

GENERAL AWARENESS-CURRENT AFFAIRS

MONTH OF SEPTEMBER-2021

List of Important Days

- September 02 - World Coconut Day. (Theme - "Building a Safe Inclusive Resilient and Sustainable Coconut Community Amid COVID-19 Pandemic & Beyond")
- September 05 - International Day of Charity.
- September 05 - National Teachers' Day.
- September 06 -12 - Food Processing Week.
- September 07 - International Day of Clean Air for blue skies.
- September 08 - International Literacy Day. (Theme - "Literacy for a human-centred recovery: Narrowing the digital divide")
- September 09 - Himalayan Day or Himalayan Diwas. (Theme - "Contribution of Himalayas and our responsibilities")
- September 09 - World EV Day.
- September 10 - World Suicide Prevention Day. (Theme - "Creating hope through action")
- September 11 (second Saturday of September) - World First Aid Day.
- September 15 - International Day of Democracy.
- September 15 - National Engineer's Day.
- September 15 - World Lymphoma Awareness Day.
- September 16 - International Day for the preservation for the Ozone layer (World Ozone Day). (Theme - "Montreal Protocol - keeping us, our food and vaccines cool.")
- September 17 - World Patient Safety Day. (Theme - "Safe maternal and newborn care")
- September 18 - World Water Monitoring Day. (Theme - "valuing water")
- September 18 (third Saturday of September) - International Red Panda Day (IRPD).
- September 18 (third Saturday of September) - International Coastal Cleanup Day. (Theme - "Keep trash in the bin and not in the ocean")
- September 18 - International Equal Pay Day.
- September 18 - World Bamboo Day. (Theme - "#PlantBamboo: It Is Time To Plant Bamboo")
- September 21 - World Alzheimer's Day. (Theme - "Know Dementia, Know Alzheimer's")
- September 21 - International Day of Peace. (Theme - "Recovering Better for an Equitable and Sustainable World.")
- September 22 - World Rhino Day.
- September 23 - International Day of Sign Languages. (Theme - "We Sign For Human Rights")
- September 25 - Antyodaya Diwas.
- September 25 - World Pharmacist Day. (Theme - "Pharmacy: Always trusted for your health")
- September 26 (Fourth Sunday of September) - World Rivers Day. (Theme - "Waterways in our communities")
- September 26 - World Environmental Health Day. (Theme - "Prioritizing Environmental Health for healthier communities in the global recovery")

- September 26 - International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons.
- September 20 - 26 (full week ending on the last Sunday of September) - International Week of Deaf People. (Theme - "Celebrating Thriving Deaf Communities")
- September 26 (last Sunday of the month of September) - World Day of Deaf or International Day of the Deaf.
- September 27 - World Tourism Day.
- September 28 - The International Day for the Universal Access to Information (commonly known as Access to Information Day).
- September 28 - World Rabies Day.
- September 29 - World Heart Day. (Theme - "Use Heart to Connect")
- September 29 - International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste. (Theme - "Stop food loss and waste. For the people. For the planet.")
- September 30 - World Maritime Day. (Theme - "Seafarers at the core of shipping's future")
- September 30 - International Translation Day. (Theme - "United in translation")
- The **Canadian** city of **Burnaby** has declared **September 5** as "**Gauri Lankesh Day**", as a tribute to the dead journalist on her death anniversary.
- **Tamil Nadu** government has decided to commemorate the death anniversary of Subramania Bharathi, a firebrand poet & freedom fighter, as **Mahakavi Day** on September 11.

State Bank of India

- State Bank of India has opened a **floating ATM** on a Houseboat at **Dal Lake** in Jammu and Kashmir's **Srinagar** for the convenience of locals and tourists.
 - The floating ATM was inaugurated by SBI Chairman Dinesh Khare.

Other Banks

- **Bank of Baroda** has announced the launch of its digital banking platform named '**bob World**'.

Central Government

- The Union Cabinet chaired by PM Modi gave its approval to the production linked incentive (**PIL**) scheme for the **textile sector**.
 - The Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal informed that a package of Rs. 10,683 crores will be allocated for the 10 different segments of the textiles sector as part of the newly approved scheme over 5 years.
- The government of India has appointed **10 merchant bankers** for managing the **Initial Public Offering** of Life Insurance Corporation of India (**LIC**).
 - The IPO of LIC is likely to be launched in the January-March quarter of 2022.
- The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved a number of structural and process reforms in the **Telecom sector**, to provide relief to ailing telecom service providers, struggling with high levels of debt.
 - A total of 9 structural and 5 process reforms have been approved by the Union Cabinet.
 - Cabinet approves 100% FDI under automatic route in Telecom Sector.
- The Union Cabinet has approved a production linked incentive (**PLI**) scheme for auto, auto-components and **drone industries** to enhance India's manufacturing capabilities.
 - Incentives worth Rs. 26,058 crore will be provided to industry over five years, the minister told reporters after the Cabinet meeting.

States

- The **Punjab** Cabinet gave a nod to a new scheme that will help the **unemployed youth** in the state to hone their skills and increase their chances of getting a job.
 - These youngsters will be given short-term skill training free of cost under the “**Mera Kaam Mera Maan**” scheme of the state government.
- The **Assam** cabinet has decided to **remove** the name of former Prime Minister **Rajiv Gandhi** from the **Orang National Park**.
- The **Maharashtra** Government has decided to set up a world-class **science city** at **Pimpri-Chinchwad** near Pune to develop a scientific outlook among the students and prepare them to become students in future.
 - To be named as ‘**Bharat Ratna Rajiv Gandhi Science Innovation City**’, a science Centre will be developed on one acre area in an eight-acre complex in the PCMC area.
- Chief Minister of **Arunachal Pradesh**, Pema Khandu, launched **two** ambitious schemes on September 3, 2021.
 - One scheme was launched in agriculture sector, called ‘**Atmanirbhar Krishi Yojana**’, and Second scheme was launched in horticulture sector, called ‘**Atmanirbhar Bagwani Yojana**’.
- Government of **Tamil Nadu** recently announced its plan to set up India’s first **Dugong Conservation Reserve** in the Palk Bay on the southeast coast.
 - Dugong or sea cow is an endangered marine mammal. It is facing extinction because of habitat loss, sea pollution, and loss of seagrass.
- Governing body of **Vatan Prem Yojana** held its first meeting on September 4, 2021.
 - The Vatan Prem Yojana was launched on August 7, 2021. They held the meeting at **Gandhinagar** under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Vijay Rupani.
- Civil aviation minister Jyotiraditya Scindia has launched a first of its kind “**Medicine from the Sky**” project in **Telangana**.
 - The project has aimed at transporting vaccines and other essential products to remote areas using drones.
- **Chhattisgarh** Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel has announced the launch of ‘**Millet Mission**’, which aims to provide proper price rates to farmers for minor cereal crops.
 - The initiative is also a step towards the Chief Minister’s vision for the state to become India’s millet hub.
- **Haryana** has **topped** among all other states of the country in terms of installation of off-grid **solar pumps** under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha Evam Utthan Mahaabhiyaan (**PM-KUSUM**), as per the data by the Union Ministry of New and Renewable Energy.
- The Government of **Sikkim** has declared ‘**Cooper Mahseer**’ locally named as ‘**Katley**’ as the state fish.
- The Yogi Adityanath led **Uttar Pradesh** government has cleared a proposal to develop an ‘**Electronic Park**’, along the Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YEIDA) area, near Noida, to promote the electronics industry.

Defence and National Security

- **Indian Army** participated in Exercise **ZAPAD 2021**, a Multi Nation exercise being held at Nizhniy in **Russia** from 3-16 September.
- The 28th edition of the Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (**SIMBEX**) took place from September 02 to 04, 2021.
 - The SIMBEX-2021 annual bilateral maritime exercise was hosted by the Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN) in the southern fringes of the South China Sea.

- The **Indian** military contingent comprising of an all arms combined force of 200 personnel is participating in the Exercise **PEACEFUL MISSION -2021**, a Joint Counter Terrorism Exercise between Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) member states.
 - The Exercise PEACEFUL MISSION- 2021 is being hosted by **Russia** in the Orenburg Region of South-West Russia.
- The 15th edition of **Indo-Nepal** Joint Military Training Exercise **Surya Kiran** was held from September 20, 2021, at Pithoragarh in **Uttarakhand**.
- **Indian & Indonesian** Navy participate in 3rd edition of 'Samudra Shakti'.
 - The 3rd edition of Bilateral Exercise '**Samudra Shakti**' is scheduled from September 20 to Sep 22.
 - Indian Naval Ships Shivalik and Kadmatt had already arrived in Jakarta, Indonesia.
- **Indian Army** will organize "**Bijoya Sanskritik Mahotsav**" from 26 to 29 September in **Kolkata**.

Committees/Commissions

- The Union **education ministry** has formed a 12-member committee to develop new curriculums for school, early childhood, teacher and adult education.
 - The panel tasked with developing four national curriculum frameworks (NCFs) will be headed by National Education Policy-2020 (NEP-2020) drafting committee chairperson **K Kasturirangan**.

Schemes/Initiatives

- The Union **AYUSH** Minister, Sarbananda Sonowal has launched '**Y Break**' Yoga protocol mobile application in New Delhi.
 - The app has been developed by Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (**MDNIY**).
- Central banks in **Australia, Singapore, Malaysia and South Africa** launched a Central Bank Digital Currencies (**CBDC**) Scheme on August 2, 2021.
- **Ayush Ministry** launched the campaign called "**AYUSH AAPKE DWAR**" from some 45 locations across India on September 3, 2021.
 - Campaign was launched by Minister of State for Ayush from Ayush Bhawan by distributing medicinal plants to staff.
 - About 21 states are participating in launch activities in which more than 2 lakh saplings will be distributed across India.
- Agriculture and Horticulture Minister Tage Taki inaugurated a Centre for Conservation and Propagation of **Wild Orchids of Arunachal Pradesh** at Hapoli in Lower Subansiri District of the state.
 - Orchids form one of the largest families of flowering plants.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has inaugurated the "**Shikshak Parv-2021**" and addressed the inaugural conclave through a video conference.
 - Theme - "Quality and Sustainable Schools: Learnings from Schools in India"
- Union Minister of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change, **Bhupender Yadav** launched a portal named **PRANA**, for the regulation of **air pollution** in 132 cities across the country.
 - PRANA stands for Portal for Regulation of Air pollution in Non-Attainment cities.
- India's largest **open-air fernery** has been inaugurated in Ranikhet of **Uttarakhand**.
 - The new centre will serve the dual objective of 'conservation of fern species as well as 'create awareness about their ecological role and promote further research.
- **NITI Aayog**, in association with the RMI and RMI India, launched **Shoonya campaign**.
 - Shoonya campaign is an initiative to work with consumers and industry in order to promote pollution-free delivery vehicles.

- **Nagaland's** first and India's 61st Software Technology Park of India (STPI) centre was inaugurated at **Kohima**.
- The world's highest **electric vehicle charging station** has been inaugurated in **Kaza village** of Lahaul and Spiti district in **Himachal Pradesh**.

Summit/Conference

- **India** is all set to host a key conference as part of the **International Climate Summit (ICS) 2020-21** to build a dialogue for India's transition to clean energy.

Agreement/Deal/Signed

- **Axis Bank** has partnered with **BharatPe** for the point of sale (PoS) business of BharatPe named **BharatSwipe**.
 - Under the partnership, Axis Bank will be the acquiring bank for BharatSwipe and will provide acceptance of credit and debit cards for merchants associated with BharatPe.
- Ministry of Defence, Government of **India**, and the **US Department of Defence** signed a Project Agreement (PA) for Air-Launched Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (ALUAV) under the Joint Working Group Air Systems in the Defence Technology and Trade Initiative (DTTI).
- The centre, **Assam** state government and **five Karbi insurgency groups** signed a tripartite agreement- "Karbi Anglong Agreement" to establish peace in Assam's Karbi-Anglong region.
- Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between **India** and **Russian** on cooperation in the field of **Geosciences**.
 - MoU was signed between the Joint Stock Company Rosgeologia (State holding Company) of Russia and the Geological Survey of India (GSI), Ministry of Mines.
- A Hyderabad-based Space technology startup, **Skyroot Aerospace** has become the first private company to formally enter into an agreement with the Indian Space Research Organization (**ISRO**).
- **India** and **Singapore** have announced the linking of the Unified Payments Interface (**UPI**) and **PayNow**, in order to enable users to make instant, low-cost fund transfers.
- **United States, United Kingdom and Australia** have announced the new partnership "**AUKUS**" a new trilateral security partnership for the Indo-Pacific region.
 - The trilateral grouping was formally announced by British Prime Minister Boris Johnson, his Australian counterpart Scott Morrison and US President Joe Biden with a vision for a safer and more secure Indo-Pacific.
- The Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (**IRCTC**) has joined hands and signed the agreement with **Cordelia Cruises** being operated by M/s Waterways Leisure Tourism Pvt. Ltd for promotion and marketing of the first indigenous luxury cruise in India.
- **Niti Aayog's** Atal Innovation Mission in collaboration with **ISRO** and **CBSE** has launched '**Space Challenge**' for school students across India.
- **Federal Bank** has announced a tie-up with **OneCard** for a mobile-first credit card that targets the country's young, tech-savvy population.
- **Yes Bank** has partnered with **Visa** to offer **credit cards** to its customers, following the regulatory ban on Mastercard by RBI.
- **India** and United Arab Emirates (**UAE**) have launched the negotiations for a mutually beneficial comprehensive **economic partnership agreement** on September 22, 2021.
- Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (**BPCL**) and **SBI Card** have joined hands to launch the 'BPCL SBI Card co-branded **RuPay Contactless Credit Card**, offering fuel and other benefits.

Meet/Visit

- The government of India has hosted the first **India-United Kingdom Consular Dialogue** in the virtual medium.

Fund

- Multilateral funding agency Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved a \$150 million (approximately Rs 1,095 crores) loan for a sustainable housing project for the urban poor in **Tamil Nadu**.
- The Foreign Ministry of **China** announced an aid of USD **31 million** for **Afghanistan** and endorsed the new caretaker government “Islamic Emirate” of Taliban.
- Indian government and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) signed a **300-million-dollar** loan to expand rural connectivity in **Maharashtra**.
- The Government of India and the **Asian Development Bank** signed a \$112 million loan in order to develop water supply infrastructure in **Jharkhand**.

Companies/Industry

- **Amazon India** announced the launch of **Kisan Store**.
 - The store was launched by Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Narendra Singh Tomar on September 2, 2021.
 - Kisan Store is an online platform that enable farmers of India to get access of more than 8,000 agriculture inputs like farm tools & accessories, seeds, plant protection, nutrition etc.
- **HDFC Life** has announced to acquire a 100 per cent stake in **Exide Life Insurance Company** in a stock and cash deal, for Rs 6,887 crore.
- **PhonePe** has launched a platform named **PhonePe Pulse**.
 - Pulse is India’s first interactive platform with data insights and trends on digital payments.
- **Infosys**, a global leader in next-generation digital services and consulting, launched **Infosys Equinox** to help enterprises securely deliver hyper-segmented, personalized omnichannel commerce experiences for B2B and B2C buyers.
- **Tata Steel** has commissioned India’s first **carbon capture plant** that extracts CO2 directly from the blast furnace gas, at its Jamshedpur Works.
 - With this achievement, Tata Steel has become the country’s first steel company to adopt such a carbon capture technology.
- The **Zee Entertainment Enterprises Ltd (ZEEL)** announced that its board of directors have unanimously given in-principle approval for the merger between ZEEL and **Sony Pictures Networks India (SPNI)**.
- **Apple’s** co-creator Steve Wozniak has launched a new space start-up called **Privateer Space**, bringing potential competition to a field dominated by billionaires Elon Musk, Jeff Bezos and Richard Branson.
 - Privateer will be represented at the Advanced Maui Optical and Space Surveillance Technologies Conference, scheduled to run from September 14-17 in Hawaii.

Space

- **China** successfully launched a new Earth observation satellite, **Gaofen-5 02**, into space, aboard a Long March-4C rocket, from the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Centre in north China’s Shanxi Province.

Science and Technology

- India’s first building made of **bio-bricks** from **agro-waste** has been inaugurated at **IIT Hyderabad**.

Health/Diseases/Drugs

- **Cuba** became the first country in the world on September 6, 2021, to **vaccinate toddlers** with the COVID-19 vaccine.
 - The children in Cuba from the age of 2 are being vaccinated with home-grown jabs which are not recognized by the World Health Organization (WHO).

Energy/Gas/Oil

- India's first indigenously Designed **High Ash Coal Gasification Based Methanol Production** Plant at Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) Research and Development Centre, **Hyderabad** was inaugurated.

Education

- **IIT Madras** is in process of developing an online platform called **e-Source** that will be used to tackle electronic wastes (**e-waste**).
- Indian Institutes of Technology (IIT), **Ropar** and **Kanpur** and **Faculty of Management Studies of Delhi University** have jointly launched a living-plant based air purifier named "**Ubreathe Life**".

Transport/Cars/Scooters

- The **Chandigarh** Railway Station (CRS) was awarded a 5 star '**Eat Right Station**' certification for providing high-quality, nutritious food to passengers.
- Union Defence Minister, **Rajnath Singh** and Union Highways Minister, **Nitin Gadkari** inaugurated the **Emergency Landing Facility** on a National Highway in **Rajasthan**.
 - This emergency landing facility has been constructed on the Satta-Gandhav stretch of National Highway (NH) 925A in **Barmer, Rajasthan**.

Appointments/Election (or) Latest who is who?

- **Adidas** has roped in Tokyo Olympic Silver-medalist **Mirabai Chanu** as the face of its "**Stay in Play**" campaign for its latest product innovation designed to keep more menstruating women in sports.
- Tamil Nadu Governor **Banwarilal Purohit** has been given the **additional** charge of **Punjab** and the Union Territory of **Chandigarh**.
 - Earlier, **V P Singh Badnore** was the Governor of Punjab and the Administrator of Chandigarh.
- **Vartika Shukla** took charge as the first woman Chairperson and Managing Director of public sector enterprise **Engineers India Ltd.**
- Squash Rackets Federation of India (SRFI) Secretary-General, **Cyrus Poncha** has been unanimously elected as Vice-President of the Asian Squash Federation (**ASF**), during the 41st annual general meeting of ASF.
- Equitas Small Finance Bank (**ESFB**) has roped in Indian women hockey player, **Rani Rampal** and cricketer **Smriti Mandhana** as the brand ambassadors of the company.
- The YS Jagan Mohan Reddy-led **Andhra Pradesh** Government has appointed former SBI Chairman **Rajnish Kumar** as its **economic advisor**.
- Ashoka Buildcon Managing Director and promoter **Satish Parekh** has taken over as the president of the **India Chapter** of the International Road Federation (**IRF**).
 - He takes over from **Subhmay Gangopadhyay**, former director of Central Road Research Institute.
- The government has appointed **Harsha Bhupendra Bangari** as the new Managing Director (MD) of the Export-Import Bank of India (**EXIM Bank**).
 - He will replace the incumbent MD **David Rasquinha**.
- The central government has selected **S.L.Tripathy** as the Chairman-cum-Managing Director of **United India Insurance Company Limited**.
- Former IPS officer **Iqbal Singh Lalpura** has been appointed chairman of the National Commission for **Minorities**.
- Lawyer **Tejaus Chauhan** was appointed Regional Director for South Asia in the International Court of Arbitration of International Chamber of Commerce (**ICC**).

- US tech giant **Adobe** has announced the appointment of **Prativa Mohapatra** as vice president and managing director for Adobe India.
- Former managing director of Mahindra & Mahindra **Pawan Kumar Goenka** has been appointed as the chairperson of the Indian National Space Promotion Authorization Centre (**In-SPACE**).
- The web service provider, **Yahoo** has named **Jim Lanzone** as its new chief executive officer (CEO). He was currently serving as the CEO of the Dating app Tinder.
 - Jim Lanzone will replace **Guru Gowrappan**, to the post of Yahoo CEO.
 - As for Tinder, **Renate Nyborg** has been appointed as the new CEO of the dating app to replace Lanzone.
- Former Union Minister, **Vijay Goel** has been appointed as the Vice-Chairman of Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti (**GSDS**).
- **Bhupendra Patel** sworn in as the **Chief Minister** of **Gujarat**. He was sworn in by Governor Acharya Devvrat at the Raj Bhavan, Gandhinagar.
- Justice **M. Venugopal** has been named as the new Acting Chairperson of the appellate tribunal, National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (**NCLAT**).
 - This is the third time in a row that an Acting Chairperson is at the helm of the NCLAT, after the retirement of permanent Chairperson Justice **S J . Mukhopadhaya**.
- India's **Raja Randhir Singh** has taken over as **acting president** of the **Olympic Council of Asia** as Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah appeals a guilty verdict in a Swiss forgery trial.
- **Rebecca Grynspan** from Costa Rica became the first woman and Central American Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (**UNCTAD**).
 - She succeeded **Dr. Mukhisa Kituyi**, who was also the first Kenyan to head the UN trade agency from 2013 to 2021.
- **Alka Nangia Arora** has been appointed as the Chairman cum Managing Director (CMD) of the National Small Industries Corporation Ltd. (**NSIC**).
- Former Supreme Court judge, Justice (Retired) **Indu Malhotra** will be the new Ombudsman cum Ethics Officer of Delhi and Districts Cricket Association (**DDCA**) for a period of one year.
- The United Nations Chief Antonio Guterres appointed **Nobel Laureate Kailash Satyarthi** as the new Sustainable Development Goals (**SDG**) **Advocate** ahead of the start of the 76th United Nations General Assembly.
 - According to the press release by the UN, along with Kailash Satyarthi, Microsoft President Brad Smith, STEM activist Valentina Munoz Rabanal and K-pop superstars BLACKPINK has also been appointed as new SDG advocates.
- Congress leader **Charanjit Singh Channi** took oath as the 16th **Chief Minister** of **Punjab** at the Raj Bhawan on September 20, 2021.
 - He was administered the oath of office by Punjab Governor **Banwarilal Purohit**.
 - Two other Congress MLAs, **Sukhjinder S Randhawa** and **OP Soni** were sworn in as **deputy Chief Ministers** of Punjab.
- **Canada** Prime Minister **Justin Trudeau** has won the third term to serve as the **PM** of the country, after his party won the 2021 parliamentary elections.
- The Central Government appointed the ace fighter pilot Air Marshal **Vivek Ram Chaudhari** as the **next Chief** of the **Indian Air Force (IAF)**.
 - He has succeeded Air Chief Marshal **RKS Bhadauria** who will retire from the service on September 30.
- **Rajiv Bansal** appointed as Secretary in the Ministry of **Civil Aviation**.
 - He will replace the current Aviation Secretary **Pradeep Singh Kharola**, who retires on 30 September.

- The WHO announced the appointment of the Rt Hon **Gordon Brown**, former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, as WHO Ambassador for **Global Health Financing**.
- The Ministry of Defence has appointed **Virendra Singh Pathania** as the Additional Director General of the Indian Coast Guard headquarters in New Delhi.

Resignation/Dismissed/Retired/Quit

- **Vijay Rupani** has resigned as the **Chief Minister** of **Gujarat**. He submitted his resignation to Governor Acharya Devvrat.
- Former **Zimbabwe** skipper and wicket-keeper batsman, **Brendan Taylor** has announced his retirement from international **cricket**.
- Indian skipper **Virat Kohli** has announced that he will step down as the **T20 captain** of the Indian cricket team after the men's T20 World Cup in Dubai in October 2021.
 - He will remain the captain for the ODI and Test formats.
- The government of India accepts **RN Ravi's** resignation as interlocutor for Naga peace talks.
 - Recently, R N Ravi has been appointed as governor of Tamil Nadu.
 - **Akshay Mishra** is likely to be appointed as the new peace talks interlocutor.

Deaths

- Former France footballer **Jean-Pierre Adams**, who had been in a coma for 39 years, has passed away.
- **Rajni Kaul** who was the first News Broadcaster for BBC Hindi passed away in Faridabad, Haryana.
 - She was not only the first woman to join BBC Hindi as a staff member but she also became the first woman to read a news bulletin in Hindi.
- Former Union health secretary **Keshav Desiraju** has passed away, due to "acute coronary syndrome".
 - Desiraju was the grandson of former president Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan.
- Double Olympic hammer throw gold medallist **Yuriy Sedykh**, a Ukrainian track and field athlete who represented the Soviet Union until 1991, has passed away.
- Former India footballer and Mohun Bagan captain, **Bhabani Roy** passed away.
- Noted writer and former secretary of Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages **Aziz Hajini** passed away.
- Eminent Odia litterateur, social worker and journalist **Manorama Mohapatra** passed away.
- President of the Akhil Bharatiya Akhara Parishad, **Mahant Narendra Giri** has passed away.
- Footballer **Jimmy Greaves**, one of England's most prolific strikers and Tottenham Hotspur's record goalscorer, passed away.
- Renowned Theoretical physicist and cosmologist Professor **Thanu Padmanabhan** passed away.
- Women rights activist, poet, and author **Kamla Bhasin** passed away.

Awards/Honours

- Odisha-born neurosurgeon **Dr Basant Kumar Misra** has been conferred the prestigious American Association of Neurological Surgeons' '**International Lifetime Achievement Award in Neurosurgery**'.
- **Shailendra Singh**, a biologist from India, has won the **Behler Turtle Conservation Award**.
 - He has been awarded for bringing three critically endangered turtle conservation species back from the brink of extinction.

- Meghalaya's Whistling village, **Kongthong**, has been nominated by the Ministry of Tourism for the UNWTO (World Tourism Organisation) '**Best Tourism Villages**' award.
 - The two other villages in India that have also been nominated for UNWTO 'Best Tourism Villages' award are- **Ladhpura Khas** in Madhya Pradesh and **Pochampally** in Telangana.
- A 12-year-old environmental activist **Ayaan Shankta** from Mumbai, India, has been named as a 2021 **International Young Eco-Hero award** winner for his efforts to solve tough environmental problems.
 - Ayaan won 3rd place in the 8 to 14 years age group category for his project 'Conservation and Rehabilitation of Powai Lake'.
- Author **Susanna Clarke** won the **Women's Prize for Fiction 2021** for her novel '**Piranesi**'.
- Star Indian golfer **Jeev Milkha Singh** has become the first professional **golfer** in the world to receive the prestigious 10-year **Dubai Golden Visa** in recognition of his outstanding achievements in the sport.
- Hyderabad-based International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (**ICRISAT**) has been awarded the **Africa Food Prize** for 2021 for improving food security in sub-Saharan Africa.
- The **Florence Nightingale Award** will be given to a nurse, **Bhanumati Gheewala**, from Sir Sayajirao General Hospital, Gujarat.
 - She has been in charge of COVID-19 positive pregnant women's deliveries as well as infant care.
- National Institute of Open Schooling (**NIOS**), run by the education ministry, has bagged global recognition from **UNESCO** for its innovative approach towards education.
- The 73rd Primetime **Emmy Awards** ceremony was held on September 19, 2021, in Los Angeles, California.
 - The award honoured the best in **U.S. prime time television** programming from June 1, 2020, until May 31, 2021, as chosen by the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences.
 - The 73rd edition of the Television Academy's top honours is being hosted by Cedric the Entertainer on CBS.
- Brigadier **SV Sarasvati**, the Deputy Director-General of Military Nursing Service has been bestowed with the **National Florence Nightingale Award 2020**.
- **Bangladesh** Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina was conferred with the '**SDG Progress Award**' by the UN-sponsored Sustainable Development Solutions Network (**SDSN**) for Bangladesh's steady progress in achieving the UN's Sustainable Development Goals.
- The **Bill & Melinda Gates** Foundation announced its annual Goalkeepers '**Global Goals Awards**' 2021, as part of its annual Goalkeepers campaign.
 - **Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka** bags Global Goalkeeper Award 2021.
- Karnataka Legislative Assembly has named former state chief minister **BS Yediyurappa** as the **best legislator of the year 2020-21**.

Sports/Game

- India's **Mariyappan Thangavelu** has won the **silver** medal in the **men's high jump (T63)** at the **Tokyo Paralympics**.
 - In the same event, **Sharad Kumar** won the **bronze** medal, clearing 1.83m mark.
 - **Sam Grewe** of the United States won the **gold** medal after he cleared the 1.88m mark.
- ICC Men's Test Player Rankings: England captain **Joe Root** has reclaimed **top rank** in the latest ICC Men's Test Player Rankings after nearly six years.
 - He has surpassed New Zealand captain **Kane Williamson**, who is now ranked **second** with 901 rating.

- **Steve Smith** is ranked **third**, followed by another Australian cricketer Marnus Labuschagne who is ranked fourth.
- India's **Rohit Sharma** has surpassed skipper Virat Kohli to be ranked **fifth**, becoming the highest-ranked Indian on the list.
- In **Paralympics 2020**, India's ace **archer Harvinder Singh** has won the **bronze** medal in the men's individual recurve open.
- Indian shooters **Manish Narwal** and **Singhraj Adhana** clinched the **gold** and **silver** medal respectively in the P4 – Mixed 50m Pistol SH1 final at Asaka Shooting Range.
 - The 19-year-old Manish created the Paralympic record as he amassed 218.2 points to clinch the gold while Singhraj grabbed his second medal of the Tokyo Paralympics with 216.7 points.
 - The Russian Paralympic Committee's (RPC) **Sergey Malyshev** won the **bronze** medal.
- **Praveen Kumar** became India's fourth medallist in men's **high jump** and 11th medallist overall at the **Tokyo Paralympics 2020** as he won **silver** with an Asian record jump of 2.07m.
 - He finishes behind Great Britain's Jonathan Broom-Edwards.
- **Pankaj Kumar Singh**, a 1988-batch IPS officer from the Rajasthan cadre, has taken charge as the new Director General (**DG**) of the **Border Security Force (BSF)**.
 - The 58-year-old Pankaj Singh replaces IPS officer and Indo-Tibetan Border Police Director General (DG) **SS Deswal** who was holding the additional charge of BSF DG since July 2021.
- **Max Verstappen** (Red Bull – Netherlands) has won the formula one **Dutch Grand Prix 2021**.
 - Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes-Great Britain) came second while Valtteri Bottas (Mercedes-Finland) came third.
- Indian advertising doyen **Ramesh Narayan** will be inducted into the **Asian Federation of Advertising Associations (AFAA) Hall of Fame** at AdAsia 2021.
- **Daniel Ricciardo** (McLaren, Australian-Italian) has won the Formula One **Italian Grand Prix 2021** title held at Autodromo Nazionale Monza track, Italy.
 - Lando Norris came second while Valtteri Bottas came third in the F1 race.
- **North Korea** was formally **suspended** from the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympics by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) as punishment for refusing to send a team to the Tokyo Games citing the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **BCCI** announced that the former India captain **MS Dhoni** will **mentor** the team for the tournament, which will be played in UAE and Oman in October and November.
- India's **R Raja Rithvik** became chess **Grandmaster** after he crossed the ELO Rating of 2500.
 - The 17-year-old achieved this GM title in Vezerkepzo Grandmaster Chess Tournament at Budapest, **Hungary**.
- India's **Pankaj Advani** won the **Asian Snooker Championship 2021** by defeating Amir Sarkhosh.
- India's **D Gukesh** won his second consecutive tournament of this month, the **Norway Chess Open 2021** Masters section. **Iniyar** secured sole second position.
- Star Indian cueist **Pankaj Advani** has grabbed his 24th **World title** when he triumphed at the IBSF 6-Red Snooker World Cup with a victory over Pakistan's Babar Masih in the final.
- **Odisha** will host the **Men's Hockey Junior World Cup** at the Kalinga Stadium here from November 24 to December 5.
 - Patnaik also unveiled the logo and the trophy for the event.
 - Hockey India had recently approached the Odisha government to support them for the Men's Junior World Cup to be held in two months time.
- **Lewis Hamilton** (Mercedes-Great Britain), has won the F1 **Russian Grand Prix 2021**.

Report

- **Amul**, Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF) has dropped two places to rank **18th** in Rabobank's 2021 **Global Top 20 Dairy Companies** list.
- Hurun Research Institute has released the Hurun India Future Unicorn List 2021, as per which **India** is the **third**-largest Unicorn/startup ecosystem in the world.
 - The **USA** is on **top** followed by **China** on second.
- The Times Higher Education (THE) **World University Rankings** 2022 has been announced.
 - The **University of Oxford** is at the **top** of the list, followed by the **California Institute of Technology** and **Harvard University** at the second and third positions, respectively.
 - The **Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru**, is placed between the 301-350 position.
- According to US-based global leader approval tracker morning consult, approval rating of Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** was the highest among thirteen world leaders who were surveyed.
- **Bank of Baroda**, announced that the bank has **Ranked #1** with a total of 86% marks on the scorecard issued by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) for the month of February and March 2021.
- The Union Minister of Education, Dharmendra Pradhan released the **NIRF India Rankings** 2021, through video conferencing.
 - In Overall Winner: The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) **Madras** has retained the top spot in the overall category.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** have been named among **100 most influential people** of 2021 by the **Time Magazine**.
 - Apart from PM Modi, West Bengal Chief Minister **Mamata Banerjee** and CEO of Serum Institute of India, **Adar Poonawalla** have also been named among the world's 100 most influential people.
- **India** has been ranked at **46th** place in the **Global Innovation Index** 2021 released by World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).
 - Under the Lower middle-income category group, India has been ranked at the second spot after Vietnam.
 - Top 5: Switzerland, Sweden, USA, UK, Republic of Korea.
- **India** could become the world's **third**-largest **importer** by **2050**, according to a report released by the UK's Department of International Trade.
 - With a 5.9 per cent share of global imports by 2050, the country will become the third-largest importer, following **China** and the **United States**.

General - National

- **India** has become the first Asian Country to launch a **Plastics pact** on September 3, 2021.
 - This new platform was developed by World-Wide Fund for Nature-India (WWF India) in collaboration with the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).
- Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (**TRIFED**) in collaboration with the Ministry of **External Affairs**, is setting up an Atmanirbhar Bharat corner in 75 Indian Missions/ Embassies across the world in the next 3 months.
- The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) has declared **Kushinagar Airport** as a **Customs notified** airport.
- **Two** more beaches in India have been awarded "**Blue Flag**" certification, an international eco-level tag, taking the total number of such beaches in the country to **10**.
 - The two beaches to receive the certification this year are **Kovalam** in Tamil Nadu and **Eden** in Puducherry.
- The **Commerce Ministry** has decided to celebrate '**Vanijya Saptah**' from 20 to 26 September.

- As per Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) study, **India** is all set and is on the right track to become industrial **trans fat-free** by **2022**.
- The government has set up an asset management company (AMC) named India Debt Resolution Company Ltd (IDRCL) with a paid-up capital of Rs. 80.5 lakh on an authorized capital of Rs 50 crore.

General - International

- **Sri Lanka** has declared a state of **emergency** as the **food crisis** worsened after private banks ran out of foreign exchange to finance imports.
 - The Sri Lankan rupee has fallen by 7.5% against the US dollar this year.
- **El Salvador** has become the first country in the world to accept **Bitcoin** as **legal tender**.
- The world's largest plant that can capture **carbon dioxide** directly from the air and can deposit it underground started operating in **Iceland**.
- **Iran** was officially admitted as a full member of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO).
 - The decision to admit Iran as a full member was declared in the 21st summit of the SCO leaders in Dushanbe, **Tajikistan**.
- **Hungary** has unveiled the statue of Bitcoin founder **Satoshi Nakamoto**.
 - The imposing bronze statue was unveiled in Hungary's capital, Budapest.
- Central bank of **China** has declared all the **Cryptocurrency transactions illegal** on September 23, 2021.

Books and Authors: Book's Name & Author's Name

- Hollywood actress **Angelina Jolie** has recently announced her upcoming book, titled "**Know Your Rights and Claim Them: A Guide for Youth**".
 - The book has been written jointly by Angelina Jolie, Amnesty International and human rights lawyer **Geraldine Van Bueren QC**.
- Actress **Tamannaah Bhatia** launched her book '**Back to the Roots**'.
 - She has co-authored the book with celebrity lifestyle coach **Luke Coutinho**.
- A new book has titled "**Bullets Over Bombay: Satya and the Hindi Film Gangster**" authored by **Uday Bhatia**.
 - The Book deals with the testimonies from Ram Gopal Varma, Anurag Kashyap, Manoj Bajpayee, Vishal Bhardwaj, Saurabh Shukla.
- The Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has released a book titled '**Shining Sikh Youth of India**' in New Delhi, as a part of the commemoration of the 400th birth anniversary of Guru Tegh Bahadur, the ninth Guru of Sikhs.
 - The book has been authored by **Dr Prabhleen Singh**, administrative officer at the Punjabi University, Patiala.
- A book has titled "**The Three Khans: And the Emergence of New India**" authored by **Kaveree Bamzai**.
- Amitav Ghosh's "**Jungle Nama**" has now been released as an audiobook with music and voice of US-based **Ali Sethi**.
- A book titled "**The Fractured Himalaya: How the Past Shadows the Present in India-China Relations**", authored by **Nirupama Rao**.

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TO THE POINTS: SEPTEMBER-2021

- **Ministry of Women and Child Development** has decided to celebrate the POSHAN Maah across the nation throughout the month of September.
- The Minister of Ayush Sarbananda Sonowal, along with six Union Ministers would launch the **Y-Break** mobile application at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi.
- **Madhya Pradesh** has become second state to launch the National Education Policy 2020.
- A 2-Day Nomadic Festival has been observed in **Ladakh**.
- **Himachal Pradesh** has achieved a unique distinction of achieving 100 % target of first dose of Covid-19 vaccination above the age of 18 years.
- Moody's Investors Service has lowered India's growth projection to 9.6% for 2021. Its previous estimation was **13.9%**.
- **Vartika Shukla** has been appointed as the next chairperson and managing director of Engineers India Ltd.
- Dorje Angchuk has become first Indian to be inducted as Honorary Member of **International Astronomical Union**.
- The Indian Naval Ship Tabar has participated in a Maritime Partnership Exercise with **Algeria's** Navy in the Mediterranean Sea.
- **IIT Madras** has developed an online platform called e-Source to tackle e-waste by linking various stakeholders in the formal and informal sectors.
- ISRO has conducted the first hot test of the system demonstration model of the Gaganyaan service module propulsion system in **Tamil Nadu**.
- The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology has launched India's first Quantum Computer Simulator, **Toolkit**.
- The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has notified **Deepor Beel Wildlife Sanctuary** as eco-sensitive zone.
- The Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur has presented the first copy of the book titled "Reflecting, Recollecting, Reconnecting" to **Venkaiah Naidu**.
- The Noisiel International Open 2021 Chess Tournament has been won by P Iniyan. The Tournament was held in **France**.
- Indian shooter Singhraj Adana has won the bronze medal in **10m Air Pistol** category at Tokyo Paralympics 2020.
- Mariyappan Thangavelu has won a silver medal at the Tokyo Paralympics 2020. He associates with **High Jump**.
- Dale Steyn has announced his retirement from all forms of cricket. He hails from **South Africa**.
- Vasoo Paranjape passed away recently. He associated with **Sports**.
- World Coconut Day has been celebrated on **September 2**.
- The President Ram Nath Kovind would present the President's Colour to **Indian Naval Aviation** at the ceremonial parade to be held at INS Hansa in Goa.
- The Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has inaugurated a project called 'My Pad, My Right' in Tripura. This project was initiated by **NABARD**.
- **Punjab** has given nod to a new scheme called 'Mera Kaam Mera Maan' to help the unemployed youth in the state.

- Rating agency **Morgan Stanley** has estimated the India's GDP growth to be rise at 10.5 per cent for FY2022.
- **State Bank of India** has opened a floating ATM on Dal Lake in Srinagar for the convenience of locals and tourists.
- Axis Bank has been partnered with **BharatPe** to expand its merchant acquiring business in the country.
- In **Equitas Small Finance Bank** the Google Pay users could take the benefits of fixed deposit rates by booking FD on the payments platform without opening a bank account.
- Footwear and accessories company **Adidas** has roped Mirabai Chanu as the face of its "Stay in Play" campaign to keep more menstruating women in sports.
- Pankaj Kumar Singh has been appointed as the new director general of **Border Security Force**.
- **Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services** has been appointed Raul Rebello as its new Chief Operating Officer.
- The Ramon Magsaysay Award has been awarded to Firdausi Qadri, a vaccine scientist along with 5 people. He belongs to **Bangladesh**.
- **Basant Kumar Misra** has been received the 'International Lifetime Achievement Award in Neurosurgery' conferred by the American Association of Neurological Surgeons.
- **India** has hosted the 8th Meeting of Agriculture Experts of Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation Countries in New Delhi through Virtually.
- The Competition Commission of India has approved the acquisition of **TVS's** shareholding by TS Rajam Rubbers Pvt Ltd and Dhinrama Mobility Solution Pvt Ltd.
- The Indian Navy has signed a contract with **BEL** for the supply of the first indigenous comprehensive Naval Anti Drone System.
- A living-plant based air purifier named "Ubreathe Life" has been jointly launched by Delhi University along with **IIT Ropar**.
- **SpaceX** has launched ants, avocados and a human-sized robotic arm rocket towards the International Space Station.
- The PM Narendra Modi has released a special commemorative coin of Srila Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada Ji through video conferencing on his **125th** Birth Anniversary.
- **Snow leopard** has been declared as the state animal for newly formed Union Territory of Ladakh.
- **FICCI** has organised the BRICS Film Technology Symposium, recently addressed by Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Singh Thakur.
- The Assam cabinet has decided to remove the name of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi from **Orang National Park**.
- The Chief Minister of Punjab Amarinder Singh has launched **IMPunjab**, a public-private partnership to catalyze start-ups.
- India's Gross Domestic Product has grown in the April-June quarter of this financial year (FY22) is **20.1%**.
- GST revenue (approx.) collected for the second straight month in August is **Rs 1.12 trillion**.
- **PhonePe** has launched "Pulse", a new website that would provide data, insights and trends on digital payments on its platform.
- **Five** member committees under the head of P Vasudevan has been constituted to review applications and give recommendations on New Umbrella Entity licences.

- J B Mohapatra has been appointed as the chairman of **Central Board of Direct Taxes**.
- **Rajwinder Singh Bhatti** has been appointed as the ADG Border Security Force.
- **Chandigarh Railway Station** has been awarded a 5-star 'Eat Right Station' certification by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India.
- **National Mission for Clean Ganga** has signed an MOU with South Asian Institute for Advanced Research and Development to create an academic platform to engage young students.
- **Russia** has organised the plenary session of the 6th Eastern Economic Forum, addressed recently by Narendra Modi.
- **Kotak Mahindra Bank** would sell its shares held in Airtel Payments Bank for a cash consideration of ₹ 294.8 crore to Bharti Enterprises Ltd.
- A Book Titled, "Know Your Rights: and Claim Them" has been jointly written by Hollywood actor **Angelina Jolie** along with Geraldine Van Bueren QC.
- Indian para-athlete Praveen Kumar has clinched a silver medal in the Tokyo Paralympics. He belongs to **High Jump**.
- Indian Para shooter Avani Lekhara has won the bronze medal in **50m rifle** category at the Tokyo Paralympics 2020.
- Chandan Mitra passed away recently. He was a **Politician**.
- **Sidharth Shukla**, Well-known television actor passed away recently.
- Hurriyat Founder, Syed Ali Shah Geelani passed away recently. He belonged to **Kashmir**.
- Theme of the National Wildlife Day, observed every year on September 4 - **Forests and Livelihoods: Sustaining People and Planet**.
- **Ashok Kumar Tandon** is the head of the committee constituted by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting consists of nine Members to review the existing guidelines of Journalist Welfare Scheme.
- The AYUSH Ministry has launched a campaign of distributing Ayush prophylactic medicines and the guidelines in New Delhi. **Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Medicines** has prepared the kit and the guidelines.
- **India** has gifted two mobile medical oxygen plants to Bangladesh to support the country's fight against COVID-19.
- Australia, Malaysia, Singapore and South Africa have decided to jointly test multiple central bank digital currencies that facilitate cross-border transactions. The name of the project is **Project Dunbar**.
- **Jammu & Kashmir** has launched Rural Enterprises Acceleration Programme titled 'Saath' for Self Help Group women.
- **IMF** has sharply increased its allocation of Special Drawing Rights to India, in line with the country's existing quota in the fund.
- Reserve Bank of India imposed **Rs 25 lakh** monetary penalty on Axis Bank for non-compliance.
- **Federal Bank** has launched credit card in association with Visa.
- **Atul Bhatt** has been appointed as the chairman and managing director of Rashtriya Stpat Nigam Ltd.
- Parasaram Pattabhi Kesava Ramacharyulu has been appointed as the secretary-general of **Rajya Sabha**.

- Gaurav Sharma has been appointed as the Group Chief Technology Officer of **Poonawalla Finance Corporation**.
- The Bird Photographer of the Year has been won by Alejandro Prieto from **Mexico**.
- **Power Grid Corporation** has recently awarded the coveted "Association for Talent Development 2021 BEST Award".
- **27th** edition of Guru Kelucharan Mohapatra Award Festival would be hosted virtually between September 5 and 9.
- National e-Governance Division has signed an MOU with National Law University of Delhi and Bhopal to establish a Cyber Lab for the 'Online Capacity Building Programme. National e-Governance Division comes under **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology**.
- **6th** edition of BRICS Energy Ministers Meeting 2021 has been chaired by the Minister of State for Power and Heavy Industries, Krishan Pal Gurjar.
- The Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs Nirmala Sitharaman has chaired the 24th meeting of the Financial Stability and Development Council in **New Delhi**.
- The Gujarat Government would host 12th Defence Expo-2022 in **Gandhinagar**.
- According to the Hurun India Future Unicorn List 2021, **USA** has topped the Unicorn ecosystem in the world.
- As per the Times World University Rankings 2022, **IISc Bangalore** has been topped among the Indian Educational institutes.
- Harvinder Singh has won the bronze medal in the men's individual recurve event at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympics. He belongs to **Archery**.
- Indian para-shooter Manish Narwal has won the gold medal in **50m Pistol** category at Tokyo Paralympics 2020.
- Jacques Rogge passed away recently. He was a former president of **International Olympic Committee**.
- The International Day of Charity has been observed annually on **5 September**.
- India has been celebrating Teachers' Day on September 5 every year to mark the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvopalli Radhakrishnan. He was the **Second** President of independent India.
- **India** has become the first Asian country to develop a plastics pact to make commitments for building a circular system for plastics.
- The **Ayush** Ministry has launched the campaign AYUSH AAPKE DWAR campaign aims to distribute medicinal plant saplings to 75 lakh households in one year.
- **Burnaby** city has declared September 5 as "Gauri Lankesh Day", as a tribute to the dead journalist on her death anniversary.
- The World Social Protection Report 2020-22 has been published by **International Labour Organization**.
- **Maharashtra** has set up a science innovation city in memory of late Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.
- The Union Government has signed the tripartite Karbi Anglong agreement with **Assam** to fulfil all the conditions for development of the Karbi people within the stipulated time.
- The **Arunachal Pradesh** government has launched two ambitious schemes, 'Atma Nirbhar Krishi Yojna' and 'Atma Nirbhar Bagwani Yojna'.
- **Amazon** has launched the Kisan (Farmer) Store for empowering farmers and leveraging technology to transform the farming sector.

- **Vartika Shukla** has been appointed as the Chairman & Managing Director of Engineers India.
- **SJVN Ltd** has been conferred with prestigious Dun & Bradstreet – Corporate Award 2021 in the category of Best Growth Performance-Power.
- India has signed an MOU with **Nepal** for the reconstruction of 14 cultural heritage and 103 health sector projects damaged by the devastating 2015 earthquake in the country.
- India has inked an agreement for cooperation for the development of air-launched unmanned aerial vehicles with **USA**.
- **Reliance Industries Limited** has acquired 2,28,42,654 equity shares from Strand Life Sciences Private Limited for Rs 393 crore.
- **HDFC Life Insurance** would acquire a 100 per cent stake in Exide Life Insurance for Rs 6,687 crore.
- LIC has picked up nearly 4 per cent equity shares in **Bank of India** through an open market transaction recently.
- Indian Army has signed a contract to procure over 100 armed drones called “SkyStrikers” from Alpha Design Company. **Manoj Mukund Naravane** is the Chief of Army Staff of India.
- **28th** edition of Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise called ‘SIMBEX-2021’ was held recently.
- Hansa New Generation aircraft has successfully made its maiden flight from Hindustan Aeronautics Limited airport. It is designed and developed by **CSIR National Aerospace Laboratories**.
- In Tokyo Paralympics, Pramod Bhagat and Manoj Sarkar has won the Gold and Silver medal respectively, they associated with **Badminton**.
- The ‘Food Processing Week’ has been observed from 6th to 12th September by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries. **Pashupati Kumar Paras** is the current Minister of Food Processing Industries.
- **Healthy Air, Healthy Planet** is the theme of the International Day of Clean Air for blue skies, observed annually on September 7.
- As per the survey conducted by The Morning Consult, **Narendra Modi** has an approval rating of 70 per cent among 13 global leaders.
- India’s first Dugong Conservation Reserve has been planned to set up in **Tamil Nadu**.
- Asian Development Bank approved the loan amount **\$150 million** for a sustainable housing project for the urban poor in Tamil Nadu.
- India’s first bio-brick based building has been introduced in **IIT Hyderabad**.
- **Gujarat** has planned to undertake public welfare projects to the tune of Rs. 1,000 crore by December next year under its “VatanPremYojana”.
- **Ola Electric** has tied up with leading banks and financial institutions for providing loans to customers for its S1 electric scooter.
- The Equitas Small Finance Bank has appointed Rani Rampal and **Smriti Mandhana** as the company’s brand ambassadors.
- **Rohit Soni** has been appointed as the Chief Financial Officer Adani Transmission Limited.
- Arun Kumar Singh has been named as the next Chairman and Managing Director of **BPCL**.
- The Andhra Pradesh government has appointed Rajnish Kumar as its economic advisor. He was a Chairman of **State Bank of India**.
- **Google** has selected 2 Indian women entrepreneurs for Women Founders Academy Zealth-AI and Brain SightAI.

- **Myanmar's** photographer has won the top award at photojournalism's biggest annual festival.
- **Hyderabad International Airport** has clinched the CII 'National Energy Leader' and 'Excellent Energy Efficient Unit' awards at the 22nd National Award Ceremony for 'Excellence in Energy Management'.
- Power sector **IREDA** has entered into a pact with TANGEDCO for providing technical expertise in developing of renewable energy projects and raising of funds.
- The 4th edition of AUSINDEX, a bilateral navy exercise has been conducted between the Indian Navy and the Royal Australian Navy. **INS Shivalik & INS Kadmatt** has been took part in the Naval Exercise.
- A New Book Titled, "Bullets Over Bombay: Satya and the Hindi Film Gangster" has been authored by **Uday Bhatia**.
- South Indian actress **Tamannaah Bhatia** has launched her book titled 'Back to the Roots'.
- The formula one Dutch Grand Prix 2021 has been won by **Max Verstappen**.
- Krishna Nagar has won gold medal in the men's singles SH6 category at the Tokyo Paralympics 2020 by defeating Chu Man Kai of **Hong Kong**.
- India reached **24th** rank in the overall medal tally out of a total of 162 nations at the Tokyo Paralympic Games 2020.
- Jean-Pierre Adams passed away. He belonged to **Football**.
- Keshav Desiraju passed away recently. He associated with **Politics**.
- Theme of the International Literacy Day, observed and celebrated widely every year on September 8 - **Literacy for a human-centred recovery narrowing the digital divide**.
- The Ministry of External Affairs along with **TRIFED** has decided to set up Atma Nirbhar Bharat corner in 100 Indian Embassies across the World.
- The PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated the "Shikshak Parv-2021" via video conferencing. **Dharmendra Pradhan** is the present Ministry of Education.
- **Ministry of Culture** has launched the "BujurgonkiBaat-DeshKeSaath" program in New Delhi to improve the interaction between youth and senior citizens who are aged 95.
- Under **R.K. Malhotra** chairmanship the Ministry of Coal has constituted a Task Force and Expert Committee to Prepare Road Map for Coal based Hydrogen Production.
- Mullah Mohammad Hasan Akhund has been appointed as the new Prime Minister of **Afghanistan**.
- Cuba has become the first country in the world on September 6, 2021, to vaccinate **Toddlers** with the COVID-19 vaccine.
- **El Salvador** has become the first country in the world to accept Bitcoin as legal tender.
- **Ministry of Climate change** has been newly created by the Greek government.
- The first functional smog tower has been virtually inaugurated in Delhi. The tower was built by **Tata Group** along with NBCC (India) Ltd.
- **New Delhi** has launched 'Business Blasters' programme which aims at developing young entrepreneurs at the school-level.
- The Assam government has formed a committee comprising ministers and members of the All Assam Students' Union for preparing a roadmap to implement the Assam Accord. The committee comprises of **3** Ministers.
- The Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd has unveiled its branded store named **Happy Shop** in Mumbai.

- News group **India Today** has launched “Good News Today”, India’s first and only good news channel that recognize that the news doesn’t just have to be shocking, sensational and stressful.
- **SEBI** has gave an in-principle approval to Zerodha to set up an asset management company.
- **Flipkart** has launched ‘Boost’, a new programme aimed at helping digital-first consumer brands to grow their business.
- **SBM Bank** has partnered with fintech player OneCard to launch a mobile-based credit card.
- DFC Bank has signed a pact with **National Small Industries Corporation** for providing credit support to the micro, small and medium enterprise sector.
- **India Post Payments Bank** has joined hands with LIC Housing Finance for selling housing finance products of the latter to its 4.5 crore customers.
- **Bank of India** has entered into a co-lending arrangement with MAS Financial Services for MSME loans.
- Harsha Bhupendra Bangari has been appointed as the managing director of **EXIM**.
- **SL Tripathy** has been appointed as Chairman-cum-Managing Director of the United India Insurance Company Limited.
- S Ramesh has been appointed as the Managing Director of **Bharat Petro Resources Limited**.
- **Ramkrishana Gupta** has been appointed as the Chief Financial Officer of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited.
- The Madhya Pradesh government has appointed player Vivek Sagaras Deputy Superintendent of Police. He associates with **Hockey**.
- **Ram Nath Kovind** has presented the national teacher award to 44 teachers on the occasion of Teachers’ Day.
- **Ramesh Narayan** would be inducted into the Asian Federation of Advertising Associations Hall of Fame at the AdAsia 2021.
- **Bharat Electronics Limited** has signed a pact for providing reliable and sustainable power supply to security forces operating in remote, Naxal-affected and high-altitude areas.
- **IRDAI** has approved the merger of Amicus Insurance Brokers with First Policy Insurance Brokers.
- **Bharati Pravin Pawar** has represented India in 74th Session of World Health Organization- South East Asia Regional Office held through video-conference.
- The Air Chief Marshal RKS Bhadauria has attended the Pacific Air Chiefs Symposium 2021. The Symposium held at **Hawaii**.
- C-DoT has launched a lab to design and develop pan-India integrated alert system for disaster management. **Rajkumar Upadhyay** is the Executive Director of C-DoT.
- The Haryana Chief Minister, Manohar Lal Khattar has released the book, ‘Haryana Environment and Pollution Code’. The book was compiled by **Dheera Khandelwal**.
- The 130th edition of the Durand Cup has kicked off in Kolkata. The tournament was jointly organized by the Government of West Bengal and **Eastern Command of the Indian Armed Forces**.
- **Avani Lekhara** has led India’s contingent at the Closing Ceremony of Tokyo Paralympics as the flag-bearer.
- India has Clinched 39 medals including 14 gold at the ASBC Asian World Youth and Junior Championships 2021. It held in **UAE**.
- Rajni Kaul, Indian media personality passed away recently. She was the first woman **Hindi** news reader of BBC.

- **UN General Assembly** has designated September 9 as the International Day to Protect Education from Attack.
- **Central Board of Direct Taxes** has amended the Income-tax Rules to ease authentication of electronic records submitted in faceless assessment proceedings.
- Yoshihide Suga, the Prime Minister of **Japan** has recently stepped down.
- India's tallest air purifier tower has become operational in **Chandigarh**.
- S&P Global Ratings has lowered India's growth for FY22 to 9.5 from its earlier estimation **11%**.
- **Bank of Baroda** has been ranked first in the MeitY Digital Payment Scorecard for 2020-21 issued by Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.
- POS device **Wise POSGo** has been launched by Karnataka Bank in collaboration with Mswipe Technologies Pvt Ltd.
- **Satish Parekh** has been taken over as the president of India Chapter of International Road Federation.
- Baby Rani Maurya has resigned as a governor of **Uttarakhand** recently.
- Shailendra Singh, an Indian biologist, has been awarded global award for the **Turtle** conservation.
- **Namita Gokhale** has been chosen as the recipient of the seventh Yamin Hazarika Woman of Substance Award.
- Delhi International Airport Limited has won the prestigious awards of CII 'National Energy Leader' and 'Excellent Energy Efficient Unit' at the **22nd** National Award ceremony for 'Excellence in Energy Management'.
- **Minister of Culture** has launched the book "Gita Govinda: Jaydeva's Divine Odyssey" by Dr Utpal K. Banerjee.
- India would host G20 Presidency in **2023**.
- The First ever High Level Policy Dialogue of India with **Japan** on Environment has held recently.
- The cabinet has approved the production-linked incentive scheme worth **Rs 10,683 Cr** for textiles sector with an aim to boost domestic manufacturing and exports.
- The Minister of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change, Bhupender Yadav, has launched PRANA for regulation of air pollution in **132** cities across the country.
- The Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairying, Parshottam Rupala has launched the portal for National Livestock Mission. The NLM portal has been developed by **SIDBI**.
- Theme of 2021 World Suicide Prevention Day observed on 10 September - **Creating Hope Through Action**.
- India's first Indigenously Designed High Ash Coal Gasification Based Methanol Production Plant has unveiled recently in **Hyderabad**.
- The government has constituted an eight-member panel to frame a new law for drugs, cosmetics and medical devices, The panel is headed by **VG Somani**.
- The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs in collaboration with **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology** has launched the pilot drive 'Main Bhi Digital 3.0' for Digital On boarding and Training for street vendors.
- The Asian Development Bank has granted \$300 million loan to expand rural connectivity of **Maharashtra**.
- India has signed a loan of \$112 million with **Asian Development Bank** for development of water supply infrastructure in Jharkhand.

- **Mumbai** is the first city in South Asia to launch the Climate Action Plan.
- The Karnataka state government has decided to set up a spices park in **Chikkamagaluru** district.
- The Bank of Baroda has launched its digital banking platform 'bob World', aimed at providing all banking services under one roof, **Sanjiv Chadha** is the MD and CEO of Bank of Baroda.
- **UCO Bank** has been taken out of the prompt corrective action (PCA) restrictions recently.
- The **Reserve Bank of India** has extended the tokenisation guidelines to Card-on-File tokenisation service.
- V. Vaidyanathan has been reappointed as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of **IDFC FIRST Bank**.
- The government has appointed 10 merchant bankers to manage the mega initial public offering of country's largest insurer **LIC**.
- **G.S. Pannu** has been appointed as the Officiating President of Income Tax Appellate Tribunal.
- **Tata AIA Life Insurance** has announced on-boarding of Olympic gold medallist Neeraj Chopra as its brand ambassador.
- All India Institute of Ayurveda has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with **Western Sydney University** to appoint an Academic Chair in Ayurveda.
- **Coal India Limited** has signed an MOU with Department of Sports in New Delhi for betterment of sports infrastructure in the country.
- **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras** has retained the top spot among institutes all over India as per the Ministry of Education's National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) rankings.
- The Union Cabinet has approved an MOU between the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India and the Chamber of Auditors of the Republic of **Azerbaijan**.
- **Cristiano Ronaldo** has become the highest-scoring man in the international football history with his 110th goal for Portugal.
- The Environmentalist Anil Joshi has announced that Himalaya Diwas would be observed in **Uttarakhand** on September 9.
- World EV Day has been observed on **September 9**.
- World's largest plant capturing carbon from air named Orca has been unveiled in **Iceland**.
- The Union Minister Nitin Gadkari along with **Rajnath Singh** has inaugurated an emergency landing strip on National Highway-925 in Barmer, Rajasthan.
- The Jharkhand Assembly has cleared the Jharkhand State Employment of Local Candidates in Private Sector Bill, 2021 for **75%** quota of all existing jobs in the private sector.
- The Odisha government has launched e-Receipt 2.0 system for tax payment. **Indian Bank & Axis Bank** are integrated with the Odisha Treasury portal.
- Fiserv Inc along with **NPCI** has launched 'nFiNi' to enable fintechs to co-create bank sponsored credit cards.
- ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company has shared its equity shares with **Bharti AXA General Insurance**.
- **Paytm** has partnered with start-up Wealth Desk to offer investment portfolios called 'Wealth Baskets' to build up the advisory ecosystem.
- **South Indian Bank** has launched OneCard Credit Card on the Visa Signature platform.

- **UCO Bank** has partnered with Fisdom to offer wealth management products and services, through the Bank's mBanking Plus App.
- **Visa** and Innoviti has developed stored value debit card for payments without connectivity.
- GC Murmu has been elected as the chairman of the assembly of Asian Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions. India would host the 16th assembly of ASOSAI in **2024**.
- **Nirlep Singh Rai** has been appointed as the new Chairman & Managing Director of National Fertilizers Limited.
- Kabir Suri has taken over as the new President of the National Restaurant Association of India at its **39th** Annual General Meeting held virtually.
- Sameer Sharma has been appointed as the Chief Secretary of **Andhra Pradesh**.
- The Banks Board Bureau has recommended Atul Kumar Goel for the post of Managing Director for **Punjab National Bank**.
- **CII** has presented best Energy Efficient Unit Award to Trichy Golden Rock Workshop.
- Ayaan Shankta, has been named as the 2021 International Young Eco-Hero in recognition of his efforts to solve tough environmental problems. He hails from **Mumbai**.
- The Prime Minister Narendra Modi has chaired **13th** BRICS Summit virtually.
- The world's most valuable edtech company, Byju's has acquired **Gradeup** - online exam preparation platform.
- China has successfully launched Earth observation satellite **Gaofen-502** into space on a Long March 4C carrier rocket.
- **South Korea** has successfully test-fired a submarine-launched ballistic missile.
- India's first Dugong conservation reserve has been planned to build in **Tamil Nadu**.
- A new species of gecko has been found in **Goa**.
- Theme of the World First Aid Day 2021, observed on the second Saturday of September - **First aid and road safety**.
- United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation has been observed on **September 12**.
- The government has added dairy products under the Transport and Marketing Assistance scheme. The TMA scheme has been extended till **March 31, 2022**.
- **Gajendra Singh Shekhawat & Prahlad Singh Patel** have launched the Swachh Survekshan Grameen 2021 under Swachh Bharat Mission.
- The Central Board of Direct Taxes has set up **BAR** to offer greater clarity on tax implications of transactions.
- The Union Ministers Pashupati Kumar Paras and Prahlad Singh Patel has inaugurated **7** food processing projects.
- A webinar on "POSHAN Abhiyaan- Sahi Poshan Desh Roshan" has been held in Chandigarh under **Ministry of Information & Broadcasting**.
- The PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated Sardardham Bhavan in **Ahmedabad**.
- India's largest open-air fernery has been inaugurated in **Uttarakhand**.
- The Civil aviation minister Jyotiraditya Scindia has launched "a first of its kind" Medicine from the Sky projects at **16** green zones in Telangana.
- **Paytm** has partnered with Wealth Desk to offer investment portfolios called 'Wealth Baskets' as the first step to build up the advisory network.

- **RBI** has extended the scope of tokenization from device-based tokenization to card-on-file tokenization services.
- Bhupendra Patel has been appointed as the chief minister of **Gujarat**.
- **Yahoo** has appointed Jim Lanzone as its new chief executive.
- **Sardar Iqbal Singh** has been appointed as the new Chairman of National Commission for Minorities.
- Vijay Goel has been taken charge as Vice Chairman of Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti. Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti is located in **New Delhi**.
- ICRISAT has been awarded with the **Africa** Food Prize for 2021 for improving food security.
- The Central Institute of Tool Design has signed an MOU with Standard Fireworks Pvt. Ltd for **Rs11.49 crore** for automation processes for various firework projects.
- India along with **Denmark** has set to launch Centre of Excellence on Offshore Wind.
- India's first nuclear-missile tracking ship INSDhruv, built by DRDO along with **Hindustan Shipyard** has been commissioned from Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh.
- **Daniel Ricciardo** has won the Formula One Italian Grand Prix 2021 title recently.
- Daniil Medvedev has defeated Novak Djokovic in **US Open**.
- **Emma Raducanu** has won Women's single in the 2021 US Open.
- The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has partnered with **Gesellschaft fur Internationale Zusammenarbeit & Smart Power India** to encourage Decentralised Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency innovations.
- **Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited** has partnered with European Naval Defence Industry to offer Surface Ships.
- **Ministry of Jal Shakti** has virtually launched Swachh Survekshan Grameen2021 under Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM(G)) Phase- II.
- The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs in association with the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology has launched the "Main Bhi Digital 3.0" under **PM SVANidhi** scheme.
- **Odisha** has celebrated Nuakhai, the harvest festival every year.
- **IIT Kanpur** has signed an MOU with Indian Air Force for Collaboration in the field of Academics and Research in the domain Aerospace Technology.
- India's 1st Indigenously Designed High Ash Coal Gasification Based Methanol Production Plant has inaugurated in **Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited's** R&D centre at Hyderabad.
- **Hardeep Singh Puri** has co-chaired the Ministerial meeting of the United States-India Strategic Clean Energy Partnership 2021.
- **Haryana** has become the first state in the country to install off-grid solar pumps under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha Evam Uttan Mahabhiyan.
- The 5th World Conference of Speakers of Parliament 2021 has held in **Vienna**.
- **74th** session of the World Health Organization South-East Asia Regional Office was organized by Nepal through a virtual conference.
- **One Web** has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Hughes Network System to Distribute Low Earth Orbit satellite service in India and US.
- The World's Largest Plant to Capture Carbon Dioxide from air called 'Orca' has Started Operating in **Iceland**.

- **26%** stake has been acquired by GAIL in ONGC Tripura Power Company from IL&FS group entities.
- **DRDO** has handed over the first deliverable Firing Unit of Medium Range Surface to Air Missile, "Barak-8" System to Indian Air Force at Air Force Station, Jaisalmer.
- **Amazon Pay** has partnered with Kuvera, Investment platform to provide wealth management services to its 50 million customers across India.
- The Government of India has enhanced the scope of the Transport and Marketing Assistance for specified agriculture products schemes. The rates of assistance have been increased by **50%** for exports by sea.
- Vijaybhai Ramniklalbhai Rupani, the Chief Minister of **Gujarat** has submitted his resignation recently.
- **Mullah Mohammad Hassan Akhund** has been appointed as the acting Prime Minister of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan.
- Cricketer **Rahul Dravid** has been appointed as the brand ambassador of Piramal Realty.
- Aziz Akhannouch has been appointed as the new Prime Minister of **Morocco**.
- The indigenously-Developed Tejas Light Combat Aircraft-Mk2 is to be launched by **2022**.
- **INS Tabar** has participated in Maritime Partnership Exercise with Sudanese Navy.
- The first-ever 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue between India and **Australia** held in New Delhi.
- Brendan Taylor has recently announced his retirement from international cricket. He belongs to **Zimbabwe**.
- Oscar Fernandes passed away recently. He associated with **Politics**.
- Activist **Sonal Shukla** popularly known as "Sonal Ben" has passed away recently.
- Aziz Hajini, passed away recently. He was a well-known **Writer**.
- The National Hindi Day has been observed every year on **September 14**.
- **World Lymphoma Awareness Day** has been observed on September 15 every year.
- India has celebrated Engineer's Day on September 15 every year. The World Engineer's Day has been observed on **March 4**.
- The PM Narendra Modi has laid the foundation stone of Raja Mahendra Pratap Singh University in **Aligarh**.
- PM Modi has announced the setting up of the Subramania Bharati chair in the memory of Legendary Tamil Poet Subramania Bharati in **Banaras Hindu University**.
- **Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation** has released a report on 'Situation Assessment of Agricultural Households and Land Holdings of Households in Rural India, 2019'.
- **Project Udaan** has been launched by IIT-Bombay to enable the translation of textbooks and other study material related to engineering and other streams.
- The "Climate Action and Finance Mobilization Dialogue" have been launched by India along with **USA**.
- The Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel has recently informed that the state would become **Millet** hub of the country.
- **Tamil Nadu** Assembly has passed a Bill seeking to 'dispense' the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test for admission to undergraduate medical courses in the State.
- TCS has announced one of its largest recruitment drives for hiring women, 'Rebegin' project.

- **Six** entities have completed the test phase in the 'First Cohort' under the Regulatory Sandbox scheme as stated by the Reserve Bank of India.
- The Reserve Bank of India and the Monetary Authority of Singapore has announced a project to link their respective fast payment systems. India uses **UPI** as a fast payment method.
- **Paytm Payment Bank** has enabled India's first FASTag based metro parking facility in partnership with the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation.
- **DBS Bank** in partnership with Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunications has launched real-time online tracking for cross-border collections for businesses in India.
- **M Venugopal** has been appointed as the Acting Chairperson of the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal.
- **Adobe** Company has appointed Prativa Mohapatra as the vice president and managing director.
- Pawan Kumar Goenka has been designated as the chairperson of Indian National Space Promotion Authorization Centre. He was a managing director of **Mahindra & Mahindra**.
- Anand Kumar has conferred with the Swami Brahmanand Award 2021 for his contribution in the field of education through his "Super 30" initiative. He is a **Mathematician**.
- **Susanna Clarke** has won the prestigious Women's Prize for Fiction for her mind-tweaking fantasy novel "Piranesi".
- Skyroot Aerospace has become the first private company to formally enter into an agreement with ISRO to test and qualify its small rocket ahead of launch next year. Skyroot Aerospace is a **Hyderabad** based start-up.
- The second India-Africa Defence Dialogue has been hosted by **Rajnath Singh** on the sidelines of DefExpo-2022 in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- The Indian military contingent has participated in the **6th** edition of Exercise SCO Peaceful Mission 2021 at Russia.
- The Researchers has recently discovered the island called "Qeqertaq Avannarleq" in **Greenland**.
- **Subramanian Swamy** has authored the New Book Titled "Human Rights and Terrorism in India".
- **North Korea** has been suspended from the International Olympic Committee until the end of 2022 as punishment for refusing to send a team to the Tokyo Games.
- Joe Root has been voted the ICC Men's Player of the Month for August 2021. He belongs to **England**.
- Lasith Malinga has announced his retirement recently. He belongs to **Cricket**.
- Theme of the International Day of Peace 2021, observed annually on 21 September - **Recovering better for an equitable and sustainable world**.
- **International Week of Deaf People** has been observed during the last full week of September on 20 to 26.
- Atal Innovation Mission has been collaborated with **Indian Space Research Organisation & Central Board of Secondary Education** to launch the ATL Space Challenge 2021 for all school students across the country.
- **Tribal Affairs Minister** has started Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojna covering 36 thousand villages across the country.
- Ashwini Vaishnaw, Ministry of Railways has launched Rail Kaushal Vikas Yojana under the aegis of Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana in **New Delhi**.
- Vladimir Putin has won in the recent election. He is the president of **Russia**.

- The Virtual Informal Ministerial Meeting of **G – 33** was hosted by Indonesia.
- Meenakshi Lekhi, Ministry of State for External Affairs has been visited to **Portugal and Spain** recently to enhance bilateral ties with the two countries.
- **Suraj Campaign** has been organised by Madhya Pradesh State Government on the occasion of the birthday of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- **Tata Capital** has launched 'Loan Against Mutual Funds', an industry first end-to-end digital offering.
- **Indian Institute of Science Bangalore** has announced a partnership with Kotak Mahindra Bank to set up a state-of-the-art Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning (AI-ML) Centre.
- According to a report released by the UK's Department of International Trade, India becomes the world's third-largest importer on **2050**.
- **HDFC Bank** would work with Paytm to offer co-branded credit cards on the Visa platform to businesspersons, millennials and others.
- **Bharat Petroleum Corporation** has been partnered with Bank of Baroda to launch an international co-branded RuPay NCMC Platinum contactless debit card.
- The Reserve Bank of India has imposed a fine of Rs 5 lakh on **Kuppam Cooperative Town Bank**.
- The United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has appointed 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Advocates, ahead of the 76th General Assembly.
- **Rajiv Aggarwal** has been appointed as the Director of Public Policy of Facebook India.
- ASICS has announced Indian squash player Joshna Chinappa as their new brand athlete. Asics is based on **Japan**.
- **Virat Kohli** has been appointed as Athlete Investor and brand ambassador of Hyperice, a global high-performance wellness brand.
- Hussan Lal has been appointed as the principal secretary to new Punjab chief minister Charanjit Singh Channi. Governor of Punjab - **Banwarilal Purohit**.
- Ranganatha Ramachandra Rao has bagged the prestigious Sahitya Akademi Prize for Translation-2020 for **Om Namō** novel.
- **Ewan McGregor** has won the Outstanding Lead Actor award in the recently announced 2021 Emmy Award Winners List.
- **Kotak Mahindra Bank** has acquired a 9.98 percent stake in KFin Technologies for Rs 310 crore.
- UNESCO has designated **Mura-Drava-Danube** biosphere reserve as the world's first 'five-country biosphere reserve'.
- India has secured **46** rank in the Global Innovation Index 2021 released by World Intellectual Property Organization.
- Indian skipper Virat Kohli has announced that he would step down as captain of the Indian cricket team for **Twenty20 Format**.
- **Raja Rithvik** has become India's 70th and latest chess Grandmaster recently.
- The former England sports person Jimmy Greaves passed away recently. He associated with **Football**.
- Theme of World Alzheimer's Day 2021, observed every year on September 21 - **Know dementia, know Alzheimer's**.
- World Rhino Day has been observed on **September 22**.

- Devusinh Chauhan, Minister of State of Communications has launched a commemorative postal stamp to honour Rao Jaimal Rathore on his **515th** birth anniversary.
- Nirmala Sitharaman has chaired the 45th meeting of GST held at Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh. **5%** of the GST collected for food delivery apps from January 1, 2022.
- **NCW** has initiated Country-Wide Capacity Building & Personality Development Program for Women Students.
- The Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has won the recent election of Canada. This is his **3rd** term.
- 21st Summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation held in **Dushanbe**.
- **Uttar Pradesh** has developed an 'Electronic Park' for electronic devices and accessories.
- **Power Finance** has become the 11th Maharatna central public sector enterprise (CPSE), with an inter-ministerial committee clearing.
- **ADB** has lowered India's growth rate to 10 per cent from 11 per cent for FY 2022 (March).
- Gordon Brown has been appointed as Ambassador for Global Health Financing of World Health Organization. He was the Prime Minister of **Britain**.
- **V R Chaudhari** has been appointed as the next Chief of Air Staff after the retirement of Chief Marshal RKS Bhadauria.
- **Coromandel International** has re-designated and appointed T S Venkateswaran as Vice-President and Head of Internal Audit and Chief Risk Officer of the company.
- **SV Saraswati** has been conferred with The National Florence Nightingale Award 2020.
- **Dharmendra Pradhan** has presented the Kaushalacharya Awards for 2021 virtually on the occasion of Vishwakarma Jayanti.
- The Tribal Co-operative Marketing Development Federation of India has signed an MOU with **Big Basket** for the promotion and sale of the natural Van Dhan products through the online platform.
- **Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution** has inked an MoU with CSC e-Governance Services India Ltd to increase the business opportunities and income of fair price shops.
- **Geeta Samota** has become the fastest Indian to summit 2 peaks located in Africa and Russia.
- The Competition Commission of India has approved the Adani Ports' acquisition of 10.40% stake in **Gangavaram Port limited**.
- The third edition of the India and Indonesia bilateral maritime exercise named **Samudra Shakti** held in the Sunda Strait, in Indonesia.
- The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India has released the third State Food Safety Index, to measure the performance of States/UTs across five parameters of food safety. **Gujarat** is topped in larger states category.
- Officers from the Geological Survey of India has found the Teeth of new species of Hybodont Shark of the Jurassic age in **Rajasthan**.
- Official slogan of Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics - **Together for a Shared Future**.
- Mahant Narendra Giri passed away recently. He was the president of **Akhil Bharatiya Akhara Parishad**.
- Theme of the International Day of Sign Languages, observed annually on September 23 - **We Sign For Human Rights**.
- **Sarbananda Sonowal** has virtually flagged off the dwarf container train service from Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust.

- **Directorate General of Civil Aviation** has signed an agreement with European Union Aviation Safety Agency for common safety and environmental protection standards.
- The Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal has launched the National Single Window System in **New Delhi**.
- **India** has chaired 6th BRICS Young Scientist Forum for the year 2021.
- The Minister of State for Power, Krishan Pal Gurjar has attended the **15th** edition of East Asia Summit Energy Ministers Meeting.
- **Yes Bank** has partnered with Visa to offer a suite of credit cards to its customers.
- The Bank of Baroda has been partnered with **PayPoint** to provide Banking Service through business correspondent (BC) model.
- **Stefan Yanev** has been appointed as the Interim Prime Minister of Bulgaria.
- The National Conference on Agriculture for Rabi campaign 2021-22 held through video conferencing. **Narendra Singh Tomar** is the present Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.
- The Indian Space Research Organisation has developed a reusable **GSLV Mk-III** launch vehicle.
- **China** has been successfully launched its third Unmanned Cargo Aircraft (UCA) named Tianzhou-3.
- India's author Chetan Bhagat has unveiled the book cover of his upcoming title, '**400 Days**'.
- A New Book titled "The Three Khans: And the Emergence of New India" has been authored by **Kaveree Bamzai**.
- **Gukesh** has won the Norway Chess Open 2021 title.
- Yudhvir Singh Dadwal passed away recently. He was the Governor of **Arunachal Pradesh**.
- Ramanuj Prasad Singh passed away recently. He was the Hindi Newsreader of **All India Radio**.
- **Department of Commerce** has observed the 'VanijyaSaptah' during the period September 20-26, 2021.
- The government has constituted a task force to firm up a sustainable finance road map for India. **Ajay Seth** has headed the committee.
- The Union Education Ministry has constituted a **12** member national steering committee under the chairmanship of K Kasturirangan to develop the new national curriculum framework.
- **Bangladesh** has been decided to set up an e-commerce regulatory body to monitor the sector properly.
- **1st** edition of Himalayan Film Festival has been inaugurated by Anurag Thakur at Leh, Ladakh.
- **Assam** has set up a tea park to have rail and port connectivity, cargo and warehouse amenities, processing facilities under one roof.
- **9.7%** is the projected growth rate of India for the current financial year 2021-22, according to the report from Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development.
- ZEE Entertainment Enterprises Limited signed a merger deal with Sony Pictures Networks India Private Limited. **47.07%** of stakes will be hold by ZEEL.
- **Federal Bank** has tied up with OneCard for a mobile first credit card recently.
- The public sector banks have created a step-down asset management company named India Debt Resolution Company with a capital of **₹ 50 Crore** along with three first directors.
- **Utkarsh Small Finance Bank** has announced the inauguration of its first branch in Kochi, Kerala.

- The Prime Minister of Bangladesh has bagged the SDG Progress award at the 9th Annual International Conference. The event was virtually organized by **SDSN**.
- **Fairooz Faizah Beether** has been chosen for the 2021 Changemaker Award for her work promoting good health and well-being.
- **2** beaches have received the Blue Flag certification this year to make the number of such beaches in the country to 10.
- **United Nations World Food Programme** has partnered with the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics to improve food, nutrition security and livelihoods in India against the impacts of climate change.
- Umeno Sumiyama and Koume Kodamaare officially breaking the record for the world's oldest living identical twins. They belong to **Japan**.
- Recently, Prime Minister Narendra Modi is on a three day visit to **USA**.
- CA Rover Holdings has sold **3.4%** stake in SBI Cards and Payment Services Ltd for ₹ 3,267 crore.
- The book titled 'Kathmandu Dilemma: Resetting India-Nepal Ties' has been authored by **Ranjit Rae**.
- Pankaj Advani has defeated Babar Masih to clinch the IBSF 6-Red Snooker World Cup 2021 final held in Doha. Babar Masih belongs to **Pakistan**.
- FIH Men's Hockey Junior World Cup 2021 will be hosted by **Bhubaneswar**.
- 'Antyodaya Diwas' has been observed on **September 25**.
- Theme of World Pharmacists Day, observed every year on September 25 - **Pharmacy always trusted for your health**.
- **Rs 400 crore** has been approved for "Promotion of Medical Device Parks" to support the medical devices industry.
- **Narendra Modi** has announced a nationwide Pradhan Mantri Digital Health Mission.
- Satoshi Nakamoto's statue has been unveiled first in Budapest, Hungary. He was a founder of **Bitcoin**.
- **Somalia** has hosted its first movie screening in 30 years.
- The World's Highest EV Charging Station has been inaugurated in **Himachal Pradesh**.
- **Apple's** co-founder has launched space start-up called Privateer.
- **R N Ravi** has been resigned as the governor of Nagaland.
- Rajiv Bansal has been appointed as the Secretary of **Civil Aviation**.
- **Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka** has been named as the recipient of Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation 2021 Global Goalkeeper Award.
- **Ram Nath Kovind** has presented the National Service Scheme Awards for the year 2019-20 in a virtual ceremony.
- The Government e Marketplace has won the "Best Use of Digital Technology" category award at the CIPS Excellence in Procurement Awards 2021. **Prashant Kumar Singh** is the CEO of Government e Marketplace.
- **Tamma Srinivasa Reddy** has bagged the Recognition of Photographic Achievement Excellence distinction from the Photographic Society of America for the year 2020.
- India has hosted the first India-United Kingdom Consular Dialogue through video conferencing. **Devesh Uttam** led the dialogue by Indian side.
- The Ministry of Defence has placed an order with **Heavy Vehicles Factory, Avadi** for the supply of 118 Main Battle Tanks, MBTs Arjun Mk-1A for the Indian Army.

- The International Astronomical Union has been named a crater at the Moon's South Pole after the Arctic explorer Matthew Henson. He belongs to **USA**.
- **SpaceX's** Inspiration4 amateur astronauts have returned to Earth after 3 days.
- According to the Global Start-up Ecosystem Report 2021, **Mumbai & Bangalore** have featured among the world's top start-up hubs.
- A New Audiobook Titled, "Jungle Nama" has been released by **Amitav Ghosh**.
- **Magnus Carlsen** has won the 9th edition of EY Norway Chess 2021 title.
- International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons has been observed on **September 26**.
- Theme of World Environmental Health Day 2021, observed annually on September 26 - **Prioritising Environmental Health for healthier communities in the global recovery**.
- World Rivers Day has been observed on **Fourth Sunday** of September.
- The Supreme Court has adopted **FASTER** system for quick prisoner release.
- EXIM has completed its agreement with Fahi Dhiriulhun Corporation Limited of Maldives to provide a Buyers Credit of ~\$228 million.
- **India** has hosted the 1st India-United Kingdom (UK) Consular Dialogue.
- **MyGov** platform has launched the 'Planetarium Innovation Challenge' for Indian start-ups and tech entrepreneurs.
- **Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation** has signed a multi-year Memorandum of Understanding with Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying to support India's livestock sector.
- **World Health Organization** has tightened its global air quality guidelines in its first revision since 2005.
- The Bangabandhu-Bapu digital exhibition has begun in **Dhaka**.
- The **United Nations Children's Fund** has released a report titled 'Fed to Fail? The crisis of children's diets in early life'.
- **3rd** edition of Assessment Report of FAO titled 'Tracking progress on food and agriculture-related SDG indicators 2021' has been released.
- **United in Science 2021** has been released by the World Meteorological Organization on the latest climate science information.
- The Reserve Bank of India has fixed the minimum ticket size to issuance of securitisation notes at **1 Crore**.
- Recently, the RBI allowed loan exposures classified as fraud to be transferred to Asset Reconstruction Companies. Any account overdue for more than **90** days has been recognised as Non-Performing Assets.
- The Bank deposits have grown by **11.9%** during the financial year 2020-21 compared to 8.8 per cent in the previous year.
- **IndusInd Bank** has acquired a 4.79% stake in McLeod Russel India Limited.
- **RBL Bank** has launched '#UseBefikar', a new campaign with Mastercard to provide shopping offers and rewards for the existing cardholders.
- **Gordon Brown** has been appointed as ambassador for global health financing by World Health Organization.
- **Debabrata Mukherjee** has been elected as the chairman of Audit Bureau of Circulations for the year 2021-2022.

- The 2021 IHA Blue Planet Prize for excellence in sustainable hydropower development has been awarded to **Teesta-V Power Station**.
- The PM Narendra Modi has addressed the 76th session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York. **Abdulla Shahid** is the President of UNGA.
- The Ministry of Defence has signed a contract with **Airbus Defence and Space** to acquire 56 C-295MW transport aircraft worth ₹ 20,000 crore for the Indian Air Force.
- A new book titled, "The Long Game: How the Chinese Negotiate with India" has been written by **Vijay Gokhale**.
- **Lewis Hamilton** has won the F1 Russian Grand Prix 2021 title recently.
- **Suresh Raina** has been appointed as the brand ambassador of Howzat Fantasy Sports Platform.
- **Abhishek Verma** has been elected to the Athletes Committee of World Archery, the international federation for the Olympic sport of archery.
- Kamla Bhasin passed away recently. She was a well known **Activist**.
- Theme of the International Day for Universal Access to Information 2021, observed every year on 28 September - **The Right to Know Building Back Better with Access to Information**.
- On 28th September, World Rabies Day has been observed annually. This day marks a death anniversary of **Louis Pasteur**.
- **Narendra Modi** has launched the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission for the entire country.
- **Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs** has launched a convergence scheme between PM Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises and the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission.
- The Ministry of Tourism would be organising **NIDHI 2.0**.
- The Minister of youth affairs and sports has laid foundation stone of zonal physical education office and zonal playground. **Anurag Thakur** is the present Minister of youth affairs and sports.
- Product of Nagaland, **Cucumber** has recently got a geographical identification tag.
- Minister of Information & Broadcasting, Anurag Singh Thakur has dedicated the High Power Transmitters of Doordarshan and All India Radio in **Ladakh**.
- The Ratings agency ICRA has revised the GDP growth of India to **9.0%** from its earlier estimation of 8.5 % during 2021-22.
- **Federal Bank** has partnered with the National Payments Corporation of India to launch the RuPay Signet Contactless Credit Card.
- IndusInd Bank has been partnered with **Vistara** to launch co-branded credit card Club Vistara IndusInd Bank Explorer.
- HDFC Bank Ltd. has been voted as 'Overall Most Outstanding Company in India,' in a poll conducted by reputed publication Asiamoney. **Sashidhar Jagdishan** is the CEO of HDFC Bank.
- **RBI** has announced the new rules for securitization of standard assets, loan transfers.
- **Gurbirpal Singh** has been taken charge as the 34th Director General of National Cadet Corps.
- **Magnus Carlsen** has been appointed as the Global Brand Ambassador of Mastercard.
- **Federal Bank** has signed a Memorandum of Understanding, with Ashok Leyland to offer customized financial solutions to their customers.
- **Anurag Thakur** has addressed the Summit for Information and Democracy organised in New York.

- The Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare Bharati Pravin Pawar has addressed the inaugural session of the 4th Indo-US Health Dialogue. The Health Dialogue held in **New Delhi**.
- The Defence Research and Development Organisation has conducted a successful maiden flight test of a new version of Akash Missile, named as **Akash Prime**.
- A book titled, "The Fractured Himalaya: How the Past Shadows the Present in India-China Relations" has authored by **Nirupama Menon Rao**.
- **Jyothi Surekha** has bagged a silver medal in the women's compound event at the ongoing World Archery Championship in Yankton.
- **3 silver medals** has been won by India at the 2021 World Archery Championships.
- The All-rounder Moeen Ali has announced his retirement from Test cricket. He belongs to **England**.
- **Anurag Thakur** has flagged off the second edition of Ultimate Ladakh Cycling Challenge at Leh, Ladakh at 11000 feet above the sea level.
- World Heart Day has been observed on **September 29**.
- UN has designated September 29 as International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste.
- The existing foreign trade policy has been extended till **March 31, 2022**.
- **Rajesh Verma** has headed the Company Law Committee, extended by one year.
- **Karnataka's** Chief Minister has headed the reworking of the GST rate slab structure.
- **Chennai Central Railway station** has got Solar Energy and become the world's largest green railway network.
- Sojat Mehndi of **Rajasthan** has recently received the geographical indication tag from the government.
- The Reserve Bank of India has announced Ways and Means Advances Limit for Central Government for (October 2021 to March 2022) at **50000 Crore**.
- **Suryoday Small Finance Bank** has decided to discontinue its ATMs from October 1, 2021.
- **ICICI Bank** has offered overdraft facility upto Rs 25 lakh to individual sellers and small businesses registered on Amazon India.
- **Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited** has collaborated with ICICI bank to introduce FASTag transactions at all its 19,000 retail outlets across India.
- India has been elected as the external auditor to the International Atomic Energy Agency. **GC Murmu** was selected as the external auditor of IAEA.
- **Atul Chaturvedi** has been reappointed as the President of Solvent Extractors' Association (SEA) of India for 2021-22.
- **11** scientists have bagged the country's highest science award Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize for science and technology 2021.
- **Andhra Pradesh** has bagged the Tour and Travels Association's Best Tourism Policy Award.
- **Nirmala Sitharaman** is the Chief Guest of the World's Largest Virtual FinTech Fest - Global FinTech Fest.
- **North Korea** has successfully tested a new hypersonic missile called Hwasong-8.
- **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment** has launched the first pan-India toll-free helpline number (14567) for senior citizens.
- **Sania Mirza and Shuai Zhang** have won the women's double's title at the 2021 Ostrava Open WTA 500 tournament in Czech Republic.

- The World Maritime Day has been observed on **September 30**.
- Theme of 2021 International Translation Day, observed annually on 30 September - **United in translation**.
- The Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Singh Puri has launched the seventh consecutive edition of Swachh Survekshan in **New Delhi**.
- The Union Government has enhanced the income limit of disabled dependents for family pension to **30%** of last drawn pay.
- **Narendra Singh Tomar** has launched 'Amul Honey', a new product developed by Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation Ltd along with National Bee Board.
- The Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy has laid the foundation stone for the "Development of Parshuram Kund" in **Arunachal Pradesh**.
- The Reserve Bank has imposed a penalty of Rs 2 crore on **RBL Bank** for deficiencies in regulatory compliances and non-compliance of the provisions of the Banking Regulation Act.
- The National Payments Corporation of India has partnered with **Yes Bank** to launch contactless payments solutions – RuPay On-the-Go.
- **AU Small Finance Bank** has signed a pact with the National Bank for Rural and Development to boost ongoing rural development initiatives in Rajasthan.
- **C K Ranganathan** has been appointed as the President of All India Management Association for a period of one year.
- Aweek Sarkar has been re-elected as the Chairman of Press Trust of India. He is the Editor and Vice Chairman of **Ananda Bazar Group of Publications**.
- **Axis Bank** has appointed Munish Sharda as Group Executive and Head, Bharat Banking.
- **Jeel Albena Association for Humanitarian Development** has won the 2021 UNHCR Nansen Refugee Award.
- **Indraprastha Gas Limited** has inked an MOU with the South Delhi Municipal Corporation to establish a waste to energy plant in Delhi.
- India and **Bhutan** has signed an MOU for Joint Development of Small Satellites.
- Hindustan Aeronautics Limited has signed a lease agreement with Alliance Air Aviation Ltd for the supply of two Civil Dornier-228 aircraft for regional operations in **Arunachal Pradesh**.
- India has signed an agreement to boost maritime security cooperation with **Oman**.
- **USA** has successfully tested a Raytheon hypersonic weapon – an air-breathing hypersonic weapon.
- **China** has become Dubai's first-biggest trading partner.
- A book titled, "My Life in Full: Work, Family and Our Future" has been authored by **Indra Nooyi**.
- A new book titled, "Battle of Rezang La" written by Kulpreet Yadav. The Book is the story related to **Sino-Indian War 1962**.
- **USA** has won the 2021 Ryder Cup recently.
- The Western Naval Command Sailing Championship 2021 held in **Mumbai**.
- The International Cricket Council has launched the T20 World Cup anthem for the ICC T20 World Cup 2021. The anthem is composed by **Amit Trivedi**.
- **Rohit Sharma** has become the first player in the IPL to score 1000 runs against Kolkata Knight Riders.

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