

GENERAL AWARENESS-CURRENT AFFAIRS  
MONTH OF OCTOBER-2021

**List of Important Days**

- October 01 - International Coffee Day.
- October 01-31 - Breast Cancer Awareness Month (BCAM).
- October 01 - International Day of Older Persons. (Theme - "Digital Equity for All Ages")
- October 01-07 - International Vegetarian Week (IVW).
- October 02 - 152nd Gandhi Jayanti.
- October 02 - World Day for Farmed Animals.
- October 02-08 - 67th National Wildlife Week. (Theme - "Forests and Livelihoods: Sustaining People and Planet")
- October 04 (first Monday of October) - World Habitat Day. (Theme - "Accelerating urban action for a carbon-free world")
- October 04-10 - World Space Week (WSW). (Theme - "Women in Space!")
- October 04-10 - World Investor Week.
- October 5 - World Teachers' Day. (Theme - "Teachers at the heart of education recovery")
- October 05 - Ganga River Dolphin Day.
- October 08 (Second Friday of October) - World Egg Day. (Theme - "Eggs for all: Nature's perfect package")
- October 08 - 89th Indian Air Force Day.
- October 09 - World Post Day. (Theme - "Innovate to recover.")
- October 09 - World Migratory Bird Day. (Theme - "Sing, Fly, Soar - Like a Bird!")
- October 09 - 72nd Territorial Day.
- October 10 - National Postal Day.
- October 10 - World Mental Health Day. (Theme - "Mental health in an unequal world")
- October 10 - World Day Against the Death Penalty. (Theme - "Women Sentenced to Death: An Invisible Reality.")
- October 11 - International Girl Child Day. (Theme - "Digital Generation, Our Generation")
- October 12 - World Arthritis Day. (Theme - "Don't Delay, Connect Today: Time2Work")
- October 13 - International Day for Disaster Reduction. (Theme - "International cooperation for developing countries to reduce their disaster risk and disaster losses")
- October 14 - International E-Waste Day. (Theme - "Consumer is the key to Circular Economy!")
- October 14 - World Standards Day. (Theme - "Standards for sustainable development goals - shared vision for a better world")
- October 15 - World Student's Day. (Theme - "Learning for people, planet, prosperity and peace")
- October 15 - International Day of Rural Women.
- October 16 - World Food Day. (Theme - "Safe food now for a healthy tomorrow")

- October 17 - International Day for the Eradication of Poverty. (Theme - "Building Forward Together: Ending Persistent Poverty, Respecting all People and our Planet")
- October 20 - International Chef's Day. (Theme - "Healthy Food for the Future")
- October 20 - World Osteoporosis Day. (Theme - "Serve Up Bone Strength")
- October 21 - National Police Commemoration Day.
- October 22 - International Stuttering Awareness Day. (Theme - "Speak the change you wish to see")
- October 23 - Mole Day.
- October 23 - International Snow Leopard Day.
- October 24 - World Polio Day. (Theme - "Delivering on a Promise.")
- October 24 - World Development Information Day.
- October 24 - United Nations Day.
- October 24 - International Day of Diplomats.
- October 24-30 - Disarmament Week.
- October 26 - November 01 - Vigilance Awareness Week. (Theme - "Independent India @75: Self Reliance with Integrity")
- October 27 - Indian Army celebrates 75th Infantry Day.
- October 27 - World Day for Audiovisual Heritage. (Theme - "Your Window to the World")
- October 28 - International Animation Day.
- October 29 - International Internet Day.
- October 29 - World Psoriasis Day. (Theme - "Uniting for action")
- October 31 - World Cities Day. (Theme - "Adapting cities for climate resilience")
- October 31 - Rashtriya Ekta Diwas or National Unity Day.
- World Thrift Day is celebrated every year on October 31, across the world, but in India, the day is celebrated annually on October 30.

#### Reserve Bank of India

- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) granted the licence to the Rs 6,000 crore National Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd. (NARCL).
  - This move will help in starting operations of the bad bank.
- The Reserve Bank of India has granted a **banking licence** to **Unity Small Finance Bank Ltd** (USFBL), which was established jointly by the Centrum Financial Services Ltd (CFSL) and Resilient Innovations Private Limited (BharatPe), to carry on a SFB business in India.
- The Reserve of Bank (RBI) has imposed a **penalty** of Rs. 1 crore on the **Paytm Payments Bank Limited** (PPBL) and Rs. 27.78 lakh on the **Western Union Financial Services** for non-compliance with certain directions.

#### State Bank of India

- State Bank of India (SBI) has announced the launch of **SBI's NAV-eCash card** on INS Vikramaditya, the largest naval aircraft carrier of India.

### Other Banks

- The private lender **Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd** has announced the launch of **Micro ATMs** across the country.
- **IndusInd Bank** has announced, that it has been authorised by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for the collection of **Direct and Indirect Taxes**, on behalf of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) and the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC).
- India's Largest Small Finance Bank **AU Small Finance Bank** has launched **QR (Quick Response) Code Sound Box** to boost its digital payments while making it the first bank to launch such a product.

### Election Commission

- The **Election Commission** of India (ECI) has launched the **Garuda app** for **digital mapping** of all polling stations, to ensure faster, smarter, transparent and timely completion of election work.

### Central Government

- The central government has planned to set up a **National Employment Policy (NEP)** committee, which aims to improve job opportunities in India.

### States

- The CSIR's Institute of Himalayan Bioresource Technology (**IHBT**) has introduced cinnamon cultivation in **Himachal Pradesh** on a pilot basis.
- **Assam** Minister for Fisheries, Environment and Forest and Excise, Parimal Suklabaidya launched an **App Fishwaale**, India's first e-fish market.
- The state government of **Maharashtra** has launched a special Covid-19 vaccination drive named as **Mission Kavach Kundal**, with the target of inoculating 15 lakh people everyday.
- **Telangana** State Election Commission has decided to have a dry run of a "**Mobile-Based e-voting system**". This Mobile Based E-Voting will be held in the Khammam district of Telangana on 20 October.
- Facing farmers' protests over new farm laws for over a year now, the **Haryana** government has **banned** the participation of its **employees in politics and elections**.
- The government of **Madhya Pradesh (MP)** has announced the implementation of the scheme "**Mukhyamantri Ration Apke Dwar Yojana**", which will start from November 2021.
  - Under this scheme, the **ration** will be provided at the **doorstep** of the villagers where there are no Fair Price Shops (FPS).
- **Chhattisgarh** Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel has virtually launched a new scheme named '**Shri Dhanwantri Generic Medical Store scheme**' to provide **low-cost generic medicines** and enable seamless healthcare services to the vulnerable people of the state.
- **Goa** has achieved Open Defecation Free (ODF) and **Electricity for every household**.
- The Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port (**SPM**) in **Kolkata** has become the first Major Indian Port to get a **Radio over Internet Protocol (ROIP)** System.
- During the 17th meeting of the State Board for Wildlife (**SBWL**), the government of **Maharashtra** approved its own Wildlife Action Plan (2021-2030), which will be implemented over the next 10 years.
- **Uttarakhand** gets India's **largest aromatic garden** in the Nainital district.
- **Andhra Pradesh** Cabinet has decided to request the Centre to take up **caste-based census** to mention other backward classes (OBCs) in the national census for 2021.

## Personalities

- **Donald Trump** has announced plans to launch a **social media** platform called **TRUTH Social** that will be rolled out early next year.

## Defence and National Security

- 8th Edition of the “**India Sri Lanka** bilateral joint Exercise” called **Mitra Shakti** conducted from October 4 to October 15, 2021 at Combat Training School, Ampara in **Sri Lanka**.
- The fifth edition of **India - Japan** Maritime Bilateral Exercise **JIMEX** was held in the Arabian Sea from 06 to 08 October 2021.
- The 17th edition of the Joint Military Training Exercise “**Ex Yudh Abhyas 2021**” between the **Indian Army** and the **United States Army**, is scheduled to take place from October 15 to 29, 2021 at Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson, Alaska in **USA**.
- The **Indian Army** has **deployed Pinaka** weapons system and **Smerch Multiple Rocket Launcher Systems (MRLS)** at a forward position near the China border to be prepared to counter any threat coming from across on the Line of Actual Control (LAC).
- The **Indian Navy** is conducting an **Offshore Sailing Regatta** under the Indian Naval Sailing Association (INSA) aegis to commemorate Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav.
- The Armed Forces of **India** and the **United Kingdom (UK)** are undertaking the sea phase of the maiden Tri-Service exercise ‘**Konkan Shakti 2021**’ off the Konkan coast in the Arabian Sea.
  - The harbour phase of the seven-day exercise was held in **Mumbai** from October 21 to 23, 2021.

## Committees/Commissions

- International Financial Services Centres Authority (**IFSCA**) has constituted an Expert Committee to recommend an approach towards the development of the **Sustainable Finance Hub** at IFSC.
  - The expert committee will be chaired by **C.K. Mishra**, Former Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change.

## Schemes/Initiatives

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the second phase of the two flagship missions, namely, **Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban (SBM-U)** and **Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT)**, from Dr Ambedkar International Centre in **New Delhi**.
  - The SBM-U 2.0 and AMRUT 2.0 have been designed to realize the aspiration of making all cities ‘garbage free’ and ‘water secure’.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated 35 Pressure Swing Adsorption (PSA) **Oxygen Plants** to the nation through video-conferencing, during an event at AIIMS Rishikesh, **Uttarakhand**.
  - These 35 PSA Oxygen Plants have been established under **PM CARES**, across 35 States and Union Territories.
- Chief Minister **Arvind Kejriwal** has launched a programme under which students of **Delhi** government schools will be provided guidance on **career choices** by **citizens** who are successful in their respective fields.
  - The ‘**Desh ke mentor**’ programme entails ‘adopting’ one to 10 government school students who can be mentored by citizens who are successful in their respective fields.
  - The Delhi government had in August announced that Bollywood actor **Sonu Sood** will be the brand ambassador for the mentors’ programme.
- Union Minister of Civil Aviation, Jyotiraditya M. Scindia has flagged off the **Doon Drone Mela 2021** in Dehradun, **Uttarakhand**.
- India’s 1st **Atal Community Innovation Center (ACIC)** was inaugurated at Vivekananda Global University, **Jaipur (VGU)**.

- Dr. Renu Swarup, Secretary, Department of Biotechnology virtually launched India's first '**One Health**' Consortium.
- Uddhav Thackeray, Chief Minister of **Maharashtra**, inaugurated India's 1st State government-owned **Wildlife DNA testing analysis laboratory** at Regional Forensic Science Laboratory (RFSL) in Nagpur, Maharashtra.
- The Union Minister of Power & New and Renewable Energy, R K Singh has launched a new market segment, "**Green Day Ahead Market (GDAM)**". This makes India as the only large electricity market in the world to implement a GDAM exclusively for renewable energy.

#### Agreement/Deal/Signed

- **India** and **Denmark** exchanged **four** agreements following a bilateral meeting with Prime Minister Modi and his Danish counterpart Mette Frederiksen.
- **India** announced a **\$200-million** line of credit for **Kyrgyzstan** and signed an agreement to carry out small but high impact projects for community development in the Central Asian state.
- Bharti AXA Life Insurance Company Limited (**Bharti AXA Life**) has entered into a bancassurance partnership with **Utkarsh Small Finance Bank** to ensure distribution of life insurance products through the bank's network across India.
- India Post Payments Bank (**IPPB**) and **HDFC bank** has signed a MoU for offering home loans to about 4.7 crore customers of the payments bank.
- **IndiGo** and Kotak Mahindra Bank (**KMB**) entered into a strategic partnership for the launch of a co-branded credit card named '**Ka-ching**'.
  - The credit card was launched under IndiGo's 6E Rewards programme and linked with it to enable the members to earn rewards by using the card on IndiGo and other merchants.
- **SBI General Insurance** made a technological partnership with **Google Pay** to enable users to buy SBI General's health insurance on the Google Pay app.

#### Meet/Visit

- Talks on Infrastructure and Defence between External Affairs Minister of India **S Jaishankar** and British Foreign Secretary, **Liz Truss** happened on 22 October.

#### Bills

- The **Ministry of Environment** has proposed to amend the **Forest Conservation Act** in order to do away with the requirement of prior government approval for the development of border infrastructure on forest land.
- Government has incorporated new rules under the "**Medical Termination of Pregnancy (Amendment) Act, 2021**", which was passed in March 2021.
  - Under the new rules, the gestational limit for termination of pregnancy has been increased from 20 to 24 weeks for exceptional categories of women in India.
- **Indian Telegraph Right of Way (Amendment) Rules, 2021**, was Notified by the Indian government on October 22, 2021, for incorporating provisions associated with a low one-time payment.

#### Fund

- **World Bank** has approved about **\$150 million** program to support **Chennai's Sustainable Urban Services** and to turn it into a "world-class city".
- The Chief of Asian Development Bank (**ADB**) announced that the lender will boost its climate financing goals by \$20 billion to a new target of **\$100 billion** through 2030.

- **HDFC Bank, Mastercard, United States International Development Finance Corporation (DFC), and US Agency for International Development (USAID)** launched a **\$100 million** credit facility for MSMEs (Micro Small and Medium Enterprises) in India.
- The Government of **India** and Asian Development Bank (ADB) signed a **\$4.5 million** project readiness financing (PRF) loan on October 26, 2021.
  - The loan agreement will support project preparation and design activities for improving urban mobility in capital city, Aizawl in the state of **Mizoram**.

### Companies/Industry

- E-commerce major **Amazon India** has announced the launch of **Amazon Future Engineer**, its global computer science education programme in India.
- Online payment services provider, **Paytm** has acquired a **100% stake** in Mumbai-based digital lending startup **CreditMate**.
- **Tata Group**, the progenitor of the **Air India** airline, reclaimed it, nearly 60 years after it was nationalized.
- Fintech company **BharatPe**, announced its entry into the '**Buy Now Pay Later**' (BNPL) category with the launch of '**postpe**'.
- Reliance New Energy Solar (**RNESL**) said that it has acquired 100 percent stake in **Norway**-based REC Solar Holdings AS (**REC Group**) from China National Bluestar (Group) Co Ltd. for a value of \$771 million.
- Gautam Adani-led **Adani Group** has took over the responsibilities of the **Jaipur International Airport** from the Airports Authority of India (AAI).
- Reliance Industries Ltd's Reliance Brands Ltd (**RBL**) and famous designer **Manish Malhotra** have announced a strategic partnership to acquire a 40 per cent stake in Malhotra's **MM Styles Pvt Ltd**.
- State-owned **GAIL** (India) Ltd will build India's largest **green hydrogen**-making plant as it looks to supplement its natural gas business with carbon-free fuel.
- **Facebook** is now called **Meta**, in a rebrand that focuses on building the "metaverse," a shared virtual environment that it bets will be the successor to the mobile internet.

### Space

- **China** successfully launched a new satellite named **Shijian-21**.
  - The satellite will be used to test and verify space debris mitigation technologies.
  - Shijian-21 was launched from the Xichang Satellite Launch Centre in southwest China's Sichuan Province on a **Long March-3B** carrier rocket.
- **France** has successfully launched a state-of-the-art satellite namely '**Syracuse 4A**' into orbit which was carried off by **Ariane 5** rocket from Kourou, in French Guiana. It is designed to allow France's armed forces across the globe to communicate swiftly and securely.

### Health/Diseases/Drugs

- Pharmaceutical company "Merck and Ridgeback Biotherapeutics" announced the early results of Phase-3 trials of its anti-viral drug called **molnupiravir**. As per the results, Molnupiravir has reduced the chances of hospitalisation by half among **COVID-19 patients** with mild or moderate symptoms.

### Energy/Gas/Oil

- The thermal plants in **India** face a **shortage of coal** stocks which might lead to a power crisis.
- Central Government has given its approval to invite the expression of interest for installation of pilot **1000 MWh Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)** project.

- This pilot project is the joint effort of “Ministry of New & Renewable energy” and Ministry of Power.
- **Saudi Arabia** announced that it will use one of the world’s biggest natural-gas projects to produce **Blue Hydrogen**.

#### Education

- **CBSE** launches **Veer Gatha project** in schools to raise awareness on **Gallantry Awards**.

#### Transport/Cars/Scooters

- Union Minister of State for Tourism, Ajay Bhatt has flagged off the “**Buddhist Circuit Train FAM Tour**” from Safdarjung railway station (part of Delhi Suburban Railways).

#### Films and Film Festival

- The Tamil-language drama film **Koozhangal** (internationally translated as Pebbles), has been selected as **India’s official entry** for the 94th Academy Awards (Oscars 2022).

#### Festival

- The nine-day **Bathukamma festival** (floral festival) has begun in **Telangana**.

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

- The Automotive Skills Development Council (ASDC) has appointed automobile industry veteran **Vinod Aggarwal** as its president.
  - He replaces **Nikunj Sanghi**, who will leave ASDC after serving it for four years.
- The newly elected Executive Council of the Indian Society of Advertisers (ISA) has elected **Sunil Kataria**, Chief Executive Officer, India and SAARC, Godrej Consumer Products Limited as the Chairman of the **ISA**.
- **Padmaja Chundurur** has been appointed as the managing director and chief executive officer (MD & CEO) of National Securities Depositories (NSDL).
  - She has replaced **GV Nageswara Rao** as the MD & CEO of NSDL.
- **RV Suchiang** has become the first-ever native woman **Chief Secretary of Meghalaya**.
  - The outgoing Chief Secretary of Meghalaya **M.S. Rao** handed over the charge to RV Suchiang.
- **Najla Bouden Romdhane** has been appointed as the first-ever **female Prime Minister of Tunisia**.
- The **Uttar Pradesh** government led by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has named veteran Bollywood actor **Kangana Ranaut** as the **brand ambassador** of the ambitious “**One District One Product** (ODOP) scheme” of the state.
  - CM Yogi also presented Kangana with a silver coin which was used for ‘Ram Janm Bhumi Pujan’.
- **Sanjay Bhargava**, who had worked with Elon Musk as part of a team that had founded electronic payment firm, PayPal, will now head the tech billionaire entrepreneur’s **Starlink satellite broadband** venture in India.
  - Bhargava joins SpaceX as Starlink’s country director (India), as the Musk-led US aerospace company gears up to compete with Bharti group-backed OneWeb.
- **BC Patnaik** has taken charge as Managing Director of **Life Insurance Corporation of India**.
- The Prime Minister of **Ethiopia**, **Abiy Ahmed** has been sworn in for a second five-year term.
- Crypto exchange **CoinDCX** has roped in **Amitabh Bachchan** as a **brand ambassador** to spread awareness about cryptocurrencies.
- The Consumer Electronics and Appliances Manufacturers Association (CEAMA) has appointed **Eric Braganza** as its president for a two-year term.

- He succeeds Godrej Appliances Business Head and Executive Vice-President **Kamal Nandi** for the CEAMA chair.
- **E.R. Sheikh** has assumed charge as first Director-General of the **Ordnance Directorate** (Co-ordination and Services).
  - It is the successor organization of the Ordnance Factory Board (OFB).
- **P L Haranadh**, an Indian Railway Traffic Service (IRTS) officer of the 1994 batch, has been appointed as the new Chairman of **Paradip Port Trust** (PPT).
- Former chief of State Bank of India, **Rajnish Kumar**, has joined the Board of **BharatPe** as chairman.
- Former bureaucrat **Amit Khare**, who last month retired as higher education secretary, has been appointed as **advisor to Prime Minister** Narendra Modi for two years on contract basis.
- Energy Efficiency Services Limited (**EESL**), a joint venture of Public Sector Undertakings under the Ministry of Power has announced the appointment of **Arun Kumar Mishra** as chief executive officer (CEO) on deputation.
- World Steel Association (**WSA**) has elected **Sajjan Jindal**, Chairman and Managing Director of JSW Steel Ltd, as Chairman for the year 2021-22.
- Indian wearable brand **Fire-Boltt** has named cricket captain **Virat Kohli** as its new brand ambassador.
- Director-producer **Imtiaz Ali** has been roped in as the **ambassador** of the **Russian Film Festival** in India.
- **A Balasubramanian** has been elected as the new Chairman of the Association of Mutual Funds in India (**AMFI**).
  - He replaces **Nilesh Shah**, the Managing Director of Kotak Mutual Fund.
  - Meanwhile, **Radhika Gupta**, the MD and CEO of Edelweiss AMC, has been appointed as vice-chair of AMFI.
- **Sandra Mason** was elected as the first-ever President of **Barbados** with a two-thirds vote during a joint session of the country's House of Assembly and Senate.
  - The 72-year-old Mason will replace Britain's Queen Elizabeth II as head of state of Barbados.
- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has appointed Captain **Alok Mishra** as the Managing Director of India Ports Global Limited (**IPGL**).
- German sportswear brand **Adidas** has roped in Bollywood actress **Deepika Padukone** as global **ambassador** for women sports.
- Prime Minister of Canada Justin Trudeau reshuffled his cabinet. He has appointed Indian-origin Canadian politician **Anita Anand** as new **Defence Minister of Canada**.
  - Anita Anand (54-year-old) will replace Indian-origin **Harjit Sajjan**.
- **FloBiz**, a neobank for Indian Small to Medium-sized Businesses (SMBs), announced Padma Shri Awardee actor **Manoj Bajpayee** as the brand ambassador for its flagship product.
- **Shavkat Mirziyoyev**, the incumbent **President of Uzbekistan** has won a 2nd five-year term as the President of Uzbekistan.
- The Reserve Bank of India has approved the appointment of **Baldev Prakash** as Managing Director and CEO of **J&K Bank** for a period of three years from the date of taking charge or April 10, 2022, whichever is earlier.
- The government of India has appointed **K V Kamath** as chairperson of the National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (**NaBFID**).
- Reserve Bank of India Governor **Shaktikanta Das** been reappointed to the post for a term of three years.



### Resignation/Dismissed/Retired/Quit

- The Olympic bronze medal-winning Indian hockey player, **Rupinder Pal Singh** has announced his retirement from international hockey to make way for young and talented players.
- **S V Sunil**, the veteran forward and star striker of India men's field hockey team and Olympic bronze medal-winning Indian hockey star defender **Birendra Lakra** have announced their retirement from international hockey.
- **Australian** fast bowler **James Pattinson** has retired from international cricket after realising that he won't be in the reckoning for the Ashes series due to fitness issues.
- **Ryan ten Doeschate**, the 41-year-old Cricket all-rounder from the Netherlands, announced retirement from International Cricket after Netherland failed to qualify for the Super 12 stage of the International Cricket Council (ICC) T20 World Cup.

### Deaths

- Dr **Abdul Qadeer Khan**, the man regarded as the "Father of Pakistan's nuclear bomb", has passed away, He was 85.
- National Award-winning actor **Nedumudi Venu** has passed away.
- Former hockey Player **Saranjeet Singh** has passed away.
- **Puneeth Rajkumar**, the Kannada actor, passed away on October 29, 2021, due to cardiac arrest.
- Hiroshima nuclear bomb attack survivor, **Sunao Tsuboi** has passed away.
- Padma Shri **Dr Madhavan Krishnan Nair**, an eminent Oncologist and the founding director of the Regional Cancer Centre (RCC), has passed away.

### Awards/Honours

- The US India Business Council (USIBC) has chosen **Shiv Nadar** and **Mallika Srinivasan** as the recipient of its 2021 **Global Leadership Award**.
- The Delhi-based environmental organisation "Legal Initiative for Forest and Environment (**LIFE**)" has been felicitated with the 2021 **Right Livelihood Award**, an international honour, also known as Sweden's alternative Nobel Prize.
- "**Lokapriya Gopinath Bordoloi Award** for National Integration and National Contribution 2021" was conferred by the Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu.
  - Awards were conferred to "**Shillong Chamber Choir**", Assam branch of Kasturba Gandhi National Memorial Trust as well as writer Nirod Kumar Baruah.
- The **Nobel Prize in Medicine** 2021 has been awarded to **David Julius**, **Ardem Patapoutian** on October 4, 2021, for the discoveries on receptors for temperature and touch. Both the scientists are from the United States.
- The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences has decided to award the **Nobel Prize in Physics** 2021.
  - **Syukuro Manabe**, **Klaus Hasselmann**, **Giorgio Parisi** jointly won the 2021 Nobel Prize in Physics for groundbreaking contributions to our understanding of complex physical systems.
- The famed **white onion** of **Alibag** in Maharashtra's Raigad district was given the Geographical Indication (**GI**) tag bringing worldwide recognition to its unique sweet taste, no-tears factor, as well as its medicinal properties.
- The **Nobel Prize in Chemistry** 2021 was awarded jointly to **Benjamin List** and **David W.C. MacMillan** "for the development of asymmetric organocatalysis."
- The first consignment of Geographical Indication (**GI**) tagged sweet dish **Mihidana**, from **Bardhaman**, West Bengal has been exported to the Kingdom of Bahrain.

- Professor **Eric A. Hanushek** and **Dr Rukmini Banerji** have been awarded the 2021 **Yidan Prize** for Education Development for improving learning outcomes in schools at scale.
- **Gurjit Kaur** won the **FIH Women's Hockey Player of the Year** at the International Hockey Federation's (FIH) Hockey Stars Awards 2020-21.
  - A total of 5 Indian Hockey players and two head coaches of both the Indian men's and women's Hockey teams each claimed the hockey awards across different categories.
- **Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank (KVGB)**, sponsored by Canara Bank, has bagged two national awards ('**APY Big Believers**' and '**Leadership capital**') for significant enrolment under the Atal Pension Yojana (APY) from the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA).
- The **Nobel Prize in Literature 2021** was awarded to **Abdulrazak Gurnah** born in Zanzibar and active in England, "for his uncompromising and compassionate penetration of the effects of colonialism and the fate of the refugee in the gulf between cultures and continents."
- **David Card, Joshua D. Angrist** and **Guido W. Imbens** have been jointly awarded the 2021 **Sveriges Riksbank Prize** in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel.
- Well-known Telugu filmmaker **B Gopal**, alias Bejawada Gopal, has been chosen for the fourth **Satyajit Ray Award** for his overall contribution to Indian cinema.
- Secretary DDR&D and Chairman DRDO **Dr G Satheesh Reddy** has been conferred the prestigious **Aryabhata Award** by the Astronautical Society of India (ASI) for his outstanding lifetime contribution to the promotion of astronautics in India. Dr Reddy is a pioneer in the area of R&D of advanced avionics, navigation, and missile technologies.
- Well-known **Malayalam** writer **Benyamin** has bagged the 45th **Vayalar Ramavarma Memorial Literary Award** for his book "Manthilirile 20 Communist Varshangal".
- The unique **clove spice** grown in the hills of **Kanyakumari** district in Tamil Nadu has been awarded a geographical indication (GI) as 'Kanyakumari clove'.
- The Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu presented the **22nd Lal Bahadur Shastri National Award** for Excellence to the eminent pulmonologist and Director of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), **Dr Randeep Guleria** at Upa-Rashtrapati Nivas.
- Indian American Microsoft CEO, **Satya Nadella** has won the prestigious **C K Prahlad award** for **Global Business Sustainability Leadership** for the year 2021, along with three other top leaders of **Microsoft**.
- The **Parambikulam Tiger Conservation Foundation (PaTCoF)** has won the "**Earth Guardian Award**" which was instituted by the NatWest Group.
- Anurag Thakur, the Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting, has announced that the renowned film directors **Martin Scorsese** and **Istvan Szabo** will be honoured with **Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award** at the 52nd International Film Festival of India (IFFI) to be held in **Goa**.
- The European Parliament has awarded the European Union's top human rights prize, **Sakharov Prize** for Freedom of Thought for 2021, to the imprisoned Russian opposition leader **Alexei Navalny**.
  - The 45-year-old activist has been awarded for his immense personal bravery to fight tirelessly against the corruption of Vladimir Putin's regime.
- Legendary actor **Rajnikanth** will be honoured with the **51st Dadasaheb Phalke Award** on October 25, 2021.
- Zimbabwean novelist and filmmaker **Tsitsi Dangarembga** was awarded the **Peace Prize** of the German Book Trade 2021 for her artistic work as well as her political commitment.

- Former Chief Scientist at CSIR-National Institute of Oceanography (NIO), **Dr Rajiv Nigam**, has been selected for the 2022 **Joseph A. Cushman Award**.
- **TVS Motor Company** has been awarded the 'Outstanding Renewable Energy User' at the third Edition of India Green Energy Award 2020 by the Indian Federation of Green Energy (IFGE).

### Sports/Game

- The first **pink-ball** day and night **Test** match between **India and Australian women** team at the Carrara Oval in Queensland, **Australia**.
- The **Indian men's table tennis** team has won **bronze** medal at the **Asian Table Tennis Championships**.
- In a historic moment in women's cricket, **Smriti Mandhana** became the first Indian woman to score a **Test hundred** on **Australian** soil.
- **FC Goa** beat Mohammedan Sporting to win their maiden **Durand Cup** football title in the final, held at Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan, **Kolkata**.
- World Chess Champion **Magnus Carlsen** has won the inaugural **Meltwater Champions Chess Tour**, to claim the non-fungible token (NFT) trophy.
- Young Indian shooter, **Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar** smashed the world record in the final to win **gold** in the **men's 50m rifle 3 positions** event at the **ISSF Junior World Championships** in Lima, **Peru**.
  - Second-place - Frenchman Lucas Kryzs. Gavin Barnick of the USA won bronze.
- At the 2021 World Wrestling Championships, Indian wrestler **Anshu Malik** created history as she became the first Indian women finalist at the **World Championship**, and also the first female player from India to claim a **silver** medal.
  - The 19-year old Anshu settled for a silver medal after losing to 2016 Olympic champion **Helen Lousie Maroulis** of the United States in a 57kg freestyle bout.
- **Valtteri Bottas** (Mercedes-Finland) has won the F1 **Turkish Grand Prix 2021**, held on October 10, 2021.
  - Max Verstappen (Red Bull - Netherlands) came second while Sergio Perez (Mexico- Red Bull) finished third.
- The 2021 International Shooting Sport Federation (**ISSF**) **Junior World Championship Rifle/Pistol/Shotgun** was held at Lima in **Peru**.
- The Indian shooters claimed a historic win with **43 medals** to stand atop in the medal table.
  - These included 17 Gold, 16 Silver and 10 Bronze medals.
  - The **USA** finished **second** on the medal table with 21 medals including six gold, eight silver and six bronze.
- **Ireland's Amy Hunter** hit 121 not out on her 16th birthday against Zimbabwe, making her the **youngest** batter to score an **ODI century** in either men's or women's cricket.
- Chennai Super Kings (**CSK**) has defeated Kolkata Knight Riders (**KKR**) in the finals to win the 2021 Indian Premier League (**IPL**) title.
- **India** has ranked **106th** in the **FIFA** (Fédération Internationale de Football Association) Rankings 2021, the position of team India was increased to one spot. Under the FIFA Rankings, **Belgium** is at **1st** position. **Brazil** holds **2nd** position, **France** holds **3rd** position.
- The 2022 **South Asian Federation Cross Country Championships** is scheduled to be held in Kohima, **Nagaland** on January 15, 2022.

- Former India captain and now **Hyderabad Cricket Association (HCA)** president Mohd Azharuddin has unveiled what is certified by the **Guinness Book of World Records** to be the **biggest cricket bat**, designed by Pernod Ricard India (P) Ltd, on Tank Bund.
- Danish Olympic champion **Viktor Axelsen** won the Mens' single 2021 **Denmark Open Badminton** held at the Odense Sports Park, **Denmark**.
  - He defeated world number one **Kento Momota** of Japan.
- **Max Verstappen** (Red Bull – Netherlands) has won the 2021 **United States Grand Prix** held at the Circuit of the Americas in Austin, Texas, United States.
- **Ahmedabad** and **Lucknow** are the **two new teams** that will be part of the Indian Premier League (IPL) from 2022.
  - Hence taking the total number of teams in the competition to ten.
- Monster Energy Yamaha MotoGP's **Fabio Quartararo** became the "2021 MotoGP World Champion".
  - Francesco Bagnaia (Ducati Lenovo Team) secured second and Joan Mir (Team Suzuki Ecstar), finished third.
- **ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2021** has begun on 17 October 2021. This event held in **Dubai**.

## Report

- Reliance Industries Chairman, **Mukesh Ambani** has topped the **IIFL Wealth Hurun India Rich List** for the 10th consecutive year.
  - Meanwhile, Adani Group Chairman **Gautam Adani** is in the **second** spot with a net worth of Rs. 5,05,900 crore.
  - **Shiv Nadar** & the family of HCL technologies are **third** in the list with a net worth of Rs 2,36,600 crore.
- The International Monetary Funds (IMF) has released its report called "**Global Financial Stability Report**", highlighting how digital currency assets brings in financial stability challenges.
- **India's** rank has slipped by six places from last year to **90** on the **Henley Passport Index 2021**, which lists the world's most travel-friendly passports **Japan** and **Singapore** hold the **first** rank on the passport index.
- The Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) Chairman **Mukesh Ambani** has **topped** the **Forbes India Rich list** for 2021, released.
- On behalf of World Teachers' Day, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) launched its 2021 State of the **Education Report**.
  - The Higher proportion of ladies teachers: Chandigarh, Delhi, Kerala, Punjab, Tamil Nadu.
  - The lower proportion of ladies teachers: Tripura, Assam, Rajasthan, Jharkhand, Bihar.
- **India** has retained the **third** position in the 58th **Renewable Energy Country Attractiveness Index (RECAI)** released by the consultancy firm Ernst & Young (EY).
  - According to the report, the **US**, mainland **China** and **India** continue to retain the **top three** rankings and Indonesia is a new entrant to the RECAI.
- The 2021 **Global Hunger Index (GHI)** ranked **India** at **101st** out of a total of 116 countries.
  - India has also ranked behind Pakistan (92nd rank), Bangladesh (76th rank), and Nepal (76th rank).
- **India** has achieved the **71st** position in the **Global Food Security (GFS) Index 2021** from among a list of 113 countries.
- **India** has ranked **79** out of 139 countries and jurisdictions in the World Justice Project's (WJP) Rule of Law Index 2021. **Denmark**, **Norway** and **Finland** topped the World Justice Project's (WJP) Rule of Law Index 2021.

- Tesla Co-founder and CEO **Elon Musk** has emerged as the **richest person** in the world and the first person headed towards a net worth of \$300 billion.
- In accordance with the report 'Five years on: Global climate tech investment trends since the Paris Agreement' by London & Partners, and Co, **India** ranked **9th** in the list of top 10 countries for climate technology investment from 2016 to 2021.
- 4 Indian institutes have made it to the **Times Higher Education** (THE)'s World Reputation Rankings 2021, the annual ranking of THE that features the top 200 universities based on the votes from leading academics across the globe.
  - Indian Institute of Science (IISc) **Bengaluru** ranked among the top 100 (91-100) has topped the Indian Institutes.
  - The other 3 Indian institutes are the IIT Bombay, the IIT Delhi, and the IIT Madras.
- **Karnataka** has **topped** the **State Energy Efficiency Index** 2020 (SEEI), scoring 70 points out of 100 on the back of several initiatives to improve energy efficiency in the state.
  - **Rajasthan** is on **second** rank followed by **Haryana** on **third**.

### General - National

- The **world's largest national flag**, made up of **Khadi cloth**, has been installed in **Leh, Ladakh**, on the occasion of the 152nd birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi on October 02, 2021.
  - The Khadi national flag was inaugurated by Ladakh Lieutenant Governor **RK Mathur**.
- Former Cabinet Minister and former chairman of rashtriya Kamdhenu Aayog launched the "**Kamdhenu Deepawali** 2021 campaign" on October 3, 2021.
  - This campaign was launched for manufacturing and marketing about 100 Crore Deepak lamps & Laxmi-Ganesh Idols made up of cow-dung.
- Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav started off **tiger rallies** in 18 tiger range States in India.
  - Tiger Rallies were started across 51 reserves as a part of "Wildlife Week Celebration" and "Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav".
- The **Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare** has incorporated **Electronic Pension Payment Order** (EPPO) within the **Digi Locker**.
- National Tiger Conservation Authority has approved the **Chhattisgarh** government's proposal to declare the combined areas of the **Guru Ghasidas National Park & Tamor Pingla Wildlife Sanctuary** as a **Tiger Reserve**.
  - This is the 4th Tiger Reserve in Chhattisgarh (Udanti-Sitanadi, Achanakmar, Indravati).
- **India** was re-elected to the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) for the 2022-2024 term with an overwhelming majority in the General Assembly.
- **India** crossed another significant milestone in its fight against the covid-19 pandemic on October 21, 2021. It touched the mark of **100 crore Covid vaccinations** including the first as well as second doses.
- **India** has handed over a 34.9 km long cross-border rail link to the **Nepal** government that connects Jayanagar in Bihar to Kurtha in Nepal.
- The first IVF calf of "**Banni**" breed of buffaloes, found primarily in **Gujarat's** Kutch region, was born at a farmer's house in the state's Gir Somnath district.

### General - International

- **Germany** has unveiled the **logo** for soccer's **2024 European Championship** during a ceremony with a light show in the stadium that will hold the final.
  - The logo features an outline of the Henri Delaunay Cup – the bulbous tournament trophy – set on a coloured oval outline that resembles the Olympiastadion's roof.

- It features colours from the flags of UEFA's 55 member nations, set in 24 slices around the trophy to represent the 24 teams that will ultimately qualify for the tournament in Germany.
- **German** rail operator **Deutsche Bahn** and industrial group **Siemens** launched the first **automated & driverless train** of the world on October 11, 2021.
  - The self-driving train was launched in the city of **Hamburg**.
- **China** pledged to inject **\$233 million** into a new fund called "**Kunming Biodiversity Fund**" for the protection of biodiversity in developing countries, recently.
- **Ecuador's** President Guillermo Lasso has declared a **60-day state of emergency** in the **South American** country, due to the rise in violent **drug crimes**.
- The **United Nations** announced that it had set up a **special trust fund** to provide urgently needed cash directly to the people of **Afghanistan** through a system tapping into donor funds frozen since the country was taken over by Taliban in August 2021.
- Global terror financing watchdog, Financial Action Task Force (**FATF**), retained **Pakistan** on the '**Grey List** of countries'.
  - This time, the watchdog had added **three** new countries namely **Turkey, Jordan & Mali**, to the Grey List.
- The Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy of **South Korea** held that the 'Shinincheon Bitdream Fuel Cell Power Plant' (World's Largest Hydrogen Fuel Cell Power Plant) at the Shinincheon Bitdream headquarters of Korea Southern Power in Seo-gu, Incheon has been completed and inaugurated.

## Books and Authors

### Book's Name

### Author's Name

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| • Chronicles from the Land of the Happiest People on Earth   | Wole Soyinka  |
| • Economist Gandhi: The Roots and the Relevance of the Political Economy of the Mahatma  | Jaithirth Rao   |
| • The Custodian of Trust - A Banker's Memoir   | Former Chairman of the State Bank of India (SBI)<br>Rajnish Kumar |
| • The Stars in My Sky: Those Who Brightened My Film Journey  | Actress Divya Dutta   |
| • Writing for My Life  | Ruskin Bond   |
| • Defence Minister Rajnath Singh launched the book titled " <b>Veer Savarkar: The Man Who Could Have Prevented Partition</b> " authored by Uday Mahurkar and Chirayu Pandit at Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi. |   |
| • The Atal Innovation Mission ( <b>AIM</b> ) of NITI Aayog has launched a Digi-book named " <b>Innovations for You</b> ".  |   |
| • Renowned journalist and writer Chidanand Rajghatta have authored a new book "Kamala Harris: Phenomenal Woman", a biography of Kamala Harris, the first women Vice President of the United States of America (USA).     |   |
| • The former Union Minister of Education Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' has gifted a copy of his book titled 'AIIMS Mein Ek Jang Ladte Hue' to Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi in Delhi.                                   |   |

## TO THE POINTS: OCTOBER-2021

- **UNGA** has observed October 1 as International Day of the Older Persons.
- World Vegetarian Day has been observed on **October 1**.
- The International Coffee Day has been celebrated annually on **October 1**.
- **Venkaiah Naidu** would be the chief guest of the Vayo Naman Programme in the honour of senior citizens.
- **Youth Affairs Ministry** has launched a month-long Clean India Programme from Prayagraj as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.
- **Narendra Modi** has launched the Jal Jeevan Mission App for improving awareness among stakeholders and for greater transparency and accountability of schemes under the Mission.
- ONGC Videsh has started its first exploratory drilling campaign in **Bangladesh**.
- India's Ambassador to China has called for reformed multilateralism, resilience and redundancy in global value chains. India's Ambassador to China - **Vikram Misri**.
- As per the IMD, **Maharashtra** has recorded 19% excess rain during June to September 2021.
- Ladakh Lieutenant Governor RK Mathur would laid the foundation stone for strategic roads and up gradation of border roads in **Turtuk** village.
- Financial institution **AIIB** has approved a USD 356.67 million loan to the Government of India to support the expansion of the Chennai metro rail system.
- **1,17,010 crore** is the collected gross GST revenue in the month of September.
- Rating agency **CRISIL**'s credit ratio has increased in the H1 FY22.
- **\$150 million** loan amount has been given to support the Government of Tamil Nadu's Chennai City Partnership: Sustainable Urban Services Programme by the World Bank.
- **CK Mishra** would chair an Expert Committee constituted by IFSCA to recommend an approach towards development of a Sustainable Finance Hub.
- Kerala Rail has signed an MOU with **IISc** to enhance rail safety, especially in risk-prone terrains.
- **Ordnance Factory Board** has been dissolved by the defence ministry and transferred its assets, employees and management to seven public sector units.
- **Piramal Enterprises** has completed the acquisition of Dewan Housing Finance by paying Rs 34,250 crore to creditors of the housing finance company.
- The Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has chaired the 38th PRAGATI meeting.
- Landsat 9, a satellite has been launched by **NASA**.
- The **CHAMPIONS** portal has announced a new online system of MSME/Udyam Registration has crossed 50 lakh registrations of MSMEs.
- According to the IIFL Wealth Hurun India Rich List 2021, **Shiv Nadar** has spotted third.
- A new novel, titled "Chronicles from the Land of the Happiest People on Earth" has been authored by Wole Soyinka. He hails from **Nigeria**.
- Rupinder Pal Singh has announced his retirement recently. He belongs to **Hockey**.
- Professional boxer **Manny Pacquiao** has announced his retirement recently.

- Roger Hunt, a World Cup Winner of football passed away. He belonged to **Liverpool**.
- Bala V Balachandran passed away recently. He was a well-known **Professor**.
- International Day of Non-Violence has been observed annually on October 2 to mark the **152nd** birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.
- **Amit Shah** has flagged off All India Car Rally of the National Security Guard – Sudarshan Bharat Parikrama from the historic Red Fort in Delhi.
- **Punjab & Haryana** Government has decided to procure the operation of paddy under Minimum Support Price.
- **SP Mukherjee** would lead the 9-member committee for determining the national floor level minimum wages under the Code on Wages.
- **Rs. 13,165 crores** has been approved by the Defence Acquisition Council for the modernization of Indian Armed Forces.
- **Export Credit Guarantee Corporation** has got the approval for the listing through the Initial Public Offer on the Stock Exchange.
- Colonel Mamady Doumbouya has been sworn in as Interim President of **Guinea**.
- Hypersonic missile **Hwasong-8** has been test-fired by the North Korean Academy of National Defence Science.
- The Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Singh Thakur has inaugurated various roads of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana in **Himachal Pradesh**.
- Odisha has targeted to achieve 100% house connections for drinking water in all cities by **December 2022**.
- The Prime Minister Modi has shared his remarks at the launch of India Pavilion in **Dubai Expo** through video conferencing.
- As per data released by the National Payments Corporation of India, **365 crore** transactions have been registered by Unified Payments Interface in the month of September.
- **Indian Overseas Bank** has been removed from the Prompt Corrective Action Framework by the Reserve Bank of India.
- **SEBI** has issued the frameworks for Gold Exchange, social stock exchange, delisting framework, and superior voting rights shares and approved some amendments.
- **Airtel Payments Bank** has partnered with Stellapps to enable cashless payment transfers to small dairy farmers.
- Amrish Jain has been stepped down as the Chief Operating Officer of **Vodafone Idea**.
- Anurag Mehrotra has been appointed as the vice-president of the commercial vehicle division of Tata Motors. He is a former Managing Director of **Ford India**.
- **N Govindarajan** has resigned as the managing director and a director of Aurobindo Pharma.
- Fumio Kishida has been elected as the **100th** Prime Minister of Japan.
- **Confederation of Indian Industry** has launched the first edition of the CFO Excellence Awards at a virtual event.
- The 2021 Right Livelihood Award has been won by Legal Initiative for Forest and Environment. Legal Initiative for Forest and Environment is **Delhi** based environmental organization.



- **Indian Bank** has entered into an MOU with three leading non-banking finance companies and housing finance companies for co-originate loans to the priority sectors.
- In the 3rd edition of 'Digital Quality of Life Index 2021', **59th** is the rank of India among 110 countries.
- NASA has launched the Landsat 9 satellite through the United Launch Alliance Atlas V rocket. It is the **Earth monitoring satellite**.
- Rupinder Pal Singh has announced his retirement recently. He belongs to **Hockey**.
- Theme of the World Animal Day 2021, observed every year on October 4 - **Forests and Livelihoods: Sustaining People and Planet**.
- The Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari has announced a new ambitious road project connecting Surat in Gujarat to **Chennai**.
- **Ministry of Environment** has launched web portal called indianwetlands.in on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti.
- **1000kg** is the weight of the world's largest Khadi national flag, installed at Leh on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti.
- The 15th Edition of Indo-Nepal Joint Training Exercise, EXERCISE SURYA KIRAN XV held in **Pithoragarh**.
- The Chemicals and Fertilizers Minister Mansukh Mandaviya has virtually inaugurated Iconic week. The week is observed from **4th** October to **10th** October.
- The **Power Ministry** has promulgated the Electricity (Transmission System Planning, Development and Recovery of Inter-State Transmission Charges) Rules 2021.
- The government has decided to extend the timeline of the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme till **March 31, 2022**.
- The Indian Navy has signed the ToR with the Royal Australian Navy to conduct Navy to Navy talks. ToR - **Terms of Reference**.
- The Ministry of Labour and Employment has launched DigiSaksham in collaboration with **Microsoft** to enhance youth employment opportunities.
- Renewable Energy Ltd **NTPC** has signed its first Green Term Loan agreement of Rs 500 crores with Bank of India for a period of 15 years.
- A first-of-its-kind conventional gold loan co-lending partnership has been generated between **IndusInd Bank** along with Indel Money.
- The renovated Gandhi Museum has been inaugurated at the historic Gandhi Ashram Trust of **Bangladesh**.
- The Bangladesh Naval Ship Somudra Avijan has reached **Visakhapatnam** on a five day visit to the Eastern Naval Command.
- **Biswa Bhusan Harichandan** has launched the one million tree plantation programme in Andhra Pradesh of the Indian Red Cross Society.
- **Banwadi** village of Maharashtra is getting 24 hrs clean drinking water under Jal Jivan Mission scheme.
- **Rs 4,075 crore** financial assistance has been approved by the Road Transport and Highway Minister for the National Highway projects at Ahmednagar district in Maharashtra.

- A cycle race called “Pedal for Peace” has been organised by Police along with an NGO in **Jammu and Kashmir**.
- **AU Small Finance Bank** has signed a pact with the National Bank for Rural and Development to boost ongoing rural development initiatives in Rajasthan.
- **AIIB** would provide loan assistance of USD 356.67 million for the expansion of Chennai Metro Rail system.
- **Amitabh Bachchan** has become first-ever brand ambassador of Cryptocurrency exchange CoinDCX.
- **SEBI** has given approval for the appointment of Padmaja Chundururu as the new Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer of the National Securities Depository Limited.
- Najla Bouden Romdhane has become the first woman Prime Minister of **Tunisia**.
- A bilateral joint Exercise Mitra Shakti has been conducted between India with **Sri Lanka**.
- **Vijay Raghavan** has launched a web portal called “Waste to Wealth” to bring together technology providers, government stakeholders and urban local bodies.
- India has lost to **South Korea** in the Asian Table Tennis Championships held in Doha, Qatar.
- SV Sunil & Birendra Lakra has recently announced their retirement. They belong to **Hockey**.
- **Ranveer Singh** has been named as the Brand Ambassador for India by National Basketball Association.
- Ghanshyam Nayak passed away recently. He was a well-known **Actor**.
- Theme of the International Teacher’s day 2021, observed annually on October 5 - **Teachers at the Heart of Education Recovery**.
- On **October 5**, India has celebrated Ganga River Dolphin Day.
- United Nations’ World Habitat Day has been celebrated annually on **First Monday of October**.
- The NITI Aayog and Amazon Web Services have partnered with **Intel** to establish a new experience studio at the NITI Aayog Frontier Technologies Cloud Innovation Center.
- The Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched the second phase of Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban and **AMRUT 2.0**.
- **Ministry of Panchayati Raj** has launched the People’s Plan Campaign 2021- Sabki Yojana Sabka Vikas and Vibrant Gram Sabha Dashboard.
- Minister for Health and Family Welfare Mansukh Mandaviya has launched delivery of COVID-19 vaccine by Unmanned Aerial Vehicle in **Manipur**.
- **40th** edition of India International Trade Fair 2021 held from 14th to 27th November at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi.
- The Defence Secretary has launched a website for Republic Day Celebrations – 2022. **Ajay Kumar** is the current Defence Secretary of India.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the New Urban India: Transforming Urban Landscape Conference-cum-Expo in **Lucknow**.
- Financial assistance **USD 400 million** has been approved by the Asian Development Bank for Bangladesh for constructing the Dhaka-Sylhet highway.

- Abiy Ahmed has been elected as the Prime Minister of **Ethiopia**.
- **Adani group** has signed a more than \$700-million agreement with the Sri Lanka Ports Authority and John Keells Holdings to develop a Colombo Western Container Terminal.
- According to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index, Elon Musk has overtaken Jeff Bezos to become the world's richest person. Elon Musk is the CEO of **Tesla**.
- **Manoj Sinha** has addressed Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay Smriti Vyakhyan.
- The new integrated airport terminal of Chennai Airport would likely to be ready before **March 2022**.
- **Telangana** government has formed a Special Cell in their Municipal Corporation to protect the lakes in and around the city.
- Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank has bagged two national awards for significant enrolment under the Atal Pension Yojana from PFRDA. **Canara Bank** is the sponsor bank for Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank.
- The WTO has upgraded its forecast for global merchandise trade volume growth **10.8%** in 2021.
- **SEBI** has given its nod for the initial public offering of Fino Payments Bank.
- SREI Infrastructure Finance has hit **5%** lower circuit as RBI recently superseded company board.
- **Acuite Ratings** has become the 1st Indian credit rating agency to sign an UN-supported initiative for the integration of ESG factors with credit risk and rating criteria.
- **IDBI Bank** has signed a co-lending agreement with U GRO Capital Bank to provide credit support to MSMEs.
- **New Space India** has announced its first 'demand-driven' communication satellite mission as part of Space reforms announced by the government in June 2020.
- BC Patnaik has been appointed as the Managing Director of **Life Insurance Corporation of India**.
- **Kangana Ranaut** has been appointed by the Uttar Pradesh government as the brand ambassador of its "one district-one product" programme.
- **Paytm** has acquired 100% stake in Credit Mate.
- **Narendra Modi** has launched the Jal Jeevan Mission App and Rashtriya Jal Jeevan Kosh.
- **FC Goa** has won 130th Durand Cup football championship held at Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan, Kolkata.
- The Union Law Minister Kiren Rijju has inaugurated the country's first "Sports Arbitration Centre of India" in **Ahmedabad**.
- The G20 Parliamentary Speakers Summit has been attended by Lok Sabha speaker Om Birla. The summit held in **Rome**.
- **Ministry of Health and Family welfare** has released a global flagship publication - "The State of the World's Children 2021; On My Mind: promoting, protecting and caring for children's mental health in New Delhi.
- The Coal Ministry has constituted a panel to review tendering process by examining tenders having a value of more than **Rs 300 crore** of CIL, its subsidiaries and other PSUs.

- The Ministry of Power has reviewed the existing transmission planning for the promulgation of **Electricity Rules 2021**.
- **World Bank** has approved US\$ 40 million for project titled 'Meghalaya Health Systems Strengthening Project' to improve the quality of health services in Meghalaya.
- Mette Frederiksen, Prime Minister of **Denmark** would be on a three day State Visit to India.
- **Purushottam Rupala** has inaugurated a two day Ladakh Micro Small and Medium Enterprises Business Investment and Job Creation Expo-2021, in Leh, Ladakh.
- Government has received **Rs 1406 crore** amount from the ONGC as dividend in this FY recently.
- Rating agency **Moody** has changed India's sovereign rating outlook to 'Stable' from 'Negative' even as it retained the sovereign rating at 'Baa3'.
- **State Bank of India** along with Indian Navy has launched NAV-eCash Card.
- **United Nations Development Programme** along with Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development has launched Tax Inspectors without Borders programme in Seychelles.
- India's first crypto unicorn CoinDCX has appointed **Amitabh Bachchan** as its first Brand Ambassador.
- David Julius along with **Ardem Patapoutian** has won the 2021 Nobel Prize for Physiology or Medicine for their discoveries of receptors for temperature and touch.
- Prime Minister Modi has inaugurated 'Azadi@75- New Urban India: Transforming Urban Landscape' Expo in **Uttar Pradesh**.
- The 5th edition of the Japan-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise has held at **Arabian Sea**.
- Rakthamichthys Mumba, a new species of **Eel** has discovered in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- Magnus Carlsen has won **Meltwater Champions Chess Tour**.
- Theme of World Cotton day 2021, observed annually on 7th October - **There's more to cotton than you think**.
- **Piyush Goyal** has addressed the Inaugural Session of the ICRIER's 13th Annual International G-20 Conference.
- **Seven** PM MITRA Parks have been approved by the Union Cabinet with a total outlay of 4445 crore rupees over five years.
- The 'Guidelines for sustainable Ecotourism in forest and wildlife areas' has been released by the Union Minister **Bhupender Yadav**.
- Mansukh Mandaviya has launched a delivery model namely 'ICMR's Drone Response and Outreach in North East. The drone was tested by ICMR along with **IIT Kanpur**.
- **75** Science Technology and Innovation Hubs has been set up by the Union Minister Jitendra Singh.
- India's first vertical lift railway bridge over the sea has been announced to set up in **Tamil Nadu**.
- **Varanasi** has become the 1st Indian city and world's 3rd ropeway to be constructed with ropeway services in India.

- Bank of Baroda has reduced **25bps** basis points in its home loan interest rates, with the minimum rate now starting at 6.50 per cent.
- TCS has announced its long-standing partnership with State Bank of India for another five years.
- **ESAF Small Finance Bank** has launched 'Supreme', a Current account for Non-Resident Indians.
- The RBI has appointed **Three** member advisory committee to assist Rajneesh Sharma as an administrator of SIFL and SEFL.
- Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency has entered into a MoU with North Eastern Electric Power Corporation. **Pradip Kumar Das** is the CMD of IREDA.
- **Netcore Cloud** has appointed Ramesh Srinivasan as the Chief Executive Officer for its India operations.
- The International Finance Corporation has appointed Wendy Werner as the new Country Head for India. IFC is an arm of **World Bank**.
- **AirAsia** has become the first Airbus operator in the world to start Taxibot services with passengers on board.
- **Russia's** Defence Ministry has successfully test-launched a Tsirkon (Zircon) hypersonic cruise missile from the Severodvinsk nuclear submarine.
- The Union minister of state Jitendra Singh has launched Heli-borne survey. The survey is about **Technology for groundwater management**.
- **Allahabad** has been registered as a Service Provider for providing EPPOs of over 23 lakhs Defence Pensioners through DigiLocker platform.
- **Jerry Rao** has authored a New Book Titled, "Economist Gandhi: The Roots and the Relevance of the Political Economy of the Mahatma".
- **Hockey India** has withdrawn from 2022 Commonwealth Games in England.
- Arvind Trivedi passed away recently. He was a well known **Actor**.
- Shakti Sinha passed away recently. He was a private secretary to **Atal Bihari Vajpayee**.
- On October 8th, Indian Air Force Day has been celebrated. This year marks **89th** Indian Air Force Day.
- The World Egg Day has been celebrated every year on **Second Friday in October**.
- **World Investor Week** has been observed on October 04 to October 10.
- **62** Pressure Swing Adsorption PSA Medical Oxygen Generation Plants has been installed by Hardeep Singh Puri in public health facilities across the country.
- The second meeting of the India-UK Joint Working Group on Cyber Capacity Building has held through video conferencing. The first meeting of JWG on Capacity Building was held in **New Delhi**.
- NTCA has designated the combined areas of the Guru Ghasidas National Park and Tamor Pingla Wildlife Sanctuary as a Tiger Reserve. These Wildlife Sanctuaries located in **Chhattisgarh**.
- Under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme, the Tourism Ministry sanctioned **5 projects** of Rs 325.53 crore for Buddhist circuit development.

- Basant Balaji has sworn in as Additional Judge of **Kerala** High Court.
- **Justice Jaswant Singh & Justice Arindam Sinha** has taken oath as the Judges of the Orissa High Court.
- The Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually inaugurated two 1000 Litres per minute oxygen plants in **Ladakh**.
- **40,000 crore** has been released by the Central Government to states and UTs to compensate for the shortfall in GST revenues recently.
- The share of thermal power in India's power mix has increased to **66.4%** in 2021 from 61.9% in 2019.
- **Abdulrazak Gurnah** has won the Nobel Prize in literature for 2021.
- **Benjamin List & David MacMillan** has won the Nobel Prize in Chemistry for 2021.
- **Rahul Mithal** has been appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director of the company RITES Ltd.
- Indian Navy Sailing Championship 2021 has conducted at Indian Navy Watermanship Training Centre .The INWTC is in **Mumbai**.
- The **Ministry of Tourism** has organized a Conference in Bodhgaya to promote the potential of Buddhist tourism.
- **Indian** scientists have developed an environment-friendly, non-toxic and biodegradable polymer using guar gum and chitosan.
- Starscapes Experiences Pvt Ltd has launched its second public observatory Stargate Observatory in **Uttarakhand**.
- The World Health Organization has endorsed the world's first Malaria Vaccine named **Mosquirix** in an effort to curb the spread of the parasitic disease.
- According to Forbes magazine's 100 richest Indians list, **Mukesh Ambani** has topped with a net worth totalling \$92.7 billion.
- India has been ranked **90th** in the most powerful passport report 'Henley Passport Index 2021'.
- **Russia** has won the FIDE World Women's Team Chess Championship at Sitges, Spain.
- Germany has unveiled the logo for football's 2024 European Championship. The slogan for the tournament is **United by Football**.
- The Popular cartoonist C.J. Yesudasan passed away. He belonged to **Kerala**.
- The World Post Day has been observed on **October 9**.
- NTPC has signed a MoU with **France** for cooperation in the development of International Power Projects in the Middle East, Asia, Europe and Africa.
- The Cabinet has approved Productivity Linked Bonus to railway employees for the financial year 2020-21. Productivity Linked Bonus is equal to **78** days' wages.
- The National Health Authority has revised the Health Benefit Package 2.2 of Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana. The rate of around 400 procedures is increased by 20% to **400%**.
- The International Financial Services Centres Authority and GIFT City has launched the global FinTech Hackathon Series called **I-Sprint'21**.

- The World Meteorological Organization has warned that the water shortage hit five billion people by **2050**.
- India has signed an agreement with **Croatia** for academic collaboration in traditional medicine systems, especially in the field of Ayurveda.
- The World Bank has predicted India's GDP growth forecast for FY22 to **8.3%** percent.
- BSE Technologies Private Limited has received an in-principle approval from the Reserve Bank of India for operating the Trade Receivables Discounting System under **Payments and Settlement Systems Act, 2007**.
- **Visa** in partnership with Juspay has launched India's 1st Card-on-File tokenization services for e-commerce players.
- The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development has sanctioned assistance of Rs 303 crore under the Rural Infrastructure Development Fund to **Odisha** for the construction of 24 bridges in the state.
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India has revised the norms pertaining to minimum percentages of monthly trades to be carried out by mutual funds on the **RFQ** platform of stock exchanges.
- **Federal Bank** has partnered with CredAvenue for Portfolio management of their Securitization Book.
- The Reserve Bank of India has increased the per-transaction limit for the Immediate Payment Service from ₹ 2 lakh to **5 Lakh** for channels other than SMS and IVRS.
- **Dhanlaxmi Bank** has been empanelled as 'Agency Bank' by the Reserve Bank of India to undertake general banking businesses of Central and State governments on behalf of the RBI recently.
- The Reserve Bank of India has extended the three-year special long-term repo operations facility for **Small Finance Banks** by two months till December-end 2021.
- Mamady Doumbouya has been sworn in as the Interim President of **Guinea**.
- Ashok Kumar Gupta has given an additional charge as the chairperson of the National Financial Reporting Authority. He is a chairman of **Competition Commission of India**.
- Maria Ressa of **Philippines** and Dmitry Muratov of **Russia** has won the Nobel Peace Prize for their fight for freedom of expression in their countries.
- Edtech **Unacademy** has entered into an MOU with the Tripura Government to help meritorious girl students from the State prepare for NDA exams.
- **6th** edition of India - UK Joint Company Level Military Training Exercise Ajeya Warrior has commenced at Chaubatia.
- Metlife Inc has acquired 15.27% stakes of ₹ **1,906 crore** in I.G.E. (India) Private Ltd and Elpro International Ltd.
- **HAL** has delivered the heaviest semi-cryogenic propellant tank SC120- LOX to ISRO.
- **Kolkata** city Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways Sarbanand Sonowal has launched a port mobile application called MyPortApp.
- Researchers have discovered 12 new species of geckos from the Western Ghats. This was named after **Jackie Chan**.

- Anshu Malik has become the first Indian woman to win a silver medal in the World Championships. She associates with **Wrestling**.
- At the ISSF Junior World Championship, Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar and Ayushi Podder have clinched silver medals in **50m Rifle**.
- **Smriti Mandhana** has become the first Indian woman to score a century in a pink-ball women's cricket Test against Australia.
- **Fire-Boltt** has appointed Virat Kohli as its brand ambassador.
- **Harmanpreet Singh** is the Player of the Year honours in men at 2021 International Hockey Federation's (FIH) annual Hockey Star Awards.
- World Mental Health Day was observed on **10th October**.
- Theme of the International Day of the Girl Child 2021, observed annually on October 11 - **Digital generation Our generation**.
- The Ministry of Textiles has signed a MoU with Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit to implement 'Sustainability and Value Added in the Cotton Economy'. GIZ is **Germany** based Company.
- On **RK Singh** direction the 1st guidelines for cyber security in the power sector have been released.
- **India** has recently joined the High Ambition Coalition for Nature and People.
- Under **Pradhan Mantri Gati Shakti** scheme Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched the first ever National Infrastructure Masterplan.
- The Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has launched Indian Space Association through video conferencing.
- **Four** agreements have signed between India and Denmark to expand cooperation following bilateral talks in New Delhi.
- India has signed an agreement with **UK** for Forward Action Plan' on power, clean transportation, renewables, green finance, and research as part of the 2030 roadmap.
- According to **UNESCO's** report titled 'The report - 2021 State of the Education Report for India, Working Conditions of teachers in Northeast, aspirational districts is poor.
- Satish Chandra Sharma has been sworn in as the Chief Justice of **Telangana**.
- Ministry of Coal has launched next round of auction process for **40** coal mines.
- **CARE Ratings** has predicted the credit growth of India is expected to be in the range of 7.5 per cent to 8.0 per cent for FY22.
- **Bank of Maharashtra** has launched a Digital Lending Platform to enable its current and prospective customers to avail home and car loans through a paperless process.
- **8.7%** is the reduced India's GDP growth forecasted by Fitch Ratings from its current estimation of 10 %.
- **6S Campaign** launched by Punjab National Bank to offer financial services at a concessional rate during festival season.
- The State Bank of India has extended its partnership with **TCS** for another five years.
- **Mohamed Béavogui** has been appointed as the New Prime Minister of Guinea.



- Maria Ressa and Dmitry Andreyevich Muratov has together won the Nobel Peace Prize 2021. Maria Ressa became **18th** woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize.
- **Piyush Goyal** has addressed the Inaugural Session of the ICRIER's 13th Annual International G-20 Conference.
- **DRDO** has conducted All India Official Language, Scientific and Technical Seminar.
- Indian Naval Fast Attack Craft (IN FAC) T-81 of Super Dvora MK II class has been decommissioned at **Mumbai**.
- **25th** edition of Exercise Malabar 2021 would take place in the Bay of Bengal between the Quadrilateral group comprising India, Australia, Japan and the U.S.
- **Rajnish Kumar** has authored the book titled, "The Custodian of Trust".
- **Valtteri Bottas** has won the F1 Turkish Grand Prix 2021 held at Istanbul Park in tuzla, Istanbul.
- Abdul Qadeer Khan, Father of clandestine nuclear programme passed away. He belonged to **Pakistan**.
- Abolhassan Banisadr of Iran passed away recently. He was a well known **Politician**.
- Theme of the World Arthritis Day 2021, celebrated every year on October 12 - **Don't Delay, Connect Today: Time2Work**.
- The Ministry of Power has set a revised policy to use biomass pellets in coal-burning thermal power plants. The revised policy is set to use a **5%** blend of biomass pellets along with coal.
- Tata Sons has acquired Air India for **Rs 18,000 crore** recently.
- **9.5%** is India's real gross domestic product growth projection for FY22.
- Federal Bank has upgraded its mobile banking app 'Fed Mobile' in association with **Equirus Wealth** Company.
- **Federal Bank** has been authorized by the Reserve Bank of India for collection of Direct and Indirect Taxes, on behalf of CBDT and CBIC.
- **Adani Finserv** has acquired 10% equity stake in the government's rural e commerce venture CSC Grameen eStore.
- **Narendra Modi** has addressed the 28th National Human Rights Commission Foundation Day programme through video conferencing.
- **Italy** has convened the G20 Extraordinary Leaders' Summit on Afghanistan in virtual format.
- **CCI** has imposed a penalty upon two firms PMP Infratech Pvt. Ltd. and Rati Engineering for bid-rigging in tender floated by GAIL.
- **200 million US Dollar** Line of Credit approved by Jaishankar to support development projects in Kyrgyz Republic.
- **Haryana** has banned government employees from participating in politics and elections.
- The Finance Ministry has released the 7th monthly installment of Post Devolution Revenue Deficit Grant to **17** states during 2021-22.
- **Axis Bank** has launched open APIs to facilitate its retail and corporate partners to use banking services integrated across partner platforms.

- Aweek Sarkar has been re-elected as the Chairman of Press Trust of India for a period of 2 years. He was the founding Managing Director of **Penguin India**.
- **Ranveer Singh** has been roped in as the brand ambassador of Coin Switch Kuber.
- **RNESL** Company has acquired 100% shareholding of REC Solar Holdings AS for an Enterprise Value of \$771 million.
- 16th meeting of the India-US Defence Policy Group held in **Washington**.
- The UNESCO has recently launched **SOER** report for 2021.
- **UNDP** has released 'Multidimensional Poverty Index' 2021 along with Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative.
- India has won 3 Bronze medals in the 2021 Asian Table Tennis Championship. It held in **Qatar**.
- **Sujeet Sarkar** has authored a new Book, titled "Quest for a Stable Afghanistan: A View from Ground Zero".
- Vallilath Madhathil Madhavan Nair passed away recently. He was a **Diplomat**.
- J. Sherwin, Scholar passed away at the age of 84. He was a winner of **Pulitzer Prize**.
- Nutrient Based Subsidy in case of Nitrogen per Kilogram is **18.789 rupees**.
- Union Cabinet has approved the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation 2.0 till **2025-26**.
- **India** has recently facing a coal crisis.
- Space agency **OneWeb** has entered into an arrangement with New Space India Limited to use Indian-built PSLV and GSLV.
- **Narendra Modi** has virtually launched the Indian Space Association to help boost space technology in India.
- India has signed two agreements with **Nepal** to improve regional connectivity and trade.
- The High Commissioner for **United Nation Human Rights Council** has addressed the Human Rights Council.
- The Karnataka State Higher Education Council has entered into an MOU with **NASSCOM** to provide industry-suited skill training to the youth.
- As per the 2nd edition of 'Ecological Threat Report (ETR) 2021, the global demand for food is expected to increase by **50%** in 2050.
- **Shivalik Small Finance Bank** has announced a strategic partnership with Go Digit General Insurance, to provide an array of instant, easy-to-understand insurance products.
- According to **CRISIL**, Assets under management of NBFCs has risen 18-20% y-o-y this fiscal.
- The Reserve Bank of India has granted a banking licence to Unity Small Finance Bank Ltd. The SFB is established jointly by Resilient Innovations Private Limited and **Centrum Financial Services**.
- India's economic growth for the current fiscal 2021-22 as per the International Monetary Fund is **9.5%**.
- **Amit Khare** has been appointed as advisor to Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- **President** has approved the appointment of the chief justices to 8 high courts across India.

- Indian Navy has hosted the largest Exercise MILAN in February 2022. **USA** has invited for the first time.
- The Prime Minister Narendra Modi has addressed the 28th National Human Rights Commission foundation day programme. **Arun Kumar Mishra** is the Chairperson of National Human Rights Commission of India.
- Indian Technology Congress Association has launched 75 Students' Satellites Consortium. Headquarters of Indian Technology Congress Association located in **Bangalore**.
- India has won total of 43 medals in the 2021 International Shooting Sport Federation Junior World Championship Rifle/Pistol/Shotgun. The tournament held at **Peru**.
- FIFA has unveiled the official mascot named "IBHA" of the U-17 Women's World Cup 2022. FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2022 will hold at **India**.
- Australia has beaten India in T20 Women's International by 11-5 points. **Smriti Mandhana** is the vice-captain of Indian Women's Cricket Team.
- Versatile National Award-winner Nedumudi Venu Passed away. He was a well-known **Actor**.
- Balvinder Singh Nakai passed away recently. He was the chairman of **Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited**.
- Actor Sathyajith Passed away recently. He was the famous actor in **Kannada** film Industry.
- The World Student's Day has been celebrated every year on October 15 to honour the birth anniversary of the former president APJ Abdul Kalam. He is **11th** President of India.
- Theme of the International Day of Rural Women 2021, observed every year on 15th October - **Rural Women Cultivating Good Food for All**.
- World Standards Day has been observed on **October 14**.
- Theme of the world Food Day 2021, observed every year on 16th October - **Safe food now for a healthy tomorrow**.
- **Rs 1,41,600 crores** outlay approved by the cabinet for continuation of Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) till 2025-26.
- **Power Finance Corporation** has recently accorded the status of 'Maharatna central public sector enterprise by the Department of Public Enterprises.
- **Narendra Modi** has launched 'PM GatiShakti - National Master Plan for Multi-Modal Connectivity'.
- **Sardar Patel Zoological Park** has hosted 2 day National conference for zoo directors and veterinarians 2021.
- **Minister of State for Consumer Affairs** has implemented the best global standards to national and international markets for Small and Medium Enterprise.
- **India** has hosted the first ever SCO Seminar on Role of Women in Armed Forces.
- **IMF** has retained India's Gross Domestic Product growth forecast for 2021 unchanged at 9.5 percent.
- **Italy** has currently held the G20 Presidency.
- The World Health Organization along with UNICEF, PATH and the Gates Foundation have launched the 1st ever global strategy to defeat "Meningitis" disease. The disease affects **Brain**.
- **Jaishankar** has been on a visit to Armenia for bilateral cooperation.

- “Chief Minister’s Health for All” has been launched in **Manipur**.
- **Aravind Kumar** has been appointed as the Chief Justice of the Gujarat High Court.
- **Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust** has recorded over 40 percent growth in container traffic in first half of the current financial year.
- The Reserve Bank of India has issued the ‘Small Finance Bank’ licence to Centrum-BharatPe’s ‘Unity Small Finance Bank Ltd. Now the SFB has increased to **12**.
- The digital payment platform PhonePe has partnered with **NBPL** to launch a unique payment link named ‘ClickPay’.
- **PayPal** has signed an MOU with the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade to increase the knowledge base of Indian micro, small & medium enterprises.
- **Saraswat Cooperative Bank Ltd** has partnered with Axis Securities to offer its customers investing services through a 3-in-1 account.
- Indian Overseas Bank has now integrated with Integrated Finance Human Resource Management System portal of **Tamil Nadu**.
- **₹ 4,000 crore** worth shares has been planned to sale by the PNB Housing Finance Limited to Carlyle Group and other marquee investors.
- **Indian Bank** has tied up with a fintech company Fisdom for its mobile banking app to manage the new digital wealth management products.
- **Ritesh Chauhan** has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer of the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana.
- **James Sangma** has won the 2021 PETA India Award for ‘Vegan Leather’ Initiative.
- **Satya Nadella** has won the prestigious C K Prahlad award for Global Business Sustainability Leadership for the year 2021.
- Pradeep Kumar Panja has been appointed as the part-time Chairman of **Karnataka Bank**.
- The Managing Committee of the Indian Banks’ Association has elected A K Goel as the Chairman of the Association for the term 2021-22. A K Goel is the Managing Director & CEO of **UCO Bank**.
- **\$100 billion** amount has been raised by India and USA annually for developing countries to tackle climate change.
- The Prime Minister Narendra Modi has dedicated **seven** new defence public sector undertakings to the nation.
- The 17th edition of “Ex Yudh Abhyas 2021” held between the Indian Army and the United States Army, is scheduled to take place in **Alaska, US**.
- The Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited has unveiled an automated fuelling technology system named **UFill**.
- The Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting Anurag Thakur has launched an app named **My Parkings** to digitize all authorized parking under SDMC municipal limits.
- India got **101th** Place in the Global Hunger Index 2021.
- **Reliance Industries** has topped Indian corporates in the World’s Best Employers rankings 2021 published by Forbes.

- In the 58th edition of EY's 'Renewable Energy Country Attractiveness Index, India has remained at the third position. **USA** has ranked top in the index.
- **Sunil Chhetri** has equalled the legendary Pele by winning the 77th international goal in Football recently.
- **Our Goal for All** is the official tagline for the AFC Women's Asian Cup India 2022.
- **Divya Deshmukh** has become the 21st Woman Grand Master of India.
- International Day for the Eradication of Poverty has been observed on **October 17**.
- India has signed an MOU with **Russia** for Di-Ammonium Phosphate fertilizer supply.
- The External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has been on a visit to Israel. He became the **First** External Affairs Minister to visit Israel.
- The World Bank President David Malpass has met **Nirmala Sitharaman** during his visit to India.
- The second edition of Naval Commanders' Conference of 2021 has held in **New Delhi**.
- **8th** edition of joint military exercise MITRA SHAKTI held between the Indian Army and the Sri Lankan Army.
- **IMF** has released the 'Global Financial Stability Report-2021'.
- **Ministry of Education** has inaugurated the 29th Hunar Haat at Rampur in Uttar Pradesh.
- **35** basis points has been reduced by Bank of India in their home loan interest rate.
- Vested Finance has partnered with **SBM Bank** to launch a new solution named 'Vested Direct' for facilitating forex transfers at low costs.
- The Asian Development Bank has increased **\$100 billion** to deliver climate financing for its Developing Member Countries from 2019-2030.
- **Navrang Saini** has been given an additional charge as the Chairperson of Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India.
- The WHO Director-General's Award" has been Posthumously awarded to **Henrietta Lacks**.
- Astronaut **Raja Chari** has set to command Crew-3 mission of NASA-SpaceX.
- Space network **OneWeb** has partnered with Galaxy Broadband to deliver its high-speed, low-latency communications services across Canada and the wider Arctic Region.
- China along with **Russia** has kicked off joint naval maneuvers in the Sea of Japan.
- A Handbook on Sustainable Urban Plastic Waste Management has been launched by **NITI Aayog & UNDP**.
- William Shatner has become the oldest person ever to fly to space. He is a well-known actor of **Canada**.
- Chennai Super Kings has clinched their fourth Indian Premier League. The second half of IPL was held in **UAE**.
- **Amy Hunter** has become the youngest-ever batter to score an international century in Ireland Women's clash against Zimbabwe.
- India has won the 2021 SAFF Championship final title by defeating **Nepal** at the National Football Stadium in Male.

- **India** would host young leaders from 75 democracies under the initiative Gen-Next Democratic Network.
- India and UK has agreed in the India-UK Roadmap 2030 for future relations in **Maritime Cooperation**.
- **India** has signed a Memorandum of Understanding for collaboration in the mining and steel sectors with the Ministry of Energy of the Russian Federation.
- **Seven** new Defence Public Sector Undertakings has been launched by Narendra Modi that was carved out of the Ordnance Factory Board.
- **RailTel** has signed an MOU with the Centre for Development of Telematics for the expansion of community networks in India.
- **India, Israel & UAE** Foreign Ministers held a meeting through video conference recently.
- The WHO has released the 'Global TB report' for 2021. **Tuberculosis** Disease showed a huge reversal in the progress of elimination.
- **Israel** has agreed to resume negotiations on Free Trade Agreement with India.
- **Jammu and Kashmir** has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Dubai Government to scale new heights in Industrialization and sustainable growth.
- **1.00 Crore** monetary penalty has been imposed by the RBI on the State Bank of India.
- The NABARD has provided a fund of ₹ 1,000-crore to **10000** Farmer Produce Organizations under the trusteeship of NABSarakshan Trustee Private Limited.
- The Reserve Bank of India has withdrew all restrictions imposed on **Hindu Cooperative Bank**.
- The **BSE** has signed an MOU with the Business Leadership League.
- **SEBI** has constituted a 4-member advisory committee on settlement orders and compounding of offences.
- **Alexander Schallenberg** has been appointed as the new Chancellor of Austria.
- Sajjan Jindal has been appointed as the Chairman of World Steel Association for the period 2021-22. He is currently Chairman and Managing Director of **JSW Steel Limited**.
- **Balasubramanian** has been elected as the Chairman of Association of Mutual Funds in India.
- The fourth general assembly of The International Solar Alliance has held virtually. ISA consists of **124** members.
- **Indian Army** has won gold medal at the 2021 Cambrian Patrol Exercise in the United Kingdom.
- **Assam** has launched first e-fish market app called Fishwaale.
- Chief Minister **Charanjit Singh Channi** has launched a new scheme titled 'Mera Ghar Mere Naam'.
- **China** has successfully launched its 1st solar exploration satellite into space.
- **One** woman has been carried by the China's first long-duration stay aboard Shenzhou-13 crewed mission.
- NASA has launched a first-of-its kind mission called 'Lucy Mission to study **Jupiter's** Trojan asteroids.

- Hubble Space Telescope observations have revealed the presence of persistent water vapour in 'Europa' the icy moon of Jupiter. Hubble Space Telescope belongs to **NASA**.
- A New book titled, "Sir Syed Ahmad Khan; Reason, Religion and Nation" has been authored by **Shafey Kidwai**.
- **Kohima** would host the South Asian Cross Country Championship.
- ICC has partnered with UNICEF to raise awareness about the mental health issues and wellbeing amongst children and adolescents.
- Avi Barot passed away recently. He belonged to **Cricket**.
- World Osteoporosis Day has been observed on **October 20**.
- The **International Chefs Day** has observed every year on 20 October.
- India would participate in the Moscow Format meeting. The meeting held in **Afghanistan**.
- **Rajnath Singh** has launched Web Based Project Monitoring Portal for Military Engineer Services at New Delhi.
- Five Mobile Medical Vans would be operated under the 'Seva Hi Sangathan' in **Kaushambi** district of Uttar Pradesh.
- **7.4%** is the unchanged Senior Citizens Savings Scheme for the third quarter of Financial Year 2022.
- **Vietnam** has hosted the 50th-anniversary edition of International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Digital World 2021.
- **12** projects worth Rs 643 crore has been inaugurated by Amit Shah from the Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Island in Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
- Nirmala Sitharaman has attended the Annual Meetings of International Monetary Fund. **190** member countries are there in IMF.
- **USD 4 trillion** amount required in clean energy investment to limit global warming, according to the 'World Energy Outlook (WEO) 2021 report' by International Energy Agency.
- **Google Pay** has reported its revenues for the financial year 2020-21 as ₹ 14.8 crore.
- **ICICI Prudential Life Insurance** has reported a 46.6 per cent jump in its net profit for the second quarter of the fiscal.
- PhonePe transactions has been grown by **33.6%** between July and September.
- **Utkarsh Small Finance Bank** has announced the inauguration of its first branch in the city of Chennai and in the state of Tamil Nadu.
- **Larsen and Toubro** has partnered with Vodafone Idea Limited for a pilot project to test 5G-based smart city solutions.
- Tata AIG General Insurance Co. Ltd has announced a deep tech start up named **TropoGo** as its distribution partner for the RPAS insurance scheme.
- IndiaFirst Life Insurance Company Limited has introduced "IndiaFirst Life Saral Bachat Bima Plan". IndiaFirst Life Insurance Company is a joint venture of **Bank of Baroda and Union Bank of India**.
- Blockchain platform **NSE-Shine** for gold bullion launched by National Stock Exchange of India in collaboration with Chainflux.

- Sahdev Yadav has been elected as the President of **Indian Weightlifting Federation**.
- **Vidyut Mohan** has been named as the winner of inaugural '2021 Earthshot Prize', created by the United Kingdom's Prince William to reward people fighting to save planet earth.
- **CII** has organized the International Conference and Exhibition on Digital technologies - "Future Tech 2021".
- As per the 2021 Mercer CFS Global Pension Index survey, India got **40th** Place.
- **IIT Kanpur** has discovered that a particular gene DLX1 has an important role to play in the growth and development of prostate cancer.
- A New Book Titled "Actually... I Met Them: A Memoir" has been authored by Gulzar. Gulzar is a **Lyricist** by Profession.
- Actress **Divya Dutta** has set to release her second book 'The Stars in My Sky': Those who Brightened My Film Journey.
- Sisay Lemma has won the men's elite race in London, United Kingdom. He hails from **Ethiopia**.
- **Bhavani Devi** has won the Women's Sabre Individual event at the Charlellville National Competition in France.
- National Police Commemoration Day has been observed on **October 21**.
- **806** bedded Vishram Sadan has been inaugurated by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the National Cancer Institute in Haryana.
- 52nd edition of the International Film Festival of India would be held in **Goa**.
- The LMDC Ministerial meeting titled "Preparations for COP 26 on Climate Change - Expectations and Challenges" has been hosted by Plurinational state. **Bolivia** is said to be Plurinational.
- **Ritesh Chauhan** has headed the Working Group to roll out an overhauled Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana from Kharif 2022.
- NITI Aayog has partnered with **ISRO** to launch the Geospatial Energy Map of India.
- As per United Nations Office for Project Services, the Global Transport Sector needs \$ **49.9 trillion** investment by 2040 to reduce Greenhouse Gas.
- **Bank of Maharashtra** has reported a 107 per cent year-on-year jump in second quarter.
- Internet Freedom Foundation which runs on a monthly donorship model has lost **70%** of its existing membership base of close to 423.
- **₹ 1 crore** penalty imposed by the Reserve Bank of India on Paytm Payments Bank Limited.
- **IMF** has reduced India's potential GDP growth forecast in the medium term by 25 basis points to 6 percent.
- Dvara E-Dairy Solutions Private Limited has entered into a collaboration with **Jana Small Finance Bank** to service small dairy farmers by empowering small and medium dairy farmers.
- NABSanrakshan Trustee Private Limited has signed a trust deed for **CGFTFPO**.
- **CCI** has approved the acquisition of Hinduja Global Solutions Ltd.'s healthcare BPO services by Betaine BV.
- **OnePlus** company has announced the appointment of Navnit Nakra as its India CEO.



- STPI FinBlue has signed a MoU with ASEAN Financial Innovation Network Ltd to explore cross border collaboration. STPI FinBlue is **Chennai** based firm.
- **Tamil Nadu's** FibreNet Corporation Ltd has signed the Master Service Agreement for the implementation of BharatNet Project.
- India has ranked at **71st** position in the Global Food Security Index 2021.
- A New Species of **Onion** named Allium Negianum has discovered recently in Uttarakhand.
- **Rajnath Singh** has launched book titled, 'Veer Savarkar: The Man Who Could Have Prevented Partition' authored by Uday Mahurkar and Chirayu Pandit.
- **The Origin Story of India's States** is the name of the book has authored by Venkataraghavan Subha Srinivasan.
- **Paula Badosa** has won the 2021 BNP Paribas Open tennis tournament in the Women Singles category.
- Indian Grandmaster P Iniyana has won the La Nucia Open chess tournament 2021. The tournament held in **Spain**.
- **Rameshbabu Pragganandhaa** has won the Julius Baer Challengers Chess Tour 2021.
- Theme of the International Stuttering Awareness Day 2021, observed annually on 22 October - **Speak the change you wish to see.**
- Elizabeth Truss Secretary of State for Foreign of **UK** would be on a three-day visit to India.
- As per **UN**, more than 700,000 people have been displaced by the worst floods to hit South Sudan in decades.
- The Himachal Pradesh government and Himfed have procured a record amount of apple this season in over a decade. **33,000 MT** is the procurement made by Himfed.
- **1 gram** is the Minimum permissible investment of gold in Sovereign Gold Bonds from October 2021 to March 2022.
- **SEBI** has asked investment advisers to refrain from dealing in digital gold, which is an unregulated product.
- **CBDT** has issued refunds of over 92 thousand 961 crore rupees to more than 63 lakh 23 thousand taxpayers between 1st of April to 18th of October this year.
- **Rs 814 cr** has been received in dividend tranches from 5 CPSEs as per Department of Investment and Public Asset Management.
- **Barbados** has elected Dame Sandra Mason as its first ever president.
- The Unique Identification Authority of India is hosting a Hackathon titled "Aadhaar Hackathon 2021" for young innovators. UIDAI was found in **2009**.
- FIXAR, a **European** commercial drone has tied up with Paras Aerospace to support operations set-up, business development, and technical support.
- **Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology** has developed a new 'Decision Support System' and enhanced the existing 'Air Quality Early Warning System' for Delhi-NCR.
- **Nuri** is the name of the first ever homegrown rocket launched by South Korea in space.
- James Pattinson has been retired from **Cricket**.
- Indonesia has won the Thomas Cup by beating China at the Ceres Arena in Aarhus, Denmark. This is **14th** Thomas Cup badminton title for Indonesia.

- Bandula Warnapura passed away recently. He was the first Test captain of **Sri Lanka**.
- **Colin Powell** passed away recently. He was the first Black Secretary of state of US.
- Saranjeet Singh passed away recently. He is the former **Hockey** Player.
- **Rajnath Singh** has inaugurated a three-day conclave organised by the Indian Air Force to commemorate 'Swarnim Vijay Varsh'.
- The Defence Ministry has signed an MOU worth **423 Crores** with US for procurement of Arms for Indian Navy.
- The union government has approved a hike in Dearness Allowance and Dearness Relief for central government employees. The increased dearness allowance is **31%**.
- **Textiles Ministry** has issued notification for setting up of seven PM MITRA Parks.
- The Union **Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas** has said that the cost of energy should not be allowed to outstrip the paying capacity of consuming nations.
- The Prime Minister Narendra Modi has interacted in the 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat Swayampurna Goa' programme. 'Swayampurna Goa', was launched on **October 1, 2020**.
- The **Ministry of Power** has notified rules for the sustainability of electricity sector and the promotion of clean energy.
- **Poland** has recognized the Serum Institute of India manufactured Covishield vaccine as an equivalent to those recognized by the European Union.
- United Kingdom Navy Chief Admiral Sir Tony Radakin met Indian Navy Chief Admiral Karambir Singh in **New Delhi**.
- India has handed over 34.9 km long cross-border rail link to **Nepal**.
- **G7** organization's countries have agreed on principles to govern cross-border data use and digital trade.
- **€100** euro has been announced by the French government to about 38 million French people.
- **Ethiopia's** authorities have confirmed the national air force shelled the Tigray regional capital of Mekelle.
- **Jammu and Kashmir** Police has launched dedicated 24×7 public toll-free helplines for the public to share timely information regarding militancy, Narcotic-drug peddling, or any other anti-national, anti-social activities.
- As per Telangana IT minister KT Rama Rao statement, more than **24%** of 32 billion dollars' worth of investments that the state attracted in the last seven years.
- Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has e-inaugurated the "Jashn-e-Zafraan". "Jashn-e-Zafraan" is harvesting of **Saffron**.
- From **April 1, 2022**, the Non-banking finance companies cannot lend more than Rs 1 crore to investors seeking to buy stocks in initial share sales.
- Amar Nagaram, the CEO of **Myntra** has quit his post recently.
- **K Madhavan** has been re-elected as the President of Indian Broadcasting & Digital Foundation.
- The New research indicates poaching has led to more elephants being born tuskless after **Mozambican Civil war**.
- Second edition of Naval Commanders' Conference of 2021 has commenced in **New Delhi**.

- To commemorate World Food Day, the Ministry of Food Processing Industries has organized the Food Tech Summit. The world Food Day is observed on **16th October**.
- From **Boeing** Company, the Indian Navy has received the 11th anti-submarine warfare aircraft P-8I.
- **40%** stake has been acquired by Reliance Brands Ltd in MM Styles Pvt Ltd.
- As per the World Justice Project (WJP) Rule of Law Index 2021, **Venezuela** has ranked the least at 139th spot.
- A New microspecies named Georissa mawsmiensis has been discovered from Mawsmmai, a limestone cave in Meghalaya. The species belongs to **Snail**.
- Ridhima Veerendrakumar has won the gold medal at the 37th Sub Junior and 47th Junior National Championship. She belongs to **Swimming**.
- R.C. Vasanth Kumar, top-order batter of **Tamil Nadu**, has passed away recently.
- The first International Day of Diplomats was celebrated in **Brasilia**.
- The United Nations Day has been observed on October 24th. This year marks **76th** anniversary of the United Nations.
- Theme of the World Polio Day 2021, observed every year on October 24 - **Delivering on a Promise**.
- United Nations World Development Information Day has been observed on **October 24**.
- The Prime Minister Narendra Modi has attended **16th** G-20 Summit in Rome from 30th and 31st October.
- Kangana Ranaut has won the 67th National Film Awards under Best Actress category for **Panga & Manikarnika: The Queen of Jhansi**.
- A Scheme titled 'Shri Dhanwantri Generic Medical Store' has been launched by **Chhattisgarh**.
- The Seed Production Technology of Giant Freshwater Prawn/scampi has been launched by **Ministry of State for Fisheries and Animal Husbandry** in Bihar.
- **Four** tranches of Sovereign Gold Bonds has been issued by the Centre in consultation with RBI.
- **Sunil Paliwal** has been assumed charge as the Chairperson of the Chennai Port Trust.
- **14** films has been shortlisted for this year's India's official entry to the Oscars 2022.
- The National Inter-Religious Conference, organized by Lokmat Media Group has been held in **Nagpur**.
- **Abhyas** has been successfully tested from the Integrated Test Range Chandipur off the coast of Bay of Bengal in Odisha.
- First indigenous aircraft carrier **INS Vikrant** has recently begun its second phase of sea trials.
- **Garuda App** has been launched by the Election Commission of India for the digital mapping of all polling stations.
- **China** has successfully launched a new satellite from the Xichang Satellite Launch Center.
- **Writing for My Life** book of Ruskin Bond has been released recently.
- **Viktor Axelsen** has clinched the 2021 Denmark Open in the Men's single Category.
- Max Verstappen of Red Bull has won the 2021 United States Grand Prix. He belongs to **Netherlands**.
- India got **106th** place in the 2021 FIFA Rankings.

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