena Gupta	
10th Annual Dr. Ida S. Scudder Humanitarian Oration	Azim Premji	Established by Christian Medical College Vellore (CMC) and the U.S.-based Vellore CMC Foundation
Ngadag Pel gi Khorlo or The Order of The Druk Gyaplo	Narendra Modi	This is highest civilian award of Bhutan
Global Entrepreneur of the Year Award– Business Transformation from The Indus Entrepreneurs (TiE)	Kumar Mangalam Birla	
UN Women's Award for Leadership Commitment 2021	Divya Hegde	
'Journalist of the Year' for 2020 posthumously by the Mumbai Press Club	Danish Siddiqui	
'Red Ink Awards for Excellence in Journalism', instituted by the Mumbai Press Club	Danish Siddiqui	
2021 Sushila Devi Award for Best Fiction Book by a Woman Author	Anukruti Upadhyay	
Time Magazine's 'Person of the Year' 2021	Elon Musk	
Miss Universe 2021	Harnaaz Sandhu	
PETA India's 2021 Person of the Year	Alia Bhatt	
Global Environment and Climate Action Citizen Award	Viral Desai	popularly known as Greenman
Time's 2021 Athlete of the Year	Simone Biles	

ICC Mens Players of the Month for November	David Warner, Australia	
ICC Womens Players of the Month for November	Hayley Matthews, West Indies	
BBC's Sports Personality of the Year for 2021	Emma Raducanu	
'President's Colour Award'	Himachal Pradesh Police	
President's Standard Award	22nd Missile Vessels Squadron of the Indian Navy	
Two DigiDhan awards instituted by the Union Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)	Karnataka Bank	
ET BFSI Excellence Awards 2021	DBS Bank India	
'Best Governed Company Listed Segment: Large Category' at the 21st edition of the ICSI National Awards for Excellence in Corporate Governance	HDFC Life	
'Most Innovative Best Practice' for financial inclusion at the coveted CII Digital Transformation Award 2021	HDFC Bank	
'Most Effective Bank-Fintech Partnership: Agile and Adaptable' at the IBSi-Global Fintech Innovation Awards 2021	Vayana Network and Federal Bank	
"Digital Innovation of the Year" award at Times Higher Education (THE) Asia Awards 2021	Jindal Global University (JGU)	
Golden Peacock Environment Management Award 2021	Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL)	
'Best Airport in India and Central Asia' this year by Skytrax	Indira Gandhi International Airport in Delhi	
Gold medal in the 40th India International Trade Fair (IITF)	Bihar	Held at New Delhi. Bihar is the partner state for the 40th IITF and the focus states are Uttar Pradesh and Jharkhand
Airline with the highest average passenger load factor on RCS flights by the Ministry of Civil Aviation	Star Air	
UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation	Nizamuddin Basti Project in Delhi	

Recognitions

The Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited (IFFCO) has been ranked 'number one Cooperative' among the top 300 cooperatives in the world.

Assam government will confer the state's highest civilian awards to industrialist Ratan Naval Tata, Olympian Lovlina Borgohain and an array of personalities from diverse fields. The state government has decided to confer Assam Baibhav, Assam Saurav and Assam Gaurav Awards, 2021 to 19 personalities and the award ceremony will be held on January 24, 2022.

ESAF Small Finance Bank Limited has received an Honorable mention in the constituted by the US- based SME Finance Forum. ESAF Small Finance Bank has received an Honorable mention in the Best Bank for Women Entrepreneurs category.

Haiderpur Wetland of Western Uttar Pradesh has been recognized as 47th Ramsar site in the country and 10th in Uttar Pradesh.

Brigadier Bhupesh Singh Hada, a National Security Guard commander and a recipient of several army medals, was crowned the 26th 'king of Bundi'.

Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) and the Ladakh Police successfully completed the scaling of two unnamed 6,000-metre height mountains in Eastern Ladakh.
Lewis Hamilton received knighthood at Windsor Castle. The Mercedes driver was made a Knight Bachelor by Prince of Wales Charles, during an investiture ceremony at Windsor Castle in Windsor.
Bank of Baroda has won the number one position in overall digital transactions among large banks for FY20-21.
For the second year in a row, IIT Roorkee has been selected by the prestigious Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for the Industrial Innovation Awards.
Reliance Industries Ltd, India's largest corporate by revenues, profits and market value, topped 2021 Wizikey News Score ranking as India's most-visible corporate in the media.
Three Indian-origin Canadians have been bestowed with the Order of Canada, one of the country's highest civilian honours for their outstanding achievement, dedication to the community, helping in building a better nation and promoting bilateral ties between Canada and India. They are Dr Vaikuntam Iyer Lakshmanan, Bob Singh Dhillon, Dr Pradeep Merchant.

- Sahitya Akademi announced a list of 22 winners each of the Yuva Puraskar and the Bal Sahitya Puraskar for 2021.

Sahitya Akademi Award 2021:

1. Anuradha Sarma Pujari (Assamese)
2. Bratya Basu (Bengali)
3. Mwdai Gahai (Bodo)
4. Raj Rahi (Dogri)
5. Namita Gokhale (English)
6. Daya Prakash Sinha (Hindi)
7. DS Nagabhushana (Kannada)
8. Wali Mohd Aseer Kashtawari (Kashmiri)
9. Sanjiv Verenkar (Konkani)
10. George Onakkoor (Malayalam)
11. Kiran Gurav (Marathi)
12. Chhabilal Upadhyaya (Nepali)
13. Hrushikesh Mallick (Odia)
14. Khalid Hussain (Punjabi)
15. Meethesh Nirmohi (Rajasthani)
16. Vindeshwariprasad Mishr "Vinay" (Sanskrit)
17. Nirajan Hansda (Santali)
18. Arjun Chawla (Sindhi)
19. Ambai (Tamil)
20. Gorati Venkanna (Telugu)

Sahitya Akademi Yuva Puraskar 2021:

1. Abhijit Bora (Assamese)
2. Gourab Chakraborty (Bengali)
3. Gautam Daimary (Bodo)
4. Arun Akash Dev (Dogri)
5. Megha Majumdar (English)
6. Drashti Soni (Gujarati)
7. Himanshu Vajpai (Hindi)
8. L. Lakshmi Narayan Swamy (Kannada)
9. Razi Tahir Bhagat (Kashmiri)
10. Sharddha Garad (Konkani)
11. Amit Mishra (Maithili)
12. Mobin Mohan (Malayalam)
13. Lenin Khmancha (Manipuri)
14. Pranav Sakhadeo (Marathi)

15. Mahesh Dahal (Nepali)
16. Debabrata Das (Odia)
17. Veerdavinder Singh (Punjabi)
18. Swetapadma Satapathy (Sanskrit)
19. Kuna Hansdah (Santali)
20. Rakesh Shewani (Sindhi)
21. Thagulla Gopal (Telugu)
22. Umar Farhat (Urdu)

Bal Sahitya Puraskar 2021:

- Mrinal Chandra Kalita (Assamese)
- Sunirmal Chakraborty (Bengali)
- Ratneshwar Narzary (Bodo)
- Narsingh Dev Jamval (Dogri)
- Anita Vaccharajani (English)
- Devendra Mewari (Hindi)
- Basu Bevinagida (Kannada)
- Majeed Majazi (Kashmiri)
- Sumedha Kamat Desai (Konkani)
- Anmol Jha (Maithili)
- Raghunath Paleri (Malayalam)
- Ningombam Jadumani Singh (Manipuri)
- Sanjay Wagh (Marathi)
- Sudarsha Ambatey (Nepali)
- Digaraj Brahma (Odia)
- Kirti Sharma (Rajasthani)
- Asha Agarwal (Sanskrit)
- Sova Hansda (Santali)
- Kishin Khubchandani "Ranjayal" (Sindhi)
- Mu. Murugesh (Tamil)
- Devaraju Maharaju (Telugu)
- Kausar Siddiqui (Urdu)

Conference and Summits:

Summit	Place/Host	Extra Knowledge
4-day agriculture exhibition 'Agrovision'	Nagpur, Maharashtra	
5th Indian Ocean Conference	Abu Dhabi, UAE	Addressed by External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated a leadership Forum on Financial Technology (FinTech) via virtual conference.
- NITI Aayog in partnership with Bharti Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Bharti Enterprises, launched Convoke 2021-22.

International News:

- The world's first "floating city" will be built off the coast of South Korea by 2025 — and it will be hurricane-proof, flood-proof and self-sustaining.
- Merriam-Webster announced "vaccine" as its word of the year for 2021.
- Barbados has declared Rihanna a national hero after it has become the world's newest republic.
- India joined the G20 'Troika'. With this move, India has started the procedure for taking over the G20 presidency next year.
- Pakistan has been elected as the following Chair of the Group of 77 for the yr 2022 with Islamabad promising a improvement agenda specializing in debt restructuring, concessional financing, local weather finance and ending illicit

monetary flows.

- South Sudan's Government has promised to end child marriage by 2030.
- China launched the first USD 6 billion cross-border train of its multi-billion-dollar Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) from Laos.
- In line with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's announcement to achieve 500 GW of installed electricity capacity from non-fossil fuel sources by 2030 at COP26 Climate Conference, the government said it has already achieved 40% of the target.
- Cambridge Dictionary has announced perseverance as its Word of the Year 2021.
- United Nations General Assembly has granted Observer Status to the International Solar Alliance (ISA).
- India assumed the Chairmanship of Council of Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (RATS-SCO) in 2021 for a period of one year from October 28, 2021.
- India has been re-elected to the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) Council after elections were held at its Assembly in London for the 2022-23 biennium.
- United Arab Emirates announced to change its existing five-day workweek to a four-and-a-half day starting January 1, becoming the world's first country to make the employee-friendly transition as part of its efforts to improve productivity and work-life balance.
- Dubai has become the world's first government to turn 100% paperless.
- Malta became the first country in the European Union to agree to formally legalize the use and growing of marijuana for recreational purposes.
- India will chair the Counter-Terrorism Committee of UNSC in January 2022.
- The world's first dual-mode vehicle has hit the ground in the town of Kaiyo, Japan.
- Egypt has now become the fourth new member to be admitted to BRICS NDB.
- Russia has launched its third and final demonstration flight of the Angara A5 rocket.

National News:

- The government has estimated a saving of over ₹44,000 crore in fiscal 2020-21 with the help of the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mechanism.
- The government has approved the continuation of the Scheme for Investment Promotion (SIP) for five years (2021-26) with a financial outlay of Rs 970 crore.
- Jal Shakti Ministry has approved drinking water supply schemes of rupees over two hundred sixty- seven crore for Uttarakhand under the Jal Jeevan Mission.
- Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation Sergey Lavrov arrived in New Delhi for his official visit.
- Minister of State for Communications, Devusinh Chauhan released a commemorative postage stamp on the Mahindra group to mark 75 years of the company.
- Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar has informed that one lakh 60 thousand crore rupees has been transferred to the farmers in their bank accounts directly under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) Scheme so far.
- Social Justice and Empowerment Minister Dr Virendra Kumar launched Scheme for Residential Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Areas (SRESHTA) for socio-economic upliftment and overall development of Scheduled Castes students.
- Centre has initiated a Scheme for the Protection and Preservation of Endangered Languages of India.
- Union Cabinet has approved the funding and implementation of Ken-Betwa inter-linking of rivers project in its meeting. The Ken-Betwa linking project is estimated to be implemented at a cost of ₹44,605 crore at 2020-21 price levels.
- North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd (NEDFi) has introduced 'Atmanirbhar Hastshilpkar' scheme to support artisans in the Northeast region.
- NITI Aayog will soon set up 1,000 Atal Tinkering Labs, 187 by the end of the current financial year, in Jammu and Kashmir, said the Union Territory (UT) administration.
- Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has issued new rules for faceless collection of information from taxpayers, where mismatches are detected.
- The government approved a Rs 76,000-crore scheme to boost semiconductor and display manufacturing in the country in an bid to position India as a global hub for hi-tech production, and attract large chip makers.
- Cabinet has approved implementation of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana for 2021-26. The scheme will benefit about 22 lakh farmers, including 2.5 lakh Scheduled Caste and two lakh Scheduled Tribe farmers. An outlay of over ninety three thousand crore rupees will be spent.
- Cabinet has approved an incentive scheme for promotion of RuPay Debit Cards and low- value BHIM-UPI transactions.
- The government has accorded in-principle approval for setting up 21 Greenfield Airports across the country so far.

- French defence minister Florence Parly arrived in India on a two-day visit that is aimed at further strengthening the already close bilateral strategic ties.
- Government has approved a scheme to set up 100 Sainik Schools in partnership with NGOs, Private Schools and the State governments.
- Government has given in-principle approval for 10 plastic parks in the country with an aim to consolidate and synergize the capacities of the domestic plastic processing industry.
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh unveiled an India Post special day cover and a commemorative stamp marking the golden jubilee of India's victory during the 1971 Indo-Pak War, in New Delhi.
- At the Fuel For India 2021 event WhatsApp announced the Digital Payments Utsav – a pilot program that is going to adopt 500 villages in Karnataka and Maharashtra in an effort to “accelerate financial inclusion”.
- Centre has decided to raise the legal age of marriage of women from 18 to 21 years.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi participated in the Goa Liberation Day celebrations at Shyamaprasad Mukherjee Stadium in Taligao. He felicitated freedom fighters and veterans of ‘Operation Vijay’ at the function.
- India's rooftop solar capacity addition tripled to 1.3 GW during January-September 2021 as compared to the same period a year ago.
- Government has declared 19 thousand 535 villages as Sampurna Sukanya Gram under Sukanya Samridhi Yojana campaign till March this year.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi transferred Rs 1,000 crore to bank accounts of self help groups to benefit around 16 lakh women.
- Total number of beneficiaries under the Centre's financial inclusion scheme, Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY), has crossed the 44 crore mark.
- Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, agriculture is being given priority and 1 lakh 62 thousand crore rupees have been provided to 11.5 crore farmers in the country under PM Kisan Yojana.
- Bharat Biotech's Covaxin is likely to be the only Covid-19 vaccine available, for now, for children in the age group of 15-18 years, who will be inoculated from January 3.
- Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation has given approval to Corbevax vaccine, Covovax vaccine, and anti-viral drug Molnupiravir for restricted use in emergency situations.
- Women and Child Development Ministry has taken various measures to ensure development, care and protection of women and children. The Bill on Prohibition of Child Marriage (Amendment) Act, 2021 has been introduced in Lok Sabha this month for raising the age of marriage of women from 18 to 21 years.
- The government has approved the Production Linked Incentive, PLI Scheme for Textiles, with an approved outlay of 10 thousand 683 crore rupees over a five-year period.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the 356 Km long Bina Refinery (Madhya Pradesh)- POL Terminal at Panki (Kanpur, UP) Multiproduct pipeline project (capacity of 45 million metric tonnes per annum) with an outlay of Rs 1524 crore (Rs. 1227 crores in UP and Rs. 297 crores in MP).

State News:

Andhra Pradesh

- India's first Green Hydrogen Microgrid Projects to be set up at Simhadri near Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh.

Bihar

- Geographical Indications Registry (GIR) under the Central ministry of commerce has accepted the plea to rename Bihar Makhana as Mithila Makhana.

Delhi

- Delhi government launched the ‘Business Blasters’ programme, a first-of-its-kind televised event that will give students of classes 11 and 12 of schools run by it an opportunity to present their start-up ideas to investors and obtain investment capital to take them to the next level.
- Delhi Police Commissioner Rakesh Asthana launched an e-learning initiative ‘Unnati’ by the southwest district of the police force to help educate youths and impart skill training to school dropouts from the weaker sections of society.
- Union Environment Ministry has released Rs 11 crore to Delhi under the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) to cater to critical gaps in air pollution management.

Gujarat

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has laid the foundation stone of Umiya Mata Dham temple and temple premises under Maa Umiya Dham Development Project at Umiya Campus in Sola in Ahmedabad, Gujarat via video conference.

- Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel launched a health service management centre (HSMC) for monitoring various national and state-level health schemes. He also unveiled the website of the Gujarat Epidemic Response Management Information System (GERMIS) in Gandhinagar.

Haryana

- Haryana government has started Khel Nursery Scheme to promote sports in the state.
- Haryana Chief Minister, Sh. Manohar Lal launched the portal of Haryana Kaushal Rozgar Nigam along with the announcement of setting up of Atal Park and Smriti Kendra in Gurugram in the programme organized on the occasion of Good Governance Day.

Himachal Pradesh

- Himachal Pradesh will become the second BJP-ruled state after Madhya Pradesh to get a commission for the general category.

Jammu & Kashmir

- Tourism department Kashmir in collaboration with district administration Kulgam organised a day-long Aharbal festival in south Kashmir's Kulgam district.

Jharkhand

- Chief Minister Hemant Soren launched "Hamar Apan Budget" and a mobile application prepared by the state finance Department from the Chief Minister's residential office in Ranchi.
- Chief Minister of Jharkhand, Hemant Soren has launched a Sports Action toward Harnessing Aspiration of Youth (SAHAY) scheme aimed at nurturing young sporting talents in Maoist-hit districts of the state.

Karnataka

- Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, announced extending the Raitha Vidya Nidhi scheme for Class 8 and 9 girls as recent figures show a drop in their enrolment in rural areas.

Madhya Pradesh

- In Madhya Pradesh, World Sangeet Tansen festival began.

Maharashtra

- In principle approval has been accorded to a site in Maharashtra's Jaitapur for setting up six nuclear power reactors of 1,650 MW each in technical cooperation with France.
- Equitas Small Finance Bank Limited has been empanelled as a banking partner to the Government of Maharashtra with a view to offer its services to the state government employees.
- Maharashtra Tourism and Environment Minister Aaditya Thackeray launched mobile application Chalo mobile application and Chalo smart cards which will facilitate digital, and advance purchase of BEST bus tickets.

Nagaland

- Nagaland is celebrating its 59th Statehood day on December 1, 2021. CM Neiphiu Rio launched NIPUN Bharat Mission.
- The 22nd edition of Hornbill Festival has been celebrated with colourful renditions of traditional music, dances, and contemporary in one roof at Naga Heritage village Kisama.
- Nagaland Government has created three new districts namely Tseminyu, Nuland and Chumukedima. The state has now a total of 15 districts.

Odisha

- Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik launched air health service to fly specialists to four districts to address the needs of people.
- Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik inaugurated T-Setu, the State's longest bridge over Mahanadi in Cuttack district.

Punjab

- Punjab Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi declared the Shri Krishan Balram Rath Yatra as "state festival". The Chief Minister also announced Rs 2.51 crore for Ludhiana's Iskcon Temple.

Puducherry

- Puducherry Lieutenant Governor Dr Tamilisai Soundararajan inaugurated the River Festival 2021 at the villyanur

Thirukanchi Temple.

Rajasthan

- State-level Scheme Sanctioning Committee (SLSSC) has approved drinking water supply schemes worth one thousand 816 Crore rupees for Rajasthan.

Tamilnadu

- Tamil Nadu government announced 'Tamil Thaai Vaazhthu,' an invocation sung in praise of Mother Tamil, as the state anthem.
- Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin launched the 'CM Dashboard Monitoring System' at his office. It will enable him to track all welfare schemes, including the status of their implementation, fund allocation and the number of beneficiaries.
- Chief Minister M.K. Stalin launched 'Meendum Manjappai' scheme to promote the use of cloth bags by the public and discourage the use of plastic bags.

Telangana

- India's first International Arbitration and Mediation Centre opened in Hyderabad.

Uttarakhand

- Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami launched the 'Milk Price Incentive Scheme' which will benefit around 53,000 people in the state.
- Askot Wildlife Sanctuary in Uttarakhand's Pithoragarh has been finally declared as an Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ).
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has laid the foundation stone of SAINYA DHAM in Guniyal village of Dehradun to honour the defence personnel of Uttarakhand, who sacrificed their lives for the nation, ever since World War I.
- The government has released a second tranche of 360 Crore 95 Thousand rupees with an undivided focus to expedite the implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission in Uttarakhand.

Uttar Pradesh

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh. He also inaugurated a fertilizer plant and a new building of the Regional Medical Research Center of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) in Gorakhpur.
- UP Cabinet has approved a scheme aimed at boosting the agriculture sector, which will be implemented from the current financial year. In a meeting chaired by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, the Cabinet gave its nod to implement Atma Nirbhar Krishak Integrated Development Scheme in Uttar Pradesh from 2021-22.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the first phase of the Kashi Vishwanath Dham in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Saryu Nahar National Project in Balrampur, Uttar Pradesh.
- Uttar Pradesh government, led by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, became the third state after Chattisgarh and Delhi, launching a 'happiness curriculum' for primary classes.
- Uttar Pradesh launched the ambitious 'Free Smartphone Yojna' on the occasion of the birth anniversary of senior BJP leader and former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.
- Uttar Pradesh government has renamed Jhansi Railway Station as 'Veerangana Laxmibai Railway Station' after Rani Laxmibai.

West Bengal

- Durga Puja in Kolkata has been inscribed on the Intangible Heritage list by UNESCO.

Finance and Banking News:

- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) superseded the board of directors of Reliance Capital Ltd, belonging to the Anil Ambani group, in view of the defaults by RCL in meeting the various payment obligations to its creditors and serious governance concerns which the board has not been able to address effectively.
- Agriwise Finserv Limited, an agri-focussed NBFC, has entered into a co-lending agreement with Central Bank of India for agri-loan disbursal.
- State Bank of India (SBI) has signed an agreement with Usha International Limited (UIL) for empowering women entrepreneurs by providing financial assistance.
- DBS Bank India has introduced a paperless proposition for the financing of domestic invoices by buyers and sellers. The bank now digitally validates the e-Way Bill (i.e. proof of movement of goods) for the purpose of establishing the

genuineness of underlying trade transactions.

- IDFC FIRST Bank announced the launch of FIRST Private Infinite, the country's first-ever standalone metal debit card, in partnership with Visa, the global leader in digital payments.
- India1 Payments Ltd (formerly BTI Payments Pvt Ltd) has crossed the ATM deployment milestone of 10,000 White Label ATMs.
- States have budgeted to bring down their deficits by a full percentage point from last year.
- Kotak Mahindra Bank announced a tie-up with Europe-based payment and transactional service firm, Worldline, to enable equated monthly installments (EMIs) payments via Kotak debit cards in India.
- State Bank of India, the country's largest commercial bank, dual listed its \$650 million green bonds simultaneously on the India International Exchange (India INX) and Luxembourg Stock Exchange (LuxSE).
- State Bank of India (SBI) has recently inked an agreement with Adani Capital Private Ltd (Adani Capital), the NBFC arm of Adani Group, for co-lending to farmers for purchase of tractor and farm implements.
- Federal Bank has launched a feature-rich savings bank product Mahila Mitra Plus for women.
- Paytm Money has launched Portfolio Management Services (PMS) Marketplace for HNI (High Networth Individuals) investors.
- Kotak Mahindra Asset Management Company Ltd has launched India's first exchange-traded fund (ETF) based on the Nifty Alpha 50 Index, which tracks the performance of 50 stocks with high alphas in the past one year.
- Fintech lending platform KreditBee announced its partnership with Mswipe to offer fully digital 'cardless EMI' at leading retail stores. Through this partnership, KreditBee aims to expand its offline presence and enable purchases of more than ₹5 crore per month.
- Punjab National Bank (PNB) has launched PNB Pride-CRMD module tool, an android-based application for differently-abled employees, to monitor and effectively follow up with the special mention account (SMA) borrowers.
- To make daily transactions of its customers more secure and easier, J&K Bank launched its revised and refurbished Mobile Banking App mPay Delight for the public.
- Aditya Birla Health Insurance Co. Ltd. (ABHICL), the health insurance subsidiary of Aditya Birla Capital Limited (ABCL) – a significant non-bank financial services' conglomerate – has launched a new plan called Activ Health Essential, an affordable health solution plan for the special.
- PayPhi, Phi Commerce's API-first digital payments platform has become the first certified tokenization service for National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) to support the tokenization of RuPay cards.
- City Union Bank (CUB), in collaboration with National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and its manufacturing partner Sessaasai, has announced the launch of RuPay On-the-Go contactless wearable keychain for its debit card customers.
- ICICI Bank has partnered with Flipkart to offer an instant and completely digital overdraft (OD)
- facility of up to ₹25 lakh to individual sellers and businesses registered on the e-commerce platform.
- Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) kept the repo rate unchanged at 4 per cent for the ninth consecutive time. The reverse repo rate too was kept unchanged at 3.35 per cent. The Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) rate and bank rate also remained unchanged at 4.25 percent, bank rate at 4.25 percent, CRR at 4 percent and SLR at 18 percent. The projection for real GDP growth is maintained at 9.5 per cent.
- Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank (KVGB), a regional rural bank headquartered in Dharwad, has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Liberty General Insurance for selling general insurance products through 629 branches of KVGB.
- Aviva Life Insurance, a private insurance company, has announced the launch of Aviva Nivesh Bima.
- Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) has tied up with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) to launch its first credit card on card payment network RuPay.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has recognised Paytm Payments Bank as a scheduled bank, allowing it to expand its banking operations.
- Reserve Bank of India has approved the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) to raise its stake in IndusInd Bank by up to 9.99 per cent.
- Federal Bank has joined hands with Star Health and Allied Insurance Co Ltd as a corporate agent to provide a wide range of innovative health insurance products for the Bank's 8.90 million customers spread over 1,291 banking outlets across the country.
- Bank of Baroda (BoB) has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Centrum Housing Finance (CHFL) for sourcing and financing housing loan borrowers under co-lending model.
- India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) has tied up with National Payments Corporation of India's (NPCI) bill payments system Bharat BillPay to facilitate cash-based bill payments service at customer's doorstep.
- Kotak Mahindra General Insurance Company Ltd (Kotak General Insurance) and Vasai Vikas Sahakari Bank Ltd have announced a strategic alliance to provide the bank's customers access to a range of insurance solutions.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) made Legal Entity Identifier (LEI) mandatory for cross-border transactions for capital or

current account transactions of Rs 50 crore and above, from October 1 next year.

- Bajaj Allianz General Insurance, one of the leading private general insurers in India announced the launch of its '#Care4Hockey' campaign.
- Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has introduced a new plan Dhan Rekha with effect from 13 December 2021 which is a Non -Linked, Non-Participating, Individual Savings Life Insurance Plan.
- Bank of Baroda (BoB) has launched a solution for digital banking payments, named bob World Wave.
- Equitas Small Finance Bank (SFB) has tied up with Chola Mandalam MS General Insurance to launch a women-centric health insurance policy Chola Sarva Shakti.
- SBI Card, India's largest pure-play credit card issuer, announced the launch of a first-of-its-kind fitness & wellness-focused credit card – 'SBI Card PULSE'.
- Axis Bank in partnership with Swift is integrating different digitisation initiatives by government bodies and service providers to extend an end-to-end service to business clients.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has decided to put in place a prompt corrective action (PCA) framework for troubled non-banking finance companies to restore their financial health.
- FSS and CSB Bank have partnered to deliver hyperlocal banking services to financially underserved segments.
- Pine Labs, a merchant commerce platform, has partnered with AU Small Finance Bank, the country's largest small finance bank.
- PhonePe has become the first payments platform to tokenize cards on Visa, Mastercard and Rupay card networks.
- Catholic Syrian Bank (CSB) has tied up with online tax filing platform Clear (formerly ClearTax) to launch an income tax e-filing facility for its NRI customers.
- Union Bank of India (UBI) and Home First Finance Company India Ltd (HomeFirst) have entered into a strategic co-lending partnership to offer home loans to customers at competitive interest rates.
- Samunnati has entered into a co-lending agreement with IndusInd Bank to expand credit accessibility for farmer producer organisations (FPOs) across the country.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has thrown open the government agency business like tax collection to scheduled payment banks and scheduled small finance banks (SFBs). This is part of move to provide further scope to private banks to conduct government agency business.
- Bajaj Allianz General Insurance has unveiled Health Prime rider, an additional coverage that can be availed with its health insurance and personal accident policies.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has authorised RBL Bank to collect indirect taxes on behalf of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC).
- State Bank of India (SBI) has acquired a minority stake in JSW Cement by investing Rs 100 crore in the cement manufacturer via a compulsorily convertible preference shares (CCPS).
- U GRO Capital, an NSE & BSE listed MSME lending fintech platform has signed a co-lending agreement with Central Bank of India.
- Axis Bank said that The Oriental Insurance Company has been categorised to public category from promoter category shareholder in the bank.
- Punjab National Bank (PNB) has entered into a co-lending arrangement with Lendingkart Finance Limited as part of its efforts to improve the flow of credit to the unserved and underserved sector of the economy.
- UPI has emerged as favourite digital payment choice with over 22 billion transactions in financial year 2020-21.
- Indipaisa partnered with NSDL Payments Bank to launch a new Fintech platform targeting India's flourishing.
- IndusInd Bank has partnered with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) for offering real-time cross-border remittances to India using UPI IDs, for its Money Transfer Operator (MTO) partners.
- HDFC Bank has partnered with India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) to offer its banking services in semi-urban and rural areas.
- HDFC Life announced a bancassurance tie-up with South Indian Bank that will enable customers of the bank to avail a range of life insurance products of the insurer that include solutions for protection, savings and investment, retirement and critical illness.
- RBL Bank has extended the co-brand credit card partnership with Bajaj Finance Ltd for a period of five years up to December 2026.
- IndusInd Bank has announced the launch of 'green fixed deposits', whereby the deposit proceeds will be used to finance projects and firms supporting the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI), in its 'Trend and Progress of Banking in India 2020-21' report, has said scheduled commercial banks' (SCB) gross non-performing assets (NPAs) declined from 8.2 per cent at end-March 2020 to 7.3 per cent at end-March 2021 and further to 6.9 per cent at end- September 2021.
- Insurance intermediaries, including entities sponsored by them, can maintain current accounts in appropriate number of banks so as to meet regulatory requirements and reinsurance business.

- Federal Bank, India's leading Private Sector Bank signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), with Schwing Stetter (India) Ltd, a Subsidiary of Schwing GMBH, Germany, one of the largest manufacturers of Concrete and Construction equipment in India.
- Axis Bank has become the second-largest merchant-acquiring bank in the country.

Business News:

- Online bus ticketing platform redBus announced its foray into rail ticketing with the launch of redRail.
- The government approved sale of Central Electronics Ltd to Nandal Finance and Leasing for Rs 210 crore.
- HSBC India launched India's first credit card made from recycled PVC plastic.
- Paytm will train 6000 individuals over three years, to make them ready for the fintech domain. The tech company has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to this effect, with the Directorate of General Training (DGT), Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.
- Gujarat has pipped Maharashtra to emerge the largest manufacturing hub in the country, with the former's Gross Value Addition (GVA) in manufacturing growing 15.9 per cent annually on average between FY12 and FY20 to touch Rs 5.11 lakh crore, according to the data released by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- Paytm, has partnered with Amazon Web Services (AWS) to offer its startup toolkit to startups onboarded on AWS Activate, a program that offers startups free tools, resources, and more to quickly get started on AWS.
- Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) and Indian Ordnance Factories were among the top 100 global arms-producing and military services companies in 2020 according to SIPRI. The world top arms manufacturers are US-based companies: Lockheed Martin, Raytheon Technologies, Boeing, Northrop Grumman and General Dynamics.
- With a 13 per cent share of total Top 100 arms sales, Chinese arms companies had the second-highest volume of aggregated arms sales in 2020, behind US firms.
- To address the skills gap and empower India's workforce for a career in cybersecurity, Microsoft launched a cybersecurity skilling program that aims to skill over 1 lakh learners by 2022.
- Bharti Airtel, India's premier communications solutions provider, announced the launch of 'Airtel India Startup Innovation Challenge' in partnership with Invest India.
- IndiGo has signed an agreement with Dehradun-based Council of Scientific and Industrial Research- Indian Institute of Petroleum (CSIR-IIP) to manufacture and deploy sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) globally.
- Paytm announced the launch of Paytm Wealth Academy, a tech-powered educational platform.
- ICICI Prudential Life Insurance (IPRULIFE) has become the first Indian insurance company to sign the United Nations-supported Principles for Responsible Investment (UNPRI), demonstrating its commitment towards the environment, social and governance (ESG) issues.
- National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has announced its partnership with Udemy Business, a leading destination for learning and teaching online, to encourage continuous learning and skill development for its employees.
- Wipro will acquire Austin, Texas-headquartered Edgile for USD 230 million, a move that will strengthen the IT major's play in the cybersecurity services space.
- Akasa Air, which is set for launch next year, revealed its symbol and tagline that the airline said is inspired by elements of the sky. The symbol is 'The Rising A' and Akasa's tagline is 'It's Your Sky'.
- Paytm Payments Bank and MoneyGram, a global leader in digital P2P payments, have entered into a partnership to enable MoneyGram customers globally to send money in real-time to a Paytm Wallet user in India.
- SEBI has signed the enhanced multilateral memorandum of understanding (EMMoU) of the International Organization of Securities Commissions.
- Government has said that the market size of AYUSH has grown by 17 percent during 2014 to 2020 to reach 18.1 billion dollars.
- Bharti Airtel and IT major Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) have joined hands to build a 5G-based remote working technology using robotics.
- ICICI Prudential Life Insurance has launched 'ICICI Pru iProtect Return of Premium' offering life-stage based cover wherein the quantum of life cover is automatically adjusted based on the customer's life stages.
- India's green energy industry received foreign direct investment (FDI) worth \$7.27 billion from 2014-15 till June 2021, according to Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE).

Economy News:

- According to the government data by National Statistics Office released, GDP of the country grew by 8.4 percent from a year ago.
- Global trade is expected to reach \$28 trillion in 2021, up 23% from last year, according to a report issued by the UN.

Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).

- Goods and Services Tax (GST) collection in November grew 25 per cent to Rs 1.31 lakh crore.
- Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) pared its growth forecast for India from 9.7% estimated earlier to 9.4% for this fiscal.
- S&P Global Ratings has kept India's economic growth forecast in the fiscal year to March 2022 unchanged at 9.5%.
- The urban unemployment rate has increased to 9.3% in the January-March 2021 period from 9.1% in the year-ago period, according to a periodic labour force survey by the National Statistical Office (NSO).
- DBS has revised India's FY23 growth forecast upwards to 7 per cent year-on-year (y-o-y) (CY2022 6.5 per cent) from 6 per cent earlier.
- Fitch Ratings cut India's economic growth forecast to 8.4 per cent, from the previous 8.7 per cent for the current fiscal year (2021-22, or FY22).
- Asian Development Bank warned that the highly mutated Omicron coronavirus variant could have a "substantial" economic impact, as it trimmed its 2021 and 2022 growth forecasts for developing Asia.
- Global debt rose to a record \$226 trillion in 2020 as the world was hit by the raging Covid-19 pandemic and a deep recession according to IMF.
- India has registered the highest ever annual Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflow of 81.97 billion dollar in 2020-21.
- The finance ministry said that advance tax collection increased by 53.50 per cent to Rs 4.60 lakh crore so far this fiscal year.
- In its monthly Economic Review for November, Finance ministry said the real GDP in the second quarter of this financial year has grown by 8.4 percent.
- As per the Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS) report, despite a slump in economic activity in 2020 due to Covid pandemic, the industry is projected to reach 20.6 billion dollars in 2021 and 23.3 billion dollars in 2022.
- According to ICRA, Indian economy is expected to maintain a real GDP growth of 9.0% each in FY22 and FY23 amid the uncertainty triggered by the Omicron variant of Covid-19.
- India's annual wholesale inflation surged to 14.23% in November.

Science & Technology:

- China successfully launched a new communications satellite from the Xichang Satellite Launch Centre in southwest Sichuan Province. The satellite, ChinaSat 1D (Zhongxing 1D) was launched by a Long March-3B carrier rocket.
- Minister of State for Personnel Jitendra Singh launched a "unique" face recognition technology that would act as a proof of 'life certificate' for pensioners and ensure ease of living for the retired and elderly citizens.
- Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Singh Thakur and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath inaugurated Earth Station of Doordarshan Kendra in Gorakhpur.
- In Tripura, Union Minister for Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Giriraj Singh along with Minister of State Fagga Singh Kulaste inaugurated the National Generic Document Registration System and Banadhikar mobile application through virtual mode.
- Indian Navy launched 'Sandhayak', the first of the four large survey vessels, in Kolkata.
- Union Minister of State for Education, Dr Subhas Sarkar has informed that the government is all set to launch Bhasha Sangam mobile app.
- South Korean Defense Ministry has unveiled a model named Hycore for a hypersonic weapon prototype months after North Korea tested its own weapon.
- India successfully launched Supersonic Missile Assisted Torpedo System (SMAT) from Abdul Kalam island, formerly known as Wheeler Island, off the Odisha coast.
- The Indian Space Research Organisation has signed an agreement with Chinese smart devices maker Oppo's Indian arm to strengthen the research and development of the NavIC messaging service.
- Lokpal Chairperson Justice Pinaki Chandra Ghose inaugurated a digital platform for the management of complaints called 'LokpalOnline' that can be accessed by all citizens of the country and complaints can be filed from anywhere and at any time.
- The government has launched helpline with an aim to ensure a proper implementation of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989. National Helpline Against Atrocities (NHAA) will be available round the clock on toll-free number 14566 across the country.
- Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Indian Air Force (IAF) tested the indigenously designed and developed Stand-off Anti-tank (SANT) missile from Pokhran ranges.
- National Testing Agency (NTA), has launched a Mobile App namely 'National Test Abhyas' to facilitate candidates' access to high-quality mock tests online free of cost.

- The launch of the crewed Indian space mission, Gaganyaan, is being planned before the next Independence day in 2022 and this will be preceded by two uncrewed missions.
- India successfully tested the new generation nuclear-capable ballistic missile 'Agni P' from Dr APJ Abdul Kalam island off the Odisha coast.
- GIS based 'Automatic Water Supply System' for citizens of Cantonment Boards was recently launched by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on the occasion of Defence Estates Day 2021.
- Docprime Technologies, a wholly owned subsidiary of PB Fintech, has launched Docprime Health Locker, India's first Health Locker integrated with Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission.
- Indian Air Force (IAF) is deploying the first squadron of the S-400 air defence missile system in the Punjab sector.
- Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully conducted a flight test of indigenously-developed high-speed expendable aerial target 'Abhyas' off the Chandipur coast in Odisha.
- On Goa Liberation Day, Mormugao, the Indian Navy's second indigenous stealth destroyer of the P15B class, proceeded on her maiden sea sortie.
- INS Khukri, the first of the indigenously built missile corvettes, was decommissioned after 32 years of service at a solemn ceremony held at Visakhapatnam.
- Indian Army launched a contemporary messaging application named ASIGMA. ASIGMA stands for Army Secure IndiGeneous Messaging Application.
- NASA launched world's largest telescope James Webb Space to behold first stars.
- Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari launched the first Intelligent Transport System on Eastern Peripheral Expressway at Dasna, Ghaziabad.
- Japan successfully launched the Inmarsat-6 Flight 1 (I-6 F1) satellite as a part of Inmarsat's next-generation satellite broadband service. I-6 F1 launched aboard an H-IIA 204 rocket.
- China launched a new satellite with a camera that can take pictures of the ground with a resolution of five meters. The satellite, called "Ziyuan-1 02E" or "five-meter optical satellite 02," was launched by a Long March-4C rocket from the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Centre in north China's Shanxi province.
- Indian Army is making steady, yet significant strides in the field of emerging technology domains. The Army, with support from the National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS) has recently established the Quantum Lab at Military College of Telecommunication Engineering, Mhow (MP) MCTE to spearhead research and training in this key developing field.
- Russia's first serial project 22220 nuclear-powered icebreaker known as Sibir, was handed over to state atomic energy corporation Rosatom for exploitation.

Environment:

- India Meteorological Department (IMD) said that Cyclone Jawad will further weaken to depression from deep depression. It is likely to reach Odisha coast near Puri. Some districts in Odisha and West Bengal are likely to witness heavy to very heavy rainfall.
- Kazhuveli wetland located near Villupuram in Tamil Nadu has been declared a bird sanctuary by the Environment, Climate Change and Forest Department, and will henceforth be called the 'Kazhuveli Birds Sanctuary'.
- Typhoon Rai, one of the strongest battering the Philippines this year, made landfall in Siargao Island in the southern Philippines.

Defence News:

- A nine-day joint maritime exercise Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) between Bangladesh and the United States (US) has commenced in the Bay of Bengal.
- The 11th edition of Exercise Ekuverin between India and Maldives will be conducted at Kadhdhoo Island, Maldives. It will conclude on 19th of this month.
- Pune will host a multilateral and multi-agency exercise PANEX-21 for the member countries of BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation) between December 20 and 22, which will focus on Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) operations.
- The security of the Offshore Development Area (ODA) in Krishna Godavari Basin on the East Coast of India was reviewed during exercise "Prasthan" conducted from 21 December to 22 December 21.

Sports News:

<i>Tournament</i>	<i>Winner</i>	<i>Other news</i>
KSLTA ITF World Tour Championships	Pranjala Yadlapalli	Beat Sowjanya Bhavisetti

women's singles title		
2021 ITTF Hopes and Challenge table tennis tournament	Hansini Mathan Rajan	Beat Hend Zaza, Syria
Junior US Open Squash Championship title in the U-15 girls' category	Anahat Singh	first Indian girl to win Jr Squash Open in US Asian Champions Trophy
12th RR Lakshya Cup 2021, Shooting	Rudranksh Patil	
11th National Billiards title	Pankaj Advani	
National senior womens football championship	Manipur	Beat Railways
11th Junior National Men's Hockey Championship	Uttar Pradesh	Beat Chandigarh
Vijay Hazare Trophy 2021	Himachal Pradesh	Beat Tamilnadu
BWF World Tour Finals Womens	An Seyoung, South Korea	Beat P V Sindhu
BWF World Championships 2021 Mens	Singapore's Loh Kean Yew	Beat Kidambi Srikanth
FIDE World Chess Championship	Magnus Carlsen, Norway	Beat Ian Nepomniachtchi
BWF World Championship Womens 2021	Akane Yamaguchi, Japan	Beat Tai Tzu Ying
BWF World Championship Mixed Doubles	Dechapol Puavaranukroh and Sapsiree Taerattanachai	Beat Yuta Watanabe and Arisa Higashino
Davis Cup	Russia	Beat Croatia
SAFF U-19 Women's Championship title	Bangladesh	Beat India
Junior Men's Hockey World Cup	Argentina	Beat Germany
Saudi Arabian Grand Prix	Lewis Hamilton	
Abu Dhabi Grand Prix	Max Verstappen	
F1 World Drivers' Championship	Max Verstappen	

Sports:

- Rajshree Sancheti claimed the women's 10-metre air rifle national title at the Madhya Pradesh State Shooting Academy range in Bhopal.
- Shreyashi Singh won her second women's trap title at the National Championship.
- Sachin Tendulkar has been adjudged as the world's 12th 'Most Admired Man', as per a survey conducted by YouGov, an internet-based market research and data analytics firm.
- India's Ananya Bansal won the country's first silver medal in shotput in the F-20 category at the Asia Youth Paralympic Games in Manama, Bahrain.
- Purnima Pandey created eight national records on the way to a gold in the women's +87kg category at the Commonwealth Championships. Lovepreet Singh lifted 348kg (161kg+187kg) to win the silver in the men's 109kg event. In the women's 87kg event, Anuradha Pavunraj bagged the bronze medal.
- Indian badminton ace P V Sindhu settled for a silver medal at the BWF World Tour Finals after going down meekly against Korean teen sensation An Seyoung in the summit clash.
- Divyansh Panwar won Both Senior And Junior Air Rifle National Titles.
- Krishna Nagar continued his good form as he won three gold medals at the 4th National Para Badminton Championship.
- World No. 7 Nitesh Kumar doubled his gold tally at the 4th Para-Badminton National Championship, which concluded in Bhubaneswar, Odisha recently. Haryana's Nitesh along with his partner Tarun defeated World No. 1 Paralympic Games gold medallist Pramod Bhagat and Manoj Sarkar in straight sets 21-19, 21-11 in the Men's doubles finals to win the gold.
- A rabbit mascot named Neeraj, in honour of Neeraj Chopra, the first Indian athlete to win an Olympic gold medal, will be the symbol for the first ever 'Kerala Olympic Games', slated to be held in February 2022.
- Kidambi Srikanth scripted history as he became the first male player from the nation to win a silver medal in BWF World Championships.
- India's Kidambi Srikanth has jumped four places to re-enter the world's top 10 in the latest Badminton World Federation (BWF) rankings.

- Ajay Singh clinched India's third gold of the Commonwealth Weightlifting Championships by winning the men's 81kg category. Jeremy Lalrinnunga (67kg) and Achinta Sheuli (73kg) have already qualified for the 2022 CWG after winning gold in their respective competitions.
- Indian para-athletes returned from Bahrain after claiming a whopping 41 medals in their best-ever show at the Asian Youth Para Games. The Indian contingent won 12 gold, 15 silver, and 14 bronze medals at the continental Para youth games held in Riffa city.
- Lionel Messi won the men's Ballon d'Or for a record-extending seventh time. Alexia Putellas became the third winner of the women's award for an outstanding season with Barcelona and Spain.
- In the 2nd Test between India and New Zealand, left-arm spinner Ajaz Patel created history by taking
- all 10 wickets in an innings and became the third bowler after Jim Laker and Anil Kumble to achieve the feat.
- India beat New Zealand by 372 runs in the second test at Mumbai to win the two-match series 1-0.
- India dethroned New Zealand to reclaim top spot in ICC Test Rankings.
- Mohammed Shami has established himself among the greats of Indian cricket by becoming only the fifth Indian pacer to take 200 Test wickets.
- Harbhajan Singh, who became the first Indian bowler to grab a Test hat-trick in a memorable international career, announced retirement from all forms of cricket.
- David Lloyd, the former England batter and coach, has announced his retirement from Sky Sports after 22 years working as a commentator.
- New Zealand's iconic batter Ross Taylor will retire from international cricket.
- International Boxing Association has changed its acronym from AIBA to IBA.
- India will host South Asian Football Federation's (SAFF) U-18 and U-19 Women's Championships next year.
- India defeated arch-rival Pakistan 4-3 in a pulsating third-place playoff match to win the bronze medal at the Asian Champions Trophy men's hockey tournament.
- Olympic champion Viktor Axelsen and Tokyo Olympics silver medallist Tai Tzu Ying were named the Badminton World Federation's (BWF) Male and Female Player of the Year respectively in recognition of their stellar runs this season.
- Here's the complete list of award winners– Male Player of the Year: Viktor Axelsen Female Player of the Year: Tai Tzu Ying Most improved player of the Year: Lee Yang and Wang Chi-Lin Pair of the Year: Greysia Polii and Apriyani Rahayu
- Eddy Choong Most Promising Player: Kunlavut Vitidsarn Male Para Badminton Player of the Year: Qu Zimo
- Female Para Badminton Player of the Year: Leani Ratri Oktika Para Badminton Pair of the Year: Lucas Mazur and Faustine Noel Special mention: Kevin Cordon

WTA Awards 2021

- WTA Player of the Year – Ashleigh Barty Most Improved Player- Barbora Krejčíková Doubles Team of the Year award- Barbora Krejčíková and Katerina Siniakova Newcomer of the Year- Emma Raducanu Comeback Player of the Year- Carla Suárez Navarro

Sports Journalists' Federation of India (SJFI) Awards 2021 at its Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Guwahati, Assam

SJFI Medal- Sunil Gavaskar

SJFI Sportsman of the Year award- Neeraj Chopra SJFI Sportswoman of the Year- Mirabai Chanu

SJFI Team of the Year- Indian Mens Hockey Team of Tokyo Olympics

SJFI Parathlete of the Year in men's category- Sumit Antil and Pramod Bhagat

SJFI Parathlete of the Year woman award- Avani Lekhara SJFI Special Recognition Award- Olympic Gold Quest (OGQ)

Best Female Debut" honour at the 2021 Paralympic Awards – Avani Lekhara

- India concluded the Commonwealth Weightlifting Championships 2021 with 16 medals – 4 Gold, 7 Silver, and 5 Bronze, held at Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

India's Medal Winners:

Gold medal

Jeremy Lalrinnunga (67kg) (Men)

Achinta Sheuli (73kg) (Men)

Ajay Singh (81kg) (Men)

Purnima Pandey (+87kg) (Women)

Silver medal

Guru Raja (61kg) (Men)

Lovepreet Singh (109kg) (Men)

Jhili Dalabehera (49kg) (Women)

S Bindyarani Devi (55kg) (Women)
 Hazarika Popy (59kg) (Women)
 Harjinder Kaur (71kg) (Women)
 Punam Yadav (76kg) (Women)

Bronze medal

Vikas Thakur (96kg) (Men)
 Gurdeep Singh (+109kg) (Men)
 Lalchhanhimi (71kg) (Women)
 R Arockiya Alish (76kg) (Women)
 Anuradha Pavunraj (87kg) (Women)

Committee:

Head of Committee	Purpose
Ajay Bhushan Pandey(3Members)	to review the criteria for reservation for the Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) category
Justice Lodha(By BCCI)	for the differently-abled cricketers of the country
Madhabi Puri Buch(BySEBI)	'Advisory Committee for Leveraging Regulatory and Technology Solutions (ALeRTS)'
G Padmanabhan	for creating a framework for transfer of stressed loans from domestic lenders to financial institutions in IFSC
KR Manjunath (10 members)	To explore the feasibility of adoption of various technology-based approaches developed through pilot projects by ISRO and its arm National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC) as well as Mahalanobis National Crop Forecast Centre (MNCFC) of the Union Agriculture Ministry
Saurabh Mishra	will conduct cost benefit analysis of all "accepted models – agriculture insurance pool, cup and cap 80-110 per cent and co-insurance 20-80 per cent" as well as any profit-loss sharing model
Vivek Joshi	to examine the possibility of lifting the controversial Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act in Nagaland

- Union Minister Shri Piyush Goyal chaired an interaction with the captains of Indian industry and heads of Export Promotion Councils in Mumbai, to discuss certain opportunities for Indian businesses to expand their global footprint by leveraging the business platforms and infrastructure offered by UAE.
- A High Level Committee under the chairmanship of Home Minister Amit Shah has approved over 3,063 crore rupees of Additional Central Assistance to six states. Assam, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Uttarakhand and West Bengal will get funds for floods, landslides and cyclones that occurred during this year.

Rankings:

Index	India's Rank	Other Information
Asian Power Index for 2021	4 th	Top- USA
World Talent Ranking Report 2021	56 th	Top- Switzerland
Global Health Security (GHS) Index 2021	66 th	Top- USA

- Tel Aviv has been ranked the world's most expensive city to live in, according to Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU). Paris and Singapore were ranked joint second.
- India stands out as a "poor and very unequal country, with an affluent elite", where the top 10 percent holds 57 per cent of the total national income while the bottom 50 per cent's share is just 13 per cent in 2021, according to the latest World Inequality Report 2022. The average annual national income of the Indian adult population is Rs 2,04,200 in 2021.
- Spam call rates in India have spiked again, with the country moving up in global rankings from 9th position to 4th position owing to a significant increase in sales and telemarketing calls in 2021, according to the latest insights by caller ID, spam detection and blocking company, Truecaller.
- India is into the top-three of the world's biggest doping violators in a World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) report. India is only behind Russia (167) and Italy (157), while Brazil (78) is at fourth and Iran (70) fifth.

- India displaced the United Kingdom to be third in the number of unicorns in 2021. USA tops the list.

Loans from Banks/Countries:

From	To	Amount	Purpose
Asian Development Bank (ADB)	Uttarakhand	USD 125 million (around Rs 938 crore)	for water supply and sanitation projects in Uttarakhand
Asian Development Bank (ADB)	Assam	\$112 million	to strengthen skill education and training through establishment of Assam Skill University (ASU)
Asian Development Bank (ADB)	India	\$500 million	to help improve the quality of the country's school education and mitigate the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on students' learning
Asian Development Bank	India	Rs 2,644.85 crore (USD 350 million)	to help improve its urban services
European Investment Bank (EIB)	India	Euro 250 million	for the metro rail project
German development bank KfW	India	Euro 140 million	for an energy reform programme in Madhya Pradesh
German Development Bank KfW (Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau)	India	Euro 442.26 million	for the Surat Metro Rail project
International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD)	West Bengal	USD 135 million	to improve the operational efficiency and reliability of electricity supply in select pockets in the state

- Asian Development Bank (ADB) has received a grant of nearly Rs 15 crore from Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction (JFPR), which will be utilised to enhance urban primary healthcare usage across India.
- National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development has projected a 12 per cent increase in Assam's credit potential to Rs 36,292 crore for the 2022-23 fiscal.
- Rays Power Infra has inked a pact with the Rajasthan government to build a 500 MW solar park.
- World Bank's fund to help the world's poorest nations a \$93 billion injection of cash to help scale up aid for pandemic recovery and other programs.

Deadlines/ Important Dates/Years:

- India will have nine nuclear reactors by the year 2024.
- The government has set a target to open about ten thousand five hundred Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Aushadhi Kendras (PMBJK's), by March 2025 across the country.
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has said that the government's aim is to achieve the defence export target of 35,000 crore rupees by 2024-25.
- The union housing & urban affairs ministry has extended the timeline for the implementation of the Smart Cities Mission to June 2023 due to the Covid pandemic and other reasons.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) extended the card-on-file (CoF) tokenisation deadline by six months to June 30, 2022.
- Centre announced the extension of the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) for another four months i.e., from December 2021 till March 2022.
- Centre imposed stock holding limits on soya meal, which is used as a raw material in the poultry feed industry, till June 2022 to curb hoarding as well as check price rise.
- Centre for Economics and Business Research (CEBR) has predicted that India will regain sixth position from France next year and become the third-largest economy in 2031.
- RBI has extended the deadline for periodic KYC update by 3 months till March 31, 2022.

Rankings (Persons, Cities, Organisations and Others):

- Telangana and Kerala lead the capital expenditure chart of states in the first half of 2021-22 while the biggest two spenders, Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra, are the laggards with not even spending a fifth of the budgeted amount.

- Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has made it to the Forbes' annual list of powerful women — The World's 100 Most Powerful Women. She is ranked at number 37. Jeff Bezos' former wife Mackenzie Scott has earned the topmost spot on this list. Philanthropist Mackenzie Scott is in the number one position. On number two is US vice president Kamala Harris. European Central Bank Head Christine Lagarde is at number 3. Other Indians to feature on the list are the HCL Corporation CEO Roshni Nadar Malhotra (52), Biocon Executive Chairperson Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw (72), and Nykaa founder Falguni Nayar (88).
- Maharashtra has retained the top position in the list of states with the most employable talent followed by Uttar Pradesh and Kerala, according to the India Skills Report 2022.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has ranked 8th on the list of the world's top 20 most admired men, in a survey carried out by data analytics company YouGov. Former US President Barack Obama has retained the top spot on the list. Michelle Obama topped in female category.
- West Bengal topped the chart and Bihar languished at the bottom in the 'large states' category on the 'Index on Foundational Literacy and Numeracy' — an indicator of literacy among children below 10 years.
- Ghaziabad is the most polluted city in north India and its annual average PM2.5 levels are much worse than those of Delhi, according to data analyzed by Centre for Science and Environment from 137 continuous ambient air quality monitoring stations (CAAQMS) spread across 56 cities in the region.
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah released the Good Governance Index 2021 prepared by Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances on the occasion of the Good Governance Day in New Delhi. Gujarat, Maharashtra and Goa topped the composite rank score covering 10 sectors.
- Telangana stood first in the implementation of the Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission (SPMRM). Tamil Nadu and Gujarat took the second and third positions respectively.
- Minister of State for Education Dr. Subhas Sarkar virtually announced the Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements (ARIIA), 2021. Indian Institute of Technology of Madras got the first rank under the Central University and Institute of National Importance category.
- Uttar Pradesh has emerged as the top performer in terms of incremental health performance among larger states, while Mizoram performed well in the smaller states category, according to the fourth Health Index launched by NITI Aayog.

Books:

Book	Author	Other Info
Indian Innings: The Journey of Indian Cricket from 1947	Ayaz Memon	
The Midway Battle: Modi's Rollercoaster Second Term	Gautam Chintamani	
At Home In The Universe	B.K. Madhur	
1971: Charge of the Gorkhas and Other Stories	Rachna Bisht	
Watershed: How We Destroyed India's Water and How We Can Save It	Mridula Ramesh	
Pride, Prejudice and Punditry	Shashi Tharoor	
Raj Kapoor: The Master At Work	Rahul Rawail	Released by Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu
Gandhi topi Governor	Shri Yarlagadda Lakshmi Prasad	Released by Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu
Rewinding of First 25 years of Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology	S S Oberoi	
The Monk Who Transformed Uttar Pradesh: How Yogi Adityanath Changed UP Waala Bhaiya' abuse to a Badge of Honour	Shantanu Gupta	
India's Ancient Legacy of Wellness	Dr. Rekha Choudhary	
Bachelor Dad	Tusshar Kapoor	
The Modi Gambit: Decoding Modi 2.0	Sanju Verma	
The Turnover Wizard – Saviour Of Thousands	Arup Roy Choudhury	It is his autobiography
The riddle of "Kashmir: the quest for peace in a troubled land"	Gen. Nirmal Chander Vij	

Dr. V.L. Dutt – Glimpses of a Pioneer's Life Journey	V.L. Indira Dutt	
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➤ Assam Governor Jagdish Mukhi released a book titled 'Principles and Practice of Oncology' at Raj Bhavan in Guwahati.

Obituaries

Name	Profession	Other Info
Konijeti Rosaiah	Former Governor of Tamil Nadu and former Chief Minister of the unified State of Andhra Pradesh	
R.L. Jalappa	Veteran Congress leader and former Union Minister	
P.T. Thomas	Kerala legislator and Senior Congress leader	
Mahendra Prasad	Rajya Sabha MP from the Janata Dal (United) and industrialist	
Sirivennela Seetharama Sastry	Telugu lyricist	
KS Sethumadhavan	Legendary film-maker	
KV Raju	Noted Kannada film director	
Vinod Dua	Veteran journalist	
Waheed Qureshi	Former Urdu newsreader of AIR	
Nanda Kishore Prusty	Noted Educationist and Padma Shri awardee	
Dr Sarada Menon	India's First Woman Psychiatrist	
Dr Suresh Jadhav	Serum Institute of India's Executive Director	
Sree Sree Ashok Chakravarty	Pradhan Acharya of Satsang	
Gen Bipin Rawat	Chief of defence staff (CDS) of India	
Rafiqul Islam	Renowned scholar and national professor of Bangladesh	
Desmond Tutu	Anti-apartheid campaigner Nobel laureate	Nobel Peace Prize 1984 laureate who helped end apartheid in South Africa
Martin J Sherwin	Pulitzer-Winning American Scholar	
Anne Rice	Gothic novel author	
Richard Rogers	Pritzker Prize-winning architect	
Mark Taylor	Artist and toy designer for 'He-Man and the Masters of the Universe'	
Edward. O. Wilson	U.S. scientist, professor and author	His study of insects and clarion call to protect Earth earned him the nickname "Darwin's natural heir"
Karolos Papoulias	Former Greek President	
Eileen Ash	World's oldest Test Cricketer from England	



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