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Hi Folks! We hope you all are doing well. We would like to state here that this PDF is meant for preparing for the MockDrill Test of November 2021 Month at Testzone. In this Current Affairs PDF we have added all the important Current Affairs information in form of 'Key-points' which are crucial if you want to score a high rank in Current Affairs Mocks at Testzone. Therefore, we urge you to go through each piece of information carefully and try to remember the facts and figures because the questions to be asked in the Current Affairs MockDrill will be based on the information given in the PDF only.

We hope you will make the best of use of this PDF and perform well in MockDrill Tests at Testzone.

All the best!

Regards

Team Smartkeeda

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### स्मार्टकीड़ा टीम की ओर से एक महत्वपूर्ण सन्देश!

मित्रों! हम आशा करते हैं की आप सभी स्वस्थ और कुशल होंगे। इस सन्देश के माध्यम से हम आपसे यह कहना चाहते हैं की ये PDF नवम्बर 2021 माह में Testzone पर MockDrill Test में आपकी तैयारी को बेहतर करने के लिए उपलब्ध करायी जा रही है। इस PDF में हमने कुछ अति आवश्यक 'Key-Points' के माध्यम से आपको सम-सामयिकी (Current Affairs) सूचनाओं से अवगत कराया है और अगर आप MockDrill में अपनी योग्यता सिद्ध करना चाहते हैं तो आपके लिए हर सूचना को पढ़ना, समझना और उसे याद रखना भी अति आवश्यक है क्योंकि MockDrill में शामिल किए गए प्रश्न PDF में दी गयी सूचना या जानकारी पर ही आधारित होंगे।

हम आशा करते हैं की आप इस PDF का भरपूर लाभ उठाते हुए आने वाले MockDrill Test में बेहतर अंक प्राप्त करेंगे।

आभार,

टीम स्मार्टकीड़ा



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# National & States Affairs

1. On November 1, the Jammu & Kashmir team for deaf clinched 1<sup>st</sup> position in World Deaf Judo Championship held at Paris Versailles, France. Rakshanda Mehak who is part of the Indian team for the deaf clinched the bronze medal in the semifinal. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- J&K team for Deaf – clinched 1<sup>st</sup> position in World Deaf Judo Championship – held in France
- Rakshanda Mehak (Judo) – clinched the Bronze Medal in the semifinal
- France – Paris – Euro | President – Emmanuel Macron | PM – Jean Castex

2. On November 1, Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav launched a scientific initiative called the “Climate Equity Monitor” to encourage discussions on issues related to equity and justice at the ongoing climate negotiations. The Climate Change Group at M. S. Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF) launched the online dashboard to assess equity in climate change mitigation. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- Bhupender Yadav – launched a scientific initiative called “Climate Equity Monitor”

3. On November 2, the SEBI has constituted “IT Projects Advisory Committee” that will advise the markets regulator on projects aimed to utilise advanced technologies such as artificial intelligence, machine learning, data analytics and cloud computing. The 7-member committee, headed by Abhay Karandikar, will provide guidance to upgrade existing SEBI's IT systems and solutions. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- SEBI – constituted “IT Projects Advisory Committee” to provide technical expertise | Headed by – Abhay Karandikar
- HQs of SEBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Ajay Tyagi | Established in – 1992

4. First Palmetum of Uttarakhand and the biggest Palmetum in North India developed by Research wing of Uttarakhand forest department was inaugurated at Haldwani in Nainital district of Uttarakhand. The Palmetum has around 100 different species of Palms. It has been funded under CAMPA (Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority) scheme of central government with an amount of 16 lakhs. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- First Palmetum & the biggest in North India – inaugurated at Haldwani, Nainital, Uttarakhand
- Uttarakhand: Capital – Dehradun & Gairsain | CM – Pushkar Singh Dhami | Governor – Lt. Gen. Gurmit Singh



5. President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated a Housing scheme project for the economically weaker section (EWS) of the society in Gujarat's Bhavnagar district. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Ram Nath Kovind – inaugurated a Housing scheme project for the EWS – in Bhavnagar, Gujarat
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Bhupendra Patel | Governor – Acharya Devvrat

6. On November 1, Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan launched Bhasha Sangam Initiative for schools, Bhasha Sangam Mobile App and Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat Quiz App to commemorate Rashtriya Ekta Diwas, as per the agenda of National Education Policy 2020. Bhasha Sangam Initiative for schools is developed by NCERT. Bhasha Sangam Mobile App is an initiative of Department of Higher Education in collaboration with MyGov. Bhasha Sangam is an initiative of the Ministry of Education under Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat, to teach basic sentences of everyday usage in 22 Indian languages. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Ministry of Education recently launched:
  - Bhasha Sangam Initiative for schools (developed by NCERT)
  - Bhasha Sangam Mobile App (an initiative of DoHE & MyGov)
  - Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat Quiz App (an initiative of MoEd's Innovation Cell & AICTE)
- 'Bhasha Sangam Initiative' aims to teach basic sentences of everyday usage in 22 Indian languages
- Ministry of Education: Dharmendra Pradhan | Constituency – Madhya Pradesh
- MoS in Ministry of Education: Subhas Sarkar

7. On November 1, Union Minister for Ports, Shipping & Waterways and AYUSH, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated the simultaneous launching of five vessels at Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL). The Minister inaugurated the launching function of three Floating Border Out-Posts (FBOP) for the Border Security Force and two Fully Electric Autonomous Ferries for ASKO Maritime AS, Norway. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated the launching of:
  - 5 vessels at Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL)
  - 3 Floating Border Out-Posts (FBOP) for the BSF
  - 2 Fully Electric Autonomous Ferries for ASKO Maritime AS, Norway
- Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways: Sarbananda Sonowal | Constituency – Majuli, Assam
- MoS in Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways: Shripad Yesso Naik & Shantanu Thakur

8. On November 2, Indian Oil Corp Ltd (IOCL) will invest Rs 3,681 Cr in setting up India's first mega-scale Maleic Anhydride Plant to manufacture value-added chemical products at its Panipat refinery and petroleum complex (PRPC) in Haryana. The project is proposed to have a capacity of 1,20,000 tonnes per annum of Maleic Anhydride (MAH). [{Read more}](#)





**Key Points:**

- IOCL – to set up India’s first mega-scale Maleic Anhydride Plant at Panipat, Haryana | Outlay – Rs 3,681 Cr
- HQs of IOCL – New Delhi | Chairperson – Shrikant Madhav Vaidya | Founded in – 1959

**9.** The Union Health Minister Mansukh L. Mandaviya launched the “Knock Every Door” campaign to boost second-dose vaccination. The “Har Ghar Dastak” (Knock Every Door) campaign is scheduled to start soon in districts with low vaccination rates to enthuse and motivate people towards getting their jab. The goal is to cover the entire adult population with at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine by the end of November. Central government has set-up a cut-off of 77% coverage for the first dose while 33% cut off for the second dose. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Health Ministry – launched the “Knock Every Door” campaign to boost second-dose vaccination
- Ministry of Health & Family Welfare: Mansukh L. Mandaviya | Constituency – Palitana, Gujarat
- MoS in Ministry of Health & Family Welfare: Bharati Pravin Pawar

**10.** National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) celebrates “Ganga Utsav” every year to mark the anniversary of the announcement of River Ganga as the ‘National River’. This year’s “Ganga Utsav 2021 - The River Festival” was organised from November 1 to 3, 2021. World River Day was observed on 26<sup>th</sup> September. Continuous Learning and Activity Portal (CLAP) was launched by Gajendra Singh Shekhawat at the Utsav. Jal Shakti Minister, Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat also launched the “Ganga Atlas: River of the Past” developed by Prof Rajiv Sinha, IIT Kanpur. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- NMCG – celebrated “Ganga Utsav 2021 - The River Festival” from November 1 to 3, 2021
- Continuous Learning & Activity Portal (CLAP) was launched by – Gajendra Singh Shekhawat
- Gajendra Singh Shekhawat – launched “Ganga Atlas: River of the Past” developed by Prof Rajiv Sinha
- NMCG functions under – Ministry of Jal Shakti | DG – Rajiv Ranjan Mishra

**11.** Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd (IREDA), a PSU under the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE) launched a “Whistle-blower Portal”, as a part of ‘Vigilance Awareness Week 2021’ (October 26 to November 2). On this occasion, latest issue of Vigilance journal ‘Pahal’ was also released by IREDA. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- IREDA – launched a “Whistle-blower Portal”
- Latest issue of Vigilance journal ‘Pahal’ – released by IREDA
- HQs of IREDA – New Delhi | CMD – Pradip Kumar Das



**12.** Kashmir has got the first-ever Open-air floating theatre in the famous Dal lake. The theatre was launched by J&K Chief Secretary Arun Kumar Mehta. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Kashmir – got the first-ever Open-air floating theatre in Dal lake
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha

**13.** On November 3, the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) in collaboration with Ladakh, will start commercial cultivation of ‘Sea Buckthorn Berry’ from coming spring season in Ladakh. Sea buckthorn berry is also the source of ‘Leh Berry’. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- CSIR + Ladakh = collaboration to start commercial cultivation of ‘Sea Buckthorn Berry’
- Ladakh: Capital – Leh | Lt. Governor – R. K. Mathur
- HQs of CSIR – New Delhi | President – Narendra Modi | DG – Shekhar C. Mande | Established in – 1942

**14.** On November 2, PM Narendra Modi announced 5 “Amrit Tatva” at the COP26 Summit including the target to attain Net-zero emissions by 2070. He also stated that India will increase its capacity of Non-fossil energy capacity to 500 GW and meet 50% of its energy requirements through Renewable Energy by 2030. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- PM Narendra Modi announced 5 “Amrit Tatva” at the COP26 Summit
- India’s aim to attain Net-Zero Carbon Emissions – by 2070
- India’s aim to increase its capacity of Non-fossil energy capacity to 500 GW – by 2030
- India’s aim to meet 50% of its energy requirements through Renewable Energy – by 2030

**15.** On November 2, Union Minister of Civil Aviation Jyotiraditya M. Scindia released “Krishi UDAN 2.0” to facilitate and incentivize movement of agri-produce by air transportation. “E-KUSHAL” (Krishi UDAN for Sustainable Holistic Agri-Logistics) platform is developed to facilitate information dissemination to all stakeholders regarding the transportation of agricultural produce. Furthermore, integration of ‘E-KUSHAL’ with National Agriculture Market (e-NAM) is proposed. Total 53 airports are selected for the first phase of “Krishi UDAN 2.0”. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Jyotiraditya M. Scindia – released “Krishi UDAN 2.0” to facilitate movement of agri-produce by air transportation
- “E-Kushal” platform is developed to facilitate info dissemination regarding transportation of agricultural produce
- E-KUSHAL – Krishi UDAN for Sustainable Holistic Agri-Logistics



**16.** On November 3, To deliver government services to the doorsteps of citizens, the Karnataka government launched 'Janasevaka' (peoples' servant), an online portal, and 'Janaspandana', an Integrated Public Grievance Redressal System (IPGRS). One brings government services to citizens' doorsteps and the other to redress public grievances. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Karnataka – launched an online portal 'Janasevaka' & an Integrated Public Grievance Redressal System 'Janaspandana'
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – Basavaraj Bommai | Governor – Thaawarchand Gehlot

**17.** On November 5, the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has formed a 22-member Technology Innovation Group on the next frontier, the sixth generation (6G), hoping to take the lead in the development of the technology globally. Telecom Secretary K. Rajaraman will head the initiative as Chairperson. [{Read more}](#)

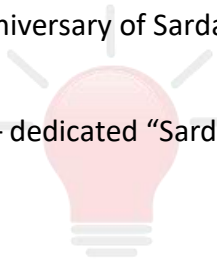
**Key Points:**

- DoT formed a 22-member Technology Innovation Group for 6G technology | Chairperson – K. Rajaraman

**18.** Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh dedicated "Sardar Patel Leadership Centre" to the nation at Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA), Mussoorie, on the occasion of 'Rashtriya Ekta Diwas', marking the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Dr. Jitendra Singh – dedicated "Sardar Patel Leadership Centre" to the nation at LBSNAA, Mussoorie, Uttarakhand



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**19.** On November 1, Representing India at the 'High-Level Segment for Heads of States and Government' at the COP26 Summit in Glasgow, Scotland, PM Narendra Modi asserted that India is the only country that is delivering in 'letter & spirit' the commitments on tackling climate change under the Paris Agreement. India aims to become a Net-zero Economy or Carbon Neutral by 2070 and has set a target of installing a Non-fossil energy capacity of 500 GW by 2030. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- India – the only country delivering in 'letter & spirit' commitments on tackling climate change under Paris Agreement
- PM Narendra Modi – represented India at the 'High-Level Segment for Heads of States and Government' at COP26
- India aims to become Carbon Neutral – by 2070 | Target of installing a Non-fossil energy capacity of 500 GW – by 2030

**20.** On November 3, Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh virtually inaugurated 29 museums, an initiative to preserve and promote art & culture of various tribes, prevailing in the state. Constructed in 10 districts, the initiative aims to promote cultural traditions of 29 tribes. [{Read more}](#)



### Key Points:

- 29 Tribal Museums constructed in 10 districts – inaugurated in Manipur
- Manipur: Capital – Imphal | CM – N. Biren Singh | Governor – La. Ganesan

**21.** On November 2, Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) unveiled India's first rooftop, open-air, drive-in theatre at Jio World Drive (JWD) in Mumbai. It is operated by PVR. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- India's first rooftop, open-air, drive-in theatre – unveiled in Mumbai by Reliance Industries Ltd
- HQs of Reliance Industries Ltd – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Mukesh Ambani | Founded in – 1973
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

**22.** In November 2021, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, under its Film in India initiative, set up a "Film Facilitation Office (FFO)" at National Film Development Corporation (NFDC), which is mandated to promote and position India as a preferred destination for filmmakers across the world. I&B ministry's FFO and the Ministry of Railways have collaborated to create a 'Single Window Filming Mechanism' to ease the process of shooting a film on trains or at railway stations. Besides, Tourism Ministry in association with I&B Ministry organised a symposium in Mumbai to promote film tourism by enhancing opportunities in India for film shootings. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Ministry of I&B – set up a "Film Facilitation Office (FFO)" at NFDC, Mumbai
- Ministry of I&B + Ministry of Railways = collaborated to create a 'Single Window Filming Mechanism'
- Ministry of I&B + Ministry of Tourism = organised a symposium in Mumbai to promote Film Tourism
- Ministry of Information & Broadcasting: Anurag Singh Thakur | Constituency – Hamirpur, Himachal Pradesh
- MoS in Ministry of Information & Broadcasting: L. Murugan

**23.** On November 7, Punjab Cabinet approved the "Punjab Tissue Culture Based Seed Potato Rules-2021" to develop Punjab as a standard potato seed centre. With this decision, Punjab has become the first state in India to have the facility of tissue culture-based certification, which would further lead to developing the Jalandhar-Kapurthala belt as the export hub of potato. Meanwhile, the Cabinet also approved to introduce the "Punjab Horticulture Nursery Bill-2021" in Vidhan Sabha Session by amending 'Punjab Fruit Nursery Act-1961'. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Punjab Cabinet – approved the "Punjab Tissue Culture Based Seed Potato Rules-2021"
- Punjab – became the first state in India to have the facility of 'Tissue Culture-based Certification'
- Punjab Cabinet – also approved to introduce the "Punjab Horticulture Nursery Bill-2021" in Vidhan Sabha
- Punjab: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Charanjit Singh Channi | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit



**24.** On November 8, 49 cities were recently added to the UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN) and India's Srinagar was also among them. The network now numbers 295 cities reaching 90 countries. After Mumbai, Chennai, Hyderabad, Varanasi and Jaipur; Srinagar is the 6<sup>th</sup> Indian City to become a part of UCCN and it is selected under the 'craft and folk arts' category. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Srinagar is among 49 cities which were recently added to the UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN)
- Srinagar – the 6<sup>th</sup> Indian City to become a part of UCCN under 'Craft & folk arts' category
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha

**25.** On November 8, Union minister Jitendra Singh launched the first-ever "DBT-Star College Mentorship Programme" for young innovators to mark the 75<sup>th</sup> year of India's independence. The pan India programme envisages a 'Star College' in every district of India supported by the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), under the Science & Technology ministry. A total of 278 undergraduate colleges across India are currently being supported under the 'Star College Scheme'. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Jitendra Singh – launched the first-ever "DBT-Star College Mentorship Programme" for young innovators
- 278 undergraduate colleges across India are currently being supported under the 'Star College Scheme'

**26.** On November 8, 'Pushkar Cattle Fair', Internationally renowned and one of the biggest cattle fairs of north India started in Rajasthan's Pushkar after a gap of one year due to the effect of COVID-19 pandemic. This is a 13-day fair but this time it is restricted only to the cattle trade. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Internationally renowned & one of the biggest cattle fairs of north India started in Pushkar, Rajasthan
- Rajasthan: Capital – Jaipur | CM – Ashok Gehlot | Governor – Kalraj Mishra

**27.** On November 8, the International Solar Alliance (ISA) and Elsevier, a Netherlands-based publishing company, has launched journal "Solar Compass" at the COP26 Climate Conference in Glasgow. ISA's vision is for a rapid increase in Solar Energy usage. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- ISA + Elsevier = launched journal "Solar Compass" at the COP26 Climate Conference in Glasgow, Scotland
- HQs of ISA – Gurugram, Haryana | DG – Alok Sahay
- HQs of Elsevier – Amsterdam, Netherlands | CEO – Kumsal Bayazit

**28.** On November 6, Meghalaya Cabinet approved a proposal to upgrade the Mairang civil sub-division to a full-fledged district called Eastern West Khasi Hills district. Mairang is now a sub-division under West Khasi Hills, Meghalaya's 12<sup>th</sup> district. [{Read more}](#)



**Key Points:**

- Meghalaya – approved the creation of ‘Eastern West Khasi Hills district’ by upgrading the Mairang civil sub-division
- Meghalaya: Capital – Shillong | CM – Conrad Kongkal Sangma | Governor – Satya Pal Malik

**29.** On November 9, the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has nominated Bhattu Kalan Police station in Fatehabad district as one among the top three police stations in India for 2021. The basic objective of the ranking is to improve the quality of policing and make it citizen-friendly. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- MHA nominated ‘Bhattu Kalan Police Station’ as one among the top three police stations in India for 2021
- Bhattu Kalan Police Station – located in Fatehabad, Haryana
- Haryana: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Manohar Lal Khattar | Governor – Bandaru Dattatraya

**30.** On November 9, the European Union and the German Federal Ministry of the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU) funded Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions (NAMA) Support Project titled ‘Waste Solutions for a Circular Economy in India’ will support Bengaluru in transition to low-carbon Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) Management technologies. The project aims to provide technical and financial support to BBMP (Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike) for setting up new plants and revamping existing Material Recovery Facilities (MRFs). Bengaluru is one of the five lighthouse cities chosen for the NAMA Support project funded under the NAMA Facility. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- EU + Bengaluru = to work together on Solid Waste Management project
- HQs of EU – Brussels, Belgium | Member Countries – 27
- President of European Parliament – David-Maria Sassoli
- President of European Council – Charles Michel
- President of European Commission – Ursula von der Ley

**31.** On November 7, India has finally registered the logos of Darjeeling Himalayan Railway (also known as DHR or Toy Train) internationally as its intellectual property. The DHR, which started operations in 1880, has two logos, both of which have been patented. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- India – registered the logos of Darjeeling Himalayan Railway - the iconic ‘Toy Train’ as its intellectual property

**32.** On November 9, Union Minister of State (I/C) Science & Technology and Earth Sciences Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurated a new ‘Centre for Bio-resources and Sustainable Development’ for Northeast tribals in a remote area of Arunachal Pradesh. It aims at conservation and sustainable utilization of the local bio-resources using biotechnological tools. [{Read more}](#)



### Key Points:

- Jitendra Singh – inaugurated a new ‘Centre for Bio-resources and Sustainable Development’ in Arunachal Pradesh
- Arunachal Pradesh: Capital – Itanagar | CM – Pema Khandu | Governor – B. D. Mishra

**33.** On November 11, Union Minister of Civil Aviation, Jyotiraditya M. Scindia launched “eGCA”, an e-governance platform for Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA). All services provided to DGCA stakeholders are now available on the eGCA online portal. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Jyotiraditya M. Scindia launched “eGCA”, an e-governance platform for DGCA
- HQs of DGCA – New Delhi | Director General – Arun Kumar

**34.** On November 10, A programme on “Nutrition Smart Village” will be initiated to strengthen the Poshan Abhiyan, as part of ‘Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav’. This new initiative aims to reach out to 75 villages across India through the network of All India Coordinated Research Project on Women in Agriculture (AICRP-WIA). [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- A programme on “Nutrition Smart Village” will be initiated to strengthen the ‘Poshan Abhiyan’
- This new initiative aims to reach out to 75 villages across India through the network of ‘AICRP-WIA’

**35.** On November 10, the Central government has constituted a 3-member committee for the determination of Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP) rates for exports from Special Economic Zones (SEZs) and Export-Oriented Units (EOUs). The committee is chaired by former secretary Gopal Krishna Pillai (G K Pillai). [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Govt constituted a 3-member committee for determination of RoDTEP rates for exports from SEZs & EOUs
- The committee is chaired by – Gopal Krishna Pillai

**36.** On November 11, Union Culture Minister G. Kishan Reddy handed over the 18<sup>th</sup> Century stone idol to the Uttar Pradesh Government. An idol of ‘Goddess Annapurna’ was stolen from the Kashi Vishwanath temple and smuggled to Canada over 100 years ago. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- G. Kishan Reddy – handed over the 18<sup>th</sup> Century stone idol of ‘Goddess Annapurna’ to UP government
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel



**37.** On November 11, India launched “E-Amrit”, a web portal on electric vehicles (EVs), at the ongoing COP26 Summit in Glasgow, UK. The portal has been developed and hosted by NITI Aayog under a collaborative knowledge exchange programme with the UK government and as part of the ‘UK-India Joint Roadmap 2030’. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- India – launched “E-Amrit” - a web portal on electric vehicles (EVs) | developed by – NITI Aayog

**38.** On November 12, TVS Motor Company has joined United Nations Global Compact (UNGC), the world’s largest sustainability initiative, with more than 14,000 companies and 3,000 non-business signatories in over 160 countries. The company has become the first Indian two-wheeler and three-wheeler manufacturer to be a part of UNGC. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- TVS Motor Company – joined United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) - the world’s largest sustainability initiative
- HQs of TVS Motor Company – Chennai, Tamil Nadu | CEO – K. N. Radhakrishnan

**39.** On November 12, Indian smartphone maker Lava International has become the first Indian brand to launch 5G smartphones for domestic consumers. The smartphone launched under the brand name “Agni” has been developed by Lava in India and is getting manufactured at its plant in Noida, Uttar Pradesh. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Lava International – became the first Indian brand to launch 5G smartphones for domestic consumers
- Brand name – “Agni”
- HQs of Lava International – Noida, Uttar Pradesh | MD & Chairman – Hari Om Rai

**40.** On November 13, Union Minister of Law & Justice Kiren Rijiju launched the “Citizen’s Tele-Law Mobile App”. This app would connect the beneficiaries directly with panel lawyers offering legal advice and consultation. The app was launched as part of of ‘Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav’ celebrations. Kiren Rijiju also announced the expansion of Tele-Law in 75,000 Gram Panchayats covering all states and UTs. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Kiren Rijiju – launched the “Citizen’s Tele-Law Mobile App” to provide efficient legal advice & free consultation
- Kiren Rijiju – also announced the expansion of Tele-Law in 75,000 Gram Panchayats
- Ministry for Law & Justice: Kiren Rijiju | Constituency – Arunachal West
- MoS in Ministry of Law & Justice – S. P. Singh Baghel

**41.** On November 13, Union Minister of State for Culture Meenakshi Lekhi launched the “Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav mobile App” to enable all single-point access to all information related to the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations of India's independence. [{Read more}](#)



**Key Points:**

- Meenakashi Lekhi – launched the “Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav mobile App”
- Minister of Culture: G. Kishan Reddy | Constituency – Secunderabad, Telangana
- MoS in Minister of Culture: Arjun Ram Meghwal & Meenakashi Lekhi

**42.** On November 12, Tata Projects Limited has received an order for a 400kV double circuit transmission line project valued at around \$120 million (around ₹900 Cr) from the Power Grid Company of Bangladesh Limited (PGCB). This 120-km project from Barapukuria to Bogura has been secured on a turnkey basis. It will be executed in 30 months and the funding shall be done by EXIM Bank India under Indian Line of Credit. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Tata Projects – received an order for a 400kV double circuit transmission line project from PGCB
- Value of the project – \$120 million (around ₹900 Cr) | Length – 120 km | Funding shall be done by – EXIM Bank India
- HQs of Tata Projects – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Banmali Agrawala
- Bangladesh – Dhaka – Taka | PM – Sheikh Hasina | President – Abdul Hamid

**43.** On November 10, Meta-owned photo-sharing platform Instagram launched two new safety campaigns for young people - ‘Safe Stree’ & ‘My Kanoon’. A total of 30 reels would be published in this series, by a set of six creators. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Instagram – launched two new safety campaigns for young people - ‘Safe Stree’ & ‘My Kanoon’
- HQs of Instagram – California, USA | CEO – Kevin Systrom

**44.** On November 11, Union Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs & Petroleum and Natural Gas Shri Hardeep S. Puri virtually unveiled the statue of ‘Rani Lakshmi Bai’ at the Maharani Lakshmi Bai College for Women, Bhiwani Rohilla in Hisar (Haryana). [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- The statue of ‘Rani Lakshmi Bai’ – unveiled at Maharani Lakshmi Bai College for Women, Hisar, Haryana
- Haryana: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Manohar Lal Khattar | Governor – Bandaru Dattatraya

**45.** On November 14, Arunachal Pradesh Cabinet adopted the “Pakke Declaration” aimed at Climate Resilient Development in the state. The declaration is the first of its kind by any state government in India. The declaration is named the “Pakke Tiger Reserve 2047 Declaration on Climate Change Resilient and Responsive Arunachal Pradesh”. [{Read more}](#)



**Key Points:**

- Arunachal Pradesh – adopted the “Pakke Declaration” aimed at Climate Resilient Development in the state
- Pakke Tiger Reserve – located in Arunachal Pradesh
- Arunachal Pradesh: Capital – Itanagar | CM – Pema Khandu | Governor – B. D. Mishra

**46.** Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) launched “Veer Gatha” project for students from Grades 3-12 to inform them about bravery of armed forces. The Department of School Education & Literacy, Education Ministry organised the ‘Veer Gatha Project’ from October 21 to November 20, 2021. It was launched on CBSE IT platform for CBSE schools and for the state government run schools on MyGov platform. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- CBSE – launched “Veer Gatha” project for students from Grades 3-12 to inform them about bravery of armed forces
- HQs of CBSE – New Delhi | Chairman – Manoj Ahuja | Formed in – 1962

**47.** On November 14, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal inaugurated 40<sup>th</sup> India International Trade Fair at Pragati Maidan. The India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO) organized this mega event with “Atmanirbhar Bharat” as its theme. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Piyush Goyal – inaugurated 40<sup>th</sup> India International Trade Fair at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi
- This mega event was organized by – ITPO | Theme – “Atmanirbhar Bharat”

**48.** On November 14, Arunachal Pradesh Cabinet headed by Chief Minister Pema Khandu declared the large, brightly coloured ‘Kaiser-i-Hind’ as the State butterfly. Kaiser-i-Hind (*Teinopalpus imperialis*) literally means ‘Emperor of India’. This butterfly has a 90-120 mm wingspan. The butterfly also flutters in Nepal, Bhutan, Myanmar, Laos, Vietnam and southern China. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- ‘Kaiser-i-Hind’ (Emperor of India) – declared as the State butterfly of Arunachal Pradesh
- Arunachal Pradesh: Capital – Itanagar | CM – Pema Khandu | Governor – B. D. Mishra

**49.** In November 2021, Rameshwar Prasad Gupta, Secretary of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change launched “COP26 Charter of Actions” prepared by The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) at COP26 in Glasgow. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Rameshwar Prasad Gupta – launched “COP26 Charter of Actions” at COP26 in Glasgow | It is prepared by – TERI
- HQs of TERI – New Delhi | DG – Dr. Ajay Mathur | Established in – 1974



**50.** On November 14, India's first "Grass Conservatory" or "Germplasm Conservation Centre" spread over an area of 2 acres was inaugurated at Ranikhet in Almora district of Uttarakhand. The conservatory was developed in three years by the research wing of Uttarakhand Forest Department and it is funded under the Central Government's 'CAMPA' (Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority) scheme. Around 90 different grass species of significant scientific, ecological, medicinal, and cultural import have been grown in the conservation area. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- India's 1<sup>st</sup> "Grass Conservatory" or "Germplasm Conservation Centre" – inaugurated at Ranikhet, Almora, Uttarakhand
- Uttarakhand: Capital – Dehradun & Gairsain | CM – Pushkar Singh Dhami | Governor – Lt. Gen. Gurmit Singh

**51.** On November 15, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurated "Tech NEEV@75" as part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav and interacted with successful start-ups including those from the tribal communities on the occasion of 'Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas'. Dr Jitendra Singh informed that the Government will be setting up 30 Science Technology & Innovation (STI) Hubs in different parts of India for Scheduled Tribes (STs) by end of 2022. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Dr. Jitendra Singh – inaugurated "Tech NEEV@75" as part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav
- Government will set up 30 STI Hubs in different parts of India for STs by 2022

**52.** On November 15, Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying Shri Parshottam Rupala launched a "Nationwide AHDF KCC Campaign" in hybrid mode. The Campaign aims to expand the benefits of Kisan Credit Card to all eligible animal husbandry and fishery farmers in India. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Parshottam Rupala – launched a "Nationwide AHDF KCC Campaign" in hybrid mode
- Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying: Parshottam Rupala | Constituency – Gujarat
- MoS in Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying: Sanjeev Kumar Balyan & L. Murugan

**53.** On November 15, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh unveiled a plaque at the Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses in New Delhi to rename the institute as "Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (MP-IDSA)" after the former Defence Minister late Manohar Parrikar. The renaming coincided with the 57<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day of the Institute that is celebrated on November 11 every year. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Rajnath Singh – unveiled a plaque at the Institute for Defence Studies & Analyses to rename it in New Delhi
- The institute is renamed as "Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies & Analyses (MP-IDSA)"

**54.** On November 16, Punjab School and Higher Education Minister Pargat Singh launched a “Career Portal” aimed at providing professional guidance to school and college students. The state education department has launched the portal in association with UNICEF India and Aasman Foundation. As many as 10 lakh students are expected to benefit from the Punjab government's career counselling portal. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Punjab + UNICEF India + Aasman Foundation = launched a “Career Portal” for school & college students
- Punjab: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Charanjit Singh Channi | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit
- HQs of UNICEF – New York, USA | Executive Director – Henrietta H. Fore | Established in – 1946

**55.** On November 15, India has successfully launched the 41<sup>st</sup> Scientific Expedition to Antarctica with the arrival of the first batch of its contingent at the southern white continent. The first batch comprising of 23 scientists and support staff reached the Indian Antarctic station Maitri in November 2021. The Indian Antarctic program, which began in 1981, has completed 40 scientific expeditions, and built three permanent research base stations in Antarctica, named Dakshin Gangotri (1983), Maitri (1988) and Bharati (2012). [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- India successfully launched the 41<sup>st</sup> Scientific Expedition to Antarctica
- Indian Antarctic program began in 1981
- India's 3 permanent research base stations in Antarctica: Dakshin Gangotri, Maitri & Bharati

**56.** On November 15, Piyush Goyal, Union Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution System, inaugurated the first of its kind “Food Museum” in Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu. The museum has been established by Food Corporation of India (FCI) in association with Visvesvaraya Industrial and Technological Museum (VITM), Bengaluru, at an investment of about ₹1.1 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Piyush Goyal inaugurated the first of its kind “Food Museum” in Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu
- Food Museum is established by = FCI + VITM, Bengaluru
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin | Governor – Ravindra Narayan Ravi
- HQs of FCI – New Delhi | Chairman & MD – Sanjiv Kumar

**57.** On November 17, PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the 341 km long 6-lane Purvanchal Expressway in Uttar Pradesh. This expressway is constructed at the cost of ₹22,500 Cr. The Purvanchal Expressway connects Lucknow-Sultanpur road (NH-731) and National Highway No. 31, 18 km east of UP-Bihar border. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Narendra Modi inaugurated 341 km long 6-lane Purvanchal Expressway in Uttar Pradesh | Cost – ₹22,500 Cr
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

**58.** India constructed the world's largest solar power park namely "Bhadla Solar Park" in Rajasthan. The park spans over 14,000 acres. There are over 10 million solar panels at the park, which contribute to an operational capacity of 2245MW. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- India constructed the world's largest solar power park namely "Bhadla Solar Park" in Rajasthan
- The park has 10 million solar panels | Capacity – 2245MW
- [Rajasthan: Capital – Jaipur](#) | [CM – Ashok Gehlot](#) | [Governor – Kalraj Mishra](#)

**59.** Union Minister for Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Shri Giriraj Singh inaugurated "Bhumi Samvaad" - a National Workshop on Digital India Land Record Modernisation Programme (DILRMP) at India Habitat Centre in New Delhi. The minister also stated that Unique Land Parcel Identification Number (ULPIN) of land parcel is similar to the Aadhar number of an individual. Department of Land Resources targets to complete the DILRMP by March 2023. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Giriraj Singh inaugurated "Bhumi Samvaad" - a National Workshop on Digital India Land Record Modernisation Program
- ULPIN – **U**nique **L**and **P**arcel **I**dentification **N**umber
- Department of Land Resources targets to complete the DILRMP – by March 2023

**60.** On November 16, To nurture fisheries start-ups, Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Parshottam Rupala inaugurated India's first-of-its kind, dedicated business incubator to be known as "LINAC-NCDC Fisheries Business Incubation Centre (LIFIC)" in Haryana's Gurugram costing Rs 3.23 Cr. National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) is the implementing agency for the LIFIC and it has identified the first batch of 10 incubatees from 4 states - Bihar, Himachal Pradesh, Gujarat and Maharashtra. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Parshottam Rupala – inaugurated 1<sup>st</sup> "LINAC-NCDC Fisheries Business Incubation Centre (LIFIC)" in Gurugram, Haryana
- Implementing agency for the LIFIC – NCDC
- [Haryana: Capital – Chandigarh](#) | [CM – Manohar Lal Khattar](#) | [Governor – Bandaru Dattatraya](#)

**61.** On November 17, Telecom Secretary and Digital Communication Commission (DCC) Chairman K. Rajaraman has launched a Public Procurement Policy (Make in India) portal for telecom products. Secretary Rajaraman also inaugurated the Nationwide MTCTE Helpdesk and Evaluation Centre infrastructure and Control Lab, situated at the TEC premises. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- K. Rajaraman – launched a Public Procurement Policy (Make in India) portal for telecom products



**62.** On November 17, Ministry of Home Affairs approved a new Rajya Sainik Board for Ladakh headed by a Director. The Rajya Sainik Board would be responsible for advising on the matters affecting the interest of the ex-servicemen, war widows, widows and non-combatants. Approximately 60,000 ex-servicemen, war widows, widows, serving personnel, including their dependents, would benefit from the establishment of the Rajya Sainik Board Ladakh. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Ministry of Home Affairs – approved a new Rajya Sainik Board for Ladakh
- Ladakh: Capital – Leh | Lt. Governor – R. K. Mathur

**63.** On November 17, Indian Railways' first pod hotel was inaugurated at Mumbai Central Railway Station by the minister of state for railways, Raosaheb Danve. It comprises three categories - 30 classic pods, 7 ladies only, 10 private pods and 1 for differently-abled passengers. Pod hotels were first developed in Japan. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Indian Railways' first pod hotel was inaugurated at Mumbai Central Railway Station
- Pod hotels were first developed in Japan
- HQs of Indian Railways – New Delhi | Chairman & CEO – Suneet Sharma
- Ministry of Railways: Ashwini Vaishnaw | Constituency – Odisha
- MoS in Ministry of Railways: Danve Raosaheb Dadarao & Darshana Vikram Jardosh

**64.** On November 17, Himachal Pradesh CM Jai Ram Thakur launched ₹1010.6 Cr phase 2 of the HP Crop Diversification Promotion Project (HPCDP) supported by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) at Dharamshala. It would be implemented in all 12 districts and help in uplifting the socio-economic status of farming families. The aim is to increase the land under vegetable cultivation from 2,500 hectares to 7,000 hectares by 2031. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Himachal Pradesh – launched phase-2 of 'Crop Diversification Promotion Project' worth ₹1010.6 Cr
- Himachal Pradesh: Capital – Shimla & Dharamshala | CM – Jai Ram Thakur | Governor – Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar

**65.** On November 17, Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services launched its leasing and subscription business "Quiklyz". This venture is a new-age digital platform for vehicle leasing and subscription, that aims to provide great convenience, flexibility and choice to customers across cities. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services – launched its vehicle leasing & subscription business "Quiklyz"
- HQs of MMFS – Mumbai, MH | Vice Chairman & MD – Ramesh Iyer | Non-Executive Chairman – Anish Shah



**66.** On November 17, the Cabinet approved provisioning of 4G mobile services in 7,287 uncovered villages of 44 Aspirational Districts across 5 States of Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Maharashtra and Odisha, at an estimated cost of ₹6,466 Cr. The project will be supported by the Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) and will be completed within 18 months. The Cabinet has also approved to the proposals of Department of Rural Development, Ministry of Rural Development for continuation of “Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana-I and II” up to September, 2022 for completion of remaining road and bridge works. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) also approved continuation of “Road Connectivity Project for Left Wing Extremism Affected Areas (RCPLWEA)” up to March, 2023. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Cabinet approved 4G mobile services in 7,287 uncovered villages of 44 Aspirational Districts across 5 States
- Cost of the project – ₹6,466 Cr | Supported by – Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF)
- Cabinet approved continuation of “Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana-I and II” up to September, 2022
- Cabinet approved continuation of “Road Connectivity Project for Left Wing Extremism Affected Areas (RCPLWEA)” up to March, 2023

**67.** On November 16, Mobile Premier League (MPL), an online gaming platform, will set up a game development centre in Telangana employing 500 youths in the state. The MPL will work with Telangana Academy of Skills and Knowledge (TASK) to introduce special game development, animation and sports focussed courses to enhance the available talent pool in the state. In this regard, MPL signed an MoU with the state government on the sidelines of IndiaJoy 2021, Asia's largest digital entertainment festival themed "Virtual is Reality" which began in Hyderabad. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- MPL will set up a ‘Game Development Centre’ in Telangana to employ 500 youths in the state
- HQs of MPL – Bengaluru, Karnataka | CEO – Sai Srinivas Kiran G.

**68.** On November 17, Securities Exchange Board of India (SEBI) released an ‘Investor Charter’ outlining the rights and responsibilities of investors investing in the securities market. As per the investor charter, investors are entitled to fair and equitable treatment, can expect redressal of investor grievances filed in SCORES in a time bound manner and get quality services from SEBI recognised Market Infrastructure Institutions and SEBI registered intermediaries, regulated entities or Asset Management Companies (AMCs). [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- SEBI – released an ‘Investor Charter’ outlining the rights & responsibilities of investors
- HQs of SEBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Ajay Tyagi | Established in – 1992

**69.** On November 17, Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik inaugurated 130 transformed high schools with better facilities in 5 districts under the 5T School transformation program of the state government. The state government has reserved 15% of seats in Government medical and engineering colleges for the children of government schools. [{Read more}](#)





### Key Points:

- Odisha – inaugurated 130 transformed high schools in 5 districts under ‘5T School transformation program’
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

**70.** On November 18, Google hosted the 7<sup>th</sup> edition of Google’s India event, where it announced new product updates focused on the Indian market. Google will now support voice-assisted bookings for vaccinations on the COWIN platform with the help of the Assistant which will be in English & 8 other Indian Languages. Google partnered with Coursera to launch “Google Career Certificates” in order to help train students in digital skills. Google Pay will also get the Hinglish option in 2022. Moreover, Google added “My Shop” feature where a small store merchant can showcase the entire inventory from the Google Pay app itself. Google also partnered with non-profit organisation Armaan to launch ‘Mitra’ program which is aimed at using to help benefit women who are pregnant and very often lack access to basic healthcare. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Google – hosted the 7<sup>th</sup> edition of Google’s India Event
- Google – to support voice-assisted bookings for COWIN vaccine with the help of the Assistant
- Google + Coursera = to launch “Google Career Certificates” to help train students in Digital Skills
- Google – added “My Shop” on Google Pay for small store merchant
- Google + Armaan = to launch ‘Mitra’ program to help pregnant women
- HQs of Google – California, US | CEO – Sundar Pichai | Founded in – 1998

**71.** On November 18, Under the flagship initiative of ‘Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav’, Union Minister of State for Culture Smt. Meenakashi Lekhi inaugurated a weeklong exhibition at the Lalit Kala Akademi (National Academy of Art). Lalit Kala Akademi has organized “Bharatmata Ewam Bharat Ke Nayak” exhibition in collaboration with the Kamal Art Gallery. The exhibition depicts portraits by eminent artist Sh. Pawan Verma “Shaheen”. The Lalit Kala Akademi was inaugurated in New Delhi on August 5<sup>th</sup>, 1954, by the then Minister for Education, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Meenakashi Lekhi – inaugurated “Bharatmata Ewam Bharat Ke Nayak” exhibition at Lalit Kala Akademi
- The exhibition was organized by = Lalit Kala Akademi (National Academy of Art) + Kamal Art Gallery
- Minister of Culture: G. Kishan Reddy | Constituency – Secunderabad, Telangana
- MoS in Minister of Culture: Arjun Ram Meghwal & Meenakashi Lekhi

**72.** On November 18, Union minister Sarbananda Sonowal announced the revised “Model Concession Agreement (MCA) - 2021” for public private partnership (PPP) projects at major ports and stated that 31 projects of over Rs 14,600 Cr will be awarded till 2024-25. There are more than 80 PPP projects in the port sector with investment of over Rs 56,000 Cr at various stages. The MCA governing the PPP Projects in the ports sector was first introduced in the year 2008 and was subsequently revised. [{Read more}](#)





### Key Points:

- Sarbananda Sonowal – announced the revised “Model Concession Agreement - 2021” for PPP projects at major ports
- 31 PPP projects of over Rs 14,600 Cr will be awarded till 2024-25
- There are more than 80 PPP projects in the port sector with investment of over Rs 56,000 Cr

**73.** Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology, Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurated the 7<sup>th</sup> edition of India International Science festival (IISF) at Panaji, Goa held from December 10 to 13, 2021. The theme of IISF 2021 is “Celebrating Creativity in Science, Technology and Innovation for Prosperous India”. India International Science festival (IISF) is a joint program of Ministry of Science & Technology, Ministry of Earth Sciences and Vijnana Bharati (VIBHA), an NGO. The first program of IISF was held in year 2015. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Dr. Jitendra Singh – inaugurated the 7<sup>th</sup> edition of India International Science Festival (IISF) – at Panaji, Goa
- Theme of IISF 2021 – “Celebrating Creativity in Science, Technology and Innovation for Prosperous India”
- IISF is a joint program of = Ministry of S&T + Ministry of Earth Sciences + Vijnana Bharati (VIBHA)

**74.** On November 20, In a first in the northeast region, the Meghalaya government has signed an MoU with the United Nations World Food Programme (UNWFP) to streamline and strengthen the public distribution system in the state. The partnership will help the WFP authorities and the state government work together towards “Sustainable Development Goal 2 - Zero Hunger”. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Meghalaya + UNWFP = an MoU to streamline & strengthen the public distribution system in the state (1<sup>st</sup> state)
- Meghalaya: Capital – Shillong | CM – Conrad Kongkal Sangma | Governor – Satya Pal Malik
- HQs of UNWFP – Rome, Italy | ED – David Muldrow Beasley | Countries – 36

**75.** On November 19, Minister of State (I/C) Earth Sciences, Dr. Jitendra Singh launched world’s first & most sophisticated MRI facility at the National Brain Research Centre (NBRC), Manesar, Haryana. ‘MRI Scanner Prisma’ from Siemens, Germany, is being used by several international initiatives too. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Dr. Jitendra Singh launched world’s first & most sophisticated ‘MRI Scanner Prisma’ facility – at NBRC, Manesar, Haryana
- ‘MRI Scanner Prisma’ is developed by Siemens (Germany)
- Haryana: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Manohar Lal Khattar | Governor – Bandaru Dattatraya



**76.** On November 18, Uttar Pradesh's first Air Pollution Control Tower was launched in Noida. The tower is built at a cost of Rs 4 Cr by Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL). [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Uttar Pradesh's first Air Pollution Control Tower was launched in Noida
- The tower is built by – BHEL
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel
- HQs of BHEL – New Delhi | Chairman & MD – Nalin Shinghal

**77.** On November 19, According to the Gujarat State Agriculture Minister Raghavji Patel, Tribal district of Dang in eastern Gujarat was recently declared as 100% organic farming district. The state government is providing a subsidy of Rs 10,000 per hectare for a maximum of two hectares to each farmer in the largely hilly district for adopting organic farming practices. The Gujarat government had declared an 'Organic Farming Policy' in 2015. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Gujarat's Dang – was recently declared as 100% organic farming district (1<sup>st</sup> district in Gujarat)
- Gujarat had declared an 'Organic Farming Policy' in 2015
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Bhupendra Patel | Governor – Acharya Devvrat

**78.** PM Narendra Modi inaugurated multiple developmental projects worth Rs 3,250 in Mahoba, Uttar Pradesh, to address the issue of water shortage in the Bundelkhand region. These projects include the Arjun Sahayak Project, Ratauli Weir Project, Bhaoni Dam Project and Majhgaon-Chilli Sprinkler Project. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Narendra Modi – inaugurated multiple developmental projects worth Rs 3,250 in Mahoba, Uttar Pradesh
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

**79.** On November 19, the Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) has transferred the technology of "AYUSH-64" to 46 companies. "AYUSH-64" is an effective drug in mild and asymptomatic, and mild to moderate cases of Covid-19. Earlier, only seven companies had its licence. The drug was developed in 1980 for the treatment of malaria. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- CCRAS – transferred the technology of "AYUSH-64" to 46 companies
- "AYUSH-64" has been developed by – CCRAS (New Delhi)

**80.** On November 20, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M. K. Stalin released the "State Policy for Children 2021" in Chennai. This policy is intended to significantly improve the overall well-being of children and set benchmarks on all indicators on par with international standards. [{Read more}](#)



### Key Points:

- Tamil Nadu – released the “State Policy for Children 2021” in Chennai
- [Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai](#) | [CM – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin](#) | [Governor – Ravindra Narayan Ravi](#)

**81.** On November 21, Union Minister of Women and Child Development Smt Smriti Zubin Irani inaugurated “National Workshop on Child Rights” organized by National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) as part of ‘Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav’. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Smriti Zubin Irani – inaugurated “National Workshop on Child Rights” organized by NCPCR
- [HQs of NCPCR – New Delhi](#) | [Chairman – Priyank Kanongoo](#)

**82.** On November 20, Food Corporation of India (FCI) under Department of Food and Public Distribution (DFPD) has developed its first state-of-art laboratory for in house testing of food grain samples. Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Ashwini Kumar Choubey inaugurated the ‘Quality Control Laboratory’ at Institute of Food Security (IFS), FCI, Gurugram, Haryana. The laboratory has been set up under the guidance of the Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI), Mysuru in Karnataka. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Ashwini Kumar Choubey – inaugurated the ‘Quality Control Laboratory’ – in Gurugram, Haryana
- The first state-of-art laboratory for in-house testing of food grain samples is developed by – FCI
- The laboratory is set up under the guidance of – CFTRI (Mysuru, Karnataka)
- [Haryana: Capital – Chandigarh](#) | [CM – Manohar Lal Khattar](#) | [Governor – Bandaru Dattatraya](#)

**83.** On November 22, Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru, has commissioned a state-of-the-art firefighting system Rosenbauer Tactical Simulator, making it the first facility in South Asia to have this high-tech equipment. BIAL has added four advanced Rosenbauer Crash Fire Tenders (CFTs) to its fleet to ensure the safety and security of all stakeholders, including passengers and airlines. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Kempegowda Int. Airport – commissioned a state-of-the-art firefighting system ‘Rosenbauer Tactical Simulator’
- [Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore](#) | [CM – Basavaraj Bommai](#) | [Governor – Thaawarchand Gehlot](#)

**84.** On November 22, the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) launched the first prototype of an indigenously developed Rolling Stock Driver Training System (RSDTS). This driver training system has been jointly developed by DMRC and Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL). The DMRC & BEL also demonstrated the functioning of a Super Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system. [{Read more}](#)



**Key Points:**

- Delhi Metro – launched the first prototype of an indigenously developed Rolling Stock Driver Training System (RSDTS)
- RSDTS is jointly developed by = DMRC + BEL
- DMRC & BEL – also demonstrated the functioning of “SCADA” system
- [HQs of BEL – Bengaluru, Karnataka](#) | [CMD – Venkateswara Gowtama Mannava](#)

**85.** On November 22, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan announced to rename Patalpani Railway Station near Indore and two other landmarks in that city after tribal icon Tantya Bhil. Notably, Bhopal's Habibganj railway station was recently named after Rani Kamalapati, a tribal queen. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Patalpani Railway Station (in Madhya Pradesh) – to be renamed after Tantya Bhil
- [Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal](#) | [CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan](#) | [Governor – Mangubhai Chhaganbhai Patel](#)

**86.** Minister of Railways Ashwini Vaishnaw announced theme-based Tourist Circuit Trains under a new scheme “Bharat Gaurav”. It will be run, by both Private sectors and IRCTC. The railway has earmarked 3,033 ICF coaches for this purpose, roughly translating to 150 trains. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Ministry of Railways – theme-based Tourist Circuit Trains under a new scheme “Bharat Gaurav”
- It will be run – Private sectors & IRCTC
- [Ministry of Railways: Ashwini Vaishnaw](#) | [Constituency – Odisha](#)
- [MoS in Ministry of Railways: Danve Raosaheb Dadarao & Darshana Vikram Jardosh](#)

**87.** The Odisha cabinet approved the “Odisha Electronics Policy 2021” to stimulate the Electronics System Design and Manufacturing (ESDM) industry in the state. Through this policy, which will be in effect till 2026, the state government plans to promote Odisha as an attractive destination for the electronics industry. Among the various incentives under the policy, new investment and expansion can avail a production linked incentive (PLI) at 1% of annual turnover for 5 years. A subsidy ranging from Rs 10 Cr to Rs 250 Cr will also be provided to ESDM units based on their fixed capital investment. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Odisha – approved “Electronics Policy 2021” to stimulate the Electronics System Design & Manufacturing industry
- [Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar](#) | [CM – Naveen Patnaik](#) | [Governor – Ganeshi Lal](#)



**88.** On November 24, Delhi's Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport announced to become a "Net Zero Carbon Emission Airport" by the year 2030, ahead of the 2050 deadline set by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). India is currently the world's third biggest emitter of Greenhouse Gases, after the United States and China. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Indira Gandhi International Airport – to become a "Net Zero Carbon Emission Airport" by 2030
- World's biggest emitters of Greenhouse Gases: 1<sup>st</sup> – China, 2<sup>nd</sup> – US, 3<sup>rd</sup> – India

**89.** Ministry of Panchayat Raj, in association with National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Hyderabad and Abdul Nazir Sab State Institute of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Mysuru had organised 1-day National Consultative Workshop on Citizen Charter and Delivery of Services by Panchayats on November 22, 2021 as part of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'. Participants from 16 States signed the "Mysuru Declaration" and resolved to roll out the Common Minimum Service delivery by Panchayats across the country from April 1, 2022. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Panchayat Raj mini. – organised National Consultative Workshop on Citizen Charter & Delivery of Services by Panchayats
- Participants from 16 States signed "Mysuru Declaration" to make effective delivery of common service by Panchayats
- Location of NIRD&PR – Hyderabad, Telangana | DG – G. Narendra Kumar
- Location of ANSSIRD – Mysuru, Karnataka



**90.** On November 25, Union Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs Shri Hardeep S. Puri inaugurated the Unattended Train Operations (UTO) on the 59 km long Pink Line of the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC). PM Narendra Modi had launched the first driverless train operations of the Delhi Metro in December 2020. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Hardeep S. Puri – inaugurated the Unattended Train Operations (UTO) on the 59 km long Pink Line of Delhi Metro

**91.** On November 25, Dr. Bharati Pravin Pawar, Union Minister of State for Health and family Welfare visited the FSSAI Office in New Delhi and flagged off "Food Safety Awareness Vehicles". On the occasion, she also released "National Low Salt Cooking Challenge Report" and unveiled a cookbook titled "Eat Right with Low Salt" as well as another book titled "History and Food". She also inspected the technical capabilities of Mobile Food Testing Vans called "Food Safety on Wheels". These vans are equipped with State-of-the-Art equipment to detect adulteration in submitted food items. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Bharati Pravin Pawar – flagged off the “Food Safety Awareness Vehicles” at FSSAI’s office in New Delhi
- On the occasion, she released/unveiled:
  - “National Low Salt Cooking Challenge Report”
  - “Eat Right with Low Salt” cookbook
  - “History and Food” book
- [HQs of FSSAI – New Delhi](#) | [Chairperson – Rita Teotia](#) | [CEO – Shri Arun Singhal](#)

**92.** On November 26, PM Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of the Noida International Airport (NIA) or Jewar Airport in Uttar Pradesh’s Jewar. It will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> international airport to come up in the Delhi-NCR region, after the capital’s Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport. The first phase of the project will be undertaken at a cost of around ₹10,500 Cr, and the work on it is scheduled to be completed by 2024. It will be India’s first Net Zero Carbon Emissions airport. With this, Uttar Pradesh will become the only state in India to have 5 International airports. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Narendra Modi – laid the foundation stone of the Noida International Airport (NIA) in Jewar, Uttar Pradesh
- NIA or Jewar International Airport – will be India’s first Net Zero Carbon Emissions airport
- [UP: Capital – Lucknow](#) | [CM – Yogi Adityanath](#) | [Governor – Anandiben Patel](#)

**93.** On November 26, National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) & National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) jointly organised a first-of-its-kind “River Cities Alliance (RCA)” ceremony in New Delhi. 30 cities across India have been selected as a platform under ‘River Cities Alliance’ on furthering the agenda for river sensitive development. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- NMCG + NIUA = organised a first-of-its-kind “River Cities Alliance (RCA)” ceremony in New Delhi
- 30 cities have been selected under ‘River Cities Alliance’
- [NMCG functions under – Ministry of Jal Shakti](#) | [DG – Rajiv Ranjan Mishra](#)
- [Location of NIUA – New Delhi](#)

**94.** On 25 November 2021, As per the recommendations of International Labour Organization & National Statistical Commission, Ministry of Labour released a new series of Wage Rate Index (WRI) with base year 2016 to enhance the coverage and to make index more representative. The WRI is being compiled and maintained by the Labour Bureau. The new series of WRI with base 2016=100 will replace the old series with base 1963-65. By adding 16 new manufacturing industries, total 37 industries have been covered in the new WRI basket as against 21 industries in the 1963-65 series. About 700 occupations have been covered under 37 selected industries in new series of WRI. [{Read more}](#)



### Key Points:

- Ministry of Labour – released a new series of Wage Rate Index (WRI) with base year 2016 (against 1963-65 earlier)
- WRI is being compiled & maintained by – Labour Bureau
- 16 new manufacturing industries added in the new WRI basket (Now, total industries covered – 37)

**95.** TechEagle, a Gurugram-based deeptech start-up building drone logistic services, partnered with Meghalaya government and Smart Village Movement (SVM) to launch India's first hybrid "e-VTOL" (vertical take-off and landing) drone delivery of life saving medicines. "e-VTOL Drone AquilaX2" will help deliver medicines to remote primary health centers (PHC). [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Meghalaya + TechEagle + SVM = launched India's first hybrid "e-VTOL Drone AquilaX2" to deliver medicines
- Meghalaya: Capital – Shillong | CM – Conrad Kongkal Sangma | Governor – Satya Pal Malik
- HQs of TechEagle – Gurugram, Haryana | CEO – Vikram Singh

**96.** On November 27, Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOCL), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL) launched the "Model Retail Outlet Scheme" and a Digital Customer Feedback Program called "Darpan@petrolpump". The scheme involves an intense 5 Level evaluation process of over 70000 retail outlets in India. The scheme was inaugurated by Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Hardeep Singh Puri. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- IOCL + BPCL + HPCL = launched the "Model Retail Outlet Scheme" & "Darpan@petrolpump" feedback program
- The scheme was inaugurated by – Hardeep Singh Puri
- HQs of IOCL – New Delhi | Chairperson – Shrikant Madhav Vaidya | Founded in – 1959
- HQs of BPCL – Mumbai, MH | Chairman & MD – Arun Kumar Singh | Founded in – 1952
- HQs of HPCL – Mumbai, MH | CEO & Chairperson – Mukesh Kumar Surana | Founded in – 1974

**97.** On November 27, the Union government formed a 5-member Central Vista Oversight committee to monitor and ensure timely completion of its ambitious 'Central Vista Redevelopment' project. The panel is headed by former finance secretary Ratan P. Watal. The committee has been formed for next 2 years. In 2019, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs had proposed a 'Central Vista Redevelopment' project. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Government formed a 5-member 'Central Vista Oversight Committee' – headed by Ratan P. Watal
- MoHUA proposed a 'Central Vista Redevelopment' project in 2019





**98.** Nagaland hosted the “International Tourism Mart 2021”, a 3-day event organized by the Ministry of Tourism from November 27-29 at Kohima. The event was jointly inaugurated by the Nagaland CM Neiphiu Rio and MoS for Tourism & Defence, Ajay Bhatt. This edition of the Mart will emphasize on “Domestic Tourism”. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Ministry of Tourism organized “International Tourism Mart 2021” in Kohima, Nagaland
- Nagaland: Capital – Kohima | CM – Neiphiu Rio | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi (addi. charge)
- Ministry of Tourism: G. Kishan Reddy | Constituency – Secunderabad, Telangana
- MoS in Ministry of Tourism: Shripad Yesso Naik & Ajay Bhatt

**99.** On November 27, the IRCTC launched “Rampath Yatra Express”, connecting Maharashtra’s Pune to Ayodhya in Uttar Pradesh, with an aim to promote pilgrimage tourism after the success of the ‘Ramayana Express’. The new special train will tour six pilgrim destinations associated with Lord Ram. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- IRCTC launched “Rampath Yatra Express” to promote pilgrimage tourism | It connects Pune (MH) & Ayodhya (UP)
- HQs of IRCTC – New Delhi | Chairman & MD – Mahendra Pratap Mall

**100.** On November 28, Union Minister of State for Skill Development, Entrepreneurship (MSDE) Rajeev Chandrasekhar launched a pilot project to revive and promote traditional “Namda” craft in Jammu & Kashmir. It will benefit 2,250 people of 30 Namda Clusters from 6 districts of Kashmir. He launched two projects - “Revival of Namda craft of Kashmir” as a special pilot project under “Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) 3.0” and “Upskilling of Artisans & Weavers of Kashmir” under Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL). [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Rajeev Chandrasekhar launched two projects:
  - “Revival of Namda craft of Kashmir”
  - “Upskilling of Artisans & Weavers of Kashmir”
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha

**101.** In November 2021, Union Minister for Minority Affairs Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi inaugurated the 33rd edition of “Hunar Haat”, organised at India International Trade Fair, Pragati Maidan in New Delhi. It was organised by the Ministry of Minority Affairs under ‘USTTAD’ scheme. The next “Hunar Haats” will be organised at Hyderabad (26 November to 5 December), Surat (10 to 19 December), JLN Stadium, New Delhi (22 December 2021 to 2 January 2022). [{Read more}](#)



**Key Points:**

- Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi – inaugurated the 33<sup>rd</sup> edition of “Hunar Haat” in New Delhi
- ‘Hunar Haat’ was organised by Ministry of Minority Affairs under ‘USTTAD’ scheme
- Ministry of Minority Affairs: Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi | Constituency – Jharkhand
- MoS in Ministry of Minority Affairs: John Barla

**102.** Indian Railways is constructing the world’s tallest railway bridge pier “111-km long Jiribam-Imphal Railway Line” across Ijai river near Noney Valley in the state of Manipur with a height of 141 metres. The bridge is expected to be completed by December 2023 at an estimated cost of Rs 374 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Indian Railways is constructing “111-km long Jiribam-Imphal Railway Line” - the world’s tallest railway bridge pier
- It is being constructed – across Ijai river in Manipur | Height – 141 metres | To be completed by – Dec 2023
- HQs of Indian Railways – New Delhi | Chairman & CEO – Suneet Sharma
- Manipur: Capital – Imphal | CM – N. Biren Singh | Governor – La. Ganesan

**103.** Varanasi will become the first Indian city to start Ropeway Service as a mode of public transport. The project will be based on public-private partnership (PPP) model, and initially, it will cover a stretch of a 3.45 km. A period of 24 month is expected for the completion of this project. India will be the world’s 3<sup>rd</sup> country to use a ropeway for public transport after Bolivia and Mexico. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Varanasi (UP) – to become the first Indian city to start Ropeway Service as a mode of public transport
- India – to become the world’s 3<sup>rd</sup> country to use a ropeway for public transport
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

**104.** Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader and Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia inaugurated the 2-day “Smart Urban Farming Expo” in Delhi’s Thyagaraj Stadium in order to start a movement towards mass adoption of urban farming in the national capital. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Manish Sisodia inaugurated the 2-day “Smart Urban Farming Expo” at Thyagaraj Stadium, New Delhi
- New Delhi: CM – Arvind Kejriwal | Lt. Governor – Anil Baijal | Chief Secretary – Vijay Dev

**105.** On November 27, Nagaland DGP T. John Longkumer officially launched the “Call your Cop” mobile App at Police Headquarters in Kohima. The app was launched with the aim to bring the police and public closer. [{Read more}](#)



**Key Points:**

- Nagaland Police – launched the “Call your Cop” mobile App
- Nagaland: Capital – Kohima | CM – Neiphiu Rio | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi (addi. charge)

**106.** On November 30, Union Minister of State Dr. Jitendra Singh launched Unique Face Recognition Technology for Pensioners which will bring ease of living for the retired and the elderly citizens. National Informatics Center (NIC), the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) as well as Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) developed this technology. [{Read more}](#)

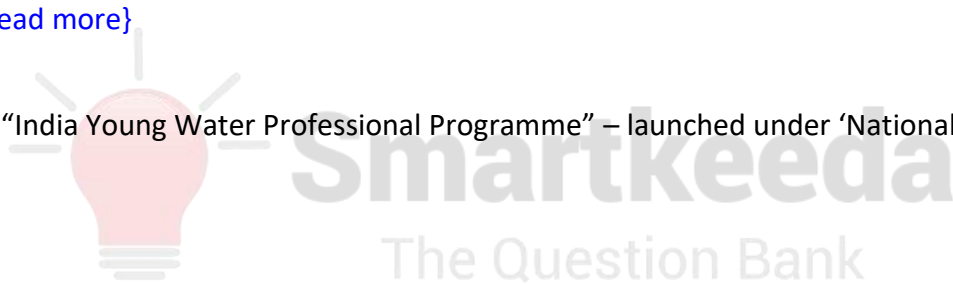
**Key Points:**

- Dr. Jitendra Singh – launched ‘Unique Face Recognition Technology’ for Pensioners
- Developed by = NIC + MeitY + UIDAI

**107.** On November 28, the first edition of the “India Young Water Professional Programme” was launched. More than 100 participants joined the launch of India Young Water Professional Program. This program has been taken up under ‘National Hydrology Project’ and supported by the Australian Water Partnership. About 70% of the program is focused on project based learning through Situation Understanding and Improvement Projects (SUIP). [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> edition of the “India Young Water Professional Programme” – launched under ‘National Hydrology Project’



# International Affairs

1. The UN Security Council (UNSC) adopted a resolution called “Resolution 2601” for the protection of education in armed conflict. It condemns attacks against schools and hospitals as well as denial of humanitarian access by parties to armed conflict and all other violations of international law. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- UNSC adopted a resolution called “Resolution 2601” for the protection of Education in Armed Conflict
- HQs of UNSC – New York, USA | Presidency in December 2021 – Niger (Oct - Kenya | Nov - Mexico)

2. On November 2, Yahoo has become the latest US tech company to end its presence in mainland China as tougher regulations are imposed there. Yahoo’s move follows Microsoft's announcement of removing LinkedIn from China. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- Yahoo – announced to end its presence in China over challenging business conditions
- HQs of Yahoo – California, US | CEO – Jim Lanzone

3. On November 2, the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) presented the “International Methane Emissions Observatory (IMEO)” at the G20 Summit/COP26 in Glasgow. The IMEO was launched by the UNEP with support from the European Union to drive action on reducing Methane Emissions - a powerful greenhouse gas responsible for at least a quarter of the current climate warming. Hosted by UNEP, IMEO is budgeted at EUR 100 million over five years. Its aim is to slash methane emissions by 30% by 2030. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- UNEP + EU = launched the “International Methane Emissions Observatory (IMEO)”
- IMEO: Hosted by – UNEP | Budgeted at – EUR 100 million
- IMEO aims to slash methane emissions – by 30% by 2030
- HQs of UNEP – Nairobi, Kenya | Executive Director – Inger Andersen | Founded in – 1972
- HQs of EU – Brussels, Belgium | Member Countries – 27
- President of European Parliament – David-Maria Sassoli
- President of European Council – Charles Michel
- President of European Commission – Ursula von der Leye

4. On November 4, A new £5 coin to commemorate the life and legacy of Mahatma Gandhi has been unveiled by the United Kingdom’s government on the occasion of Diwali. The special collectors’ coin was designed by Heena Glover and features an image of a lotus, India's national flower, alongside one of Gandhi's most famous quotes - ‘My life is my Message’. It is the first time that Gandhi has been commemorated on an official UK coin with the final design chosen by UK Chancellor Rishi Sunak, who is the Master of the Mint. [{Read more}](#)



**Key Points:**

- UK government – unveiled a new £5 coin to commemorate the life & legacy of Mahatma Gandhi
- Coin: designed by – Heena Glover | features an image of – Lotus | Quote on coin – ‘My life is my Message’
- UK – London – Pound Sterling | PM – Boris Johnson

**5.** On November 3, India and Bhutan formalised 7 additional entry-exit points for trade through Letters of Exchange (LoE) during a Commerce Secretary-level meeting on trade and transit issues in New Delhi. This will form an addendum to the Protocol of the 2016 India-Bhutan Agreement on Trade, Commerce and Transit. Since 2014, trade between India and Bhutan has more than doubled from USD 484 million in 2014-15 to USD 1083 million in 2020-21. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- India & Bhutan – formalised 7 additional entry-exit points for trade through Letters of Exchange (LoE)
- Trade between India & Bhutan increased to \$1083 million in 2020-21 (from \$484 million in 2014-15)
- Bhutan – Thimphu – Bhutanese Ngultrum | PM – Lotay Tshering

**6.** On November 3, Pekapeka-tou-roa or the long-tailed bat, a native New Zealand bat, has won the country’s annual ‘Bird of The Year’ award, hosted by Forest and Bird, an independent conservation organisation. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- New Zealand – named its ‘Pekapeka-tou-roa’ or the long-tailed bat – as the ‘Bird of The Year’ 2021
- New Zealand – Wellington – Dollar (NZD) | PM – Jacinda Ardern

**7.** On November 2, ‘Vax’ has been chosen as the ‘Word of the Year’ by the Oxford English Dictionary (OED). Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, words related to vaccines spiked in frequency in 2021. Vax refers to ‘Vaccine’ or ‘Vaccination’ which is mostly seen in recent news. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- ‘Vax’ – chosen as the ‘Word of the Year’ by Oxford English Dictionary

**8.** The UN Security Council (UNSC) adopted a resolution on the protection of Education in armed conflict. “Resolution 2601”, which won the unanimous support of the 15-member council, strongly condemns attacks against schools and hospitals as well as denial of humanitarian access by parties to armed conflict and all other violations of international law. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- UNSC – adopted a resolution called “Resolution 2601” on the protection of Education in armed conflict
- HQs of UNSC – New York, USA | Presidency in December 2021 – Niger (Oct - Kenya | Nov - Mexico)



**9.** On November 2, Prime Minister Narendra Modi is among 40 leaders to sign up to the UK's Breakthrough Agenda, an international plan to deliver clean and affordable technology everywhere by 2030, launched at the COP26 climate summit. Besides, India and the UK launched a new "Global Green Grids Initiative - One Sun One World One Grid (GGI-OSOWOG)" at COP26 climate summit in Glasgow. The ISA is an observer to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and has been an active participant at Conference of Parties (COPs). [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- UK – launched a 'Breakthrough Agenda' - an international plan to deliver clean & affordable technology by 2030
- India is among 40 leaders to sign up to the UK's Glasgow Breakthroughs
- India + UK = launched a new "Global Green Grids Initiative - One Sun One World One Grid (GGI-OSOWOG)" at COP26
- UK – London – Pound Sterling | PM – Boris Johnson

**10.** V. Muraleedharan, Minister of State for External Affairs visited Gambia from 1-3 November 2021. Two Agreements - an Agreement on Exemption from Visa requirement for Holders of Diplomatic and Official Passports, and a General Framework Agreement for Cooperation between India and the Gambia were signed during the visit. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- V. Muraleedharan – visited Gambia from 1-3 November 2021
- Two Agreements signed between India & Gambia:
  - Agreement on Exemption from Visa requirement for Holders of Diplomatic & Official Passports
  - General Framework Agreement for Cooperation
- Gambia – Banjul – Gambian dalasi | President – Adama Barrow

**11.** On November 5, the UK Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) approved antiviral medication 'Molnupiravir' for the treatment of mild-to-moderate Covid-19 in adults with a positive SARS-CoV-2 diagnostic test. It is developed by Ridgeback Biotherapeutics and Merck Sharp & Dohme (MSD). [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- UK – 1<sup>st</sup> country to approve antiviral medication 'Molnupiravir' for the treatment of mild-to-moderate Covid-19
- 'Molnupiravir' – became world's 1<sup>st</sup> pill for Covid treatment
- UK – London – Pound Sterling | PM – Boris Johnson

**12.** On November 9, Union Minister Bhupender Yadav inaugurated the "Ganga Connect Exhibition" showcased by National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG), c-Ganga, and the High Commission of India at the City of Glasgow College, Scotland. [{Read more}](#)



### Key Points:

- Bhupender Yadav – inaugurated the “Ganga Connect Exhibition” at the City of Glasgow College, Scotland
- The exhibition was showcased by NMCG, c-Ganga, & the High Commission of India

**13.** On November 10, Meta (formerly Facebook) launched ‘Grow Your Business Hub’, a one-stop destination for the micro, small, and medium businesses in India at the inaugural edition of the ‘Grow Your Business Summit’. The event also saw the launch of ‘Grow Your Business Playbook’. The playbook’s first edition is aimed at helping businesses set up offline to online journeys. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Meta (formerly Facebook) – launched ‘Grow Your Business Hub’ & ‘Grow Your Business Playbook’
- [HQs of Meta – California, US](#) | [CEO – Mark Zuckerberg](#) | [Founded in – 2004](#)

**14.** On November 10, the US has become the 101<sup>st</sup> country to join the inter-governmental treaty based International Solar Alliance (ISA), announced at the COP26 at Glasgow. India and France launched the ISA in November 2015 at COP21 in Paris. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- US – became the 101<sup>st</sup> country to join the ISA
- ISA was jointly launched in 2015 by – India & France
- [HQs of ISA – Gurugram, Haryana](#) | [DG – Alok Sahay](#) | [Member countries – 101](#)

**15.** In November 2021, India joined Indonesia, Philippines and South Africa as the first beneficiaries of “Accelerating Coal Transition (ACT) Programme” aimed at accelerating their transition from Coal Power to Clean Energy. The four countries account for 15% of global emissions related to Coal. Cutting their emissions more quickly will help the global effort for net zero carbon emissions by 2050, a key goal of the ongoing United Nations COP26 climate summit in Glasgow, Scotland. South Africa would be the first beneficiary. The new programme has been endorsed by the G7 advanced economies and is supported by the United States, Britain, Germany, Canada, and Denmark. Moreover, the UK will provide an “India Green Guarantee” to the World Bank, to unlock an additional 750 million pounds for green projects across India, announced at the COP26 summit in Glasgow. Besides, UK COP26 presidency also dedicated November 10 as “Transport Thematic Day”. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- India + Indonesia + Philippines + South Africa = the first beneficiaries of “Accelerating Coal Transition Programme”
- The above four countries account for 15% of global emissions related to Coal
- A key goal of the COP26 climate summit: Net Zero Carbon Emissions by 2050
- UK – to provide an “India Green Guarantee” to the World Bank to unlock an 750 million pounds for Green Projects
- November 10 – “Transport Thematic Day” dedicated by the UK COP26 Presidency





**16.** On November 15, Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud announced the establishment of the first Non-profit city in the world called "Prince Mohammed Bin Salman Non-Profit City". [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Saudi Arabia – announced the establishment of the first Non-profit city in the world
- Name of the city – "Prince Mohammed Bin Salman Non-Profit City"
- Saudi Arab – Riyadh – Saudi Riyal | Saudi Crown Prince – Mohammed bin Salman

**17.** Minister of State (MoS) for External Affairs and Parliamentary Affairs, V. Muraleedharan paid an official visit to the Republic of Uganda from 11-13 November 2021. During the visit, he inaugurated the Learning Centre set-up under "e-Vidhya Bharti e-Arogya Bharti (E-VBAB)" at Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- V. Muraleedharan – inaugurated a Learning Centre set-up under "e-Vidhya Bharti e-Arogya Bharti" in Kampala, Uganda
- Ministry of External Affairs: S. Jaishankar | Constituency – Gujarat
- MoS in Ministry of External Affairs: Rajkumar Ranjan Singh, V. Muraleedharan & Meenakshi Lekhi
- Uganda – Kampala – Ugandan shilling | President – Yoweri Museveni

**18.** On November 16, Barbados became the first country to establish a Digital Embassy after an agreement with metaverse platform 'Decentraland', a user-owned, Ethereum-based digital environment. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Barbados – the first country to establish a Digital Embassy after an agreement with metaverse platform 'Decentraland'
- Barbados – Bridgetown – Barbados Dollar | Prime minister – Mia Mottley

**19.** On November 12, India and Sri Lanka have set up Parliamentary Friendship Association. The association existed in the past and is being revived for the current Parliament, elected in August 2020. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- India + Sri Lanka = set up 'Parliamentary Friendship Association'
- Sri Lanka – Colombo/Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte – Sri Lankan Rupee
- PM – Mahinda Rajapaksa | President – Gotabaya Rajapaksa

**20.** The Indian Air Force (IAF) Contingent participated in the biennial "Dubai Air Show" held at the Al Maktoum International Airport from November 14 to 18, 2021. The IAF was invited by the UAE to participate with the Sarang and Suryakiran Aerobatics Teams. Rakesh Jhunjhunwala-backed Akasa Air placed an order for 72 Boeing 737 Max at the Dubai Air Show. [{Read more}](#)



### Key Points:

- IAF Contingent – participated in the biennial “Dubai Air Show” held at Al Maktoum International Airport, Dubai, UAE
- Akasa Air – placed an order for 72 Boeing 737 Max at the Dubai Air Show
- HQs of IAF – New Delhi | Chief – Air Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari | Vice Chief – Air Marshal Sandeep Singh
- HQs of Akasa Air – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Founder – Rakesh Jhunjhunwala

**21.** Nepal’s first hydropower project from a glacial lake has become functional recently. ‘Langtang Microhydro Electricity Project’ was built three years after the 2015 earthquake-avalanche that devastated the valley. It is on the Langtang Lirung Glacier. The glacial lake is located at 4,100m from which water is channeled to the powerhouse. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Nepal’s ‘Langtang Microhydro Electricity Project’ on Glacial Lake became functional recently
- Nepal – Kathmandu – Nepalese Rupee | President – Bidhya Devi Bhandari | PM – Sher Bahadur Deuba

**22.** India developed ‘Jaffna Cultural Centre’ in Sri Lanka with an Indian grant of \$11 million. The centre was envisaged as a public space to promote, preserve and foster the cultural heritage of Jaffna, a city in Sri Lanka. The MoU for the centre was signed between both countries in 2014. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- India developed ‘Jaffna Cultural Centre’ in Sri Lanka with an Indian grant of \$11 million
- Sri Lanka – Colombo/Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte – Sri Lankan rupee
- PM – Mahinda Rajapaksa | President – Gotabaya Rajapaksa

**23.** On November 22, Australia signed an agreement with the UK & the US, allowing the exchange of sensitive ‘Naval Nuclear Propulsion Information’ between their nations. It is the first agreement on the technology to be publicly signed since the three countries announced the formation of a defence alliance, “AUKUS” in September. Under the AUKUS deal, Australia would obtain 8 state-of-the-art, Nuclear-powered Submarines capable of stealthy, long-range missions. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Australia + US + UK = an agreement allowing the exchange of sensitive ‘Naval Nuclear Propulsion Information’
- “AUKUS” - a defence alliance between = Australia + US + UK
- Australia – to obtain 8 state-of-the-art, Nuclear-powered Submarines under the ‘AUKUS’ deal
- Australia – Canberra – Australian Dollar | PM – Scott Morrison

**24.** El Salvador plans to build the world's first "Bitcoin City", funded initially by bitcoin-backed bonds. El Salvador planned to issue the initial bonds in 2022. The first 10-year issue, known as the 'Volcano Bond', would be worth \$1 billion, backed by bitcoin and carrying a coupon of 6.5%. In September 2021, El Salvador became the first country in the world to adopt bitcoin as legal tender. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- El Salvador – plans to build the world's first "Bitcoin City" funded initially by bitcoin-backed bonds worth \$1 billion
- The first 10-year issue will be known as the 'Volcano Bond'

**25.** In November 2021, US President Joe Biden transferred presidential power to Vice President Kamala Harris for a brief time while he was under anesthesia during a routine colonoscopy. She is the first woman to get the US Presidential powers briefly. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- US President Joe Biden transferred presidential power to Vice President Kamala Harris for a brief time
- Kamala Harris – the first woman to get the US Presidential powers briefly
- [US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar](#) | [46<sup>th</sup> President – Joe Biden](#) | [49<sup>th</sup> VP – Kamala Harris](#)

**26.** On November 23, NITI Aayog and Germany's Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation & Development (BMZ) signed Statement of Intent (Sol) to establish an overarching mechanism as "NITI- BMZ Dialogue on Development Cooperation" to facilitate a common platform for periodic bilateral discussions. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- NITI Aayog + Germany = Sol to establish a mechanism "NITI- BMZ Dialogue on Development Cooperation"
- [HQs of NITI Aayog – New Delhi](#) | [CEO – Amitabh Kant](#) | [Chairperson – Narendra Modi](#) | [VC – Rajiv Kumar](#)
- [Germany – Berlin – Euro](#) | [President – Frank-Walter Steinmeier](#)

**27.** Collins Dictionary's "Word of the Year" for 2021 is "NFT" - an abbreviation that stands for "Non-Fungible Token". The reason for its selection is reportedly the meteoric rise in its use over the last year. According to Collins Dictionary, an NFT is 'a unique digital certificate, registered in a blockchain that is used to record ownership of an asset such as an artwork or a collectible'. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- "NFT" (**N**on-**F**ungible**T**oken) – chosen as the "Word of the Year" for 2021 by Collins Dictionary

**28.** On November 26, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the recently-discovered 'B.1.1.529' variant of COVID-19 as a 'variant of concern' and renamed it "Omicron". B.1.1.529 variant was first detected in South Africa. The variants of SARS-CoV-2 are named after Greek alphabets and Omicron is the 15<sup>th</sup> letter of the Greek alphabet. The letter is derived from the Phoenician letter ayin. [{Read more}](#)



**Key Points:**

- WHO declared the recently-discovered 'B.1.1.529' variant of COVID-19 as a 'variant of concern'
- WHO renamed 'B.1.1.529' as "Omicron" - which is the 15<sup>th</sup> letter of the Greek alphabet
- HQs of WHO – Geneva, Switzerland | DG – Tedros Adhanom | Member Countries – 194 | Founded in – 1948

**29.** On November 29, Merriam-Webster has declared 'Vaccine' as its "Word of the Year" for 2021. At Merriam-Webster, lookups for "Vaccine" increased 601% over 2020. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- "Vaccine" – chosen as the "Word of the Year" for 2021 by Merriam-Webster

**30.** On November 25, UN General Assembly (UNGA) adopted a historic resolution at its 76th session to graduate 3 nations - Bangladesh, Nepal and Laos, from the least developed country (LDC) category to the Developing Country grouping. Currently, there are 46 countries on the LDC list, according to the UN Committee for Development Policy (CDP). According to the UN, per capita income of \$1,230 is one of the requirements for transitioning into a developing nation. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- UNGA adopted a resolution to graduate Bangladesh, Nepal & Laos from 'LDC' to 'Developing Country' category
- Currently, there are 46 countries on the LDC list
- Per capita income of \$1,230 is one of the requirements for transitioning into a Developing Nation
- HQs of UNGA – New York, USA | President – Abdulla Shahid | Member Countries – 193



# Banking, Finance, Insurance & Economic Affairs

1. On November 1, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has extended the validity of its Directions for Mumbai-based Kapol Co-operative Bank by 6 months up to April 30, 2022. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- RBI – extended the validity of its Directions for Kapol Co-operative Bank – by 6 months (up to April 30, 2022)
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25<sup>th</sup>) | Established in – 1<sup>st</sup> April, 1935

2. On November 1, Axis Bank signed an MoU with the Indian Navy, offering a defence service salary package - “Power Salute”. Though this, the bank will offer numerous benefits to all ranks of the Indian Navy, veterans and cadets. The benefits include a personal accidental cover of up to ₹56 lakh to all navy personnel, veterans and cadets. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- Axis Bank + Indian Navy = an MoU to offer Defence Services Salary Package under its “Power Salute” initiative
- Personal accidental cover to all Army personnel – up-to ₹56 lakh
- HQs of Axis Bank – Mumbai | MD & CEO – Amitabh Chaudhry | Tagline – “Badhti ka Naam Zindagi”
- HQs of Indian Navy – Delhi | Chief – Admiral Karambir Singh | VC – S. N. Ghormade | Founded in – 26<sup>th</sup> Jan, 1950

3. On November 2, Bank of Baroda has signed an MoU with NCDEX e Markets Ltd (NEML) to become a ‘clearing bank’ for handling financial transactions in the NeML market place and procurement/auction platform. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- BoB + NEML = an MoU to become a ‘clearing bank’ for handling financial transactions in the NeML market place
- HQs of BOB – Vadodara, Gujarat | CEO – Sanjiv Chadha | Tagline – “India’s International Bank”
- HQs of NEML – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Mrugank Paranjape

4. On November 2, ICICI Lombard General Insurance has partnered with Vega Helmets to offer personal accident insurance cover on every online purchase of Vega helmet. The personal accident insurance policy will provide individuals with the benefit of accidental death with sum insured of ₹1 lakh. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- ICICI Lombard Gen. Ins. + Vega Helmets = partnership to offer personal accident insurance cover of ₹1 lakh
- HQs of ICICI Lombard – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Bhargav Das Gupta



5. On November 2, State Bank of India (SBI) has launched a pre-approved two-wheeler loan scheme “SBI Easy Ride” through its digital banking platform ‘YONO’. Customers can apply for the Easy Ride loan for an amount up to ₹3 lakh at an interest rate of 10.5% per annum onwards for a maximum tenure of 4 years. The minimum loan amount has been fixed at ₹20,000. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- SBI – launched a pre-approved two-wheeler loan scheme “SBI Easy Ride” through its YONO platform
- Loan amount: maximum – ₹3 lakh & minimum – ₹20,000 | Interest rate – 10.5% per annum | Tenure – 4 years
- HQs of SBI Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Dinesh Kumar Khara
- MD – Challa Sreenivasulu Setty | Ashwani Bhatia | Ashwini Kumar Tewari | Swaminathan Janakiraman

6. On November 2, The government has announced a “Revamped Gold Monetisation Scheme (R-GMS)”. Minimum Deposit Quantity under R-GMS is reduced to 10 grams of raw Gold (bars, coins, jewellery, excluding stones & other metals). And there is no maximum limit set for Deposit Quantity under R-GMS. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Government announced a “Revamped Gold Monetisation Scheme (R-GMS)”
- Minimum Deposit Quantity under R-GMS – 10 grams | No maximum limit under R-GMS

7. On November 1, NITI Aayog and the World Bank are working together to facilitate a program for faster and easier financing of electric vehicles (EV). The two entities are setting up a \$300-million ‘First Loss Risk Sharing Instrument’, with State Bank of India (SBI) as its program manager. This facility would seek to garner around \$1.5 billion in financing for EVs. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- NITI Aayog + World Bank = setting up a \$300-million ‘First Loss Risk Sharing Instrument’ | Program Manager – SBI
- HQs of NITI Aayog – New Delhi | CEO – Amitabh Kant | Chairperson – Narendra Modi | VC – Rajiv Kumar
- HQs of World Bank – Washington D.C., USA | Member Countries – 189
- President – David Malpass | MD & CFO – Anshula Kant

8. Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) has collaborated with HDFC Bank to encourage and promote the listing of startups and small & medium enterprises (SMEs) across India. Through this pact, HDFC Bank and BSE will evaluate banking and lending solutions for startups. BSE became the first stock exchange to get approval from markets regulator SEBI and had launched its SME platform in March 2012. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- BSE + HDFC Bank = an MoU to encourage & promote the listing of startups & SMEs across India
- HQs of HDFC Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Sashidhar Jagdishan | Tagline – “We understand your world”
- HQs of BSE – Mumbai, MH | Chairman – Justice Vikramajit Sen | MD & CEO – Shri Ashishkumar Chauhan
- BSE is Asia’s 1<sup>st</sup> Stock Exchange Company



**9.** The RBI revised its prompt corrective action (PCA) framework to exclude the profitability parameter from its list of triggers. Capital, asset quality and profitability were the key areas for monitoring in 2017's framework. This time, Capital, asset quality and leverage will be key areas. The RBI has also revised the level of shortfall in total capital adequacy ratio that would push the lender to 'risk threshold three' category. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- RBI revised its prompt corrective action (PCA) framework to exclude the profitability parameter from its list
- New parameters or Key areas for the revised PCA framework: Capital, Asset Quality & Leverage
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25<sup>th</sup>) | Established in – 1<sup>st</sup> April 1935

**10.** On November 1, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has authorised Bandhan Bank as an 'Agency Bank' for undertaking government business. With this, Bandhan bank joins a few other scheduled private sector banks empanelled as agency banks of the RBI. As an agency bank of the RBI, Bandhan bank will handle transactions related to collection of state taxes and revenue receipts such as the GST and VAT; collection of stamp duty and pension payments on behalf of the central and state governments. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Bandhan Bank – authorised as an 'Agency Bank' by the RBI for undertaking government business
- Other banks empanelled as agency banks: South Indian Bank, Karnataka Bank & IndusInd Bank
- HQs of Bandhan Bank – Kolkata, WB | MD & CEO – Chandra Shekhar Ghosh | Tagline – "Aapka Bhalai, Sabki Bhalai"

**11.** On November 8, Liberty General Insurance Ltd has partnered with PhonePe to offer motor insurance digitally and provide easy accessibility. In 2020, PhonePe ventured into the distribution of insurance and has become one of India's fastest-growing digital distributors, with the sale of over 5 lakh policies in 5 months. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Liberty General Insurance + PhonePe = partnership to offer motor insurance digitally
- HQs of Liberty General Insurance – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Roopam Asthana
- HQs of PhonePe – Bangalore, Karnataka | MD & CEO – Sameer Nigam | Founded in – 2015

**12.** On November 8, ESAF Small Finance Bank has launched State Level Local Sustainable Economic Development Training Programme in Kerala in collaboration with NABARD. This Project is aimed at bringing financial empowerment and economic independence at the local level. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- ESAF SFB + NABARD = launched 'State Level Local Sustainable Economic Development Training Programme' in Kerala
- HQs of ESAF SFB – Thrissur, Kerala | MD & CEO – K. Paul Thomas | Chairman – P. R. Ravi Mohan
- HQs of NABARD – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Govinda Rajulu Chintala | Founded in – 1982





**13.** On November 2, State Bank of India (SBI) launched the Video Life Certificate (VLC) facility to offer seamless life certificate submission experience for millions of pensioners. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- SBI – launched the Video Life Certificate (VLC) facility
- HQs of SBI Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Dinesh Kumar Khara
- MD – Challa Sreenivasulu Setty | Ashwani Bhatia | Ashwini Kumar Tewari | Swaminathan Janakiraman

**14.** On November 8, As per the recently issued circular of the RBI, Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) can acquire debt securities issued by Infrastructure Investment Trusts (InvITs) and Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) under the Medium-Term Framework (MTF) or the Voluntary Retention Route (VRR). [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- FPIs can acquire debt securities issued by InvITs & REITs under MTF or VRR
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25<sup>th</sup>) | Established in – 1<sup>st</sup> April, 1935

**15.** On November 8, the RBI imposed several restrictions on Maharashtra-based Babaji Date Mahila Sahakari Bank, including capping withdrawals at Rs 5,000 for customers. The restrictions will remain in force for 6 months. Separately, RBI has extended the restrictions imposed on Millath Co-operative Bank Limited, Davangere, Karnataka, for another 3 months till February 7, 2022. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- RBI – imposed several restrictions on Babaji Date Mahila Sahakari Bank (Mumbai, Maharashtra)
- The restrictions include capping withdrawals at Rs 5,000 | Period of restrictions – 6 months
- RBI – extended the restrictions imposed on Millath Co-operative Bank (Davangere, Karnataka) – till February 7, 2022
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25<sup>th</sup>) | Established in – 1<sup>st</sup> April, 1935

**16.** On November 10, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) lifted its restrictions on credit card issuer Diners Club International, allowing it to onboard fresh customers. RBI had barred Diners Club from onboarding fresh customers from May 1, 2021. The RBI's ban on American Express and Mastercard still continues. In India, the primary partner of Diners Club International is HDFC Bank. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- RBI – lifted its restrictions on credit card issuer 'Diners Club International' & allowed it to onboard fresh customers
- Primary partner of Diners Club International in India – HDFC Bank
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25<sup>th</sup>) | Established in – 1<sup>st</sup> April, 1935
- HQs of Diners Club International – Illinois, US

**17.** On November 10, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) launched its first global Hackathon 'HARBINGER 2021 Innovation for Transformation', with the theme "Smarter Digital Payments". The prize for the winner is Rs 40 lakh. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- RBI – launched its first global Hackathon 'HARBINGER 2021 Innovation for Transformation'
- Theme of the hackathon – "Smarter Digital Payments"
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25<sup>th</sup>) | Established in – 1<sup>st</sup> April, 1935

**18.** On November 7, Indian Bank has launched the Video KYC (know your customer) facility, which allows an applicant to open an account from anywhere by incorporating its Video-Based Customer Identification Process (VCIP) technology, on its web-based platforms. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Indian Bank – launched the Video KYC facility enabled by 'VCIP Technology'
- HQs of Indian Bank – Chennai, Tamil Nadu | MD & CEO – Shanti Lal Jain | Tagline – "Your Own Bank"

**19.** On November 8, Children-focussed fintech, Junio, has launched a Smart Multipurpose Card for pre-teens and teenagers on the RuPay platform. The newly launched Junio Smart Card powered by RuPay will allow youngsters to make online and offline payments with ease. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Junio + RuPay = launched a 'Smart Card' for pre-teens & teenagers
- HQs of RuPay – New Delhi | Launched by NPCI – in 2012 | Tagline – "One Life. One RuPay."

**20.** On November 11, NPCI Bharat BillPay has tied up with ICICI Prudential Life Insurance to provide 'ClickPay' to the insurer's customers. ICICI Prudential Life Insurance is the first insurance company to offer this facility of 'ClickPay' to its customers empowering them to make renewal premium payments with ease. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- NPCI Bharat BillPay + ICICI Prudential Life Insurance = tie up to provide 'ClickPay' to the insurer's customers
- HQs of ICICI Prudential Life Ins. – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – N. S. Kannan

**21.** On November 11, Kerala Gramin Bank recently introduced a novel motivational incentive called "KGB Kavacham" to offer an additional interest rate on the deposits for its customers who have taken a single or double dose of Covid-19 vaccine. The cumulative deposits opened under the scheme will fetch an interest rate of 5.55% which is higher by 0.25% than the prevalent rate of interest. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Kerala Gramin Bank – introduced a vaccine-linked deposit scheme called "KGB Kavacham"
- HQs of Kerala Gramin Bank – Malappuram, Kerala | Chairman – C. Jayaprakash



**22.** On November 10, Geojit Financial Services has launched a platform to open demat and trading accounts online for the Non-Resident External (NRE) and Non-Resident Ordinary (NRO) categories of NRI investors. The opening process will be online and will be operated through Central Depository Services Ltd (CDSL). [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Geojit Financial Services – 1<sup>st</sup> to offer online opening of demat accounts for NRE & NRO categories of NRI investors
- The opening process will be operated through CDSL
- HQs of Geojit Financial Services – Kochi, Kerala | MD & CEO – C. J. George

**23.** On November 10, PGIM India Mutual Fund launched “PGIM India Global Select Real Estate Securities Fund”, an open-ended equity fund-of-fund (FoF) scheme. The fund is India’s first Global Real Estate Securities Fund. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- PGIM India Mutual Fund – launched India’s first Global Real Estate Securities Fund
- HQs of PGIM India Mutual Fund – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Ajit Menon

**24.** On November 11, Axis Bank signed an MoU with the Army Insurance Group (AGI) to offer retail mortgage loans to the Indian Army. The bank will offer best-in-class products and services to defence personnel to cater to their home loan requirements. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Axis Bank + Army Insurance Group = an MoU to offer retail mortgage loans to the Indian Army
- HQs of Axis Bank – Mumbai | MD & CEO – Amitabh Chaudhry | Tagline – “Badhti ka Naam Zindagi”
- HQs of Indian Army – New Delhi | Chief – Gen. Manoj Mukund Naravane | Vice Chief – Chandni Prasad Mohanty

**25.** On November 10, National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI) has partnered with PayU and National Securities Depositories Limited (NSDL) to offer “Digital Payment Gateway”. NIXI is a not-for-profit Company under the aegis of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY). [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- NIXI + PayU + NSDL = partnership to offer “Digital Payment Gateway”
- NIXI functions under the aegis of – MeitY
- HQs of NIXI – New Delhi | CEO – Anil Kumar Jain

**26.** On November 10, UCO Bank entered into a co-lending agreement with Aadhar Housing Finance to offer home loans at competitive rates to customers from the economically weaker sections of society. [{Read more}](#)



**Key Points:**

- UCO Bank + Aadhar Housing Finance = to offer home loans at competitive rates to customers from EWS
- HQs of UCO Bank – Kolkata, West Bengal | CEO – Atul Kumar Goel

**27.** On November 8, Tata Motors has signed a 5-year Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Equitas Small Finance Bank, to bring financial solutions to its customers. This will help Tata to bring in financial solutions to the customers. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Tata Motors + Equitas SFB = a 5-year MoU to bring financial solutions to its customers
- HQs of Equitas SFB – Chennai, TN | MD & CEO – Vasudevan Pathangi Narasimhan
- HQs of Tata Motors – Mumbai, MH | Non-Executive Director & Chairman – Natarajan Chandrasekaran

**28.** On November 12, Fintech company Niyo partnered with SBM Bank India and Visa to offer a digital savings account with Niyo Global. Niyo Global aims to simplify foreign exchange spending for international travellers & student. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Niyo + SBM Bank India + Visa = partnership to offer a digital savings account with Niyo Global
- HQs of Niyo – Bengaluru, Karnataka | CEO – Vinay Bagri
- HQs of SBM Bank India – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Sidharth Rath
- SBM Bank India – the 1<sup>st</sup> foreign bank in India to obtain a banking licence from the RBI
- HQs of Visa – Foster City, California | CEO – Alfred F. Kelly | Founded in – 1958

**29.** On November 12, BharatPe launched Merchant Shareholding Program (MSP) for its merchant partners. It plans to create an equity pool structure worth up to \$100 million for MSP to be allotted to eligible merchants over the course of the next 4 years. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- BharatPe – launched Merchant Shareholding Program (MSP) for its merchant partners
- It plans to create an equity pool structure worth up to \$100 million
- HQs of BharatPe – New Delhi | Founder & CEO – Ashneer Grover | Chairman – Rajnish Kumar

**30.** On November 12, Mobikwik has collaborated with National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and Axis Bank to launch MobiKwik RuPay Card. The card will be free of charge to customers. And the customers can now get up to ₹2 lakh of their MobiKwik wallet balance mirrored on the 'MobiKwik RuPay Prepaid Card'. [{Read more}](#)



### Key Points:

- Mobikwik + NPCI + Axis Bank = collaboration to launch “MobiKwik RuPay Card”
- HQs of MobiKwik – Gurugram, Haryana | Founder, CEO & Director – Bipin Preet Singh
- HQs of NPCI – Mumbai | Chairman – Biswamohan Mahapatra | MD & CEO – Dilip Asbe | Established in – 2008
- HQs of Axis Bank – Mumbai | MD & CEO – Amitabh Chaudhry | Tagline – “Badhti ka Naam Zindagi”

**31.** On November 11, Jana Small Finance Bank has taken a significant step in easing the flow of liquidity to its MSME customers by tying up with all the three existing TReDS platforms, namely M1xchange, RXIL, and A.TReDS. The Trade Receivables Discounting System (TReDS) has been set up by RBI. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Jana SFB – tied up with all 3 existing TReDS platforms - M1xchange, RXIL & A.TReDS
- HQs of Jana SFB – Bengaluru, Karnataka | MD & CEO – Ajay Kanwal | Chairman (part-time) – S. C. Khuntia

**32.** Currently, Indian mutual funds were allowed to launch ETFs (Exchange Traded Funds) on Gold. The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has amended the “SEBI (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 1996” to enable the introduction of Silver ETFs scheme. The new rules came into effect from December 9, 2021. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- SEBI – amended the “SEBI (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 1996” to enable the introduction of ‘Silver ETFs’ scheme
- Currently, Indian MFs were allowed to launch ETFs on Gold only
- HQs of SEBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Ajay Tyagi | Established in – 1992

**33.** Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance Company (BALIC) has entered into a strategic partnership with Department of Posts and India Post Payments Bank to offer two Point of Sale (PoS) products - a term product and an annuity product, through the postal department’s network of 1,36,000 banking access points and the payments bank’s 650 branches. BALIC has become the first private life insurer in India to tie up with the Department of Posts for sale of PoS products. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance + DoP + IPPB = partnership to offer two Point of Sale (PoS) products
- HQs of Bajaj Allianz Life – Pune, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Tarun Chugh
- HQs of IPPB – New Delhi | MD & CEO – Venkatram Jayanthi | Established on – 1<sup>st</sup> Sep, 2018

**34.** On November 12, PM Narendra Modi launched two customer-centric initiatives of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) namely the 'RBI Retail Direct Scheme' and 'Reserve Bank Integrated Ombudsman Scheme'. The central theme of this is based on "One Nation-One Ombudsman". The 'RBI Retail Direct Scheme' is aimed towards enhancing access to the government securities (G-Secs) market for retail investors. Separately, the 'Reserve Bank - Integrated Ombudsman Scheme' aims to improve the grievance redress mechanism for resolving customer complaints against entities regulated by RBI. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- PM Narendra Modi launched two customer-centric initiatives of the RBI:
  - 'RBI Retail Direct Scheme' (to enhance access to the G-Secs market for Retail Investors)
  - 'Reserve Bank - Integrated Ombudsman Scheme' (to improve the Grievance Redress Mechanism)
- Central theme – "One Nation-One Ombudsman"
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25<sup>th</sup>) | Established in – 1<sup>st</sup> April, 1935

**35.** On November 12, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed several restrictions on Laxmi Cooperative Bank Ltd, Solapur, including Rs 1,000 cap on withdrawals for customers, due to deterioration in its financial position. The restrictions imposed under the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, shall remain in force for six months from the November 12, 2021. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- RBI – imposed several restrictions on Laxmi Cooperative Bank Ltd (Solapur, MH)
- The restrictions were imposed for 6 months | Rs 1,000 cap on withdrawals for customers also imposed
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25<sup>th</sup>) | Established in – 1<sup>st</sup> April, 1935

**36.** On November 12, HDFC Bank announced its integration with the government's National Agriculture Market (eNAM) to enable digital collections and settlement of funds to various e-NAM beneficiaries. HDFC Bank partnered with the Small Farmers Agri-Business Consortium (SFAC) to further improve the ease of doing business on e-NAM platform. The SFAC is the nodal implementing agency of eNAM which was launched in 2016 under the aegis of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- HDFC Bank – integrated with eNAM to enable digital collections & settlement of funds to various e-NAM beneficiaries
- HDFC Bank + SFAC = partnership to further improve the ease of doing business on e-NAM platform
- 'eNAM' functions under – MoAFW | Launched in – 2016 | Nodal implementing agency – SFAC

**37.** On November 15, Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank (KVGB) received the 'Best Regional Rural Bank' (RRB) award under the Regional Rural Banks Category by ASSOCHAM (Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India) in recognition of the bank's initiatives in Digital Financial Services in response to 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' programme. More than 40 villages have been converted into 100% digital villages under the bank's jurisdiction. Besides, Karnataka Bank launched "CASA (Current Account Savings Account) Campaign" for 2021–22, and introduced a new current account scheme called "KBL Current Account - Premium" specifically designed to meet the needs of small and medium entrepreneurs. [{Read more}](#)



**Key Points:**

- KVGB – received the “Best Regional Rural Bank” award under the ‘Regional Rural Banks Category’ by ASSOCHAM
- The award is given to KVGB for its initiatives in Digital Financial Services
- Karnataka Bank – launched “CASA (Current Account Savings Account) Campaign” for 2021-22
- Karnataka Bank – introduced a new current account scheme called “KBL Current Account - Premium” for SMEs
- HQs of KVGB – Dharwad, Karnataka | Chairman – P. Gopi Krishna | Sponsored by – Canara Bank
- HQs of Karnataka Bank – Mangalore, Karnataka | CEO – Mahabaleshwara M. S. | Chairman – Pradeep Kumar Panja

**38.** On November 15, PVR Cinemas has partnered with Kotak Mahindra Bank to launch first of its kind co-branded movie debit card named “Kotak PVR Movie Debit Card”. The two companies already have two co-branded credit cards, currently being used by around 300,000 users. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- PVR + Kotak Mahindra Bank = to launch first of its kind co-branded movie debit card - “Kotak PVR Movie Debit Card”
- HQs of PVR Cinemas – Gurugram, Haryana | CEO – Ajay Bijli
- HQs of Kotak Mahindra Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Uday Kotak | Tagline – “Let’s make money simple”



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**39.** On November 12, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has given nod to “Invesco CoinShares Global Blockchain ETF Fund of Fund (FoF)”, which will be India’s first scheme that offers exposure to global companies participating in the blockchain ecosystem. The underlying fund was earlier called Invesco Elwood Global Blockchain UCITS ETF. The fund managers to the scheme would be Neelesh Dhamnaskar and Krishna Cheemalapati. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- SEBI – gave nod to “Invesco CoinShares Global Blockchain ETF Fund of Fund (FoF)”
- The fund managers to the scheme – Neelesh Dhamnaskar & Krishna Cheemalapati
- HQs of SEBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Ajay Tyagi | Established in – 1992

**40.** On November 15, Paytm Money launched “Voice Trading”, powered by artificial intelligence, allowing users to place a trade or get information about stocks via single voice command. This service has been launched in line with Paytm Money’s efforts to offer next-gen and AI-driven tech to elevate user experience. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Paytm Money – launched AI-powered feature “Voice Trading”
- HQs of Paytm Money – Bengaluru, Karnataka | CEO – Varun Sridhar | Founded in – 2009





**41.** On November 16, the RBI has directed Deposit-taking NBFCs (NBFCs-D) with 10 or more branches and non-deposit taking NBFCs (NBFCs-ND) with asset size of ₹5,000 Cr and above having public customer interface to appoint Internal Ombudsman (IO) at the apex of their internal grievance redress mechanism within a period of 6 months from the date of issue of the direction. The implementation of the IO mechanism will be monitored by the NBFC's internal audit system apart from regulatory oversight by RBI. The person appointed as the IO shall be either a retired or a serving officer, not below the rank of Deputy General Manager. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- RBI directed NBFCs-D with 10 or more branches & NBFCs-ND with asset size of ₹5,000 Cr & above to appoint 'Internal Ombudsman (IO)' within 6 months
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25<sup>th</sup>) | Established in – 1<sup>st</sup> April 1935

**42.** On November 15, Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has launched the 2<sup>nd</sup> window of "Swavalamban Challenge Fund (SCF)", which aims to provide financial support to non-profit organizations, educational institutions for addressing developmental gaps. The themes for 2<sup>nd</sup> window align with the vision of PM Narendra Modi and the commitments India made at COP26 of attaining Net Zero Emissions by 2070. SCF has been designed, run and monitored by SIDBI with support from Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO UK). [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- SIDBI launched the 2<sup>nd</sup> window of "Swavalamban Challenge Fund (SCF)"
- The themes for 2<sup>nd</sup> window align with India's commitment made at COP26 of attaining 'Net Zero Emissions by 2070'
- "Swavalamban Challenge Fund (SCF)" is designed, run & monitored by = SIDBI + FCDO UK
- HQs of SIDBI – Lucknow, UP | MD & Chairman – Sivasubramanian Ramann | Established in – 1990

**43.** BOB Financial Solutions, a subsidiary of Bank of Baroda (BoB), partnered with National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) to launch BoB credit cards on the RuPay platform. Both Easy and Premier variants of BoB credit cards have been launched on the JCB International network. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- BOB Financial Solutions + NPCI = partnership to launch BoB Credit Cards on RuPay platform
- HQs of BOB – Vadodara, Gujarat | CEO – Sanjiv Chadha | Tagline – "India's International Bank"
- HQs of NPCI – Mumbai | Chairman – Biswamohan Mahapatra | MD & CEO – Dilip Asbe | Established in – 2008
- HQs of RuPay – New Delhi | Launched by NPCI – in 2012 | Tagline – "One Life. One RuPay."

**44.** On November 17, IndusInd Bank launched a comprehensive mobile application called "Indus Merchant Solutions" to enable merchants, retailers and professionals to carry out banking transactions digitally, on a single platform. [{Read more}](#)



### Key Points:

- IndusInd Bank – launched a comprehensive mobile application called “Indus Merchant Solutions”
- HQs of IndusInd Bank – Pune, MH | MD & CEO – Sumant Kathpalia | Tagline – “We Make You Feel Richer”

**45.** On November 17, State Bank of India (SBI) signed a co-Lending agreement with U GRO Capital to offer strategic financing solutions to the MSMEs of India in line with RBI guidelines. The arrangement will extend credit products under U GRO’s ‘Sanjeevani’ program, offering loans up to Rs 3 Cr, at competitive rate of interest. With this partnership, U GRO is the first NBFC which has been accepted as a Co-Lending partner with Bank of Baroda, IDBI Bank and now SBI. Through this collaboration, SBI and U GRO aim to disburse up to Rs 500 Cr by March 2022. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- SBI + U GRO Capital = a co-Lending agreement to offer strategic financing solutions to the MSMEs across India
- Loans up to Rs 3 Cr will be offered under U GRO’s ‘Sanjeevani’ program
- SBI + U GRO = aim to disburse up to Rs 500 Cr by March 2022
- HQs of SBI Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Dinesh Kumar Khara
- MD – Challa Sreenivasulu Setty | Ashwani Bhatia | Ashwini Kumar Tewari | Swaminathan Janakiraman
- HQs of U GRO Capital – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Abhijit Ghosh

**46.** On November 16, State Bank of India (SBI) signed a strategic agreement with Jamshedpur Football Club (JFC) with an aim to support and promote football in India. Jamshedpur Football Club was incorporated in 2017 and is a fully owned subsidiary of Tata Steel Limited. As per the partnership, SBI will be one of the principal sponsors of the JFC. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- SBI + Jamshedpur FC = a strategic agreement to support & promote football in India
- JFC – a fully owned subsidiary of Tata Steel Ltd
- HQs of SBI Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Dinesh Kumar Khara
- MD – Challa Sreenivasulu Setty | Ashwani Bhatia | Ashwini Kumar Tewari | Swaminathan Janakiraman

**47.** On November 15, HDFC Bank launched the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of its “Mooh Band Rakho” campaign in support of the “International Fraud Awareness Week 2021” held from November 15 - 21. Through this initiative, the bank aims to increase awareness on all types of frauds and the importance of keeping your mouth shut to ensure their prevention. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- HDFC Bank – launched the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of its “Mooh Band Rakho” campaign
- November 15 to 21 – “International Fraud Awareness Week 2021”
- HQs of HDFC Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Sashidhar Jagdishan | Tagline – “We understand your world”



**48.** On November 17, HDFC Bank launched micro-credit facility for street vendors, PM Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi), with common service centres (CSC). HDFC Bank would facilitate PM SVANidhi for its village-level entrepreneurs (VLEs) on the 'Digital Sewa' portal. This facility is a collateral-free affordable loan of ₹10,000 with an interest subsidy of 7%. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- HDFC Bank – launched micro-credit facility for 'PM SVANidhi' scheme with common service centres (CSC)
- Facility is available on 'Digital Sewa' portal | Collateral-free affordable loan of ₹10,000 | Interest subsidy of 7%
- HQs of HDFC Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Sashidhar Jagdishan | Tagline – “We understand your world”

**49.** On November 17, Mswipe has partnered with OneCard, a mobile-first credit card company, to offer no-cost EMIs across its network of 2,50,000 retailers. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Mswipe + OneCard = partnership to offer no-cost EMIs across its network of 2,50,000 retailers
- HQs of Mswipe Technologies – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Manish Patel
- HQs of OneCard – Riyadh, Saudi Arabia | CEO – Anurag Sinha (launched by - FPL Technologies)

**50.** On November 18, Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) partnered with Google India Pvt Ltd (GIPL) for piloting a 'Social Impact Lending Programme' with financial assistance between ₹25 lakh to ₹1 Cr at competitive interest rates to MSMEs (having turnover up to ₹5 Cr). This partnership with GIPL brings a corpus of \$15 million (around ₹110 Cr) to MSMEs as a crisis response related to COVID-19. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- SIDBI + Google India = partnership for piloting a 'Social Impact Lending Programme'
- Financial assistance: between ₹25 lakh to ₹1 Cr to MSMEs (having turnover up to ₹5 Cr)
- HQs of SIDBI – Lucknow, UP | MD & Chairman – Sivasubramanian Ramann | Established in – 1990

**51.** On November 18, NSDL e-Governance Infrastructure received an in-principle approval from the RBI to set up an Account Aggregator (AA) business under its wholly owned subsidiary, NSDL e-Governance Account Aggregator Ltd. Account Aggregator is a first-of-its-kind consent framework that empowers an individual with the ability to securely and digitally access and share his or her data. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- NSDL e-Governance Infrastructure – received in-principle approval from RBI to set up an Account Aggregator business
- HQs of NSDL e-Governance Infrastructure Ltd – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Suresh Sethi



**52.** On November 18, India, the world's largest recipient of remittances, received \$87 billion in 2021 with the United States being the biggest source, accounting for over 20% of these funds, according to the World Bank's "Remittance Prices Worldwide Report". India is followed by China and Mexico. In India, remittances are projected to grow 3% in 2022 to \$89.6 billion. India had received over \$83 billion in remittances in 2020. Besides, the World Bank also released "Migration and Development Brief" report. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- "Remittance Prices Worldwide Report" – by World Bank
- "Migration and Development Brief" report – released by World Bank
- India – the world's largest recipient of remittances (received \$87 billion in 2021) | Biggest source – US (20%)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – China | 3<sup>rd</sup> – Mexico

**53.** On November 18, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Working Group (WG) on Digital Lending recommended enactment of a separate legislation to prevent illegal digital lending through apps. The RBI had in January 2021 constituted the working group under the chairmanship of Executive Director Jayant Kumar Dash on digital lending, including lending through online platforms and mobile apps. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- RBI's Working Group on Digital Lending – recommended separate law to prevent illegal digital lending through apps
- Working Group on Digital Lending – chaired by Jayant Kumar Dash
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25<sup>th</sup>) | Established in – 1<sup>st</sup> April 1935

**54.** On November 16, the RBI withdrew more than 100 redundant circulars as per the recommendations made by the Regulations Review Authority (RRA 2.0). The redundant circulars withdrawn relate to certain norms concerning Foreign Investment in India by Foreign Portfolio Investors, RTGS, Know Your Customer (KYC), and Anti-Money Laundering (AML)/Combating of Financing of Terrorism (CFT) - Standards. The RRA has also constituted an Advisory Group representing the regulated entities under the chairmanship of Swaminathan J. Based on these consultations and the suggestions of the Advisory Group, the RRA has recommended withdrawal of 150 circulars in the first tranche of recommendations. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- RBI – withdrew more than 100 Redundant Circulars based on recommendations of Regulations Review Authority
- RRA constituted an Advisory Group representing the regulated entities – chaired by Swaminathan J.
- RRA has recommended withdrawal of 150 circulars in the first tranche of recommendations
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25<sup>th</sup>) | Established in – 1<sup>st</sup> April 1935

**55.** On November 18, NPCI International Payments Ltd (NIPL) and Dubai-based Network International have signed an MoU for collaboration on acceptance of NIPL's mobile-based real time payment system, Unified Payments Interface (UPI), in the UAE. Network International enables digital commerce across the Middle East and Africa. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- NIPL + Network International = an MoU to facilitate UPI transactions in the UAE
- HQs of NIPL – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Ritesh Shukla
- HQs of Network International – Dubai, UAE | CEO – Nandan Mer

**56.** On November 18, Based on a recommendation from the Controller General of Accounts, RBL Bank has been authorised by the RBI to collect direct taxes on behalf of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT). [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- RBL Bank – authorised by the RBI to collect direct taxes on behalf of the CBDT
- HQs of RBL Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Vishwvir Ahuja | Chairman – Prakash Chandra
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25<sup>th</sup>) | Established in – 1<sup>st</sup> April, 1935

**57.** On November 19, IDFC First Bank and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL) signed an agreement to facilitate fuel payments by motorists at HPCL's retail outlets using the bank's FASTags. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- IDFC First Bank + HPCL = an agreement to facilitate fuel payments at HPCL's retail outlets by using the bank's FASTags
- HQs of HPCL – Mumbai, MH | CEO & Chairperson – Mukesh Kumar Surana
- HQs of IDFC First Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – V. Vaidyanathan | Established in – 2018
- IDFC Bank + Capital First = IDFC First Bank (merged in 2018)

**58.** On November 23, ICICI Bank launched an online platform called "Trade Emerge" to offer digital banking & value-added services to exporters and importers across India. The platform aims to make cross border trade hassle-free, expeditious and convenient, as it offers an array of services in one place. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- ICICI Bank – launched an online platform called "Trade Emerge" for exporters & importers across India
- HQs of ICICI Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – [Sandeep Bakhshi](#) | Taglines – "Hum Hain Na!" & "Khayal Apka"

**59.** On November 22, State Bank of India signed an MoU with Puducherry Cooperative Milk Producers Union (PONLAIT) to provide loan to dairy farmers up to a limit of Rs 3 lakh. The loan would be given under "SAFAL" (Simple & Fast Agriculture Loan) scheme of the bank. [{Read more}](#)



### Key Points:

- SBI – launched “SAFAL” (Simple And Fast Agriculture Loan) scheme to finance individual dairy farmers
- SBI + PONLAIT = an MoU to provide loan to dairy farmers up to a limit of Rs 3 lakh
- HQs of SBI Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Dinesh Kumar Khara
- MD – Challa Sreenivasulu Setty | Ashwani Bhatia | Ashwini Kumar Tewari | Swaminathan Janakiraman

**60.** On November 22, the Reserve Bank (RBI) released a draft scheme for the amalgamation of Punjab & Maharashtra Cooperative (PMC) Bank and Unity Small Finance Bank (USFB). Unity Small Finance Bank is a joint venture between Centrum Group and Bharatpe and has commenced operations as a small finance bank with effect from November 1, 2021. The depositors of PMC will get their money back over a period of three to 10 years. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- RBI released a draft scheme for the amalgamation of PMC Bank & Unity Small Finance Bank
- Unity SFB (New Delhi) – a joint venture between Centrum Group & Bharatpe
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25<sup>th</sup>) | Established in – 1<sup>st</sup> April 1935

**61.** The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) under the Ministry of Finance has notified uniform 12% GST rate on manmade fibre (MMF), yarn, fabrics and apparel, thereby addressing the inverted tax structure in the MMF textile value chain from January 1, 2022. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- CBIC (Ministry of Finance) – notified uniform 12% GST rate on MMF, yarn, fabrics & apparel from January 1, 2022
- HQs of CBIC – New Delhi | Chairperson – M. Ajit Kumar | Founded in – 1964

**62.** On November 23, the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of her visit to Jammu & Kashmir, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman handed over credit sanction letters to 145 beneficiaries for Rs 306 Cr of different banks. She also launched various schemes and initiatives for Jammu & Kashmir which included launch of ‘Tejasvini’ & ‘Hausala’ schemes of J&K Bank, ‘Shikhar’ & ‘Shikara’ schemes of Punjab National Bank (PNB) and ‘SIDBI Cluster Development Fund’ of Rs 200 Cr. ‘Tejasvini’ scheme focuses on providing financial assistance of Rs. 5 lakh to girls between 18-35 years for starting their business. ‘Shikhar’ scheme focuses on meeting credit requirements up to Rs. 2 Cr for hotel, tour & tourism industry. Under ‘Shikara’ scheme, credit up to Rs. 15 lakh for purchase/repair of Shikaras is provided in Kashmir valley. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Nirmala Sitharaman handed over credit sanction letters to 145 beneficiaries for Rs 306 Cr in Jammu & Kashmir
- Nirmala Sitharaman launched various schemes for Jammu & Kashmir:
  - ‘Tejasvini’ & ‘Hausala’ schemes of J&K Bank
  - ‘Shikhar’ & ‘Shikara’ schemes of PNB
  - ‘SIDBI Cluster Development Fund’ worth Rs 200 Cr
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha





**63.** On November 23, Equitas Small Finance Bank announced its partnership with HDFC Bank for the launch of its new co-branded credit cards. The credit card can be availed in two categories - 'Excite Credit Card' with credit limit from Rs 25,000 to Rs 2,00,000 and 'Elegance Credit Card' with credit of over Rs 2,00,000. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Equitas SFB + HDFC Bank = partnership to launch new Co-branded Credit Cards in two categories
- Two categories: 'Excite Credit Card' (Rs 25,000 to Rs 2 lakh) & 'Elegance Credit Card' (over Rs 2 lakh)
- HQs of Equitas SFB – Chennai, TN | MD & CEO – Vasudevan Pathangi Narasimhan
- HQs of HDFC Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Sashidhar Jagdishan | Tagline – “We understand your world”

**64.** On November 23, NPCI Bharat Bill Pay Limited (NBBL) announced its integration with Tata Power on “ClickPay” - making it the first power company to go live on the newly launched platform. ClickPay will enable Tata Power customers to make monthly electricity bill payments with ease. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- NPCI Bharat BillPay + Tata Power = integration to onboard Tata Power as the first power company on its “ClickPay”
- HQs of Tata Power – Mumbai | MD & CEO – Praveer Sinha | Established – 1915

**65.** Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) approved measures to invest up to 5% of its annual deposits in infrastructure investment trusts (InvITs) and other alternative funds. The Central Board of Trustees (CBT) empowered Finance Investment and Audit Committee (FIAC) to decide upon the investment options, on case-to-case basis, for investment in asset classes included in the Pattern of Investment notified by the Centre. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- EPFO approved measures to invest up to 5% of its annual deposits in InvITs & other alternative funds
- HQs of EPFO – New Delhi | CEO – Sunil Barthwal | Established in – 1952

**66.** On November 24, BOB Financial Solutions Ltd (BFSL) partnered with OneCard to launch a co-branded Mobile-First Credit Card. The internationally valid credit card will be issued by BFSL and managed by OneCard on VISA's Signature platform. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- BOB Financial Solutions + OneCard = to launch a co-branded Mobile-First Credit Card on VISA's Signature platform
- HQs of BOB – Vadodara, Gujarat | CEO – Sanjiv Chadha | Tagline – “India's International Bank”
- HQs of OneCard – Riyadh, Saudi Arabia | CEO – Anurag Sinha (launched by - FPL Technologies)



**67.** On November 25, Bajaj Allianz General Insurance partnered with deep-tech startup TropoGo for the distribution of a drone Insurance product. The drone insurance product will cover damage to the Drone, Payload with additional covers for BVLOS (Beyond Visual Line of Sight) Endorsement & Night flying Endorsement. HDFC Ergo General Insurance was the first insurer to launch a drone insurance cover in June, 2020. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Bajaj Allianz General Insurance + TropoGo = for the distribution of a DRONE Insurance product
- HQs of Bajaj Allianz Gen Ins – Pune, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Tapan Singhel
- HQs of TropoGo – Bengaluru, Karnataka | Founder – Sandipan Sen

**68.** On November 24, Union Bank of India (UBI) entered into a co-lending partnership with Mumbai-based Capri Global Capital, under which they will disburse loans to MSMEs. The co-lending agreement aims to enhance last-mile finance and drive financial inclusion to MSMEs by offering secured loans between Rs 10 lakh to Rs 1 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- UBI + Capri Global Capital = co-lending partnership to disburse loans between Rs 10 lakh to Rs 1 Cr to MSMEs
- HQs of UBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Rajkiran Rai G. | Tagline – “Good People to Bank With”

**69.** On November 26, ESAF Small Finance Bank announced the latest “ESAF Go Green” range of electric vehicle loan schemes. The launch coincides with COP26. ESAF Go green loans are available at low-interest rate, zero foreclosure charges, minimal processing fee and zero documentation charges. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- ESAF SFB – announced the latest “ESAF Go Green” range of electric vehicle loan schemes
- HQs of ESAF SFB – Thrissur, Kerala | MD & CEO – K. Paul Thomas | Chairman – P. R. Ravi Mohan

**70.** On November 25, HSBC India launched India’s first credit card made from recycled PVC plastic. The cards have been introduced in partnership with global cards manufacturer IDEMIA and will help gradually eliminate single-use PVC plastic. Made from 85% recycled plastic, the new cards will help save 3.18 gm of plastic waste per card in addition to helping lower overall carbon emission. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- HSBC India – launched India’s first credit card made from recycled PVC plastic (in partnership with IDEMIA)
- HQs of HSBC India – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Hitendra Dave

**71.** On November 25, Yes Bank announced its collaboration with Amazon Pay and Amazon Web Services (AWS) to offer customers an instant real-time payment system through a UPI transaction facility. The bank has developed a cloud-native UPI processing platform to optimally handle the high traffic of transactions. The integration will enable Amazon Pay to issue UPI IDs with the @yapl handle. [{Read more}](#)



### Key Points:

- Yes Bank + Amazon Pay + AWS = collaboration to offer an instant real-time payment system through a UPI facility
- HQs of Yes Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Prashant Kumar | Tagline – “Experience our Expertise”
- HQs of Amazon – Seattle, Washington, US | CEO – Andy Jassy | Incorporated in – 1994
- HQs of AWS – Seattle, Washington, US | CEO – Adam N. Selipsky

**72.** On November 25, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) issued fresh operating norms for the introduction of Silver Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs) in India. This comes after the SEBI recently amended MFs regulations to have mechanism for silver ETFs. In its latest circular, the SEBI mandated that a silver ETF scheme by mutual funds have to invest at least 95% of the net assets in silver and silver related instruments. This regulation is similar to gold ETFs. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- SEBI – issued fresh operating norms for the introduction of Silver ETFs in India
- SEBI – mandated MFs to invest at least 95% of the net assets in Silver under the Silver ETFs scheme
- HQs of SEBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Ajay Tyagi | Established in – 1992

**73.** On November 26, the RBI accepted 21 out of 33 recommendations of the Internal Working Group (IWG) that was set up to review extant ownership guidelines and corporate structure for Indian private sector banks. Based on the recommendation, the RBI raised limit on promoters' stake from the current levels of 15% to 26% of the paid-up voting equity share capital of the bank. Bank promoters currently do not include industrial groups whose holdings in a bank are capped at 10%. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- RBI accepted 21 out of 33 recommendations of the Internal Working Group (IWG) on Private Sector Banks
- RBI raised limit on promoters' stake to 26% of the paid-up voting equity share capital of the bank (from 15%)
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25<sup>th</sup>) | Established in – 1<sup>st</sup> April 1935

**74.** On November 26, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a monetary penalty of ₹1 Cr on State Bank of India for contravention of sub-section (2) of 'Section 19' of the 'Banking Regulation Act, 1949'. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- RBI imposed a monetary penalty of ₹1 Cr on SBI
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25<sup>th</sup>) | Established in – 1<sup>st</sup> April, 1935
- HQs of SBI Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Dinesh Kumar Khara
- MD – Challa Sreenivasulu Setty | Ashwani Bhatia | Ashwini Kumar Tewari | Swaminathan Janakiraman



**75.** On November 29, Bajaj Finserv launched the 2nd phase of “Savdhaan Rahein. Safe Rahein” - a public awareness campaign focusing on Life Insurance Frauds to educate its consumers and public at large on how to stay safe from such frauds. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Bajaj Finserv – launched the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of a public awareness campaign “Savdhaan Rahein. Safe Rahein”
- HQs of Bajaj Finserv – Pune, Maharashtra | Chairman & MD – Sanjiv Bajaj

**76.** On November 29, Bangalore-based neobank Open Financial Technologies Pvt Ltd launched a no-code embedded finance platform called “Zwitch”. The platform allows fintechs, brands and enterprises to launch innovative fintech services using a Do-It-Yourself (DIY) drag and drop interface. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Open Financial Technologies – launched a no-code embedded finance platform called “Zwitch”
- HQs of Open Financial Technologies – Bengaluru, Karnataka

**77.** On November 29, Paytm Payments Bank (PPBL) launched a “Paytm Transit Card”, aiming to equip millions of Indians with one physical card for all their everyday needs. The first phase of was launched in collaboration with Hyderabad Metro Rail, Ahmedabad Metro and the Delhi Airport Express Line. The card linked to the Paytm Wallet can be used for all transactions of a user. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Paytm Payments Bank – launched a “Paytm Transit Card” for customers’ everyday needs
- HQs of PPBL – Noida, Uttar Pradesh | MD & CEO – Satish Kumar Gupta

**78.** On November 29, State Bank of India (SBI) entered into a co-Lending arrangement with Capri Global Capital Limited (CGCL) to boost MSME lending by offering secured loans between Rs 10 lakh and Rs 1 Cr to the underserved MSMEs. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- SBI + Capri Global Capital = co co-lending partnership to offer loans between Rs 10 lakh to Rs 1 Cr to MSMEs
- HQs of SBI Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Dinesh Kumar Khara
- MD – Challa Sreenivasulu Setty | Ashwani Bhatia | Ashwini Kumar Tewari | Swaminathan Janakiraman
- HQs of Capri Global Capital – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Founder & MD – Rajesh Sharma

**79.** On November 29, AI driven Health-tech company Fedo has announced ‘Health Savings Account’ called “Fedo HAS”, in collaboration with neo bank Open Financial Technologies. The company has partnered with insurers, card issuers and banks to expand the network of Fedo HSA service. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Fedo + Open = launched ‘Health Savings Account’ called “Fedo HAS”
- HQs of Fedo – Bengaluru, Karnataka | CEO & Co-founder – Prasanth Madavana
- HQs of Open Financial Technologies – Bengaluru, Karnataka



**80.** On November 29, Punjab National Bank (PNB) decided to invest as a promoter in Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) by acquiring 9.5% stake in the company. The ONDC is yet to be incorporated under the Companies Act 2013. India is working on setting up an ONDC infrastructure which facilitates e-commerce by providing equal opportunities to all marketplace players. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- PNB – to invest as a promoter in Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) by acquiring 9.5% stake
- HQs of PNB – New Delhi | MD & CEO – S. S. Mallikarjuna Rao | Tagline – “The Name You Can Bank Upon”

**81.** On November 30, An agri-focussed NBFC, Agriwise Finserv signed a co-lending agreement with Central Bank of India to disburse loans to the farming sector or agri borrowers. Agriwise has set up a dedicated department for the co-lending business to provide affordable loans to the borrowers. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Agriwise Finserv + CBoI = a co-lending agreement to disburse loans to the farming sector/agri borrowers
- HQs of CBoI – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Matam Venkata Rao | Tagline – “Central to You Since 1911”
- HQs of Agriwise Finserv – Mumbai, Maharashtra

**82.** On November 30, State Bank of India (SBI) signed an agreement with Usha International Limited (UIL) for empowering women entrepreneurs by providing financial assistance. The financial assistance will be provided under the Joint Liability Group model named “NAVCHETNA”. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- SBI + Usha International = an agreement for empowering women entrepreneurs by providing financial assistance
- Financial assistance will be provided under “NAVCHETNA” - a Joint Liability Group model
- HQs of SBI Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Dinesh Kumar Khara
- MD – Challa Sreenivasulu Setty | Ashwani Bhatia | Ashwini Kumar Tewari | Swaminathan Janakiraman
- HQs of Usha International – New Delhi | CEO – Dinesh Chhabra

**83.** On November 30, the RBI superseded the board of directors of Reliance Capital Ltd and announced plans for insolvency proceedings citing payment defaults and serious governance concerns. The RBI also appointed Nageswar Rao Y as the administrator. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- RBI superseded the board of directors of Reliance Capital Ltd & appointed Nageswar Rao Y as the administrator
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25<sup>th</sup>) | Established in – 1<sup>st</sup> April, 1935
- HQs of Reliance Capital Ltd – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Jai Anmol Ambani



# Defence Affairs

1. On November 2, The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) accorded Acceptance of Necessity for capital acquisition proposals for modernisation and operational needs of the armed forces amounting to Rs 7,965 Cr. It also includes 12 light utility helicopters from Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL). The DAC also approved 'mid-life upgradation of Dornier aircraft' by HAL to increase the naval capacity of maritime reconnaissance and coastal surveillance. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- DAC approved proposals worth Rs 7,965 Cr for modernisation & operational needs of the armed forces
- DAC also approved 'mid-life upgradation of Dornier aircraft' by HAL
- DAC – Chaired by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh
- Ministry of Defence: Rajnath Singh | Constituency – Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- MoS in Ministry of Defence: Ajay Bhatt

2. The Indian Air Force (IAF) and Egypt conducted a two-day exercise called "Desert Warrior" at Egypt's El Berigat airbase to enhance mutual understanding and share operational experience. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- IAF + Egypt = conducted a two-day exercise called "Desert Warrior" – at El Berigat airbase in Egypt
- Egypt – Cairo – Egyptian Pound | President – Abdel Fattah el-Sisi
- HQs of IAF – New Delhi | Chief – Air Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari | Vice Chief – Air Marshal Sandeep Singh

3. On November 9, Indian Navy has taken the delivery of its 4<sup>th</sup> Scorpene-class submarine 'Yard 11878' christened 'INS Vela' and has completed the required trials. The 4<sup>th</sup> Scorpene submarine is part of the 'Project-75'. These submarines are being constructed at Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) Mumbai, in collaboration with M/s Naval Group, France. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- Indian Navy – took the delivery of its 4<sup>th</sup> Scorpene-class submarine 'Yard 11878' christened 'INS Vela'
- These submarines are being constructed by = Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders (Mumbai) + M/s Naval Group (France)
- HQs of Indian Navy – Delhi | Chief – Admiral R. Hari Kumar | VC – S. N. Ghormade | Founded in – 26<sup>th</sup> Jan, 1950

4. On November 9, Army Training Command (ARTRAC) of Indian Army signed an MoU with Gandhinagar-based Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU) and Bhaskaracharya National Institute of Space Applications and Geo-Informatics (BISAG-N). As per the MoU, the university will focus on meeting specific requirements of the Indian Army in emerging contemporary technologies in the field of AI while BISAG-N will develop specific projects required by the Indian Army in fields of IT & AI. [{Read more}](#)



**Key Points:**

- ARTRAC + RRU + BISAG-N = an MoU for R&D in fields of IT & AI
- HQs of ARTRAC – Shimla, Himachal Pradesh | GOC-in-C – Lt Gen Raj Shukla
- Location of RRU – Gandhinagar, Gujarat | Vice-Chancellor – Bimal N. Patel
- Location of BISAG-N – Gandhinagar, Gujarat

5. The 32<sup>nd</sup> edition of India-Thailand Coordinated Patrol (Indo-Thai CORPAT) between the Indian Navy and the Royal Thai Navy was conducted from November 12 to 14, 2021. INS Karmuk participated in the CORPAT. Both the countries have been conducting the 'CORPAT' bi-annually since 2005. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- 32<sup>nd</sup> edition 'Indo-Thai CORPAT' conducted between – Indian Navy (India) & Royal Thai Navy (Thailand)
- INS Karmuk participated in the exercise
- Thailand – Bangkok – Thai Baht | PM – Prayut Chan-o-cha

6. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated the first operationalised private sector aircraft components defence manufacturing facility in the Uttar Pradesh Defence Industrial Corridor (UPDIC) in Lucknow. The facility is run by Aerolloy Technologies, a wholly owned subsidiary of PTC industries. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Rajnath Singh – inaugurated the first operationalised private sector aircraft components Defence Manufacturing Facility in – Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

7. On November 15, INS Karmuk participated in the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of Trilateral Maritime Exercise "SITMEX-21" held between India, Singapore and Thailand from November 15 to 16, 2021 in Andaman Sea. The maiden edition of 'SITMEX' was hosted by Indian Navy off Port Blair in September 2019. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- INS Karmuk – participated in the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of "SITMEX-21" held between India, Singapore & Thailand – in Andaman Sea

8. Indian Army conducted the 6<sup>th</sup> edition of biennial training exercise "Shakti" with the French Army from November 15 to November 26 in Frejus, France. India and France carry out three biennial training exercises - 'Exercise Garuda' with the Indian Air Force, 'Exercise Varuna' with the Indian Navy and 'Exercise Shakti' with Indian Army. Besides, exercise 'Desert Knight-21', between the Air Forces of the two nations, was held in January, 2021 at the Jodhpur Air Force Station in Rajasthan. [{Read more}](#)



### Key Points:

- Indian Army + French Army = conducted the 6<sup>th</sup> edition of biennial training exercise “Shakti”
- HQs of Indian Army – New Delhi | Chief – Gen. Manoj Mukund Naravane | Vice Chief – Chandi Prasad Mohanty
- France – Paris – Euro | President – Emmanuel Macron | PM – Jean Castex

**9.** The 7<sup>th</sup> edition of Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS) Conclave of Chiefs was hosted by French Navy at Paris from November 15-16, 2021. Then Vice Admiral R. Hari Kumar, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Western Naval Command, led the 2-member Indian Naval delegation for this Conclave. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- 7<sup>th</sup> edition of Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS) Conclave of Chiefs – hosted by French Navy in Paris
- R. Hari Kumar led the Indian Naval delegation
- HQs of Indian Navy – Delhi | Chief – Admiral R. Hari Kumar | VC – S. N. Ghormade | Founded in – 26<sup>th</sup> Jan, 1950

**10.** On November 18, Indian Air Force and Indian Army conducted a major joint airlift exercise named “Operation Hercules” with the aim of strengthening logistics supply in the Northern Sector, which includes the border with Pakistan and China. The platforms utilised for the airlift were C-17, IL-76 and An-32 aircraft. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- IAF + Indian Army = conducted “Operation Hercules” to strengthen logistics supply in Northern Sector
- HQs of IAF – New Delhi | Chief – Air Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari | Vice Chief – Air Marshal Sandeep Singh
- HQs of Indian Army – New Delhi | Chief – Gen. Manoj Mukund Naravane | Vice Chief – Chandi Prasad Mohanty

**11.** On November 17, Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL) has signed an export contract with aircraft manufacturer Airbus Defense & Space, Spain to supply its in-house developed ‘Counter Measures Dispensing System (CMDS)’ to Airbus. The contract, which is valued at \$21 million approximately, was signed by BDL director (technical) N. P. Diwakar. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- BDL + Airbus Defense & Space (Spain) – an export contract to supply ‘Counter Measures Dispensing System (CMDS)’
- HQs of BDL – Hyderabad, Telangana | CMD – Siddharth Mishra | Founded in – 1970

**12.** On November 18, the Indian Navy conducted a security exercise, called “Prasthan”, in the Offshore Development Area (ODA) off the coast of Mumbai. The exercise, conducted by the Headquarters Western Naval Command (WNC), is held every 6 months. The exercise was conducted on the Mumbai High North (MHN) platform of ONGC located about 94 nautical miles west of Mumbai. [{Read more}](#)





### Key Points:

- Indian Navy – conducted a security exercise “Prasthan” off the coast of Mumbai
- “Prasthan” exercise is conducted by Western Naval Command every 6 months
- HQs of Indian Navy – Delhi | Chief – Admiral R. Hari Kumar | VC – S. N. Ghormade | Founded in – 26<sup>th</sup> Jan, 1950

**13.** On November 18, Ministry of Defence (MoD) signed a contract for procurement of two Fixed Base Full Mission Simulators (FBFMS) for Jaguar aircraft from Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) for the Indian Air Force (IAF) with 5 years comprehensive annual maintenance contract at a combined total cost of Rs 357 Cr. The simulators would be installed at Air Force stations in Jamnagar and Gorakhpur. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- MoD + HAL = a contract for procurement of two FBFMS for Jaguar aircraft for the IAF | Cost – Rs 357 Cr
- Two simulators would be installed at Air Force stations in – Jamnagar (Guj) & Gorakhpur (UP)
- HQs of HAL – Bengaluru, Karnataka | CEO – Amitabh Bhatt | Chairma & MD – R. Madhavan
- HQs of IAF – New Delhi | Chief – Air Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari | Vice Chief – Air Marshal Sandeep Singh

**14.** On November 22, Bharat Electronics Ltd (BEL) signed a contract with Airbus Defence & Space for the manufacture and supply of Radar Warning Receiver (RWR) and Missile Approach Warning System (MAWS) for the prestigious ‘C295’ aircraft programme of Indian government. It is the first ‘Make in India’ aerospace programme in the private sector. The contract with Airbus Defence & Space is the biggest export order received till date by BEL. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- BEL + Airbus Defence & Space (Spain) = a contract to manufacture & supply RWR & MAWS for ‘C295’ aircraft programme
- HQs of BEL – Bengaluru, Karnataka | CMD – Venkateswara Gowtama Mannava

**15.** On November 20, the 15<sup>th</sup> edition of the biennial trilateral coast guard exercise “Dosti” involving India, the Maldives and Sri Lanka was conducted in the Maldives. 2021 marks 30 years since the exercise was first launched in 1991 between India & Maldives. While Sri Lanka joined the exercise in 2012. ICGS Vajra and ICGS Apoorva participated in the exercise. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- 15<sup>th</sup> edition of biennial trilateral coast guard exercise “Dosti” – conducted between India, Maldives & Sri Lanka
- ICGS Vajra & ICGS Apoorva participated in the exercise
- Maldives – Male – Maldivian rufiyaa | President – Ibrahim Mohamed Solih
- Sri Lanka – Colombo/Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte – Sri Lankan rupee
- PM – Mahinda Rajapaksa | President – Gotabaya Rajapaksa



**16.** On November 21, Pune-based Southern Command of Indian Army conducted a military exercise named “Dakshin Shakti” in Rajasthan and Gujarat. The exercise with troops aims to validate the battle readiness and operational effectiveness of troops of Southern Army in an integrated and futuristic battlefield scenario. As part of ‘Dakshin Shakti’, Southern Command also concluded multi-agency exercise “Sagar Shakti” involving Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard and Border Security Force (BSF) in the training areas of Rajasthan and Gujarat. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Southern Command – conducted a military exercise named “Dakshin Shakti” in Rajasthan & Gujarat
- Southern Command – also concluded a multi-agency exercise “Sagar Shakti” as part of ‘Dakshin Shakti’
- HQs of Southern Command – Pune, Maharashtra | Present Commander – Lt. Gen. Jai Singh Nain

**17.** On November 24, Indian Navy deployed indigenously built Missile Corvette Khanjar along with Dornier maritime patrol aircraft for the 37<sup>th</sup> edition of “CORPAT” (Coordinated Patrol) with Indonesian Navy in the Indian Ocean amid growing concern over China’s increasing maritime forays into the region. The CORPAT highlights the mutual trust, synergy and cooperation between the two friendly Navies. Both countries have been conducting CORPAT twice a year since 2002. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Indian Navy & Indonesian Navy – conducted the 37<sup>th</sup> edition of “CORPAT” (Coordinated Patrol) in the Indian Ocean
- Both countries have been conducting CORPAT twice a year – since 2002
- INS Khanjar & Dornier Maritime Patrol Aircraft participated in the CORPAT
- Indonesia – Jakarta – Rupiah | President – Joko Widodo
- HQs of Indian Navy – Delhi | Chief – Admiral R. Hari Kumar | VC – S. N. Ghormade | Founded in – 26<sup>th</sup> Jan, 1950

**18.** On November 24, the Defence Ministry approved a proposal to procure ‘GSAT-7C’ satellite and related equipment for the Indian Air Force (IAF) at a cost of Rs 2,236 Cr. Induction of GSAT-7C satellite and Ground Hubs for software-defined radios (SDRs) will enhance the ability of the IAF to communicate beyond Line of Sight among one another. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Defence Ministry approved a proposal to procure ‘GSAT-7C’ satellite & Ground Hubs for the IAF at a cost of Rs 2,236 Cr
- Ministry of Defence: Rajnath Singh | Constituency – Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- MoS in Ministry of Defence: Ajay Bhatt



**19.** During the “Rashtra Raksha Samarpan Parv” in Uttar Pradesh’s Jhansi, PM Narendra Modi handed over the indigenously built Light Combat Helicopters (LCH), developed by Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd, to the Indian Air Force chief Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari. He also handed over indigenously developed Drones and UAVs to the Chief of Army Staff General Manoj Mukund Naravane. He handed over the Advanced Electronic Warfare Suite for naval ships, developed by the DRDO and Bharat Electronics Ltd (BEL), to the Indian Navy chief Admiral Karambir Singh. PM Modi laid the foundation stone of a ₹400 Cr project to develop the propulsion system of the Anti-Tank Guided Missiles (ATGM) by the Bharat Dynamics Limited in Jhansi. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- During the “Rashtra Raksha Samarpan Parv” in Uttar Pradesh’s Jhansi, Narendra Modi handed over:
  - - Light Combat Helicopters (LCH) to the Chief of IAF (developed by HAL)
  - - Drones & UAVs to the Chief of Indian Army
  - - Advanced Electronic Warfare Suite for Naval Ships to the Chief of Indian Navy (developed by DRDO & BEL)
- Narendra Modi – laid the foundation stone of a ₹400 Cr project to develop propulsion system of the ATGM in Jhansi

**20.** On November 22, INS Visakhapatnam, an indigenously designed ‘P15B’ stealth-guided missile destroyer, has been formally commissioned into the Indian Navy at the Naval Dockyard in Mumbai in the presence of Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh. P15B is the first of the four ‘Visakhapatnam’ class destroyers. It was built by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd (MDL). Moreover, INS Vela, the fourth submarine in the series of six submarines of ‘Project-75’, was commissioned in the presence of Admiral Karambir Singh, Chief of the Naval Staff. The Scorpene Class submarines are being built in India by the Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) Mumbai, under collaboration with M/s Naval Group (earlier DCNS), France. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- INS Visakhapatnam (P15B) – commissioned into the Indian Navy at the Naval Dockyard, Mumbai
- INS Visakhapatnam (P15B) – the first of the four ‘Visakhapatnam’ class destroyers | Built by – MDL
- INS Vela – commissioned into the Indian Navy at the Naval Dockyard, Mumbai
- INS Vela – the fourth of the six ‘Scorpene’ class submarines | Built by – MDL

**21.** On November 26, the Indian Air Force (IAF) received two Mirage 2000 fighter aircrafts from France at its Gwalior air base. The two-second hand combat aircrafts come as boost to their fighter jet fleet at a time when there is growing tensions on the Line of Actual Control (LAC), especially with China. The aircrafts would now be upgraded to the latest standards as part of the ‘Mirage 2000H Upgrade Programme’ deal with Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL). [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- IAF received two Mirage 2000 fighter aircrafts at its Gwalior Air Base – from France
- IAF’s ‘Mirage 2000H Upgrade Programme’ deal is with – Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd
- HQs of IAF – New Delhi | Chief – Air Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari | Vice Chief – Air Marshal Sandeep Singh
- HQs of HAL – Bengaluru, Karnataka | CEO – Amitabh Bhatt | Chairma & MD – R. Madhavan



**22.** The 1st “Colombo Security Conclave (CSC) Focused Operation” - a trilateral Table Top Exercise (TTX) was conducted between the lead Maritime Security Agencies of India, Maldives and Sri Lanka in Southern Arabian Sea on 27 and 28 November 2021. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> edition of “Colombo Security Conclave (CSC) Focused Operation” conducted between – India, Maldives & Sri Lanka
- Maldives – Male – Maldivian rufiyaa | President – Ibrahim Mohamed Solih
- Sri Lanka – Colombo/Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte – Sri Lankan rupee
- PM – Mahinda Rajapaksa | President – Gotabaya Rajapaksa

**23.** On November 25, Indian Army’s Surveillance Capabilities received advanced Heron drones from Israel for deployment in Ladakh sector to keep an eye on the Chinese activities. The acquisition of these drones has been done under the emergency financial powers granted by the government to the defence forces under which they can buy equipment and systems worth Rs 500 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Indian Army’s Surveillance Capabilities received advanced ‘Heron drones’ from Israel for deployment in Ladakh sector
- HQs of Indian Army – New Delhi | Chief – Gen. Manoj Mukund Naravane | Vice Chief – Chandi Prasad Mohanty
- Israel – Jerusalem – Israeli Shekel | President – Isaac Herzog | PM – Naftali Bennett



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# Schemes & Initiatives

**1.** On November 10, The Union Cabinet, chaired by PM Narendra Modi, approved the restoration and continuation of Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) during the remaining part of Financial Year 2021-22 and up to Financial Year 2025-26. The MPLADS is a Central Sector Scheme fully funded by Government of India. The annual MPLADS fund entitlement per Member of Parliament (MP) constituency is Rs 5 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Narendra Modi – approved the restoration & continuation of Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) from FY 2020-21 to FY 2025-26
- The annual MPLADS fund entitlement per MP constituency – Rs 5 Cr

**2.** On November 8, Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel launched “Niramay Gujarat Yojana” to screen and protect people above 30 years from Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs). The scheme will cover more than 3 Cr people in the state. The state cabinet has also launched the “Atmanirbhar Gram Yatra” in rural areas to start developmental works worth Rs 500 Cr in different districts of Gujarat. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Gujarat – launched “Niramay Gujarat Yojana” to screen & protect people above 30 years from NCDs
- Gujarat – launched the “Atmanirbhar Gram Yatra” in rural areas to start developmental works worth Rs 500 Cr
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Bhupendra Patel | Governor – Acharya Devvrat



# Sports & Games

1. Indian table tennis duo of G. Sathiyan and Harmeet Desai won the men's doubles title at the World Table Tennis (WTT) Contender Tunis Tournament 2021 defeating Emmanuel Lebesson and Alexandre Cassin. The tournament was held in Tunisia. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- G. Sathiyan & Harmeet Desai ([Table Tennis](#)) – won men's doubles title at the 'WTT Contender Tunis' – held in Tunisia

2. Srinagar's Tajamul Islam won a Gold medal in the Under-14 category of the "World Kickboxing Championship" held in Cairo, Egypt on October 22. She defeated an Argentinian player in the final. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- Tajamul Islam ([J&K](#)) – won Gold medal in Under-14 "World Kickboxing Championship" held in Cairo, Egypt

3. On November 4, Melbourne Renegades announced the signing of Unmukt Chand for the 2021-22 season of the Big Bash League. The 28-year-old player has become the first Indian player to play in Australia's Big Bash League. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- Unmukt Chand ([Indian Cricketer](#)) – became the first Indian player to play in Australia's Big Bash League

4. On November 4, All-rounder Dwayne Bravo announced to retire from International Cricket after playing for West Indies in his last T20 World Cup game against Australia. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- Dwayne Bravo ([West Indies](#)) – retired from International Cricket

5. On November 4, Debutant Akash Kumar (54kg) from Haryana finished with a bronze medal at the "AIBA Men's World Boxing Championships" in Belgrade in his 54kg semi-final against Kazakhstan's Makhmud Sabyrkhan. He became the 7<sup>th</sup> Indian male boxer winning a medal at the World Boxing Championships. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- Akash Kumar ([Boxer](#)) – won a Bronze medal at the "AIBA Men's World Boxing Championships" in Belgrade, Serbia

6. On November 6, Manu Bhaker in partnership with Olympic champion Javad Foroughi of Iran won the mixed Air Pistol Gold in the inaugural ISSF President's Cup shooting championship in Wroclaw, Poland. [{Read more}](#)



**Key Points:**

- Manu Bhaker + Javad Foroughi ([Iranian Shooter](#)) = won mixed Air Pistol Gold in the inaugural ISSF President's Cup
- [HQs of ISSF – Munich, Germany](#) | [President – Vladimir Lisin](#)

**7.** Indian wrestlers secured 5 medals at the “U23 World Wrestling Championships 2021” in Belgrade to mark India's most successful outing at the event since its inaugural edition in 2017. For India, Shivani Pawar won silver in 50kg while Anju, Divya Kakran, Radhika and Nisha Dahiya picked up bronze medals in the 55kg, 62kg, 65kg and 72kg weight classes, respectively. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Indian wrestlers secured 5 medals at the “U23 World Wrestling Championships 2021” held in Belgrade, Serbia
- Shivani Pawar + Anju + Divya Kakran + Radhika + Nisha Dahiya = Wrestlers

**8.** The 18-year-old Sankalp Gupta has become India's 71<sup>st</sup> Grandmaster by scoring 6.5 points and finishing at second place in Arandjelovac, Serbia. To achieve the Grandmaster title, a player has to secure 3 Grandmaster norms and cross the live rating of 2,500 Elo points. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Sankalp Gupta – became India's 71<sup>st</sup> Grandmaster

**9.** On November 8, Red Bull driver from Netherlands Max Verstappen won the ‘F1 Mexico City Grand Prix’. Max Verstappen stretched his lead over Lewis Hamilton in the Formula One season championship. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Max Verstappen – won the F1 title of the ‘Mexico City Grand Prix’
- Max Verstappen ([Netherlands](#)) – Red Bull team

**10.** On November 7, Serbia's Novak Djokovic defeated Russia's Daniil Medvedev to win the 6<sup>th</sup> Paris Masters Tennis Tournament title for a record 37<sup>th</sup> Masters title. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Novak Djokovic ([Serbia - Tennis](#)) – won the 6<sup>th</sup> Paris Masters Tennis Tournament (for a record 37<sup>th</sup> Masters title)

**11.** On November 8, India's Manika Batra and Archana Girish Kamath won the women's doubles title at the “World Table Tennis Contender Lasko 2021” event. The World No. 36 pair beat the 23<sup>rd</sup>-ranked combined of Melanie Diaz and Adriana Diaz. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Manika Batra + Archana Girish Kamath = won women's doubles title at “World Table Tennis Contender Lasko 2021”





**12.** India's first "Physical National Yogasana Championships" was organised in Bhubaneswar, Odisha from November 11-13, 2021. The event was organised by the National Yogasana Sports Federation (NYSF) in association with the Odisha government. While addressing the championship, National Yogasana Sports Federation President Udit Sheth stated that India is going to host first-ever "World Yogasana Championship" showcasing India's heritage sport to the world in June 2022. Moreover, Yogasana sport for both male and female categories has been included in the "Khelo India Youth Games - 2021". [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- India's 1<sup>st</sup> "Physical National Yogasana Championships" – was organised in Bhubaneswar by NYSF & Odisha
- India – to host first-ever "World Yogasana Championship" in June, 2022
- Location of NYSF – Dwarka, New Delhi | President – Udit Sheth
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

**13.** The 1<sup>st</sup> edition of "Khelo India Archery Tournament" kicked off at Sports Authority of India's (SAI) NCOE Sonapat Centre. The monthly tournament was conducted in a joint partnership of Sports Authority of India (SAI) and Archery Association of India (AAI). [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> edition of "Khelo India Archery Tournament" – kicked off at SAI's NCOE Sonapat Centre in Haryana
- The monthly tournament was conducted by = SAI + AAI
- HQs of SAI – New Delhi | Director General – Sandip Pradhan
- HQs of AAI – New Delhi | President – Arjun Munda

**14.** Kolkata based International Master Mitrabha Guha has become the 72<sup>nd</sup> Grandmaster of India after completing the requirement by securing his third and final GM norm at GM Third Saturday Mix 220 - Novi Sad, Serbia. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Mitrabha Guha – became the 72<sup>nd</sup> Grandmaster of India

**15.** On November 9, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) have signed an MoU to further strengthen the cooperation between the two organisations in fighting corruption and crime in sport. The MoU was signed on the sidelines of the 4<sup>th</sup> edition of the International Forum for Sports Integrity (IFSI). [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- IOC + UNODC = an MoU to further strengthen the cooperation in fighting corruption & crime in sport
- HQs of IOC – Lausanne, Switzerland | President – Thomas Bach | Established in – 1894
- HQs of UNODC – Vienna, Austria | Director-General – Ghada Fathi Waly



**16.** On November 9, India has won 5 Medals in the Inaugural ISSF President's Cup. Manu Bhaker won 2 Gold, Rahi Sarnobat & Saurabh Chaudhary won Silver while Abhishek Verma won a Bronze at the event. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- India – won 5 Medals in the Inaugural ISSF President's Cup (2 Gold + 2 Silver + 1 Bronze)
- Manu Bhaker – 2 Gold | Rahi Sarnobat & Saurabh Chaudhary – Silver | Abhishek Verma – Bronze

**17.** On November 13, American high jumper Erik Kynard finally received his Gold medal from the "2012 London Olympics" after the International Olympic Committee approved reallocating some results from those games because of doping cases. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Erik Kynard ([American High Jumper](#)) – received his Gold medal from the "2012 London Olympics"

**18.** In November 2021, Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton, a seven-time world champion, won the "Brazilian Grand Prix" beating Red Bull driver Max Verstappen. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Lewis Hamilton – won the "Brazilian Grand Prix"
- Lewis Hamilton (UK) – 'Mercedes' Team

**19.** On November 12, Pakistan skipper Babar Azam became the fastest batsman to score 2500 runs in 62 innings in T20Is. He beat Virat Kohli's record who took 68 innings to reach the landmark. Azam is also the player to have the most number of fours in the T20 World Cup 2021. Azam also registered the most number of runs in a maiden T20 world cup with 303 runs which makes him the first batsman to score 300 runs in the T20 World Cup 2021. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Babar Azam ([Pakistan](#)) – became the fastest batsman to score 2500 runs in T20Is (in 62 innings)
- Virat Kohli – 2<sup>nd</sup> fastest batsman to score 2500 runs in T20Is (in 68 innings)
- Babar Azam – to have the most number of fours in the T20 World Cup 2021
- Babar Azam – also registered the most number of runs in a maiden T20 world cup with 303 runs

**20.** On November 14, Australia defeated New Zealand by 8 wickets in the final in Dubai to lift their maiden T20 World Cup title. David Warner was the 'Player of the Tournament'. While, Mitchell Marsh was the 'Player of the Match'. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Australia – won its first 'ICC Men's T20 World Cup' in 2021 (by defeating - New Zealand)
- Mitchell Marsh – 'Player of the Match' | David Warner – 'Player of the Tournament'
- [Australia – Canberra – Australian Dollar](#) | [PM – Scott Morrison](#)



**21.** On November 13, England's Janette Brittin, Sri Lanka's Mahela Jayawardena and South Africa's Shaun Pollock were announced as the newest inductees into the prestigious "ICC Cricket Hall of Fame", by the International Cricket Council (ICC). [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Janette Brittin + Mahela Jayawardena + Shaun Pollock = inducted into the "ICC Cricket Hall of Fame"

**22.** On November 16, Pakistani Cricketer Usman Khan Shinwari announced his retirement from Test Cricket. He played 17 ODIs and just one Test for Pakistan. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Usman Khan Shinwari ([Pakistan](#)) – retired from Test Cricket
- [Pakistan](#) – [Islamabad](#) – [Pakistani Rupee](#) | [PM](#) – [Imran Khan](#) | [President](#) – [Arif Alvi](#)

**23.** United States and West Indies will jointly host the 2024 T20 World Cup. This will be the first ever global event hosted in North America. While the ICC board awarded the hosting rights of the 2025 ICC Men's Champions Trophy to Pakistan. India will get to host three ICC events in the next cycle, including the 2026 ICC Men's T20 World Cup along with Sri Lanka and 2031 50-over World Cup with Bangladesh. India will also host the 2029 Champions Trophy singularly. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- US & West Indies – to host the '2024 ICC Men's T20 World Cup'
- Pakistan – to host the '2025 ICC Men's Champions Trophy'
- India & Sri Lanka – to host the '2026 ICC Men's T20 World Cup'
- India – to host the '2029 ICC Champions Trophy'
- India & Bangladesh – to host the '2031 50-over World Cup'

**24.** On November 19, Indian men's recurve team won the silver medal in their final match at "Asian Archery Championship 2021" which was held in Dhaka, Bangladesh. While Jyothi Surekha Vennam won the women's compound individual Gold at the championships. With this, India concluded their tournament by winning one gold, four silver and two bronze medals, sitting second on the medal tally behind the sport's powerhouse South Korea. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- India ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in medal tally at the "Asian Archery Championship 2021" (1 Gold + 4 Silver + 2 Bronze)
- "Asian Archery Championship 2021" was held in Dhaka, Bangladesh

**25.** Former South Africa captain and superstar batter Abraham Benjamin de Villiers, also known as AB de Villiers announced his retirement from all forms of Cricket. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Abraham Benjamin de Villiers ([South Africa](#)) – retired from all forms of Cricket

**26.** On November 18, the Asian Paralympic Committee (APC) announced that Tashkent will be the venue for the “2025 Asian Youth Para Games”. The 2021 edition of the “Asian Youth Para Games”, also known as “4<sup>th</sup> Asian Youth Para Games” was scheduled to take place in Bahrain from December 2-6, 2021. The “2025 Asian Youth Games” and “2025 Asian Youth Para Games” will be hosted in the same city & in the same venues for the first time. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- “2021 Asian Youth Para Games” – held in Manama, Bahrain
- “2025 Asian Youth Games” & “2025 Asian Youth Para Games” – to be held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan

**27.** The 36<sup>th</sup> All India Prize Money Indira Marathon was held in Prayagraj on November 19. Top long distance runners from all over participated in the Marathon. Indira Marathon was started in 1985 in memory of former PM Indira Gandhi. The race, covering a total distance of 42.195 Km, has been organised every year since 1985. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- 36<sup>th</sup> All India Prize Money Indira Marathon – held in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh
- Indira Marathon: Started in 1985 | Total distance – 42.195 Km
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

**28.** The West Indies will host the 14<sup>th</sup> edition of the “ICC Under-19 Men’s Cricket World Cup” for the first time from 14 January to 5 February, 2022 across 4 host countries. The four host countries have been confirmed as Antigua and Barbuda, Guyana, St Kitts and Nevis, and Trinidad and Tobago. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- West Indies – to host the 14<sup>th</sup> edition of the “ICC Under-19 Men’s Cricket World Cup” across 4 host countries
- 4 host countries: Antigua & Barbuda, Guyana, St Kitts & Nevis, Trinidad & Tobago

**29.** On November 21, Lewis Hamilton won inaugural edition of F1 “Qatar Grand Prix 2021” with a commanding performance by defeating Max Verstappen. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Lewis Hamilton – won inaugural edition of F1 “Qatar Grand Prix 2021”
- Lewis Hamilton (UK) – ‘Mercedes’ Team

**30.** On November 22, Alexander Zverev won the ATP Finals Title by defeating World No. 2 Daniil Medvedev in the final in Turin. This is Zverev’s second Nitto Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) Finals title, after winning the first in 2018. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Alexander Zverev (Germany - Tennis) – won his second Nitto ATP Finals title – in Turin, Italy

**31.** On November 21, Karnataka Governor Thawar Chand Gehlot and Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai inaugurated pilot Indian National Basketball League (INBL) in Bengaluru. It was the pilot Bengaluru Opening. The Basketball Federation of India (BFI) is set to launch the Indian National Basketball League to be held in Indore from January 4 to 10, 2022. This competition will feature the 9 best men's and women's teams at the Senior National Championship. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Pilot 'Indian National Basketball League' – inaugurated in Bengaluru, Karnataka
- BFI will launch 'Indian National Basketball League' – to be held in Indore (MP) from January 4 to 10, 2022
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – Basavaraj Bommai | Governor – Thawar Chand Gehlot
- HQs of BFI – New Delhi | President – K. Govindraj

**32.** On November 22, Tamil Nadu became the most successful team in the history of "Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy" as they won their 3<sup>rd</sup> title (2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive title) at Arun Jaitley Stadium in New Delhi after defeating Karnataka in the finals. M. Shahrukh Khan was named as the Man of the Match. Vidarbha team's bowler Akshay Karnewar broke the world record for the most economical figures ever bowled in T20 cricket, for his 4 maiden overs bowled against Manipur. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Tamil Nadu cricket team won "Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy" in 2021 (defeating - Karnataka)
- It was Tamil Nadu's 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive title & overall 3<sup>rd</sup> title
- M. Shahrukh Khan (Tamil Nadu) – named as the Man of the Match
- Akshay Karnewar (Vidarbha team) – broke the world record for the Most Economical Figures for his 4 maiden overs

**33.** Jammu and Kashmir alpine skier Arif Mohammed Khan has qualified for the "Beijing Winter Olympics 2022" in Ski & Snow Board. The Winter Olympics will be held in Beijing from February 4 to 20, 2022. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Arif Mohammed Khan (J&K - Alpine Skier) – qualified for the "Beijing Winter Olympics 2022" in Ski & Snow Board

**34.** 34<sup>th</sup> All India Postal Wrestling championship was hosted by New Delhi. Tokyo Olympic Bronze medallist wrestler Bajrang Punia and Indian Olympic Coach Anil Mann were the Chief Guests. 11 postal circles across India took part in the event. Women wrestling event was inducted in the tournament for the first time. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- 34<sup>th</sup> All India Postal Wrestling championship – hosted by New Delhi
- 11 postal circles across India took part in the event

**35.** On November 21, Badminton's World No. 1 Japan's Kento Momota clinched the "Indonesia Masters Badminton Tournament" men's singles title after beating Denmark's Anders Antonsen in the final, in Bali. While, Hoki Takuro and Kobayashi Yugo won the men's doubles title. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Kento Momota ([Japan - Badminton](#)) – won men's singles title in the "Indonesia Masters Badminton Tournament"
- Hoki Takuro & Kobayashi Yugo – won men's doubles title at the tournament

**36.** Legends Cricket League, a professional cricket league for former star cricketers, has announced that the inaugural season of the league scheduled to take place in January 2022 will be played at Al Amerat Cricket Stadium in Oman. The first season of LLC will have former cricketers from various nations. Ravi Shastri recently joined the League as the Commissioner after completing his term with the Indian cricket team as its head coach. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> edition of "Legends Cricket League" – to be held at Al Amerat Cricket Stadium, Oman (in January 2022)
- Commissioner of LLC – Ravi Shastri

**37.** "Guru Tegh Bahadur Martyrdom Day", also known as "Shaheedi Diwas" is observed annually on November 24. People across the country pay their homage to the 9<sup>th</sup> of 10 Sikh Gurus. The day marks the death anniversary of Guru Tegh Bahadur. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- November 24 – "Guru Tegh Bahadur Martyrdom Day" or "Shaheedi Diwas"
- Guru Tegh Bahadur – 9<sup>th</sup> of 10 Sikh Gurus who founded the Sikh religion

**38.** Since 2015, the "Constitution Day" or "Samvidhan Divas" is celebrated on November 26 every year. This year marks 72<sup>nd</sup> Constitution Day. This day, also called the "National Law Day", commemorates the formal adoption of the Constitution of India by the Constituent Assembly on November 26, 1949. However, the Constitution of India came to force on January 26, 1950 - celebrated as the Republic Day. On the occasion of 'Constitution Day', Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu released the English and Hindi versions of books titled "Democracy, Politics and Governance" authored by Dr. A. Surya Prakash, Vice Chairman, Executive Council of Nehru Memorial Museum and Library. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- November 26 – 72<sup>nd</sup> "Constitution Day" or "Samvidhan Divas" or "National Law Day" (since - 2015)
- On November 26, 1949 – the Constitution of India was adopted (Effective from – January 26, 1950)
- M. Venkaiah Naidu released – English & Hindi versions of "Democracy, Politics and Governance" book
- The book is authored by – A. Surya Prakash



**39.** National Milk Day is observed across India on November 26 in memory of the father of the white revolution, Dr. Verghese Kurien, fondly known as the 'Milk Man of India'. This year, milk day falls on the 100<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of India's 'Father of White Revolution'. India was a milk deficient country, but with the initiative by Dr. Verghese Kurien, 'Operation Flood' led India to be the largest milk producer in the entire world. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- November 26 – "National Milk Day"
- Dedicated to – 100<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of 'Dr Verghese Kurien' (The father of India's White Revolution)
- India – the largest producer of milk in the world

**40.** Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya chaired the 12<sup>th</sup> Indian Organ Donation Day Celebrations on November 27, 2021. Since the year 2010, Indian Organ Donation Day is being celebrated every year to commemorate the contributions made to society by deceased donors and their families. The Ministers gave away awards to encourage the exemplary performance by transplant professionals in India. The State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (SOTTO) of Maharashtra won the award for the highest number of deceased donors transplantations while Regional Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (ROTO) for the Western Region was recognised for best performance. Velammal Medical College Hospital & Research Institute in Madurai, Tamil Nadu won the Best Transplant Hospital award. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- November 27 – 12<sup>th</sup> Indian Organ Donation Day (since - 2010)
- SOTTO (Maharashtra) – award for the 'Highest number of Deceased Donors Transplantations'
- ROTTO (Western Region) – award for the 'Best Performance'
- Velammal Medical College Hospital & Research Institute (Madurai, TN) – award for the 'Best Transplant Hospital'

**41.** On November 29, Indian tennis player Ramkumar Ramanathan won Men's singles title in the first edition of "ATP Bahrain Ministry of Interior Tennis Challenger 2021". It was his maiden Challenger level singles title. He defeated Russia's Evgeny Karlovskiy. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Ramkumar Ramanathan (Tennis) – won the first edition of "ATP Bahrain Ministry of Interior Tennis Challenger 2021"
- Bahrain – Manama – Dinar | PM – Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa | King – Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa



# Important Days & Dates

1. On November 2, Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah launched the “Ayushman CAPF” Scheme health cards at the national level in New Delhi. The Scheme is a joint initiative of Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) and National Health Authority (NHA). Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah had launched ‘Ayushman CAPF’ Scheme on Pilot basis in the State of Assam on 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2021 to provide healthcare services to all Central Armed Police Force (CAPFs) personnel and their dependents. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- Amit Shah – launched the “Ayushman CAPF” Scheme health cards at National level in New Delhi
- “Ayushman CAPF” Scheme = a joint initiative between MHA, MoHFW & NHA
- Ayushman CAPF’ Scheme was launched on pilot basis in Assam in January 2021

2. On November 1, the 73<sup>rd</sup> Information & Public Relations Day was celebrated at Directorate of Information and Public Relations (DIPR) Auditorium, in Imphal, Manipur. It was on this day in 1949 that the Publicity office of the Government of Manipur was set up with late RK Maipaksana as the first Publicity Officer. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- November 1 – 73<sup>rd</sup> Information & Public Relations Day – celebrated at DIPR Auditorium, Imphal, Manipur
- Manipur: Capital – Imphal | CM – N. Biren Singh | Governor – La. Ganesan

3. On November 2, the International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists was observed. Between 2006 and 2020, over 1,200 journalists have been killed for reporting the news and bringing information to the public. According to UNESCO’s recent discussion paper, “The Chilling: Global trends in online violence against Women Journalists”, 73% of the women journalists surveyed had been threatened, intimidated and insulted online in connection with their work. Commemorations in 2021 will also pave the way for the 10-year anniversary of the “UN Plan of Action on Safety of Journalists and the Issue of Impunity”, to be marked in 2022. The day was first observed on November 2, 2014. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- November 2 – International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists (since - 2014)
- “The Chilling: Global trends in online violence against Women Journalists” discussion paper – published by UNESCO
- HQs of UNESCO – Paris, France | Director-General – Audrey Azoulay | Founded in – 1945

4. This year, November 2 is observed as the 6<sup>th</sup> “National Ayurveda Day” by the Ministry of AYUSH and is celebrated across the country. In 2016, the Union Ministry of AYUSH started observing “Dhanwantari Jayanti” (Dhanteras) as the “Ayurveda Day” with an objective to nationalise this system of medicine and make it global. The theme for this year is “Ayurveda for Poshana (Nutrition)”. The day was first observed in 2016. [{Read more}](#)



**Key Points:**

- November 2 – 6<sup>th</sup> Ayurveda Day (on Dhanwantari Jayanti) | First Ayurveda Day – in 2016
- Theme – “Ayurveda for Poshana (Nutrition)”

5. “World Vegan Day” is an annual event that is observed and celebrated by vegans around the world on November 1. World Vegan Day was established in 1994 by Louise Wallis, singer, animal-rights activist and then Chair of The Vegan Society in the UK, to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the organisation. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- November 1 – “World Vegan Day” (since - 1994)

6. Kerala celebrated its 65<sup>th</sup> State Formation Day (or Kerala Piravi) on November 1, 2021. The Assembly felicitated its women legislators of the past and present at a ceremony organised as part of the “SAMAM” campaign for gender equality by Kerala’s Culture Department. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- November 1 – 65<sup>th</sup> State Formation Day of Kerala or ‘Kerala Piravi’
- SAMAM” campaign for gender equality – launched by Kerala’s Culture Department
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

7. “Kannada Rajyotsava”, also known as “Karnataka Formation Day” or “Karnataka Day”, is celebrated on November 1 every year. On this day in 1956 all the Kannada-speaking regions of south western India were merged to form the state of Karnataka. It coincides with the formation of several other states such as Haryana, Kerala, and Punjab. Governor of Georgia, Brian P. Kemp, has declared that November 1 will be celebrated as ‘Kannada Language & Rajyotsava Day’ in Georgia. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- November 1 – Kannada Rajyotsava or Karnataka Formation Day or Karnataka Day
- November 1 – to be celebrated as ‘Kannada Language & Rajyotsava Day’ in Georgia, US

8. On November 2, Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh launched “Go to Village 2.0” in Thoubal district. It is a government scheme which stresses on extending the essential public service benefits, and delivers all aids to the doorsteps of residents. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Manipur CM – launched “Go to Village 2.0” in Thoubal district
- Manipur: Capital – Imphal | CM – N. Biren Singh | Governor – La. Ganesan



**9.** On November 1, Rajasthan government has made it mandatory for unemployed youths in the state to undergo a 4-hour internship every day for 3 months to avail an allowance under the “Mukhyamantri Yuva Sambal Yojana 2021” from January 1, 2022. The state government gives a monthly unemployment allowance of ₹4,000 to men and ₹4,500 to women, transgender and differently abled people. For a person to avail the unemployment allowance, he or she should be a graduate and have an annual family income of less than ₹2 lakh. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Rajasthan – mandated daily’s 4-hour internship for 90 days to claim unemployment allowance from Jan 1, 2022
- It will be mandated under the “Mukhyamantri Yuva Sambal Yojana 2021” of Rajasthan
- Monthly unemployment allowance: ₹4,000 to men & ₹4,500 to women, transgender & disabled
- Rajasthan: Capital – Jaipur | CM – Ashok Gehlot | Governor – Kalraj Mishra

**10.** On November 3, Delhi’s Social welfare minister Rajendra Pal Gautam announced reopening of applications under “Jai Bhim Mukhyamantri Pratibha Vikas Yojana”. Under this scheme, meritorious students belonging to SC/ST/OBC and EWS categories receive free coaching from private institutes for competitive exams such as JEE, NEET, CLAT, civil services, banking, railways, SSC among others. The scheme was put on hold in 2020 due to Covid. AAP government will provide them free coaching and also provide a stipend of Rs 2,500 to the beneficiary students for traveling. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- New Delhi – reopened applications under the “Jai Bhim Mukhyamantri Pratibha Vikas Yojana” for free coaching
- New Delhi: CM – Arvind Kejriwal | Lt. Governor – Anil Baijal | Chief Secretary – Vijay Dev

**11.** On November 5, “World Tsunami Awareness Day” is observed to create awareness about this deadly disaster which has claimed more than 2,60,000 lives. UN Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) facilitates the observance of World Tsunami Awareness Day in collaboration with the rest of the United Nations system. In 2021, World Tsunami Awareness Day promotes ‘Sendai Seven Campaign’. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- November 5 – “World Tsunami Awareness Day”
- UNDRR + UN system = facilitates the observance of ‘World Tsunami Awareness Day’
- In 2021, the day promotes ‘Sendai Seven Campaign’

**12.** United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) declared November 6 as the “International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict” in 2001 and since 2002, the day is observed annually on November 6 across the world aiming to educate people about what effects do war and armed conflict have on the environment. [{Read more}](#)



**Key Points:**

- November 6 – “International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict”

**13.** On November 9, Delhi Government launched the “Shramik Mitra” scheme to ensure that the benefits of government schemes reach construction workers in the national capital. A total of 800 'Shramik Mitras' will reach the construction workers at their doorstep and inform them about the schemes launched by the Delhi government. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- New Delhi – launched the “Shramik Mitra” scheme to ensure that schemes’ benefits reach Construction Workers
- New Delhi: CM – Arvind Kejriwal | Lt. Governor – Anil Bajjal | Chief Secretary – Vijay Dev

**14.** On November 4, Diwali Day Act was introduced in the US to declare Diwali or Deepavali as National Holiday, as announced by the lawmakers and led by Congresswoman Carolyn B. Maloney. The historic legislation was co-sponsored by a number of lawmakers including Indian-American Congresswoman Raja Krishnamoorthi. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- US – introduced a bill to declare Diwali or Deepavali as National Holiday
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46<sup>th</sup> President – Joe Biden | 49<sup>th</sup> VP – Kamala Harris

**15.** November 7, 2021 marked the 133<sup>rd</sup> birth anniversary of Sir Chandrashekhara Venkata Raman, popularly known as C. V. Raman. Dr. CV Raman is the first person to receive the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1930. He received the Nobel Prize for the scattering of light and the Raman effect. Dr. Raman was the first Indian, Asian and non-white person to win a Nobel Prize for the sciences. He became the first Director of the IISc, Bangalore, in 1933. He received the Bharat Ratan, the highest civilian award in the year 1954. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- November 7 – 133<sup>rd</sup> birth anniversary of C. V. Raman (first Director of the IISc, Bangalore)
- Awards: Nobel Prize in Physics (1930), Bharat Ratan (1954)

**16.** Every year on November 7, Infant Protection Day is celebrated to spread awareness among the people about the protection and safety of infants by taking several precautions and proper care for the infants. In 2021, the theme is “Protecting, Promoting, and Developing Infants”. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- November 7 – Infant Protection Day
- Theme – “Protecting, Promoting, and Developing Infants”



**17.** This year, November 8 marked the 10<sup>th</sup> edition of World Radiography Day or International Day of Radiology. The day commemorates the discovery of X-radiation, or X-rays, on November 8, 1895, by German scientist Wilhelm Conrad Rontgen. The day was first celebrated in 2012. This year, “Interventional Radiology - Active care for the patient” is the motto of this day. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- November 8 – 10<sup>th</sup> edition of World Radiography Day or International Day of Radiology (since - 2012)
- 2021’s Motto – “Interventional Radiology - Active care for the Patient”

**18.** On November 8, the American Planning Association invited planners, urban designers & placemakers to attend the 72<sup>nd</sup> annual APA World Town Planning Day (WTPD) virtual conference on the topic of ‘Planning for Inter-Generational Equity’. The day is also known as World Urbanism Day. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- November 8 – “World Town Planning Day” or “World Urbanism Day”
- Topic of 72<sup>nd</sup> APA WTPD virtual conference – ‘Planning for Inter-Generational Equity’

**19.** November 7 is observed annually as “National Cancer Awareness Day” in India to raise awareness about cancer, of which 1.1 million cases are reported in India each year. The day was first announced in September 2014 by then Union health minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan. It is observed on November 7 every year to coincide with the birth anniversary of Marie Curie, known for her contribution in the fight against cancer. Her work led to the development of radiotherapy to treat cancer. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- November 7 – “National Cancer Awareness Day” (since - 2014)
- NCAD coincides with the birth anniversary of ‘Marie Curie’

**20.** The 47<sup>th</sup> National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) Raising Day was celebrated on November 7, 2021. It was celebrated at NTPC-Ramagundam in Telangana. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- November 7 – 47<sup>th</sup> Raising Day of NTPC
- HQs of NTPC – New Delhi | CMD – Gurdeep Singh | Founded in – 1975

**21.** To celebrate the formation of the 27<sup>th</sup> state of India, Uttarakhand Foundation Day is annually observed in the country every year on November 9. Earlier known as Uttaranchal, it was renamed Uttarakhand in the year 2007. Additionally, this year, the 21<sup>st</sup> Uttarakhand Foundation Day was marked. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- November 9 – 21<sup>st</sup> Uttarakhand Foundation Day
- Uttarakhand: Capital – Dehradun & Gairsain | CM – Pushkar Singh Dhami | Governor – Lt. Gen. Gurmit Singh



**22.** National Legal Services Day is marked across the country annually on November 9. The day is observed to commemorate the enactment of the 'Legal Services Authorities Act 1987' and to create awareness about the various provisions related to the act. This year marked 26<sup>th</sup> edition of the National Legal Services Day. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- November 9 – 26<sup>th</sup> edition of the National Legal Services Day

**23.** On November 11, Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik launched a road safety initiative "Rakshak" under which 30,000 first responders will be trained by 300 master trainers in all 30 districts. Under the initiative, the State government will train volunteers from roadside communities including eateries, small repair shops, fuel stations and police personnel as first responders to road accident victims. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Odisha – launched a road safety initiative "Rakshak" to help road accident victims
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

**24.** On November 11, Uttar Pradesh cabinet approved the proposal for implementation of "Mathrubhumi Yojana" to facilitate individuals or private institutions to contribute in the development of any village. For the effective implementation of the scheme, "Uttar Pradesh Mathrubhumi Society" will be set up, which will have a governing council and empowered committee under it. A Corpus Fund of Rs 100 Cr will be made available to the society. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Uttar Pradesh – approved the proposal for implementation of "Mathrubhumi Yojana"
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

**25.** "World Adoption Day" is celebrated on November 9 every year. It is celebrated to lift up all voices in the adoption community, to share their stories, to reflect on their adoption journey and to connect with those touched by adoption. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- November 9 – "World Adoption Day"

**26.** "World Science Day for Peace and Development" is observed on November 10, every year to raise the importance and relevance of science in our daily lives. In 2021, the theme is "Building Climate-Ready Communities". Besides, every year from 9 to 14 November, the International Week of Science and Peace (IWOSP) is observed and celebrated globally. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- November 10 – World Science Day for Peace & Development
- Theme – "Building Climate-Ready Communities"
- November 9 to 14 – International Week of Science & Peace



**27.** On November 11, National Education Day was recently commemorated in India to celebrate the 133<sup>rd</sup> birth anniversary of the first education minister of independent India, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad. The day was first observed in 2008 by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD). [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- November 11 – National Education Day (since - 2008)
- The day marked 133<sup>rd</sup> birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad

**28.** The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved declaration of November 15 as “Janjatiya Gaurav Divas” to remember the contributions of tribal freedom fighters. The date was chosen as it was the birth anniversary of Birsa Munda, a tribal freedom fighter revered as “Bhagwan” by tribal communities. A Tribal Freedom Fighter Museum at Ranchi was inaugurated by the PM Narendra Modi. In his Independence Day speech in 2016, Narendra Modi announced the setting up of 10 such tribal museums in India. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- November 15 – “Janjatiya Gaurav Divas” (birth anniversary of - Birsa Munda)
- PM Narendra Modi – inaugurated a Tribal Freedom Fighter Museum at Ranchi, Jharkhand

**29.** Every year, the second Thursday of November is internationally observed as “World Usability Day”. The day is also commonly known as ‘Make Things Easier’ day. In 2021, World usability Day was celebrated on November 11. In 2021, the theme is “Design of Our Online World: Trust, Ethics and Integrity”. The day was celebrated for the first time in the year 2005. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- November 11 (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of Nov) – World Usability Day (since - 2005)
- 2021’s Theme – “Design of Our Online World: Trust, Ethics and Integrity”

**30.** Public Service Broadcasting Day was celebrated on November 12. The day is celebrated every year to commemorate the only visit of Mahatma Gandhi to All India Radio in Delhi in 1947. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- November 12 – Public Service Broadcasting Day

**31.** Every year World Pneumonia Day is observed on November 12, 2021. The day was established by the Stop Pneumonia Initiative in 2009. This year’s theme is “Stop Pneumonia - Every Breath Counts”. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- November 12 – World Pneumonia Day (since - 2009)
- 2021’s Theme – “Stop Pneumonia - Every Breath Counts”





**32.** Remembrance Day is marked annually on November 11 to commemorate the end of the First World War on November 11, 1918, when the armistice was signed between the Allied forces and Germany. The day, also known as Poppy Day, is also observed to remember all those who sacrificed their lives in the war. The day was first observed in the year 1919 and was known as Armistice Day. However, the name was changed after the end of the Second World War. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- November 11 – ‘Remembrance Day’ or ‘Armistice Day’ or ‘Poppy Day’ (since - 1919)
- The day marks the anniversary of the end of the First World War – on November 11, 1918

**33.** World Quality Day is observed on the second Thursday of November every year. This year, the day was marked on November 11. In 2021, the theme is “Sustainability: Improving Our Products, People, and Planet”. While “World Quality Week 2021” was observed from November 8 to 12. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- November 11 (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of Nov) – World Quality Day
- 2021’s Theme – “Sustainability: Improving Our Products, People, and Planet”
- November 8 to 12 – “World Quality Week 2021”

**34.** World Kindness Day, a global day to promote the importance of being kind to each other, yourself and to the world is celebrated worldwide on November 13. It was in 1998, that the day became an annual observance. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- November 13 – World Kindness Day (since - 1998)

**35.** “World Diabetes Day” is celebrated every year on November 14 to mark the birth anniversary of Sir Frederick Banting, who discovered the insulin hormone along with Charles Herbert Best in 1922. The theme for World Diabetes Day 2021-23 is “Access to Diabetes Care”. The campaign is represented by a blue circle logo that was adopted in 2007 after the passage of the UN Resolution on diabetes. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- November 14 – World Diabetes Day (birth anniversary of - Sir Frederick Banting)
- 2021’s Theme – “Access to Diabetes Care”

**36.** PM Narendra Modi paid tributes to India's first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru on his 132<sup>nd</sup> birth anniversary on November 14, 2021. In India, ‘Children’s Day’ or ‘Bal Diwas’ is celebrated on November 14 every year as a mark of respect to Jawaharlal Nehru (fondly called ‘Chacha Nehru’), the first Prime Minister of independent India. [{Read more}](#)



**Key Points:**

- November 14 – ‘Children’s Day’ or ‘Bal Diwas’ in India” (132<sup>nd</sup> birth anniversary of 1<sup>st</sup> PM of India - Jawaharlal Nehru)
- November 20 – World Children’s Day or International Children’s Day

**37.** World leaders, social activists, and artists marked the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) at a special ceremony in UNESCO headquarters in Paris, France, on November 16, 2021. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- November 16, 2021 – 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the UNESCO
- HQs of UNESCO – Paris, France | Director-General – Audrey Azoulay | Founded in – 1945

**38.** On November 15, in the Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas Mahasammelan, PM Narendra Modi launched the “Ration Aapke Gram” scheme in Madhya Pradesh. It is aimed at delivering the monthly quota of PDS Ration to beneficiaries from janjatiya community in their own villages every month. During the Mahasammelan, PM Modi also handed over Genetic Counselling Cards to beneficiaries & launched the “Sickle Cell Mission” of Madhya Pradesh. Besides, Madhya Pradesh also approved “Mukhya Mantri Udyam Kranti Yojana” for self-employment of youths who have passed 12<sup>th</sup> class and are in the 18-40 age group. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Narendra Modi launched “Ration Aapke Gram” scheme & “Sickle Cell Mission” in Madhya Pradesh
- Madhya Pradesh also approved “Mukhya Mantri Udyam Kranti Yojana” for self-employment of youth
- Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Mangubhai Chhaganbhai Patel

**39.** On November 17, West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee unveiled the “Duare Ration” scheme to ensure doorstep delivery of essential food items. Under the scheme, the chief minister assured a grant of Rs 1 lakh each to 21,000 ration dealers to buy vehicles to deliver food items from door to door. The state government will provide 5 kg ration to more than 100 million families for free under this scheme. She also inaugurated a mobile application, “Khadya Sathi: Amar Ration Mobile App” to help people apply online for ration cards. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- West Bengal – unveiled the “Duare Ration” scheme to ensure doorstep delivery of essential food items
- Under the scheme: Grant of Rs 1 lakh each to 21,000 ration dealers | 5 kg ration per family for free
- West Bengal – launched a mobile application “Khadya Sathi: Amar Ration Mobile App”
- West Bengal: Capital – Kolkata | CM – Mamta Banerjee | Governor – Jagdeep Dhankar

**40.** Jharkhand, also known as the “The Last of forest”, celebrates its State Foundation Day on November 15 every year. Jharkhand was carved out of Bihar in 2000 as the 28<sup>th</sup> state of India after the Parliament passed the Bihar Reorganization Act, 2000. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- November 15 – Foundation Day of Jharkhand
- Jharkhand was carved out of Bihar in 2000 as the 28<sup>th</sup> state of India
- **Jharkhand: Capital – Ranchi | CM – Hemant Soren | Governor – Ramesh Bais**

**41.** Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed an event to mark the first Audit Diwas at the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) office on November 16, 2021. The day was celebrated to mark the historic origin of the institution of CAG and the contribution it has made to the governance, transparency and accountability over the past several years. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- November 16 – 1<sup>st</sup> Audit Diwas – observed at CAG office premises

**42.** World Neuroendocrine Tumor (NET) Cancer Day is observed on 10 November every year. Zebra has been chosen by the NET cancer community as their International symbol as the animal is universally used as a reference to a rare disease or condition by the medical community. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- November 10 – World Neuroendocrine Tumor (NET) Cancer Day
- International symbol for NET Cancer community – Zebra

**43.** National Press Day is observed on November 16 every year to acknowledge and honor the Press Council of India. The day marks the presence of an independent and responsible press in India. The Press Council of India was instituted on November 16, 1966. The present chairman of the PCI is Justice Chandramauli Kumar Prasad who has been appointed for a second term recently. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- November 16 – National Press Day
- **HQs of PCI – New Delhi | Chairman – Chandramauli Kumar Prasad | Established on – November 16, 1966**

**44.** On November 16, the “International Day of Tolerance” is annually observed by the United Nations. The day marks the adoption of a ‘Declaration of Principles on Tolerance’ by UNESCO's Member States on 16 November 1995. To mark the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Mahatma Gandhi, the United Nations observed 1995 as the “International Year of Tolerance”. Besides, The “UNESCO-Madanjeet Singh Prize” for the Promotion of Tolerance and Non-Violence rewards significant activities in the scientific, artistic, cultural or communication fields. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- November 16 – “International Day of Tolerance” by the UN



- The day marks the adoption of a 'Declaration of Principles on Tolerance' by UNESCO in 1995
- 1995 – “International Year of Tolerance” (marking 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Mahatma Gandhi)
- HQs of UN – New York, United States | Director – Antonio Guterres

**45.** “National Newborn Week” was celebrated across India from November 15 to 21. The focus was on raising awareness about the care of newborns. The theme of the event was “Safety, Quality and Nurturing Care - Birth Right of Every Newborn”. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- November 15 to 21 – National Newborn Week
- Theme – “Safety, Quality & Nurturing Care - Birth Right of Every Newborn”

**46.** “National Epilepsy Day” is observed on November 17 every year to generate awareness among people about epilepsy. The Epilepsy Foundation of India started a nationwide campaign to reduce the prevalence of this disease in the country. While “National Epilepsy Awareness Month” is also observed during the month of November. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- November 17 – National Epilepsy Day
- November – National Epilepsy Awareness Month

**47.** On November 17, 2021, the 20<sup>th</sup> edition of World COPD Day was organized by the Global Initiative for Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease (GOLD) in collaboration with health care professionals and COPD patient groups throughout the world. The day is observed on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of November. In 2021, the theme is “Healthy Lungs - Never More Important”. The COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease) affects our lungs. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- November 17 – 20<sup>th</sup> edition of World COPD Day (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of Nov)
- Theme – “Healthy Lungs - Never More Important”
- COPD – Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease

**48.** On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of November every year, World Philosophy Day is observed. This year, the day is observed on 18 November. In 2005, UNESCO General Conference declared that World Philosophy Day would be celebrated on the third Thursday of November every year. In 2021, the theme is “Different interactions of Human Beings in their Social, Cultural, Geographical and Political Environment”. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- November 18 (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of Nov) – World Philosophy Day
- 2021’s Theme – “Different interactions of Human Beings in their Social, Cultural, Geographical & Political Environment”

**49.** On the 4<sup>th</sup> Naturopathy Day observed on November 18 this year, Union Minister of State for Ayush, Munjpara Mahendrabhai launched “Disease-Free India” campaign initiated by the Surya Foundation and International Naturopathy Organisation (INO) to propagate among the masses the self-healing system using natural remedies. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- November 18 – 4<sup>th</sup> Naturopathy Day
- Munjpara Mahendrabhai – launched “Disease-Free India” campaign – initiated by Surya Foundation & INO

**50.** On November 15, National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC), a public enterprise under Ministry of Steel celebrated its 64<sup>th</sup> Formation Day at its Head Office - Hyderabad. NMDC, the largest iron ore producer in India was incorporated on 15<sup>th</sup> November 1958 and has completed 63 years of service to the nation. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- November 15 – 64<sup>th</sup> Formation Day of NMDC
- HQs of NMDC – Hyderabad, Telangana | CMD – Sumit Deb | Founded on – November 15, 1958

**51.** The National Foundation for Communal Harmony (NFCH) observes “Communal Harmony Campaign and Fund Raising Week” every year from November 19 to 25 and the last working day of this week is observed as the ‘Flag Day’. The main activity of the Foundation is to provide financial assistance to children rendered orphan or destitute in communal, caste, ethnic or terrorist violence for their education and rehabilitation under Project ‘Assty’. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- November 19 to 25 – “Communal Harmony Campaign & Fund Raising Week”
- The last working day of this week (November 25) is observed as ‘Flag Day’

**52.** Every year on November 19, International Men’s Day (IMD) is observed and celebrated across the world. It is a day to spread awareness about men’s wellbeing and their contribution to households and society at large. The International Men’s Day was established by Dr Jerome Teelucksingh in the year 1999. In 2021, the theme is “Better Relations between Men and Women”. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- November 19 – International Men’s Day (since - 1999)
- 2021’s Theme – “Better Relations between Men and Women”

**53.** Every year on November 19, ‘National Integration Day’ also known as ‘Quami Ekta Divas’ is celebrated. The day commemorates the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. The key objective of observing the day is to achieve harmony, peace, love, and brotherhood among people. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- November 19 – ‘National Integration Day’ or ‘Quami Ekta Divas’ (Birth anniversary of - Indira Gandhi)



**54.** Each year, World Toilet Day on 19 November highlights the importance of sanitation and hygiene in driving improvements in public health, gender equality, education, economic development and environmental protection. This year's theme is "Valuing Toilets". The UN-Water organizes World Toilet Day. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- November 19 – World Toilet Day – organised by UN-Water
- 2021's Theme – "Valuing Toilets"

**55.** Women's Entrepreneurship Day is observed globally on November 19 every year in a bid to encourage and support women-led businesses and the spirit of women entrepreneurship in general. Google-Bain Report in 2019 estimated that women in India owned only around 20% out of all enterprises. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- November 19 – Women's Entrepreneurship Day

**56.** "World Heritage Week" is celebrated every year from November 19 to 25. At present, 3,691 monuments across India are protected by the ASI, with the highest number, 745, in Uttar Pradesh. Total 40 heritage sites in India are listed as UNESCO World Heritage sites at present. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- November 19 to 25 – World Heritage Week

**57.** November 20, 2021 was celebrated as "Awaas Diwas" to mark the completion of 5 years of "Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana – Gramin" (PMAY-G). PM Narendra Modi had launched 'PMAY-G' on November 20, 2016 with an aim of "Housing for All by 2022". The program envisages the completion of 2.95 crore PMAY-G houses with all basic amenities by the year 2022. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- November 20 – "Awaas Diwas" to mark the completion of 5 years of 'PMAY-G'
- 'PMAY-G' was launched in 2016 with an aim of "Housing for All by 2022"

**58.** On November 19, Union Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), Narayan Rane launched the Special Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme (SCLCSS) for the Services Sector in Guwahati to boost production of the MSMEs in the North-eastern region. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Narayan Rane/MSME mini. – launched the Special Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme (SCLCSS) for Services Sector
- Ministry of MSME: Narayan Rane | Constituency – Ratnagiri-Sindhudurg, Maharashtra
- MoS in Ministry of MSME: Bhanu Pratap Singh Verma



**59.** The United Nations General Assembly proclaimed November 20 as “Africa Industrialization Day” in 1989. Since then, the United Nations System has held events on that day throughout the world to raise awareness about the importance of Africa’s industrialization and the challenges faced by the continent. While “Africa Industrialization Week” was observed by the United Nations from November 20 to 24, 2021. Moreover, the theme of the 2021 African Economic Conference was “Financing Africa’s post-COVID-19 Development”. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- November 20 – Africa Industrialization Day
- November 20 to 24 – Africa Industrialization Week
- Theme of 2021 African Economic Conference – “Financing Africa’s post-COVID-19 Development”

**60.** Every year, World Children’s Day is celebrated on November 20 to promote a feeling of togetherness among children and to create awareness around children’s welfare. The Day was first observed in 1954 on 14 December by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA). This year, the UNICEF began a #GoBlue campaign as part of World Children’s Day. In 2021, the theme is “A Better Future for Every Child”. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- November 20 – World Children’s Day (since - 1954)
- 2021’s Theme – “A Better Future for Every Child”
- UNICEF – began a #GoBlue campaign as part of World Children’s Day

**61.** The WHO has declared antimicrobial resistance (AMR) as one of the top 10 global health threats. The “World Antimicrobial Awareness Week” was observed from November 18 to 24. This year, the theme is “Spread Awareness, Stop Resistance”. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- November 18 to 24 – World Antimicrobial Awareness Week
- 2021’s Theme – “Spread Awareness, Stop Resistance”

**62.** The “World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims” was started by RoadPeace in 1993. In 2005, the United Nations endorsed it as a global day to be observed every third Sunday in November each year. In 2021, the day falls on November 21. This year, “Remember. Support. Act.” is the theme of the day. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- November 21 – “World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims 2021” by UN (since - 2005)
- 2021’s Theme – “Remember. Support. Act.”

**63.** World Television Day is celebrated across the globe on November 21 to mark the increasing impact of Television in the contemporary world. The UN General Assembly decided November 21 to be marked as World Television Day since 1997 as the first World Television Forum was held on November 21-22 in 1996. [{Read more}](#)





**Key Points:**

- November 21 – “World Television Day” (since - 1996)

**64.** To look at the fishing industry’s sustainability factors and to demonstrate solidarity with all fisherfolk, “World Fisheries Day” is celebrated on November 21 every year. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- November 21 – “World Fisheries Day”

**65.** Tripura government launched a new scheme - “Mother on Campus” to improve the academic performance of the students who have been staying in hostels. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Tripura – launched “Mother on Campus” scheme for the students staying in hostels
- Tripura: Capital – Agartala | CM – Biplab Kumar Deb | Governor – Satyadev Narayan Arya

**66.** On November 25, Union minister for power R. K. Singh and Madhya Pradesh CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan laid the foundation stones of 3 Solar Power Projects with a total capacity of 1,500 MW. On the same day, the state government also launched the “Urja Saksharta Abhiyan”, a mass campaign on how to stop the wastage of electricity. In another major decision, the cabinet ratified the amendment of the Gram Panchayat Raj evam Gram Swaraj (Samsodhan) Vidhayak, 2021. Moreover, Madhya Pradesh Cabinet approved the proposal to create cyber tehsils and the state will be the first across India to do so. Cyber Tehsil will make the mutation process easy and people from anywhere in the state can avail of its benefit. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- R. K. Singh + Shivraj Singh Chouhan = laid the foundation stones of 3 Solar Power Projects of 1,500 MW capacity
- Madhya Pradesh – launched the “Urja Saksharta Abhiyan” - an awareness campaign to stop the wastage of electricity
- Madhya Pradesh – the first state which will create ‘Cyber Tehsil’
- Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Mangubhai Chhaganbhai Patel

**67.** On November 24, the Cabinet accorded its approval for continuation of “National Apprenticeship Training Scheme (NATS)” of Ministry of Education for the period from 2021-22 to 2025-26. The cabinet also accorded its approval for stipendiary support of Rs 3,054 Cr to apprentices who undergo apprenticeship training under the NATS. Moreover, the cabinet also approved continuation of the umbrella scheme “Ocean Services, Modelling, Application, Resources and Technology (O-SMART)” of Ministry of Earth Sciences up to 2025-26 at an overall cost of Rs. 2177 Cr. [{Read more}](#)



**Key Points:**

- Cabinet approved continuation of National Apprenticeship Training Scheme (NATS) – up to 2025-26 (under MoE)
- Cabinet approved continuation of “O-SMART” scheme – up to 2025-26 (under Ministry of Earth Sciences)

**68.** On November 24, the Union Cabinet has approved the extension of “Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana (PMGKAY)” for another 4 months (December 2021-March 2022). The food grain under Phase V would entail an estimated food subsidy of Rs 53344.52 Cr. Food grains at 5 kg per person per month free of cost for all the beneficiaries is covered under the National Food Security Act (NFSA), including those covered under Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT). The cabinet also approved continuation of the umbrella scheme “Atmosphere & Climate Research-Modelling Observing Systems & Services (ACROSS)” along with its 8 sub-schemes for next 5 years i.e. 2021-2026 at an estimated cost of Rs 2,135 Cr. The ACROSS scheme is being implemented by the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES). [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Cabinet approved the continuation of “Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana (PMGKAY)” – up to March 2022
- Cabinet approved the continuation “ACROSS” scheme up to 2026 (Implemented by Ministry of Earth Sciences)

**69.** “International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women” is observed every year across the globe on November 25 to prevent and eliminate violence against women and girls around the world. To raise awareness, this year's theme is “Orange the World: End Violence against Women Now!” [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- November 25 – International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women
- 2021's Theme – “Orange the World: End Violence against Women Now!”

**70.** PM Narendra Modi paid tributes to Lachit Borphukan on the occasion of “Lachit Diwas” which is celebrated every year on November 24 in Assam. Lachit Borphukan is a cultural idol in Assam after he defeated a large Mughal Army on the banks of Brahmaputra in the ‘Battle of Saraighat’ in 1671 to defend Guwahati. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- November 24 – Lachit Diwas – celebrated in Assam
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Himanta Biswa Sarma | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi



**71.** On November 24, In a pioneering initiative to take tourism deep into the state's interiors and rural hinterland, Kerala Tourism launched the "STREET" project (Sustainable, Tangible, Responsible, Experiential, Ethnic, Tourism hubs) in select spots in 7 districts. The project is conceived by the Responsible Tourism Mission and is inspired by the "Tourism for Inclusive Growth" slogan of the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO). The STREET project would be implemented in the Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode. Green street, cultural street, village life experience street, experiential tourism street, agri-tourism street, water street and art street are the themes that have been planned as part of the project. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Kerala – launched the "STREET" project in select spots in 7 districts
- STREET – Sustainable, Tangible, Responsible, Experiential, Ethnic, Tourism hubs
- Slogan of the UNWTO – "Tourism for Inclusive Growth"
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

**72.** On November 24, the 1<sup>st</sup> "International Conference on Hydrogen Energy - Policies, Infrastructure Development and Challenges" is being organized by Central Board of Irrigation and Power (CBIP) with the support of Ministry of New & Renewable Energy, Central Electricity Authority and NTPC on November 24-25, 2021. Bhagwanth Khuba, Minister of State for New and Renewable Energy inaugurated the event. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Bhagwanth Khuba – inaugurated the 1<sup>st</sup> "International Conference on Hydrogen Energy - Policies, Infrastructure Development and Challenges" – organized by CBIP ([New Delhi](#))
- Ministry of Ministry New & Renewable Energy: [Raj Kumar Singh](#) | Constituency – Arrah, Bihar
- MoS in Ministry New & Renewable Energy: [Bhagwanth Khuba](#)

**73.** Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw, the Union Minister of Electronics & Information Technology, inaugurated a 3-day workshop titled "Aadhaar 2.0 - Ushering the Next Era of Digital Identity and Smart Governance" commencing at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. The workshop was organized by the UIDAI from November 23 to 25, 2021. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Ashwini Vaishnaw – inaugurated workshop "Aadhaar 2.0 - Ushering the Next Era of Digital Identity & Smart Governance"
- The workshop was organized by the UIDAI
- HQs of UIDAI – New Delhi | CEO – Saurabh Garg | Founded on – January 28, 2009

**74.** On 25 November 2021, the 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting of SCO Council of Heads of Government (CHG) was held in Nur-Sultan through video-conference under the Chairmanship of Kazakhstan. External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar represented India in the meeting. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- S. Jaishankar – participated in the 20<sup>th</sup> “Meeting of SCO Council of Heads of Government” – chaired by Kazakhstan
- Kazakhstan – Nur-Sultan – Tenge | President – Kassym-Jomart Tokayev
- HQs of SCO – Beijing, China | SG – Vladimir Norov | Present Member Countries – 8 | 2021 Presidency – Tajikistan

**75.** On 25 November 2021, Mansukh L. Mandaviya, the Minister of Chemicals & Fertilizers inaugurated the 2<sup>nd</sup> Global Chemicals & Petrochemicals Manufacturing Hub (GCPMH) in New Delhi. The event was organised by the Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers jointly with the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) in Phygital format (Physical and Digital) and aims to transform India to a global chemical and Petro-chemical manufacturing hub. Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Odisha, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu participated as the Partner States in the Summit. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Mansukh L. Mandaviya – inaugurated the 2<sup>nd</sup> Global Chemicals & Petrochemicals Manufacturing Hub – in New Delhi
- The event was organised by = Dept. of Chemicals & Petrochemicals + FICCI
- Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers: Mansukh L. Mandaviya | Constituency – Palitana, Gujarat
- MoS in Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers: Bhagwanth Khuba

**76.** The 13<sup>th</sup> Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) Summit with the theme “Strengthening Multilateralism for Shared Growth” was held virtually on 25-26 November, 2021. Vice President Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu led the Indian Delegation for the Summit, which saw participation from all 51 member countries, and ASEAN & European Union. This Summit also marked the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ASEM process. The 13<sup>th</sup> Summit was hosted by Cambodia as ASEM Chair. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Venkaiah Naidu – led the Indian Delegation for the 13<sup>th</sup> Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) Summit – hosted by Cambodia
- Theme of the summit – “Strengthening Multilateralism for Shared Growth”
- Cambodia – Phnom Penh – Riel | PM – Hun Sen

**77.** Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh inaugurated the 5<sup>th</sup> “World Congress on Disaster Management” in New Delhi on November 24, 2021 at the campus of IIT Delhi with the theme of “Technology, Finance and Capacity for Building Resilience to Disasters in the context of COVID-19”. He reiterated India’s vision for the Indian Ocean encapsulated by the concept of SAGAR (Security and Growth for All in the Region). He also stated that India is the first responder in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR) for Humanitarian Aid and Disaster Relief (HADR) operations. [{Read more}](#)



**Key Points:**

- Rajnath Singh – inaugurated the 5<sup>th</sup> “World Congress on Disaster Management” in New Delhi
- Theme – “Technology, Finance and Capacity for Building Resilience to Disasters in the context of COVID-19”
- India – the first responder in the IOR for Humanitarian Aid and Disaster Relief (HADR) operations

**78.** On November 26, Science & Technology Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh chaired the 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting of BRICS Science and Technology Ministers. During the meeting, he informed that India under ‘Vaccine Maitri’ initiative is providing COVID-19 vaccines to countries around the world. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Dr. Jitendra Singh – chaired the 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting of BRICS Science & Technology Ministers
- BRICS Member Countries: 5 – Brazil, Russia, India, China & South Africa | Chairship in 2021 – India
- MoS (I/C) in the Ministry of Science & Technology: Dr. Jitendra Singh | Constituency – Udhampur, J&K

**79.** On November 26, the Delhi government has decided to take senior citizens of the national capital to Kartarpur Sahib in Pakistan under its free pilgrimage scheme called “Mukhyamantri Tirth Yatra Yojana” which was launched in 2018 and was resumed again in November 2021. Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal had recently added Vailankanni Church in Tamil Nadu to the list of places of pilgrimage under the free “Teerth Yatra” scheme. To avail it, the applicant needs to be at least 60 years of age and should not have been a beneficiary before. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Delhi govt resumed its free pilgrimage scheme called “Mukhyamantri Tirth Yatra Yojana” | Launched in - 2018
- The UT govt take senior citizens of the national capital to Kartarpur Sahib in Pakistan under the scheme
- Vailankanni Church (Tamil Nadu) – added to the list of places of pilgrimage under the scheme
- New Delhi: CM – Arvind Kejriwal | Lt. Governor – Anil Bajjal | Chief Secretary – Vijay Dev

**80.** On November 28, Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma launched the “Micro Finance Incentive and Relief Scheme 2021” to incentivize those who make regular payment of microfinance loans . The scheme would benefit a total of 24 lakh women beneficiaries in the State while 59,468 women would receive reliefs amounting from Rs.16,000 to Rs.25,000 in Sonitpur district. In the first phase of the scheme, regular borrowers will be provided one-time incentive up to Rs 25,000 or outstanding balance, whichever is less. The CM also stated that every poor household in the state would be brought under the ambit of Orunodaya scheme. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Assam – launched the “Micro Finance Incentive & Relief Scheme 2021” to incentivize regular payment makers
- Regular payment makers will be provided one-time incentive up to – Rs 25,000
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Himanta Biswa Sarma | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi

**81.** The United Nations observes November 29 as the “International Day of Solidarity with Palestinian People” to mark the adoption of the UN’s resolution to partition Palestine into two states. The day is being observed since 1978. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- November 29 – “International Day of Solidarity with Palestinian People” – by the UN (since - 1978)
- HQs of UN – New York, US | Secretary General – Antonio Guterres

**82.** National Cadet Corps (NCC), the largest uniformed youth organisation in the world, celebrated its 73rd Raising Day on November 28, 2021. The NCC Day is observed on the 4th Sunday of November. The day was celebrated all over the country with cadets participating in marches, blood donation camps and social development programmes. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- November 28 (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Nov) – 73<sup>rd</sup> NCC Raising Day
- HQs of NCC – New Delhi | DG – Lt. Gen. Gurbirpal Singh | Founded on – 16 April, 1948 | Motto – ‘Unity & Discipline’

**83.** On November 27, the “Red Planet Day” is observed on November 28 every year. The day commemorates the launch of ‘Mariner 4’, a robotic interplanetary probe, by the Jet Propulsion Laboratory and NASA. The spacecraft became the first mission to successfully capture the close-up images of Mars. The special day is celebrated to create awareness about Mars. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- November 28 – Red Planet Day
- The day commemorates the launch of ‘Mariner 4’ by the Jet Propulsion Laboratory & NASA

**84.** The “Day of Remembrance for all Victims of Chemical Warfare” by the United Nations was observed on November 30 to pay tribute to the victims of chemical warfare. The day also highlights the pledge taken by the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) to eliminate the threat of chemical weapons. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- November 30 – “Day of Remembrance for all Victims of Chemical Warfare” – by UN
- HQs of OPCW – The Hague, Netherlands



# Meetings, Conferences and Summits

1. The UN Climate Change Conference - COP26 in Glasgow has announced that Egypt was chosen to host the upcoming session of the conference in 2022 (COP27). While the UAE has won its bid to host the COP28 conference in 2023. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- COP26 – held in Glasgow, Scotland (2021)
- COP27 – to be held in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt (2022)
- COP28 – to be held in UAE (2023)

2. On November 3, the Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying organized a Stakeholder Forum on the theme “Industry and One Health” to celebrate the 6<sup>th</sup> ‘International One Health Day’ as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying – organized a Stakeholder Forum on the theme “Industry & One Health”
- November 3 – 6<sup>th</sup> ‘International One Health Day’ (since - 2016)

3. The 3<sup>rd</sup> India-Senegal Joint Commission Meeting (JCM) was held in Dakar, Senegal on November 5, 2021. The meeting was Co-Chaired by V. Muraleedharan, Minister of State for External Affairs. Both sides signed an MoU for cooperation in the field of Health and Medicine during the JCM. Both sides agreed to consider mutual recognition of vaccination certificates issued by both countries. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> India-Senegal Joint Commission Meeting was held in Dakar, Senegal – co-Chaired by V. Muraleedharan
- India + Senegal = an MoU for cooperation in the field of Health & Medicine
- Senegal – Dakar – CFA franc | President – Macky Sall

4. On November 9, India and the U.S. agreed on a revised Statement of Intent (Sol) to strengthen dialogue on defence technology cooperation at 11<sup>th</sup> Defence Technology and Trade Initiative (DTTI) Group Meeting held between India and the US. It was co-chaired by Secretary (Defence Production) Raj Kumar from the Indian side. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- 11<sup>th</sup> Defence Technology & Trade Initiative (DTTI) Group Meeting – held between India & US
- Co-chaired by – Raj Kumar
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46<sup>th</sup> President – Joe Biden | 49<sup>th</sup> VP – Kamala Harris





5. On November 9, the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of “Goa Maritime Conclave (GMC) - 2021” was hosted by the Indian Navy from November 7 to 9, 2021 under the aegis of Naval War College, Goa. The theme for this year’s edition of GMC is “Maritime Security and Emerging Non-Traditional Threats: A Case for Proactive Role for IOR Navies”. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Indian Navy – hosted the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of “Goa Maritime Conclave (GMC) - 2021” under Naval War College, Goa
- Theme of GMC 2021 – “Maritime Security & Emerging Non-Traditional Threats: A Case for Proactive Role for IOR Navies”
- HQs of Indian Navy – Delhi | Chief – Admiral R. Hari Kumar | VC – S. N. Ghormade | Founded in – 26<sup>th</sup> Jan, 1950

6. Chief of Defence Staff General Bipin Rawat inaugurated the 14<sup>th</sup> edition of ‘c0c0n’, an annual Hacking and Cyber Security Conference, which was held virtually from November 10-13, 2021. The conference was conducted by Kerala Police in association with two non-profit organisations, Society for the Policing of Cyberspace (POLCYB) and Information Security Research Association (ISRA). The theme of this year’s ‘c0c0n’ is “Improvise, Adapt and Overcome”. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Bipin Rawat – inaugurated the 14<sup>th</sup> edition of ‘c0c0n’, an annual Hacking & Cyber Security Conference
- The conference was conducted by = Kerala Police + POLCYB + ISRA
- Theme of the conference – “Improvise, Adapt & Overcome”

7. On November 10, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Regional Security Dialogue on Afghanistan called for ‘urgent humanitarian assistance’ to the Afghan people. The meeting was chaired by the National Security Adviser Ajit Doval. A joint statement titled the ‘Delhi Declaration’ issued after the meeting called for ‘collective cooperation’ against terrorism and drug trafficking in Afghanistan. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- NSA Ajit Doval – chaired the 3<sup>rd</sup> Regional Security Dialogue on Afghanistan
- “Delhi Declaration” was adopted by the countries against terrorism & drug trafficking in Afghanistan

8. The 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the Bi-annual IAF Commanders’ Conference was inaugurated by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on November 10, 2021 at Air Headquarter (Vayu Bhawan). The conference’s theme was “Ensuring Certainty amidst Uncertainties”. Chief of the Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal V. R. Chaudhari introduced the IAF Commanders to the Defence Minister Rajnath Singh. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Rajnath Singh – inaugurated the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of Bi-annual IAF Commanders’ Conference at Vayu Bhawan, New Delhi
- Theme of the conference – “Ensuring Certainty amidst Uncertainties”



**9.** On November 10, the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) in collaboration with Government of Uttar Pradesh organized a 2-day Regional Conference on the theme “Strengthening the State Institutes of Public Administration” on November 11-12, 2021 at Lucknow. Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath inaugurated the event. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- DARPG + UP = organized a 2-day Regional Conference on the theme “Strengthening the State Institutes of Public Administration” – in Lucknow
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

**10.** On November 15, World Bank and Asian Development Bank in association with the India Smart Grid Forum (ISGF) organised “WePOWER India Partnership Forum” to scale up the South Asia Women in Power Sector Professional Network (WePOWER) in India. This important initiative was attended by 168 key energy sector stakeholders. In a survey of 28 Indian DISCOMs, it was found that 4/5<sup>th</sup> of them have at least one female at top positions. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- World Bank + ADB + ISGF = organised “WePOWER India Partnership Forum”
- The event was organised to scale up South Asia Women in Power Sector Professional Network (WePOWER) in India
- HQs of ADB – Mandaluyong, Philippines | President – Masatsugu Asakawa | Members – 68 | Established in – 1966
- HQs of World Bank – Washington D.C., USA | Member Countries – 189
- President – David Malpass | MD & CFO – Anshula Kant

**11.** On November 17, PM Narendra Modi virtually addressed the inaugural session of 82<sup>nd</sup> All India Presiding Officers’ Conference (AIPOC). To commemorate the centennial year of AIPOC, the 82<sup>nd</sup> edition of the All India Presiding Officers’ Conference was in Shimla on 17-18 November 2021. The first Conference was also held in Shimla in 1921. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- PM Narendra Modi – addressed the inaugural session of 82<sup>nd</sup> All India Presiding Officers’ Conference (AIPOC) – in Shimla
- Himachal Pradesh: Capital – Shimla & Dharamshala | CM – Jai Ram Thakur | Governor – Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar

**12.** On November 17, Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu inaugurated 3-day ‘Bengaluru Tech Summit 2021’ in a hybrid format. Naftali Bennett, the Prime Minister of Israel and Scott Morrison, the Prime Minister of Australia, attended the event virtually. The 24<sup>th</sup> edition of the summit witnessed participation of over 30 countries. For the first time South Africa, Vietnam, and UAE participated in the Bengaluru Tech Summit (BTS). The theme of this year's Summit is “Driving the Next”. [{Read more}](#)



**Key Points:**

- M. Venkaiah Naidu – inaugurated the 24<sup>th</sup> edition of “Bengaluru Tech Summit 2021”
- 2021’s Theme – “Driving the Next”
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – Basavaraj Bommai | Governor – Thawarchand Gehlot

**13.** Union Petroleum Minister Hardeep Singh Puri led an official and business delegation to UAE from November 15-17 to attend the Abu Dhabi International Petroleum Exhibition and Conference (ADIPEC) hosted by the Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC). [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Hardeep Singh Puri – attended the Abu Dhabi International Petroleum Exhibition & Conference (ADIPEC)
- Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas: Hardeep Singh Puri | Constituency – Uttar Pradesh
- MoS in the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas: Rameswar Teli

**14.** On November 18, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 1<sup>st</sup> “Global Innovation Summit” of the pharmaceutical sector. The summit highlighted opportunities in the Indian Pharma industry that has a huge growth potential. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Narendra Modi – inaugurated the 1<sup>st</sup> “Global Innovation Summit” of the pharmaceutical sector

**15.** On November 17, Minister of State External Affairs (MoS), Dr. Rajkumar Ranjan Singh virtually participated in the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Council of Ministers (COM) meeting of the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) hosted by Bangladesh. Salman Al-Farisi was selected as the next Secretary-General (SG) of IORA. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Rajkumar Ranjan Singh – participated in the 21<sup>st</sup> IORA Council of Ministers’ Meeting – hosted by Bangladesh
- HQs of IORA – Ebene, Mauritius | Chairship – Bangladesh
- Ministry of External Affairs: S. Jaishankar | Constituency – Gujarat
- MoS in Ministry of External Affairs: Rajkumar Ranjan Singh

**16.** PM Narendra Modi addressed “The Sydney Dialogue” on the theme “India’s technology Evolution and Revolution”. The Sydney Dialogue, held from November 17-19, is an initiative of the Australian Strategic Policy Institute. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- PM Narendra Modi – addressed “The Sydney Dialogue” - an initiative of the Australian Strategic Policy Institute
- Australia – Canberra – Australian Dollar | PM – Scott Morrison



**17.** On November 18, Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, Union Minister of Civil Aviation inaugurated a curtain raiser event namely “Wings India, 2022” which is the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of Asia’s largest event on Civil Aviation. The event will be organized by Ministry of Civil Aviation, Airports Authority of India (AAI) and FICCI with the support of Ministry of External Affairs from March 24-27, 2022 at Begumpet Airport, Hyderabad with the theme “India@75: New Horizon for Aviation Industry”. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Jyotiraditya M. Scindia – inaugurated a curtain raiser of 5<sup>th</sup> edition of Asia’s largest event on Civil Aviation
- 5<sup>th</sup> edition of “Wings India, 2022” – to be held in Hyderabad from March 24-27, 2022
- It will be organised by = MCA + AAI + FICCI + MEA
- Theme of the event – “India@75: New Horizon for Aviation Industry”

**18.** PM Narendra Modi attended the 56<sup>th</sup> Conference of Director Generals of Police (DGP) and Inspector Generals of Police (IGP) organised in Lucknow on November 20 and 21 by the Intelligence Bureau. Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the conference which was held in hybrid format. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Amit Shah – inaugurated the 56<sup>th</sup> Conference of DGP & IGP – organised in Lucknow, UP
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

**19.** The 10<sup>th</sup> edition of the flagship investment event “Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit (VGGS)” will be held in January 2022 with the theme of “From Atmanirbhar Gujarat to Atmanirbhar Bharat”. As Gujarat’s mega investment congregation approaches, as many as 20 companies have signed 20 MoUs worth ₹24,185 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- 10<sup>th</sup> edition of “Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit (VGGS)” – to be held in January 2022
- Theme – “From Atmanirbhar Gujarat to Atmanirbhar Bharat”
- Gujarat government signed 20 MoUs worth ₹24,185 Cr ahead of this summit
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Bhupendra Patel | Governor – Acharya Devvrat

**20.** On November 22, Union Minister for Civil Aviation Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia attended the “Udan Utsav” celebrations at Veer Surendra Sai Airport in Jharsuguda, Odisha. He announced Indian government’s target to increase the number of airports from 136 to 220 in the next 5 years which will include helipads and water aerodromes. The minister also stated that the Greenfield Airport at Puri and the Phase II expansion of Veer Surendra Sai Airport in Jharsuguda will be commenced. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Jyotiraditya M. Scindia – attended “Udan Utsav” celebrations at Veer Surendra Sai Airport (Jharsuguda, Odisha)
- India’s target to increase the number of airports to 220 in the next 5 years (from 136 at present)
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

**21.** Union Minister of State (I/C) Science & Technology, Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurated ISRO's 5-day "Technology Conclave-2021". The Conclave was organised by the Directorate of Technology Development & Innovation (DTDI) under the aegis of ISRO. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Dr. Jitendra Singh – inaugurated ISRO's 5-day "Technology Conclave-2021"
- The Conclave was organised by – Directorate of Technology Development & Innovation (DTDI)
- HQs of ISRO – Bengaluru, Karnataka | Director – Kailasavadivoo Sivan | Formed on – August 15, 1969

**22.** India and the United States held the 12<sup>th</sup> Ministerial-level meeting of the India-United States Trade Policy Forum (TPF) in New Delhi on November 23, 2021. Indian Minister of Commerce and Industry, Shri Piyush Goyal co-chaired the TPF meeting. Both sides agreed to re-launch workshops focused on accelerating implementation of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement. The TRF was re-launched after 4 years. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Piyush Goyal – co-chaired the 12<sup>th</sup> Ministerial-level meeting of the "India-US Trade Policy Forum (TPF)" in New Delhi
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46<sup>th</sup> President – Joe Biden | 49<sup>th</sup> VP – Kamala Harris

**23.** Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M. K. Stalin inaugurated the 20<sup>th</sup> edition of "Connect 2021" and launched various policies of the Information Technology Department. The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) organised "Connect 2021", an international conference and exhibition on Information and Communication Technology (ICT) on November 26 and 27, 2021. It was hosted by the Tamil Nadu Government and co-hosted by Software Technology Parks of India. The theme of the two-day conference was "Building a Sustainable Deep Technology Ecosystem". [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- M. K. Stalin – inaugurated the 20<sup>th</sup> edition of "Connect 2021" - an international conference & exhibition on ICT
- "Connect 2021" was organised by – CII | Theme – "Building a Sustainable Deep Technology Ecosystem"
- HQs of CII – New Delhi | President – T. V. Narendran | DG – Chandrajit Banerjee | Founded in – 1895

**24.** The 5<sup>th</sup> East Asia Summit (EAS) Conference on Maritime Security Cooperation was held in Kolkata on 23-24 November, 2021. The event was organized by India in partnership with Australia. India was represented by Ms. Riva Ganguly Das, Secretary (East) in the Ministry of External Affairs. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- 5<sup>th</sup> East Asia Summit (EAS) Conference on Maritime Security Cooperation – held in Kolkata, West Bengal
- The event was organized by = India + Australia | India was represented by – Ms. Riva Ganguly Das

**25.** SecurelyShare Software Private Limited has been awarded as the winner of the 1<sup>st</sup> prize in the “Cyber Security Grand Challenge Award” conducted by Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), in association with Data Security Council of India (DSCI). The DSCI Cyber Security Grand Challenge is an initiative to promote Cyber Security Innovation and Entrepreneurship. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- SecurelyShare – awarded the “Cyber Security Grand Challenge Award” – by MeitY & DSCI
- HQs of DSCI – Noida, Uttar Pradesh | CEO – Rama Vedashree
- HQs of SecurelyShare – Bengaluru, Karnataka | Founder & CEO – Prakash Baskaran

**26.** Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnav inaugurated a 3-day online event “India Internet Governance Forum (IIGF) 2021” which was organised from 25-27 November 2021. The event aims to discuss the roadmap to digitisation and reaffirm India as an essential participant on the global stage by highlighting its role and importance in the international policy development on internet governance. The theme of ‘India IGF 2021’ was “Empower India through Power of Internet”. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Ashwini Vaishnav – inaugurated “India Internet Governance Forum (IIGF) 2021”
- Theme – “Empower India through Power of Internet”



# Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

1. Ms. Renu Gupta (MD at Red Velvet Rock Global Commercial Brokers LLC, Dubai) has been honoured with the “Blackswan Award for Women Empowerment”, acknowledging her remarkable contribution to making a change in society through her edge of business ideas based on innovation. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- Renu Gupta – honoured with the “Blackswan Award for Women Empowerment”

2. On November 2, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports announced the “National Sports Awards 2021”. The awardees received their awards from the President of India at a specially organized function at the Darbar Hall of Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi. It was recommended by the Selection Committee headed by Justice (Retd.) Mukundakam Sharma (former Judge of Supreme Court). “Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award 2021” was given to 12 Sports persons. While 35 Sports persons were given “Arjuna Awards for outstanding performance in Sports & Games 2021”. “Dronacharya Award for outstanding coaches in Sports & Games” was given to total 10 sports persons in two different categories. “Dhyan Chand Award for Lifetime achievement in Sports & Games” was given to 5 sports persons. Besides, “Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar 2021” was given to 2 entities. Panjab University, Chandigarh received “Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (MAKA) Trophy” for best all-round performance in sports among Indian varsities for third year in a row since 2019. “Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award”, the highest sporting honour in India, is given for the spectacular and most outstanding performance in the field of sports by a sportsperson over a period of previous 4 years. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports announced “National Sports Awards 2021”
- Panjab University ([Chandigarh](#)) – received “Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (MAKA) Trophy” (3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row)
- “Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award 2021” was given to the following 12 Sports persons:

Sports Person	Discipline
Neeraj Chopra	Athletics
Ravi Kumar	Wrestling
Lovlina Borgohain	Boxing
Sreejesh P. R.	Hockey
Avani Lekhara	Para Shooting
Sumit Antil	Para Athletics
Pramod Bhagat	Para Badminton
Krishna Nagar	Para Badminton
Manish Narwal	Para Shooting
Mithali Raj	Cricket
Sunil Chhetri	Football
Manpreet Singh	Hockey





**3.** Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) is conferred with the “Award for Excellence in Urban Transport” by the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs under the category ‘Metro Rail with the Best Passenger Services & Satisfaction’ at the 14th “Urban Mobility India Conference 2021” in Delhi. Delhi was awarded the ‘Best Non-motorised Transport System’ for the redevelopment project of Shahjahanabad Redevelopment Corporation. Moreover, Surat has been awarded for the ‘Best Public Transport System’, while Indore bagged ‘City with the Most Innovative Financing Mechanism’ award. On the other hand, Kochi got an award for the ‘Most Sustainable Transport System’. Nashik was awarded ‘City with Best Record of Public Involvement in its Transport Planning’. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- 14th “Urban Mobility India Conference 2021” – held in New Delhi
- “Awards for Excellence in Urban Transport” were given by Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs:
  - Delhi Metro – ‘Metro Rail with the Best Passenger Services & Satisfaction’
  - Delhi – ‘Best Non-motorised Transport System’
  - Surat – ‘Best Public Transport System’
  - Indore – ‘City with the Most Innovative Financing Mechanism’
  - Kochi – ‘Most Sustainable Transport System’
  - Nashik – ‘City with Best Record of Public Involvement in its Transport Planning’

**4.** On November 1, Writer P. Valsala has been selected for the 29<sup>th</sup> “Ezhuthachan Puraskaram” - the top literary award of the Kerala government which comprises a cash prize of Rs 5 lakh. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- P. Valsala – selected for the 29<sup>th</sup> “Ezhuthachan Puraskaram” - the top literary award of Kerala government
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

**5.** The grand finale of the All India Beauty Pageants “First Miss India-2021” and “First Miss India Teen-2021” was recently held in Goa. The First Miss India 2021 title was bagged by Pearl Agarwal with Lekh Utaiah as 1<sup>st</sup> runner up and Shreya Gupta as the 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up. While Rayna Sikri was declared as the “First Miss India Teen-2021” with Shubhi Dhaneta as 1<sup>st</sup> runner up and Mrunmayi Barve as the 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Pearl Agarwal – declared as the “First Miss India-2021” (Prize - Rs 5 Lakh)
- Rayna Sikri – declared as the “First Miss India Teen-2021”

**6.** Alexander Zverev won his 5<sup>th</sup> ATP (Association of Tennis Professionals) title of the season and 18<sup>th</sup> overall by defeating American qualifier Frances Tiafoe at the Erste Bank Open. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Alexander Zverev – won the ATP title of the season at the Erste Bank Open (his 5<sup>th</sup> ATP title & 18<sup>th</sup> overall)

7. On November 4, South African writer Damon Galgut won the prestigious “Booker Prize 2021” for fiction for his novel “The Promise”. He is the third South African novelist to win the Booker Prize. He was previously shortlisted for “The Good Doctor” in 2003 and “In a Strange Room” in 2010, but lost both times. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Damon Galgut ([South Africa](#)) – won the prestigious “Booker Prize 2021” for fiction for his novel “The Promise”
- Booker Prize – also called ‘Oscars of the Literary World’

8. In November 2021, Maharashtra-based mountaineer Priyanka Mohite was bestowed with the prestigious “Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award 2020” for her outstanding contribution in the field of land adventure. She received the award from President Ram Nath Kovind at a function in the Rashtrapati Bhawan in New Delhi. Priyanka Mohite is the 1<sup>st</sup> Indian woman to scale Mt Annapurna which is the world’s 10<sup>th</sup> highest mountain peak located in Nepal. “National Adventure Award” was renamed as “Tenzing Norgay National Award” in 2002. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Priyanka Mohite ([Maharashtra](#)) – bestowed with the prestigious “Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award 2020”
- “Tenzing Norgay National Award” – earlier known as “National Adventure Award” (renamed in 2002)
- [Priyanka Mohite – 1<sup>st</sup> Indian woman to scale Mt Annapurna \(world’s 10<sup>th</sup> highest mountain peak located in Nepal\)](#)

9. Chef K. Damodaran, affectionately known as Chef Damu, has been awarded the “Culinary Legend Lifetime Achievement Award” at the Global Food, Hospitality and Tourism Achievements Award 2021. He was also working on an upcoming cook book Kalvettu Samayal. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- K. Damodaran – awarded the “Culinary Legend Lifetime Achievement Award”

10. In November 2021, Two Indian Army officers have received the prestigious “Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award 2020” by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. Amit Bisht received under Land Adventure category in Mountaineering discipline and Servesh Dhadwal received under Air Adventure category in Skydiving discipline. Moreover, other winners also received the same award in different categories as given below. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- “Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award 2020” – by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports

Winner	Category	Discipline
Priyanka Mohite	Land Adventure	Mountaineering
Amit Bisht	Land Adventure	Mountaineering
Servesh Dhadwal	Air Adventure	Skydiving
Jay Prakash Kumar	Land Adventure	Mountaineering
Sheetal Raj	Land Adventure	Mountaineering
Srikanth Viswanathan	Water Adventure	Swimming
Jai Kishan	Life Time Achievement	Mountaineering



**11.** On November 8, 17 scientists from scientific institutions across India have been awarded the “Swarnajayanti Fellowships” for their innovative research ideas and the potential of creating impact on R&D in different disciplines. Under the scheme the awardees are facilitated by the Department of Science & Technology, GOI with support for all the requirements for performing the research including a fellowship of Rs. 25,000/- per month for 5 years. In addition, DST supports the awardees by giving them a research grant of 5 lakh Rupees for 5 years. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- 17 scientists from scientific institutions across India – awarded the “Swarnajayanti Fellowships”
- Dept. of S&T gives a research grant of 5 lakh Rupees for 5 years to the awardees

**12.** On November 10, Nepal Army Chief General Prabhu Ram Sharma was conferred the ‘Honorary Rank of General of the Indian Army’ by President Ram Nath Kovind at a ceremony at the Rashtrapati Bhavan. It is a customary practice by the two countries since 1950 to confer the honorary rank of General on each other’s Army Chiefs. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- General Prabhu Ram Sharma ([Nepal Army Chief](#)) – conferred the ‘Honorary Rank of General of the Indian Army’
- He was conferred by President Ram Nath Kovind | It is a customary practice by the two countries – since 1950
- [Nepal – Kathmandu – Nepalese Rupee](#) | [President – Bidhya Devi Bhandari](#) | [PM – Sher Bahadur Deuba](#)

**13.** Uttarakhand has won 3 awards in the field of Tourism at the national level - ‘Best Wildlife Destination’ for Jim Corbett National Park, ‘Best Spiritual Destination’ for Kedarnath and ‘Best Adventure Destination’ for Rishikesh. Maharashtra’s Ajanta caves emerged as the ‘Best Heritage Destination’ in India. Rajasthan’s Garadia Mahadev in Kota emerged as the ‘Best Iconic Landscape Destination’. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Uttarakhand – won 3 prestigious awards in the field of Tourism at the National Level
- Jim Corbett National Park (Uttarakhand) – ‘Best Wildlife Destination’
- Kedarnath (Uttarakhand) – ‘Best Spiritual Destination’
- Rishikesh (Uttarakhand) – ‘Best Adventure Destination’
- Ajanta caves (Maharashtra) – ‘Best Heritage Destination’
- Garadia Mahadev (Kota, Rajasthan) – ‘Best Iconic Landscape Destination’

**14.** On November 13, Malayalam author M. Mukundan won the Rs 25-lakh “JCB Book Prize 2021” for his book “Delhi: A Soliloquy”. The book was translated from Malayalam in to English by Fathima EV and Nandakumar K. Mukundan also received the prize trophy, which is a sculpture by Delhi artist duo Thukral & Tagra, titled ‘Mirror Melting’. Delhi: A Soliloquy is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Malayalam translation to win the ‘JCB Book Prize’. [{Read more}](#)



### Key Points:

- M. Mukundan – won the Rs 25-lakh “JCB Book Prize 2021” for his book “Delhi: A Soliloquy”
- The book was translated from Malayalam in to English – by Fathima EV & Nandakumar K.

**15.** On November 14, Two Indian teenage brothers - Vihaan (17) and Nav Agarwal (14) have won the “2021 KidsRights International Children’s Peace Prize” for tackling pollution from household waste. They have developed the “One Step Greener” initiative segregating recyclables and organising pickups for trash from thousands of homes. Indian Nobel Peace laureate Kailash Satyarthi presented the brothers with the prize run by the Dutch-based KidsRights foundation. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Vihaan & Nav Agarwal – won the “2021 KidsRights International Children’s Peace Prize”
- They were awarded by Kailash Satyarthi for their “One Step Greener” initiative

**16.** In November 2021, Maharashtra has bagged the “Inspiring Regional Leadership Award” for its climate action efforts at the Leadership Awards by the Under2 Coalition held on the sidelines of the COP26 summit in Glasgow. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Maharashtra – the only Indian state to win “Inspiring Regional Leadership Award” at the Leadership Awards
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

**17.** Pochampally or Pochampalle, a village in Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district of Telangana made famous by its eponymous handloom weaved ‘Ikat’ sarees, was declared by the United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO) as one of the best tourism villages in the world. Frequently referred to as the ‘Silk City of India’, the Pochampally Ikat received a Geographical Indicator status in 2004. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- UNWTO selected Telangana’s Pochampally as one of world’s ‘best tourism villages’
- ‘Ikat’ sarees of Pochampally, Telangana – received GI Tag in 2004 | Pochampally – ‘Silk City of India’
- HQs of UNWTO – Madrid, Spain | Secretary-General – Zurab Pololikashvili
- Telangana: Capital – Hyderabad | CM – K. Chandrashekar Rao | Governor – Tamilisai Soundararajan

**18.** On November 16 this year, the “Thooya Tamizh Patralar” award was conferred on V. Varatharajan, an 18-year-old government arts college student from Melur in Madurai. The award is instituted by Tamil Nadu government to honour those who use pure Tamil in daily life. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- V. Varatharajan – received “Thooya Tamizh Patralar” award instituted by Tamil Nadu government
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin | Governor – Ravindra Narayan Ravi



**19.** On November 17, Director General of Border Roads Organisation (BRO), Lt Gen Rajeev Chaudhry received the Guinness World Records certificate for the BRO's achievement of constructing and blacktopping the world's highest motorable road at 19,024 feet or 5798 meter at Umlingla Pass in Ladakh. The BRO has constructed the highest altitude road in the world. It is 52-kilometre long Chisumle to Demchok tarmac road. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- BRO – received the Guinness World Records certificate for constructing & blacktopping the world's highest motorable road at 19,024 feet at Umlingla Pass in Ladakh
- HQs of BRO – New Delhi | Director General – Major Gen Rajeev Chaudhary | Founded on – May 7, 1960

**20.** On November 17, Union Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports Shri Anurag Thakur conferred the first ever SAI Institutional Awards to 246 athletes and coaches in New Delhi. A total of 162 athletes and 84 coaches have been conferred awards in the 'Outstanding Award' and 'Best Award' categories for their performance in national and international competitions, with cash awards amounting to a total of Rs 85.02 Lakh. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Anurag Thakur – conferred the first ever 'SAI Institutional Awards' to 246 athletes & coaches
- 162 athletes & 84 coaches – conferred awards in the 'Outstanding Award' & 'Best Award' categories
- HQs of SAI – New Delhi | Director General – Sandip Pradhan

**21.** In November 2021, North Carolina writer Jason Mott has won the National Book Foundation's 2021 Prize for fiction, for his novel "Hell of a Book". The Harvard University historian Tiya Miles won the National Book award for Non-fiction for "All That She Carried". The National Book award for Young People's Literature went to Malinda Lo for "Last Night at the Telegraph Club" novel. The Latino poet Martin Espada won the National Book award for poetry for his collection of poems "Floaters". The National Book award for translated literature went to Aneesa Abbas Higgins for her translation of Elisa Shua Dusapin's "Winter in Sokcho", from French into English. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- National Book Foundation's "National Book Awards 2021":

Category	Winner	For
Fiction	Jason Mott	"Hell of a Book"
Non-fiction	Tiya Miles	"All That She Carried"
Young People's Literature	Malinda Lo	"Last Night at the Telegraph Club"
Poetry	Martin Espada	"Floaters"
Translated Literature	Aneesa Abbas Higgins	"Winter in Sokcho"

**22.** On November 18, Indian badminton great Prakash Padukone received the prestigious "Lifetime Achievement Award" this year from the Badminton World Federation (BWF). Alaknanda Ashok, the President of Uttarakhand Badminton Association, received the "Women & Gender Equity Award". Sunrise Sport (India) Pvt Ltd and Indian Oil Corporation Ltd were awarded with the "Certificate of Commendation" for their continuous support to badminton. [{Read more}](#)



**Key Points:**

- Prakash Padukone – received the “Lifetime Achievement Award” from the BWF
- Alaknanda Ashok – received the “Women & Gender Equity Award” from the BWF
- Sunrise Sport & IOCL – awarded with the “Certificate of Commendation” for supporting Badminton
- HQs of BWF – Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia | President – Poul-Erik Hoyer Larsen

**23.** Actor and BJP leader Hema Malini, and lyricist and former CBFC chief Prasoon Joshi were facilitated with the “Indian Film Personality of the Year” award at the ‘International Film Festival of India 2021’ for their contributions to the field of Indian cinema. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Hema Malini + Prasoon Joshi = facilitated with the “Indian Film Personality of the Year” award at the IFFI-2021

**24.** On November 19, Pooja Badlani from Gujarat was crowned “Mrs. India Worldwide Queen - Element Air” at the grand finale of “The Haut Monde Mrs. India Worldwide 2021” pageant in Ras-Al-Khaimah, UAE. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Pooja Badlani ([Gujarat](#)) – crowned “Mrs. India Worldwide Queen - Element Air”
- “Haut Monde Mrs. India Worldwide 2021” pageant – held in Ras-Al-Khaimah, UAE

**25.** On November 19, “Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development for 2021” has been awarded to civil society organisation Pratham for its pioneering work in improving the quality of education for underprivileged children in India and across the world. The awardee was picked by an international jury chaired by former Chief Justice of India T. S. Thakur. The NGO Pratham was set up in 1995 in Mumbai by Madhav Chavan and Farida Lambay. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Pratham – awarded with “Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development for 2021”
- HQs of Pratham – Mumbai & Delhi | CEO – Rukmini Banerji | Established in – 1995

**26.** On November 20, Madhya Pradesh's Indore city has been declared as India’s cleanest city for 5<sup>th</sup> time in a row under the Centre’s “Swachh Survekshan 2021” award. While Surat (Gujarat) and Vijaywada (Andhra Pradesh) grabbed the second and third positions respectively, as per the latest Annual Cleanliness Award announced by the Central Government. Chhattisgarh has bagged top position as country's cleanest state. While Varanasi got first position in cleanest Ganga town category. Other winners are as mentioned below. [{Read more}](#)





**Key Points:**

- Indore (MP) – declared as India’s cleanest city for 5<sup>th</sup> time in a row under “Swachh Survekshan 2021” award
- Cleanest Cities: 2<sup>nd</sup> – Surat (Gujarat) | 3<sup>rd</sup> – Vijaywada (Andhra Pradesh)
- Over 100 ULB: Chhattisgarh – India’s cleanest state | 2<sup>nd</sup> – Maharashtra, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Madhya Pradesh
- Less than 100 ULB: Jharkhand – India’s cleanest state | 2<sup>nd</sup> – Haryana, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Goa
- Varanasi – Cleanest Ganga town | 2<sup>nd</sup> – Munger (Bihar), 3<sup>rd</sup> – Patna (Bihar)

**27.** On November 21, the National Health Mission (NHM) of Jammu & Kashmir received award for Swasthya Nidhi Survey App in the ‘Health’ Category at the 4<sup>th</sup> Digital Transformation Awards Summit titled “Towards Integrated Digital Health Infrastructure” organized by Governance Now. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- National Health Mission (J&K) – received award for Swasthya Nidhi Survey App under ‘Health’ Category
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha

**28.** On November 22, the Manipur Governor La Ganesan conferred the 12<sup>th</sup> “Manipur State Award for Literature” for 2020 to eminent writer Beryl Thanga for his book “Ei Amadi Adungeigi Ithat” (I and the then island) at Jawaharlal Nehru Manipur Dance Academy, Imphal. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Beryl Thanga – received the 12<sup>th</sup> “Manipur State Award for Literature” for 2020
- He received the award for his book “Ei Amadi Adungeigi Ithat” (I and the then island)
- Manipur: Capital – Imphal | CM – N. Biren Singh | Governor – La. Ganesan

**29.** On November 21, the Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying gave away the award on the occasion of World Fisheries Day celebration. Odisha’s Balasore district was handed the Best Marine District award in India. Andhra Pradesh was awarded the Best Marine State. The Best Inland State award was given to Telangana while Balaghat in Madhya Pradesh received the Best Inland District award. The Best Hilly and Northeastern State and District awards were won by Tripura and Bongaigaon, Assam, respectively. The Central government is providing all necessary support to achieve the 1 lakh Cr export target from fisheries sector by 2024-25. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- India’s target to achieve the 1 lakh Cr export target from fisheries sector by 2024-25
- Best Marine District – Balasore (Odisha) | Best Marine State – Andhra Pradesh
- Best Inland District – Balaghat (Madhya Pradesh) | Best Inland State – Telangana
- Best Hilly & Northeastern District – Bongaigaon (Assam) | Best Hilly & Northeastern State – Tripura



**30.** In November 2021, Sohan Roy, a Forbes-listed entrepreneur from Kerala, has become the first Indian to be awarded the honorary title of “Knight of Parte Guelfa” in Italy. Roy was awarded for his humanitarian and environmental protection efforts in business and film. His notable works include the Oscar-nominated documentary “Black Sand”, about environmental degradation and unethical mining methods. He is the Founder chairman and CEO of Aries Group of Companies. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Sohan Roy (Kerala) – became the first Indian to be awarded the honorary title of “Knight of Parte Guelfa” in Italy
- “Black Sand” documentary film – directed by Sohan Roy

**31.** The 49<sup>th</sup> International Emmy Awards 2021 was presented at an event on November 23, in New York, US. The 49<sup>th</sup> edition of the awards was presented by Yvonne Orji, a Nigerian-American actress. International Emmys 2021 was presented to programmes in 16 categories. Nawazuddin Siddiqui, Vir Das and Sushmita Sen-starrer Aarya were among the nominees from India. The International Emmy for Best Performance by an Actor went to David Tennant for “Des”. While the same by an Actress went to Hayley Squires for “Adult Material”. Dr. Thomas Bellut won the ‘International Emmy Directorate Award 2021’. “Hope Frozen: A Quest To Live Twice” from Thailand won the Best Documentary award. “Vir Das: For India” lost to France's “Call My Agent Season 4” in the Comedy category. Tehran from Israel won the award for Best Drama Series. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- 49<sup>th</sup> International Emmy Awards 2021 – presented by Yvonne Orji in New York, US

Category	Winner
Best Performance by an Actor	David Tennant (for “Des”)
Best Performance by an Actress	Hayley Squires (for “Adult Material”)
Best Documentary	“Hope Frozen: A Quest To Live Twice” (Thailand)
Best Comedy Series	“Call My Agent Season 4” (France)
Best Drama Series	Tehran (Israel)
International Emmy Directorate Award 2021	Thomas Bellut

**32.** Doordarshan’s programme ‘DEAFinitely Leading the Way’ won an award under ‘Living Well with Super Diversity’ category, while All India Radio’s programme ‘Living on the edge - The coastal lives’ won another award in the category of ‘Ethical & Sustainable Relationship with Nature’ at the recently held “ABU - UNESCO Peace Media Awards 2021” at Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia. The awards were given by UNESCO in collaboration with Asia Pacific Broadcasting Union (ABU) under ‘Together for Peace’ (T4P) initiative. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- “ABU - UNESCO Peace Media Awards 2021” – held at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- ‘DEAFinitely Leading the Way’ – won an award under ‘Living Well with Super Diversity’ category
- ‘Living on the edge - The coastal lives’ – won an award under ‘Ethical & Sustainable Relationship with Nature’ category



**33.** On November 22, Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) has been awarded the ‘Community Collaboration Award’ under the “Asia Corporate Excellence & Sustainability Awards (ACES) 2021”, organised by MORS Group, Malaysia. IOCL was ranked 212<sup>th</sup> among the world's largest Corporation in ‘Fortune Global 500’ listing, with the vision to become “A Globally Admired Company”. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- “Asia Corporate Excellence & Sustainability Awards (ACES) 2021” – organised by MORS Group ([Malaysia](#))
- IOCL – awarded the ‘Community Collaboration Award’
- IOCL ranked 212<sup>th</sup> in ‘Fortune Global 500’ listing | Vision – “A Globally Admired Company”
- [HQs of IOCL – New Delhi](#) | [Chairperson – Shrikant Madhav Vaidya](#) | [Founded in – 1959](#)

**34.** On November 23, Pralhad Joshi chaired the 5<sup>th</sup> National Conclave on Mines & Minerals held in New Delhi and allotted over 52 mineral blocks to state governments. He also launched an ‘e-portal’ to ease the accreditation process. The National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC), a public enterprise under the Ministry of Steel, received a total of nine 5-star ratings for 3 years for all its operating iron ore mines. Two iron ore mines of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL), Kiriburu Iron Ore Mines and Meghahatuburu Iron Ore Mines, also received 5-star rated awards for sustainable mining practices and all round performance in the Iron Ore category. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Pralhad Joshi – chaired the 5<sup>th</sup> “National Conclave on Mines & Minerals” held in New Delhi
- NMDC – received a total of nine 5-star ratings for 3 years under ‘Iron Ore’ category
- Kiriburu & Meghahatuburu (two iron ore mines of SAIL) – also received 5-star rated awards under ‘Iron Ore’ category
- [HQs of NMDC – Hyderabad, Telangana](#) | [CMD – Sumit Deb](#) | [Founded on – November 15, 1958](#)
- [HQs of SAIL – New Delhi](#) | [CEO – Soma Mondal](#) | [Founded in – 1954](#)

**35.** The prestigious “Tata Literature Live! Literary Awards for 2021”, which are one of the highlights of the “Tata Literature Live! The Mumbai LitFest”, were announced at the grand finale of the Festival which was held from November 18 to 21, 2021. The Tata Group is the title sponsor of “Tata Literature Live! The Mumbai LitFest”. The annual “Tata Literature Live! Lifetime Achievement Award for 2021” was given to celebrated author Anita Desai, and the “Tata Literature Live! Poet Laureate for 2021” was legendary poet Adil Jussawalla. Other awards which were given category-wise are as below. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- “Tata Literature Live! Literary Awards” for 2021:

Category	Winner
Lifetime Achievement Award	Anita Desai
Poet Laureate	Adil Jussawalla
First Book Award (Fiction)	“A Death in Shonagachhi” - by Rijula Das
First Book Award (Non-Fiction)	“Landscapes of Loss: The Story of an Indian Drought” - by Kavitha Iyer
Book of the Year Award (Fiction)	“Asoca: A Sutra” - by Irwin Allan Sealy
Book of the Year Award (Non-Fiction)	“Born A Muslim: Some Truths About Islam in India” - by Ghazala Wahab
Business Book of the Year Award	“Pandemonium: The Great Indian Banking Tragedy” - by Tamal Bandyopadhyay
Publisher of the Year Award	HarperCollins



**36.** Venezuela's National System of Youth and Children's Orchestras, known as "El Sistema", has set a new Guinness record for the world's largest orchestra with 8,573 musicians playing together. The previous record was for an orchestra of 8,097 musicians who played together in St. Petersburg, Russia. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- "El Sistema" (Venezuela) – set a new Guinness record for the world's largest orchestra with 8,573 musicians
- Venezuela – Caracas – Bolivar | President – Nicolas Maduro

**37.** In November 2021, Himachal Pradesh's Kamdhenu Hitkari Manch, Namhol in Bilaspur district was awarded "Gopal Ratna Award" in the category of 'Best Dairy Cooperative Society' by the Ministry of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Kamdhenu Hitkari Manch (Bilaspur, HP) – awarded "Gopal Ratna Award" in 'Best Dairy Cooperative Society' category
- Himachal Pradesh: Capital – Shimla & Dharamshala | CM – Jai Ram Thakur | Governor – Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar
- Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying: Parshottam Rupala | Constituency – Gujarat
- MoS in Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying: Sanjeev Kumar Balyan & L. Murugan

**39.** On November 30, Lionel Messi won the men's Ballon d'Or for the 7th time and Alexia Putellas won the women's Ballon d'Or for the first time at the 65th edition of the Ballon d'Or Ceremony which was held in Paris, France. Bayern Munich's Robert Lewandowski won the 'Striker of the Year' while Italy stopper Gianluigi Donnarumma clinched the Best Goalkeeper Award. The Kopa trophy for Best Young Player went to Barcelona's Pedri. Chelsea, meanwhile, won the Best Club Award. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- 65<sup>th</sup> edition of the Ballon d'Or Ceremony – held in Paris, France

Category	Winner
Ballon d'Or (Men)	Lionel Messi (Argentina - PSG FC)
Ballon d'Or (Women)	Alexia Putellas (Spain - Barcelona FC)
Striker of the Year	Robert Lewandowski (Poland - Bayern Munich FC)
Club of the Year	Chelsea Football Club
Kopa Trophy for Best Young Male Player	Pedri (Spain - Barcelona FC)
Yashin Trophy for Best Goalkeeper	Gianluigi Donnarumma (Italy - PSG FC)

**38.** On November 29, A Kerala-based medical technology start-up Sascan Meditech has been adjudged the winner of "Startup India Grand Challenge 2021" in the 'medical device' category of the Government of India. It received the award for developing OralScan, a handheld device for early, accurate, and cost-effective detection of pre-cancerous lesions in the mouth. Sascan's second product CerviScan, a hand-held non-invasive device for cervical cancer screening. The start-up received a Cash grant of Rs 15,00,000 at the Grand Challenge organized by Department of Pharmaceuticals along with Startup India and Investindia.org. [{Read more}](#)



**Key Points:**

- Sascan Meditech (Kerala) – received the “Startup India Grand Challenge 2021” in ‘medical device’ category
- ‘OralScan’ & ‘CerviScan’ – products of Sascan Meditech

**40.** On November 28, Japanese director Masakazu Kaneko’s “Ring Wandering” won the ‘Golden Peacock Award for the Best Movie’ at the closing ceremony of the 52nd edition of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI). Iranian filmmaker Rakhshan Banietemad chaired the international jury of 52nd IFFI. The ‘Silver Peacock award for Best Director’ went to Czech director Vaclav Kadrnka for “Saving One Who Was Dead”. India’s Marathi Actor Jitendra Joshi won ‘Silver Peacock for Best Actor (Male)’ for the film “Godavari”. While Angela Molina won ‘Silver Peacock for Best Actor (Female)’ for the film “Charlotte”. The rest of the awards are as mentioned below. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- 52<sup>nd</sup> edition of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) – held in Panaji, Goa
- Chairman of ‘52<sup>nd</sup> IFFI International Jury’ – Rakhshan Banietemad (Iran)
- The awards were given as below:

Award	Winner	Film
Golden Peacock Award for the Best Movie	Masakazu Kaneko (Japan)	Ring Wandering
Silver Peacock award for Best Director	Vaclav Kadrnka (Czech Republic)	Saving One Who Was Dead
Silver Peacock for Best Actor (Male)	Jitendra Joshi (India)	Godavari
Silver Peacock for Best Actor (Female)	Angela Molina (Spain)	Charlotte
2021 Indian Film Personality of the Year	Hema Malini & Prasoon Joshi	-
Silver Peacock for Special Jury Award	Nikhil Mahajan & Renata Carvalho	-

**41.** On November 27, Dhanush won the Best Actor (male) award at the 6th “BRICS Film Festival 2021” for his performance in Asuran, directed by Vetrimaaran & produced by Kalaipuli S Thanu. Asuran film also won 3 National Awards. Lara Boldorini fetched Best Actor (female) for her performance in the Brazilian film, On Wheels, at the film festival. African film Barakat and Russian film, The Sun Above Me Never Sets, shared the Best Film Award. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- 6<sup>th</sup> “BRICS Film Festival 2021”:
- Best Actor (male) Award – Dhanush (for Tamil film ‘Asuran’)
- Best Actor (female) Award – Lara Boldorini (for Brazilian film ‘On Wheels’)
- Best Film Award – “Barakat” (African film) & “The Sun Above Me Never Sets” (Russian film)



# Appointments & Resignations

1. On November 1, Prime Minister Zoran Zaev announced his resignation following the heavy defeat of his governing Social Democratic Union in North Macedonia's local elections. He became the first elected PM of North Macedonia in 2017. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- Zoran Zaev – PM of North Macedonia – announced his resignation
- North Macedonia – Skopje – Macedonian Denar | President – Stevo Pendarovski

2. Shri Alok Amitabh Dimri, presently Ambassador of India to the Kyrgyz Republic, has been appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to Brunei Darussalam. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- Alok Amitabh Dimri – appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to Brunei
- Brunei – Bandar Seri Begawan – Brunei dollar (BND) | 29<sup>th</sup> Sultan – Hassanal Bolkiah

3. KPMG India has appointed Yezdi Nagporewalla as the new Chief Executive Officer for a 4-year term commencing on February 7, 2022 and ending on December 31, 2026. Nagporewalla will succeed Arun M. Kumar on February 7, 2022. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- Yezdi Nagporewalla – appointed as the new CEO of KPMG India
- HQs of KPMG India – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Arun M. Kumar (From Feb 2022 - Yezdi Nagporewalla)

4. On November 1, Pavan Kapoor, presently Ambassador of India to United Arab Emirates, has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Russia. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- Pavan Kapoor – appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Russia
- Russia – Moscow – Russian Ruble | PM – Mikhail Mishustin | President – Vladimir Putin

5. Arun Chawla has been appointed as the new Director-General of Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI). He joined FICCI in 2011 and was currently the deputy secretary-general of the chamber. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- Arun Chawla – appointed as the new Director-General of the FICCI
- HQs of FICCI – New Delhi | DG – Arun Chawla | President – Uday Shankar | Founded in – 1927



**6.** On November 2, Mysore-born C. S. Venkatakrisnan has replaced Jes Staley as the CEO of Barclays, Britain's third-biggest bank. CS Venkatakrisnan was the former Barclays global head of markets and chief risk officer. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- C. S. Venkatakrisnan – appointed as the CEO of “Barclays” - Britain's third-biggest bank (replacing - Jes Staley)
- [HQs of Barclays – London, UK](#) | [CEO – C. S. Venkatakrisnan](#)

**7.** On November 3, Former captain Rahul Dravid has been officially appointed as the new Head Coach of the Indian Cricket Team (Senior Men). Dravid replaces current coach Ravi Shastri who became the head coach in 2017. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Rahul Dravid – officially appointed as the new Head Coach of the Indian Cricket Team (Senior Men)

**8.** On November 2, Dinesh K. Patnaik (IFS: 1990), presently Director General of Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Spain. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Dinesh K. Patnaik – appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Spain
- [Spain – Madrid – Euro](#) | [PM – Pedro Sanchez](#) | [President – Emmanuel Macron](#)

**9.** On November 3, Partha Satpathy, presently Ambassador of India to Ukraine, has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Hungary. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Partha Satpathy – appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Hungary
- [Hungary – Budapest – Forint](#) | [President – Janos Ader](#)

**10.** On November 5, Hilary Charlesworth was elected as a new Judge of the International Court of Justice, the principal judicial organ of the United Nations, by a simultaneous vote of the UNGA & the UNSC. The ICJ's Judge term length is 9 years. Charlesworth is the 5<sup>th</sup> women judge in the ICJ's history. She was nominated by Australia to contest the election against Linos-Alexander Sicilianos, nominated by Greece. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Hilary Charlesworth – elected as a new Judge of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) (nominated by Australia)
- [Location of ICJ – Hague, Netherlands](#) | [President – Joan E. Donoghue \(US\)](#)

**11.** On November 6, Morinari Watanabe from Japan was re-elected to a new 3-year term as President of the International Gymnastics Federation (FIG - Federation Internationale de Gymnastique). He won the vote 81 to 47 against Farid Gayibov of Azerbaijan at a conference in Turkey. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Morinari Watanabe – re-elected as the President of the International Gymnastics Federation – for 3 years
- HQs of FIG – Lausanne, Switzerland | President – Morinari Watanabe (Japan)

**12.** On November 6, Munu Mahawar, the new High Commissioner of India to the Maldives has officially assumed office. High Commissioner Mahawar most recently served as the Ambassador of India to the Sultanate of Oman. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Munu Mahawar – assumed office as the new High Commissioner of India to the Maldives
- Maldives – Male – Maldivian rufiyaa | President – Ibrahim Mohamed Solih

**13.** In November 2021, Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan assumed charge as Chief of Staff of the Western Naval Command. He is a recipient of the Ati Vishisht Seva Medal and Vishisht Seva Medal. Vice Admiral Ajendra Bahadur Singh took over as the flag officer commanding-in-chief (FOC-in-C) of the Western Naval Command (WNC) from Vice Admiral R. Hari Kumar. Meanwhile, Admiral R. Hari Kumar has taken over as the Chief of Naval Staff following the retirement of Admiral Karambir Singh. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Krishna Swaminathan – assumed charge as Chief of Staff of the Western Naval Command (WNC)
- Ajendra Bahadur Singh – took over as the Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief (FOC-in-C) of the WNC
- R. Hari Kumar – took over as the Chief of Naval Staff (replacing - Admiral Karambir Singh)
- HQs of WNC – Mumbai, MH | FOC-in-C – Ajendra Bahadur Singh | Chief of Staff of WNC – Krishna Swaminathan
- HQs of Indian Navy – Delhi | Chief – Admiral R. Hari Kumar | VC – S. N. Ghormade | Founded in – 26<sup>th</sup> Jan, 1950

**14.** On November 11, Fantasy cricket platform of Games24x7, My11Circle has announced cricketer Mohammed Siraj as its new brand ambassador. Siraj joins other brand ambassadors of My11Circle including, Saurav Ganguly, Ajinkya Rahane, VVS Laxman and actor Ranveer Singh. Besides, Hercules, the bicycle brand from TI Cycles of India, recently on-boarded Rishabh Pant as their brand ambassador. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Mohammed Siraj – appointed as brand ambassador of 'My11Circle' cricket platform
- Rishabh Pant – appointed as brand ambassador of 'Hercules' bicycle brand





**15.** Amway India announced the appointment of Amitabh Bachchan as its brand ambassador. As a part of this association, the veteran actor will endorse the brand Amway and the Nutrilite range of products across all platforms. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Amitabh Bachchan – appointed as brand ambassador of Amway India
- HQs of Amway India – New Delhi | CEO – Anshu Budhreja

**16.** Bandhan Bank announced the appointment of renowned singer and actor, Zubeen Garg, as the first brand ambassador for the Bank in Assam. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Zubeen Garg – appointed as brand ambassador of Bandhan Bank in Assam
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Himanta Biswa Sarma | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi

**17.** On November 7, Rajib Kumar Mishra was appointed as Chairman and Managing Director of PTC India Ltd with effect from November 6, 2021 after the resignation of Deepak Amitabh. Mishra joined PTC India in 2011 as executive director and was now a whole-time director since February 2015. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Rajib Kumar Mishra – appointed as Chairman & MD of PTC India Ltd (succeeding - Deepak Amitabh)
- HQs of PTC India – New Delhi | MD & Chairman – Rajib Kumar Mishra

**18.** On November 9, Global investment firm KKR has announced the appointment of K. V. Kamath as a Senior Advisor to KKR India effective immediately. Mr. Kamath is one of the pioneers of India's modern financial services sector. He was the first president of the New Development Bank. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- K. V. Kamath – appointed as a Senior Advisor to KKR India
- HQs of KKR & Co. Inc. – New York, US | Co-Founder and Co-Executive Chairman – Henry R. Kravis

**19.** In November 2021, Sanjay Bhattacharyya (IFS: 1987), presently Secretary in the Ministry, has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Switzerland. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Sanjay Bhattacharyya – appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Switzerland
- Switzerland – Bern – Swiss Franc | President – Guy Parmelin

**20.** On November 9, Drug firm Novo Nordisk India has appointed legendary cricketer Kapil Dev as the brand ambassador of the company to create awareness about diabetes management in India. This partnership aims to create awareness about better diabetes management and early insulin adoption. [{Read more}](#)



### Key Points:

- Kapil Dev – appointed as brand ambassador of Novo Nordisk India
- HQs of Novo Nordisk India – Bengaluru, Karnataka | MD – Vikrant Shrotriya

**21.** On November 9, the government announced the appointment of Chiefs of two key Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF). Sheel Vardhan Singh has been appointed as the new Director General of the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) while Atul Karwal has been appointed as the Director General of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF). [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Sheel Vardhan Singh – appointed as the new DG of CISF
- Atul Karwal – appointed as the new DG of NDRF
- HQs of CISF – New Delhi | DG – Sheel Vardhan Singh | Motto – ‘Protection & Security’ | Founded in – 1969
- HQs of NDRF – New Delhi | DG – Atul Karwal | Founded in – 2006

**22.** In November 2021, Ajaneesh Kumar (IFS: 1996), presently High Commissioner of India to Brunei Darussalam, has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Estonia. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Ajaneesh Kumar – appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Estonia
- Estonia – Tallinn – Euro | President – Alar Karis | PM – Kaja Kallas

**23.** On November 9, Rohit Sharma was appointed as the Captain of Team India in T20 International series. K. L. Rahul was appointed as the Vice-Captain of the side. Three-match T20 international series against New Zealand started on November 17 in Jaipur. Ranchi and Kolkata hosted the second and third T20Is, respectively. The senior selection committee, headed by Chetan Sharma, picked a 16-member squad for the series. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Rohit Sharma – appointed as the Captain of Team India in T20 International series (Vice-Captain – K. L. Rahul)

**24.** On November 9, Indiabulls Real Estate has appointed Kulumani Gopalratnam Krishnamurthy as an Independent Director for an initial term of 3 years with effect from November 9, 2021. Krishnamurthy will be designated as Non-executive Chairman of the company with effect from February 1, 2022. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Kulumani Gopalratnam Krishnamurthy – appointed as Non-executive Chairman of Indiabulls Real Estate – for 3 years
- HQs of Indiabulls Real Estate – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Founder & Chairman – Sameer Gehlaut



**25.** On November 10, Golden Globe-nominated actor and director Daniel Bruhl was appointed as a Goodwill Ambassador for the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP). As conflict, climate change and the impact of the pandemic increase global hunger, Bruhl joins the world's largest humanitarian organization in its mission to reach a world with Zero Hunger. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Daniel Bruhl – appointed as a Goodwill Ambassador for the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP)
- [HQs of UNWFP – Rome, Italy](#) | [ED – David Muldrow Beasley](#) | [Countries – 36](#)

**26.** On November 11, Senior IPS officer Satya Narayan Pradhan has been appointed as Director-General of Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) on a deputation basis till the date of his superannuation on August 31, 2024. He was given additional charge of NCB Director-General after Rakesh Asthana was appointed as Delhi Police Commissioner. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Satya Narayan Pradhan – appointed as Director-General of Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB)
- [HQs of NCB – New Delhi](#) | [DG – Satya Narayan Pradhan](#)

**27.** On November 10, Rajeev Srivastava has been appointed as the chief executive officer at Standard Chartered Securities (India) Limited (SCSI). [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Rajeev Srivastava – appointed as the CEO of Standard Chartered Securities (India) Limited (SCSI)
- [HQs of SCSI – Mumbai, Maharashtra](#) | [CEO – Rajeev Srivastava](#)

**28.** On November 10, Max Group announced the appointment of Mohit Talwar as the Managing Director of Max Financial Services Limited till January 15, 2023. He will also remain on the Board of Max Life and Max India, as a Non-Executive Director. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Mohit Talwar – appointed as MD of Max Financial Services Ltd – till January 15, 2023

**29.** On November 11, Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega has secured a 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive Presidential term in elections. The Sandinista leader and Vice-Presidential candidate Rosario Murillo secured 76% support. Ortega is set to begin another 5-year term as president in January, 2021. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Daniel Ortega – reappointed as the President of Nicaragua – for 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive term
- [Nicaragua – Managua – Nicaraguan Cordoba](#) | [President – Daniel Ortega](#)



**30.** In November 2021, the International Human Rights Foundation (IHRF) has appointed the Spaniard Daniel del Valle as the High Representative for Youth due to his achievements in the thematic area of youth empowerment and youth participation for the United Nations. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Spaniard Daniel del Valle ([Spain](#)) – appointed as the High Representative for Youth by the IHRF

**31.** On November 13, Professor Bimal Patel, Vice-Chancellor of Rashtriya Raksha University and Member of National Security Advisory Board of India, has been elected to the UN International Law Commission (ILC) for a 5-year term starting on January 1, 2023. The International Law Commission was established by the UN General Assembly in 1947. It is composed of 34 individuals recognized for their expertise and qualifications in international law, who are elected by the UNGA every 5 years. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Bimal Patel – elected to the International Law Commission – for a 5-year term starting on January 1, 2023
- UNILC: established by UNGA in 1947 | Members – 34 individuals | India's member – Aniruddha Rajput (2017-21)

**32.** On November 12, the Chairman of Rajya Sabha, M. Venkaiah Naidu appointed 1982-batch retired IRS officer and former chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) Pramod Chandra Mody as new Secretary General Rajya Sabha for a 1-year term. He replaced P.P.K. Ramacharyulu. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- P. C. Mody – appointed as new Secretary General Rajya Sabha for 1 year-term (replacing - P.P.K. Ramacharyulu)
- P. C. Mody was appointed by – M. Venkaiah Naidu
- [Rajya Sabha: Chairman – M. Venkaiah Naidu | Secretary General – P. C. Mody | Maximum Seats – 250](#)

**33.** On November 10, Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL) appointed Ashu Suyash as an Independent Director on its Board effective from November 12, 2021. Until now, she was the MD & CEO of the CRISIL and a member of the Operating Committee of S&P Global. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Ashu Suyash – appointed as an Independent Director of Hindustan Unilever Limited
- [HQs of HUL – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & Chairman – Sanjiv Mehta](#)

**34.** On November 12, Footwear brand 'Plaeto' has announced Rahul Dravid as its brand Ambassador and mentor for a campaign dedicated to the children of India. The campaign has been developed by People Design and Communication, based in Bangalore, in partnership with Team Plaeto. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Rahul Dravid – appointed as brand Ambassador & mentor of footwear brand 'Plaeto'



**35.** Former India chief coach Ravi Shastri has been roped in as the Commissioner of the Legends League Cricket (LLC), a professional event for retired players that is set to take off in 2022. The first season of LLC is scheduled to be held in January, 2022 in the Gulf. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Ravi Shastri – roped in as the Commissioner of the Legends League Cricket (LLC)
- The first season of LLC is scheduled to be held in January, 2022 in the Gulf

**36.** On November 16, United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres appointed Shombi Sharp of the United States as the UN Resident Coordinator in India. These senior UN officials are also the representatives of the Secretary-General for development at the country level. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Antonio Guterres appointed Shombi Sharp (US) as the UN Resident Coordinator in India
- HQs of UN – New York, United States | Secretary General – Antonio Guterres

**37.** On November 17, Union Tribal Affairs Minister Arjun Munda inaugurated “TRIFED Aadi Mahotsav” at Dilli Haat in New Delhi. On the occasion, Olympic medalist and boxer Padma Vibhushan MC Marry Kom was declared as brand ambassador of the TRIFED Aadi Mahotsav. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Arjun Munda – inaugurated “TRIFED Aadi Mahotsav” at Dilli Haat in New Delhi
- MC Marry Kom (Boxer) – appointed as brand ambassador of ‘TRIFED Aadi Mahotsav’

**38.** On November 15, Sourav Ganguly, the BCCI president, has taken over from Anil Kumble as the new Chairman of the ICC Cricket Council. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Sourav Ganguly – appointed as new Chairman of the ICC Cricket Committee (succeeding - Anil Kumble)
- HQs of ICC – Dubai, UAE | Chairman – Greg Barclay | Acting CEO – Geoff Allardice | Members – 106 countries

**39.** On November 17, Justice M. Duraiswamy is appointed as the Chief Justice of the Madras High Court. Justice Sanjib Banerjee is appointed as the chief justice of Meghalaya High Court. Justice Munishwar Nath Bhandari, transferred from the Allahabad HC to the Madras HC, will join as the senior-most judge of the Madras HC. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- M. Duraiswamy – appointed as the Chief Justice of Madras High Court
- Sanjib Banerjee – appointed as the Chief Justice of Meghalaya High Court
- Munishwar Nath Bhandari – will join as the senior-most judge of the Madras HC



**40.** On November 18, India got re-elected to the Executive Board of the UNESCO with 164 votes for the term 2021-25. The UNESCO Executive Board is one of the three constitutional organs of the U.N. agency and it is elected by the General Conference. It consists of 58 member-states each with a 4-year term of office. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- India – got re-elected to the Executive Board of the UNESCO with 164 votes for the term 2021-25 (for 4 years)
- HQs of UNESCO – Paris, France | Director-General – Audrey Azoulay | Founded in – 1945

**41.** On November 14, the Indian cricket board (BCCI) has signed a deal with former India Cricketer Vangipurapu Venkata Sai Laxman known as VVS Laxman for the post of head of cricket at the National Cricket Academy (NCA) in Bengaluru. The post was vacated by Rahul Dravid after he became the head coach of Indian Cricket Team. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- VVS Laxman – to assume charge as the Head of the National Cricket Academy
- NCA – located in Chinnaswamy Cricket Stadium, Bengaluru, Karnataka

**42.** On November 16, Maharashtra government decided to make actor Salman Khan the vaccine ambassador of the state. There was hesitancy about taking anti-coronavirus vaccines in Muslim-dominated areas, and the government will take the help of Bollywood superstar Salman Khan to convince people to take the jab. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Maharashtra – decided to make actor Salman Khan the vaccine ambassador of the state
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

**43.** On November 21, Sudan's removed Prime Minister Abdalla Hamdok was reinstated/reappointed after he and Abdel Fattah Al-Burhan, General Commander of the Sudanese Armed Force, signed a political declaration to end the current political crisis. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Abdalla Hamdok – reinstated/reappointed as the Prime Minister of Sudan
- Sudan – Khartoum – Sudanese Pound | PM – Abdalla Hamdok

**44.** On November 21, Bulgarian President Rumen Radev won a second term of 5 years in the office defeating his challenger Anastas Gerdzhikov. While, Harvard-educated Kiril Petkov was elected as Bulgaria's new Prime Minister. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Rumen Radev – reappointed as the President of Bulgaria (2<sup>nd</sup> term of 5 years)
- Kiril Petkov – elected as the Prime Minister of Bulgaria
- Bulgaria – Sofia – Lev | President – Rumen Radev | PM – Kiril Petkov



**45.** On November 22, Dermalogica, a professional skincare brand from the Hindustan Unilever portfolio, has roped in actor Neha Dhupia as its first-ever brand ambassador. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Neha Dhupia – roped in as the first-ever brand ambassador of ‘Dermalogica’, a professional skincare brand

**46.** Romania's President Klaus Iohannis nominated retired Army General Nicolae Ciuca as the Prime Minister of the country. Ciuca was serving as Romania's caretaker Defence Minister. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Nicolae Ciuca – appointed as the new Prime Minister of Romania
- Romania – Bucharest – leu | PM – Nicolae Ciuca | President – Klaus Iohannis

**47.** On November 22, Tamil Nadu Governor R. N. Ravi administered the oath of office to Madras High Court Acting Chief Justice (ACJ) Munishwar Nath Bhandari at the Raj Bhavan. Justice Munishwar Nath Bhandari took over from Duraiswamy J. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Munishwar Nath Bhandari – appointed as Acting Chief Justice (ACJ) of Madras High Court

**48.** On November 24, Century LED Ltd appointed iconic cricketer and former Indian captain Sourav Ganguly as brand ambassador for its Magik range of LED lighting products. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Sourav Ganguly – appointed as Brand Ambassador of Century LED – for its Magik range of LED lighting products

**49.** On November 24, Kuwait's Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah al-Khalid has been reappointed as the Prime Minister. He was reappointed by an emiri order issued by Crown Prince Sheikh Meshal al-Ahmad al-Sabah. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Sheikh Sabah al-Khalid – reappointed as the Prime Minister of Kuwait
- Kuwait – Kuwait City – Dinar | PM – Sabah Al-Khalid Al-Sabah | Emir – Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah

**50.** Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) special director Praveen Sinha was elected as the delegate for Asia in the Executive Committee of the International Criminal Police Organization (Interpol). Moreover the Interpol has elected Inspector General Ahmed Naser Al-Raisi (UAE) as its President for a 4-year term at the 89<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Interpol General Assembly held in Istanbul, Turkey. Mr. Al-Raisi served as a delegate on INTERPOL's Executive Committee from 2018 to 2021. [{Read more}](#)





**Key Points:**

- 89<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Interpol General Assembly – held in Istanbul, Turkey
- Ahmed Naser Al-Raisi (UAE) – elected as the President of Interpol for a 4-year term (succeeding - Kim Jong Yang)
- Praveen Sinha – elected as the delegate for Asia in the Executive Committee of Interpol
- HQs of Interpol – Lyon, France | President – Ahmed Naser Al-Raisi | Founded on – September 7, 1923

**51.** In November 2021, France's Audrey Azoulay was elected to a second 4-year term as the Director General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) after a vote of its 193 members at the 41<sup>st</sup> session of the UNESCO's General Conference. Santiago Irazabal Mourao was the President of the conference. Azoulay was appointed in 2017. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Audrey Azoulay (France) – elected to a second 4-year term as the Director General of the UNESCO
- President of the 41<sup>st</sup> session of the UNESCO's General Conference – Santiago Irazabal Mourao
- HQs of UNESCO – Paris, France | Director-General – Audrey Azoulay | Founded in – 1945

**52.** On November 25, India was elected to the World Heritage Committee of the UNESCO for a 4-year term from 2021-2025 with 142 votes. India has won the seat on World Heritage Committee from the Asia Pacific region. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- India – elected to the World Heritage Committee of the UNESCO for a 4-year term from 2021-2025
- HQs of UNESCO – Paris, France | Director-General – Audrey Azoulay | Founded in – 1945
- Members of the World Heritage Committee (WHC) – 21

**53.** On November 24, Olaf Scholz succeeded Angela Merkel to become the next chancellor of Germany. Mr. Scholz unveiled his new center-left government and prepared to take office in December. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Olaf Scholz – became the next chancellor of Germany (succeeding - Angela Merkel)
- Germany – Berlin – Euro | President – Frank-Walter Steinmeier

**54.** On November 26, Hero MotoCorp has appointed former State Bank of India (SBI) chairman Rajnish Kumar to its Board as Additional and Independent Director. The company has also onboarded Vasudha Dinodia as an Additional and Non-Executive Director. With this, Hero MotoCorp continues its strategic initiatives to achieve its new Vision - "Be the Future of Mobility". [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Rajnish Kumar – appointed as Additional & Independent Director of Hero MotoCorp
- HQs of Hero MotoCorp – New Delhi | Chairman & CEO – Pawan Munjal



**55.** In November 2021, Beauty e-commerce company Purpille's private brand Good Vibes roped in Yami Gautam as their brand ambassador. The Bollywood actress will feature in the brand's first full-scale campaign #GlowKaMissingPiece. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Yami Gautam – appointed as brand ambassador of Good Vibes
- HQs of Good Vibes – Mumbai, Maharashtra

**56.** In November 2021, Magdalena Andersson resigned just seven-and-a-half hours after being appointed as Sweden's first female Prime Minister. She resigned after suffering a budget defeat in parliament. The government's own budget proposal was rejected in favor of one presented by the opposition. She made history by becoming the first woman to lead Sweden. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Magdalena Andersson – resigned just 7.5 hours after being appointed as Sweden's Prime Minister
- Magdalena Andersson – made history by becoming the first woman of Sweden
- Sweden – Stockholm – Krona

**57.** In November 2021, Harsh Kumar Jain, presently Additional Secretary in the Ministry, has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Ukraine. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Harsh Kumar Jain – appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Ukraine
- Ukraine – Kyiv – Ukrainian hryvnia | President – Volodymyr Zelensky

**58.** On November 29, Petr Fiala was appointed as the new Prime Minister of the Czech Republic, also known as Czechia or Bohemia. Fiala is leading a bloc of five centre and centre-right opposition parties. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Petr Fiala – appointed as the new PM of the Czech Republic / Czechia / Bohemia
- Czech Republic – Prague – Koruna | President – Milos Zeman

**59.** On November 29, the government appointed senior bureaucrat Vivek Johri as the Chairman of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC). Johri succeeds current chairman of the Board Ajit Kumar. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Vivek Johri – appointed as the Chairman of the CBIC (succeeding - Ajit Kumar)
- HQs of CBIC – New Delhi | Chairperson – Vivek Johri | Founded in – 1964



**60.** On November 30, Twitter Inc. has promoted company insider and technology head Parag Agrawal to replace Chief Executive Officer Jack Dorsey. He was appointed chief technology officer in October 2017. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Parag Agrawal – appointed as the new CEO of Twitter
- HQs of Twitter – San Francisco, California, US | CEO – Parag Agrawal | Founded in – 2006

**61.** On November 29, Noted mountaineer from Uttarakhand, Harshwanti Bisht has been elected as the first woman President of the Indian Mountaineering Foundation (IMF). Ms. Bisht has been honoured with the Arjuna award for her achievements in the field of mountaineering. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Harshwanti Bisht (Uttarakhand) – elected as the first woman President of the Indian Mountaineering Foundation



# Amount & Agreements

**1.** The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a \$61 million (Rs 458 Cr) loan to improve livability, harness technology, and promote new developments to accommodate the expanding population in Agartala, Tripura. In addition, ADB will also provide a \$1 million technical assistance (TA) grant from its Technical Assistance Special Fund to support the project's capacity building and awareness-raising activities. ADB's support is aligned with the Government of India's national Smart Cities Mission program, which aims to drive economic growth through local area development. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- ADB – approved a \$61 million (Rs 458 Cr) loan to promote new development projects in Agartala, Tripura
- ADB will also provide a \$1 million technical assistance (TA) grant
- HQs of ADB – Mandaluyong, Philippines | President – Masatsugu Asakawa | Members – 68 | Established in – 1966

**2.** On November 9, Assam's Inland Water Transport (IWT) department signed an MoU with the World Bank for a Rs 770 Cr loan to improve river transportation in the state. The central government would refund 80% of the sanctioned amount and the state government would bear the remaining 20%. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Assam + World Bank = an MoU for a Rs 770 Cr loan to improve river transportation in the state
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Himanta Biswa Sarma | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi
- HQs of World Bank – Washington D.C., USA | Member Countries – 189
- President – David Malpass | MD & CFO – Anshula Kant

**3.** On November 19, the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) has approved \$150 million loan to the Government of India for implementation of the Sustainable Urban Services Program in Chennai metropolitan area (CMA). India is the largest beneficiary of AIIB and the bank has so far approved 29 projects for India worth \$6.8 billion. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- AIIB approved \$150 million loan to India for implementation of Sustainable Urban Services Program in Chennai
- HQs of AIIB – Beijing, China | President – Jin Lique | Established in – 2016 | Members – 104
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin | Governor – Ravindra Narayan Ravi

**4.** On November 23, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and Government of India signed a \$300-million loan agreement to strengthen and improve access to primary healthcare in urban areas of 13 states. The loan agreement will support the government's initiatives - Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness Centres (AB-HWC) and Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM). The programme is supported by a \$2-million technical assistance grant from ADB's Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction (JFPR). [{Read more}](#)



**Key Points:**

- ADB + GoI = \$300-mn agreement to strengthen & improve access to Primary Healthcare in urban areas of 13 states
- \$2-million technical assistance grant from ADB's Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction (JFPR)
- HQs of ADB – Mandaluyong, Philippines | President – Masatsugu Asakawa | Members – 68 | Established in – 1966

5. On November 23, the Government of India, Government of Andhra Pradesh and the World Bank signed loan agreements of \$250 million for the Learning Transformation Project which aims to improve quality of learning for over 50 lakh students in the state of Andhra Pradesh. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- World Bank + GoI + Andhra Pradesh = \$250 million loan agreement for the Learning Transformation Project of AP
- HQs of World Bank – Washington D.C., USA | Member Countries – 189
- President – David Malpass | MD & CFO – Anshula Kant
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan

6. On November 25, Germany announced new development commitments of more than EUR 1.2 billion (Rs 10,025 Cr) to aid India's fight against climate change and for cooperation on clean energy. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Germany – announced Euro 1.2 billion (Rs 10,025 Cr) to aid India's fight against climate change
- Germany – Berlin – Euro | President – Frank-Walter Steinmeier

7. On November 26, Export-Import Bank of India (Exim Bank) has committed loans worth \$100 million for domestic manufacturers (7 companies) of Covid-19 vaccines or related products in FY22. Exim Bank targets to achieve financing of \$7 billion of project exports over next 5 years through funds received from Government of India. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Exim Bank – committed loans worth \$100 million for domestic manufacturers of Covid-19 vaccines in FY22
- Exim Bank – targets to achieve financing of \$7 billion of project exports over next 5 years
- HQs of EXIM Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD – Harsha Bangari | Founded in – 1982

8. On November 29, the Government of India and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) signed a \$125 million loan to improve access to safe and affordable drinking water supply and citywide inclusive sanitation services in Dehradun and Nainital cities in Uttarakhand. The project will introduce a Supervisory Control & Data Acquisition (SCADA) and Geographic Information System (GIS) to provide real-time data and information for monitoring. ADB will provide a \$250,000 technical assistance (TA) grant from its Technical Assistance Special Fund and another \$750,000 grant from its Climate Change Fund. [{Read more}](#)



**Key Points:**

- ADB + GoI = \$125 million loan to improve access to safe and affordable drinking water supply in Uttarakhand
- HQs of ADB – Mandaluyong, Philippines | President – Masatsugu Asakawa | Members – 68 | Established in – 1966
- Uttarakhand: Capital – Dehradun & Gairsain | CM – Pushkar Singh Dhami | Governor – Lt. Gen. Gurmit Singh



# Ranks, Reports & Surveys

1. The digitisation drive and pandemic-induced emergence of the gig economy have led to a faster formalisation of the economy, with the share of the informal sector shrinking to just 15-20% in 2021 from 52.4% in 2018, according to an SBI Research report. On the impact of the just-launched 'E-Shram' portal, a first-ever national database of Unorganised workers, as much as 5.7 Cr Unorganised workers have registered in the first two months after its launch in August 2021. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- SBI Research report: the share of the informal sector contracted to 15-20% in 2021 (from 52.4% in 2018)
- 'E-Shram' portal – the first-ever National Database of Unorganised workers

2. On November 2, QS Quacquarelli Symonds released the "QS Asia University Rankings 2022" recently for the continent's best higher education institutions. The National University of Singapore has come up as Asia's best university for the fourth consecutive year. This year, 117 Indian universities were considered in the QS Asia University Rankings 2022. The top three among Indian universities to feature on the Asia Rankings are IIT Bombay (42), IIT Delhi (45), and IIT Madras (54). While the QS World University Rankings 2022 were released early in June, 2021 in which no Indian institute had secured a position among the top 100 universities of the world. In this list, the top three among Indian universities were IIT Bombay (177), IIT Delhi (185), and IISc Bangalore (186). [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- "QS Asia University Rankings 2022" – released by QS Quacquarelli Symonds
- Asia's Top – National University of Singapore (4<sup>th</sup> consecutive year)
- Among Indian universities: 1<sup>st</sup> - IIT Bombay (42) | 2<sup>nd</sup> - IIT Delhi (45) | 3<sup>rd</sup> - IIT Madras (54)

3. On November 4, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) published detailed guidance to help the world's cities address warming. "Beating the Heat: A Sustainable Cooling Handbook for Cities" was launched on November 3, 2021 at COP26 by the UNEP along with Cool Coalition, RMI, Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy (GCoM), Mission Innovation and Clean Cooling Collaborative. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- "Beating the Heat: A Sustainable Cooling Handbook for Cities" – published by the UNEP
- It was launched by = UNEP + Cool Coalition + RMI + GCoM + Mission Innovation + Clean Cooling Collaborative
- HQs of UNEP – Nairobi, Kenya | Executive Director – Inger Andersen | Founded in – 1972

4. In November 2021, the 6<sup>th</sup> edition of the UNEP's "Adaptation Gap Report: The Gathering Storm" looks at how the world is doing in adapting to the intensifying impacts of climate change. The report was released at COP26 in Glasgow, Scotland. Around 79% of countries have adopted at least one national-level adaptation planning instrument - an increase of 7% since 2020. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- 6<sup>th</sup> edition of the "Adaptation Gap Report: The Gathering Storm" – released by the UNEP
- Around 79% of countries have adopted at least one national-level adaptation planning instrument
- HQs of UNEP – Nairobi, Kenya | Executive Director – Inger Andersen | Founded in – 1972





5. Most vulnerable, most affected countries doing most to tackle climate crisis, according to a new report released by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). The UNDP's report, "The State of Climate Ambition" is unique as it provides a global assessment of both the pledges already submitted to the UNFCCC as well as ambition intentions of countries that are still planning to submit. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- "The State of Climate Ambition - 2021" report – released by the UNDP
- HQs of UNDP – New York, US | Administrator – Achim Steiner | Founded in – 1965

6. On November 1, the census of the Indus River Dolphins (*Platanista Gangetica Minor*) - one of the world's most threatened cetaceans, is all set to be commenced by Punjab. The Indus river dolphin is classified as Endangered by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and this freshwater dolphin that is found in Beas river. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Punjab – to commence the census of the "Indus River Dolphins" - one of the world's most threatened cetaceans
- 'Indus River Dolphins' – classified as 'Endangered' by the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species (found in Beas river)
- Punjab: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Charanjit Singh Channi | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit

7. On November 4, the "FAO Food Price Index", which tracks the international prices of a basket of food commodities, rose 3.9% from September, rising for a third consecutive month - October. On a year-on-year basis, the index was up 31.3% in October. The Food and Agriculture Organization's (FAO) food price index averaged 133.2 points for October compared with 129.2 for September. The vegetable oil index went up 9.6%, hitting an all-time high. The October reading was the highest for the index since July 2011. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- October's "FAO Food Price Index" rose 3.9% from Sep & 31.3% on a year-on-year basis (highest since July 2011)
- October's "FAO Food Price Index" averaged 133.2 points for October
- Vegetable Oil index went up an all-time high of 9.6%
- HQs of FAO – Rome, Italy | DG – QU Dongyu | Formation – 16<sup>th</sup> October, 1945

8. The 1<sup>st</sup> edition of "Global Drug Policy Index" was released by the Harm Reduction Consortium. The index ranks Norway, New Zealand, Portugal, the UK and Australia as the five leading countries on humane and health-driven drug policies. India's rank is 18 out of 30 countries. India has an overall score of 46/100. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> edition of "Global Drug Policy Index" – released by Harm Reduction Consortium
- India – 18<sup>th</sup> | 1<sup>st</sup> - Norway, 2<sup>nd</sup> - New Zealand, 3<sup>rd</sup> - Portugal

9. The “LEADS (Logistics Ease Across Different States) 2021” report was released by Commerce & Industry Ministry. Gujarat occupied the first spot among 21 states, followed by Haryana, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, and Maharashtra in that order. It is an indicator of the efficiency of logistical services necessary for promoting exports and economic growth. The first logistics report was released in 2018. No ranking was released last year due to the Covid-19 pandemic. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of “LEADS (Logistics Ease Across Different States) 2021” report – released by Ministry of C & I
- 1<sup>st</sup> – Gujarat | 2<sup>nd</sup> – Haryana | 3<sup>rd</sup> – Punjab
- Ministry of Commerce & Industry: Piyush Goyal | Constituency – Maharashtra
- MoS in Ministry of Commerce & Industry: Anupriya Singh Patel & Som Parkash

10. On November 8, As per the report titled “Mission 2070: A Green New Deal for a Net Zero India” released by World Economic Forum (WEF), India can leverage green growth to add \$1 trillion to GDP by 2030, and as much as \$15 trillion by 2070. The WEF also stated that India has potential to create more than 50 million net new jobs. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- “Mission 2070: A Green New Deal for a Net Zero India” report – released by the WEF
- This deal can add \$1 trillion to GDP by 2030 & \$15 trillion by 2070
- HQs of WEF – Cologne, Switzerland | Executive Chairman & Founder – Klaus Schwab | Founded in – 1971

11. On November 12, In the “Climate Change Performance Index - 2022 (CCPI)”, the top three places of the overall ranking this year have remained empty as none of the countries could perform well enough to have ‘very high’ rating. The fourth, fifth and sixth spot was bagged by Denmark, Sweden and Norway and India retained its position at number 10, similar to the last year. Developed by Germanwatch, NewClimate Institute and Climate Action Network (CAN), the CCPI analyses and compares climate change mitigation efforts across 60 countries with the highest emissions. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- “Climate Change Performance Index - 2022 (CCPI)” – by Germanwatch, NewClimate Institute & CAN
- India – 10<sup>th</sup> | 4<sup>th</sup> – Denmark, 5<sup>th</sup> – Sweden, 6<sup>th</sup> – Norway

12. On November 12, National Statistical Office (NSO) released the “All India Consumer Price Index (CPI)” on Base 2012=100 and corresponding “Consumer Food Price Index (CFPI)” for Rural (R), Urban (U) and Combined (C) for the month of October 2021. The data showed that India’s combined annual retail inflation rose marginally to 4.48% in the month of October from 4.35% in September. The retail inflation rose 1.41% on month in October 2021. Food inflation has also increased slightly to 0.85% in October from 0.68% in September but is down from 11% in October 2020. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- “All India Consumer Price Index (Base 2012)” & “Consumer Food Price Index” for October – released by NSO
- India’s combined annual retail inflation – 4.48% in October 2021 (from 4.35% in September)
- Food inflation – 0.85% in October 2021 (from 0.68% in September)
- NSO comes under – Ministry of Statistics & Program Implementation (MoS I/C – Rao Inderjit Singh)
- HQs of NSO – New Delhi | Chairperson – Bimal Kumar Roy

**13.** On November 10, Nykaa founder Falguni Nayar has become India’s seventh woman billionaire and the wealthiest self-made billionaire in India. India's first unicorn startup Nykaa was founded by Falguni Nayar in 2012. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Falguni Nayar – became the wealthiest self-made female billionaire in India (overall India’s 7<sup>th</sup> woman billionaire)
- HQs of Nykaa – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Founder & CEO – Falguni Nayar | Founded in – 2012

**14.** On November 17, India has slipped to 82<sup>nd</sup> position in 2021 with a risk score of 44, in TRACE’s “2021 Bribery Risk Matrix”. In 2020, India ranked 77<sup>th</sup> with a score of 45. The list by TRACE measures business bribery risk in 194 countries. According to this year’s data, North Korea, Turkmenistan, Venezuela and Eritrea pose the highest commercial bribery risk, while Denmark, Norway, Finland, Sweden and New Zealand present the lowest. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- “TRACE’s 2021 Bribery Risk Matrix”: India – 82<sup>nd</sup> (Score - 44)
- Lowest Bribery risk – Denmark (Rank – 1<sup>st</sup> | Score - 2) | Highest Bribery Risk – North Korea (Rank - 194<sup>th</sup> | Score - 94)

**15.** India is among 60 countries on track to achieve the global target of a 30% reduction in tobacco use by 2025, according to the 4<sup>th</sup> edition of World Health Organization’s “Global report on trends in prevalence of tobacco use 2000-2025”. As per the report, the number of tobacco users has decreased globally to 1.30 billion in 2020 from 1.32 billion in 2015. This is expected to continue to drop to 1.27 billion by 2025. WHO South-East Asia Region has the highest rates of tobacco use, with around 432 million users, or 29% of its population. The fastest rate of decline in the use of tobacco was also seen in the WHO South-East Asia Region. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- 4<sup>th</sup> edition of “Global report on trends in prevalence of tobacco use 2000-2025” – released by the WHO
- Global target: 30% reduction in tobacco use by 2025
- The number of tobacco users decreased globally to – 1.30 billion in 2020
- WHO South-East Asia Region has the highest rates of tobacco use – 432 million users (29%)
- HQs of WHO – Geneva, Switzerland | DG – Tedros Adhanom | Member Countries – 194 | Founded in – 1948



**16.** On November 13, IQAir, a Switzerland-based climate group has shown that there are 3 cities from India on the list of top 10 cities with the Worst Air Quality indices. Delhi tops the list, Kolkata ranks 4<sup>th</sup> and Mumbai ranks 6<sup>th</sup> in the entire list. “SAFAR”, the Union Ministry of Earth Sciences’ air quality monitoring station, said that the stubble fires accounted for at least 35% of pollutants in the air. In 2020, India had 46 of the world’s 100 most polluted cities, followed by China (42), Pakistan (6). [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- 3 Indian cities are listed in the top 10 Most Polluted Cities of the world – according to IQAir ([Goldach, Switzerland](#))
- 3 Indian cities: Delhi (1<sup>st</sup>), Kolkata (4<sup>th</sup>) & Mumbai (6<sup>th</sup>)
- “SAFAR” – Air Quality Monitoring Station of Ministry of Earth Sciences

**17.** The “IPF Citizen Satisfaction Survey on SMART Policing, 2021”, which was published recently, is a pioneering effort by Indian Police Foundation (IPF) to gauge public perceptions about the quality of policing in India and the level of public trust in the police. With a score of 8.11 and 8.10, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana police topped the ranking. While Police in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh scored the lowest among all States. The SMART scores are set on a scale of 1 to 10. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- “IPF Citizen Satisfaction Survey on SMART Policing, 2021” – published by Indian Police Foundation (IPF)
- Top: Andhra Pradesh (8.11) & Telangana (8.10) | Lowest: Bihar (5.81) & Uttar Pradesh (5.74)

**18.** Uttar Pradesh and Kerala reported maximum increase in government school enrolment, as per the “Annual Status of Education Report (ASER), 2021” released by Director of ASER Centre, Wilima Wadhwa. In government schools, children enrollment increased to 70.3% in 2021 from 65.8% in 2020. The 16<sup>th</sup> edition of the report is based on a phone survey, conducted in September and October, of 75,234 children ages 5-16 across 581 rural districts in 25 states & 3 UTs. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- 16<sup>th</sup> edition of the “Annual Status of Education Report (ASER), 2021” – released by Wilima Wadhwa
- Uttar Pradesh & Kerala – reported maximum increase in government school enrolment
- Children enrollment in government schools increased – to 70.3% in 2021 (from 65.8% in 2020)

**19.** On November 22, Union Labour Minister Bhupender Yadav released an instruction manual with a questionnaire for the “All India Survey on Domestic Workers” conducted by Labour Bureau, Chandigarh. It will cover 742 districts and all States of India. This survey will cover a database of 5.5 lakh households across India. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Bhupender Yadav – released an instruction manual with a questionnaire for “All India Survey on Domestic Workers”
- The survey was conducted by – Labour Bureau, Chandigarh
- Ministry of Labour & Employment: Bhupender Yadav | Constituency – Rajasthan
- MoS in Ministry of Labour & Employment: Rameswar Teli

**20.** On November 23, the Financial Stability Board (FSB), in consultation with Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (BCBS) published its latest “2021 List of Global Systemically Important Banks (G-SIBs)”. JP Morgan Chase has become the world’s most systemically important bank for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time. BNP Paribas, Citigroup & HSBC are in the same & next bucket behind JP Morgan Chase. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- “2021 List of Global Systemically Important Banks (G-SIBs)” – published by Financial Stability Board (with BCBS)
- JP Morgan Chase – the world’s most Systemically Important Bank for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time
- [HQs of JP Morgan Chase – New York, US](#) | [CEO – Jamie Dimon](#)

**21.** On November 23, the 10<sup>th</sup> edition of “Microfinance Pulse”, a quarterly publication by Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) and Equifax India has revealed that the outstanding portfolio of the Microfinance Industry has been flat on Year-on-Year (Y-o-Y) basis as of June 2021. The outstanding portfolio of Microfinance industry was Rs 2,22,060 Cr as of June 2021. The industry disbursed loans worth Rs 25,808 Cr during April-June 2021 quarter registering a Y-o-Y growth of 300% by value and 209% by volume. West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Bihar, Karnataka and Uttar Pradesh were the top five states as of June 2021. West Bengal is the leading state with a portfolio outstanding of Rs 31,024 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- 10<sup>th</sup> edition of “Microfinance Pulse” – published by SIDBI & Equifax India
- The outstanding portfolio of Microfinance industry was – Rs 2,22,060 Cr (as of June 2021)
- West Bengal – the leading state with a portfolio outstanding of Rs 31,024 Cr
- [HQs of SIDBI – Lucknow, UP](#) | [MD & Chairman – Sivasubramanian Ramann](#) | [Established in – 1990](#)

**22.** India has made no progress on anaemia and childhood wasting according to the “2021 Global Nutrition Report (GNR, 2021)” released by the World Health Organization on November 23, 2021. 53% of Indian women in the age group 15-49 years are anaemic, according to the report. India is also among 23 countries that have made no progress or are worsening on reducing ‘childhood wasting’. Over 17% of Indian children under 5 years of age are affected. India is ‘off-course’ in meeting 7 of the 13 global nutrition targets, according to the report. In 2012, the World Health Assembly had identified 6 nutrition targets to be met by 2025. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- “2021 Global Nutrition Report” – released by the WHO
- 53% of Indian women in the age group 15-49 years are Anaemic
- India is ‘off-course’ in meeting 7 of the 13 global nutrition targets
- [HQs of WHO – Geneva, Switzerland](#) | [DG – Tedros Adhanom](#) | [Member Countries – 194](#) | [Founded in – 1948](#)

**23.** On November 23, Shimla, Coimbatore and Chandigarh have topped the NITI Aayog’s first “Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Urban India Index”, while Dhanbad, Meerut and Itanagar are the worst performers. NITI Aayog has developed the “SDG Urban Index & Dashboard 2021-22” in collaboration with GIZ and BMZ under the umbrella of ‘Indo-German Development Cooperation’. [{Read more}](#)



### Key Points:

- 1<sup>st</sup> “SDG Urban Index & Dashboard 2021-22” – released by NITI Aayog
- Top 3: Shimla, Coimbatore & Chandigarh | Worst 3: Dhanbad, Meerut & Itanagar (respectively)
- HQs of NITI Aayog – New Delhi | CEO – Amitabh Kant | Chairperson – Narendra Modi | VC – Rajiv Kumar

**24.** Sadar Bazar police station in Delhi has been ranked as the best police station in India, as per the “India’s Top 10 Police Stations for 2021” released by the Home Ministry to grade police stations based on parameters including handling of crime, infrastructure, and approachability of personnel. Gangapur police station in Ganjam district of Odisha and Bhattu Kalan police station in Fatehabad, Haryana were ranked on second & third place respectively. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- “India’s Top 10 Police Stations for 2021” rankings – released by the Ministry of Home Affairs
- 1<sup>st</sup> - Sadar Bazar PS (Delhi) | 2<sup>nd</sup> - Gangapur PS (Odisha) | 3<sup>rd</sup> - Bhattu Kalan PS (Haryana)

**25.** On November 24, A report titled “The State of Food and Agriculture (SOFA) 2021” was released by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). As per the report, Food costs could increase for up to 845 million people if a disruption to critical transport links were to occur. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- “The State of Food and Agriculture (SOFA) 2021” – released by the FAO
- HQs of FAO – Rome, Italy | DG – QU Dongyu | Formation – 16<sup>th</sup> October, 1945

**26.** On November 24, India is listed among top 6 destinations in Asia attracting investments in the domestic seed sector, as per the “Access to Seeds Index 2021” released by World Benchmarking Alliance. Apart from India, Thailand, Indonesia, Vietnam, the Philippines and Bangladesh attract investments in breeding, production and processing. East-West Seed tops the 2021 Index. While India’s Mahyco Grow and Acsen HyVeg ranked 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> respectively. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- “Access to Seeds Index 2021” released by World Benchmarking Alliance
- India is listed among top 6 destinations in Asia attracting investments in the domestic seed sector
- In Companies: Top – East-West Seed | From India: Mahyco Grow (4<sup>th</sup>) & Acsen HyVeg (5<sup>th</sup>)

**27.** On November 26, Amazon, Asian Paints and Tata Tea have been named as the “Most Purposeful Brands in India 2021” in tech, non-FMCG and FMCG categories, as per the “BrandZ India 2021” report released by Kantar. The Kantar BrandZ database for Most Purposeful Brands of India for 2020-21 cover 418 brands. In the technology category, Amazon is followed by Zomato & YouTube. In the FMCG category, Tata Tea is followed by Surf Excel & Taj Mahal Tea. In the non-FMCG category, Asian Paints is followed by Jio & Samsung. [{Read more}](#)





### Key Points:

- “BrandZ India 2021” report for “Most Purposeful Brands in India 2021” – released by Kantar Group (London, UK)
- Technology Brands: 1<sup>st</sup>– Amazon, 2<sup>nd</sup>– Zomato, 3<sup>rd</sup>– YouTube
- FMCG Brands: 1<sup>st</sup>– Tata Tea, 2<sup>nd</sup>– Surf Excel, 3<sup>rd</sup>– Taj Mahal Tea
- Non-FMCG Brands: 1<sup>st</sup>– Asian Paints, 2<sup>nd</sup>– Jio, 3<sup>rd</sup>– Samsung

**28.** On November 24, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare released the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the “National Family Health Survey (NFHS)”. The all-India and State/UT level factsheet released includes information on 131 key indicators. As per the survey, the Total Fertility Rates (TFR), an average number of children per women, declined from 2.2 to 2.0 at the national level ranging from 1.4 in Chandigarh to 2.4 in Uttar Pradesh. Overall Contraceptive Prevalence Rate (CPR) has increased substantially from 54% at all-India level. Institutional births have increased substantially from 79% to 89% at all-India Level. In Child Nutrition indicators, stunting has declined from 38% to 36%. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- 5<sup>th</sup> edition of “National Family Health Survey (NFHS)” – released by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
- Total Fertility Rates declined to – 2.0 (from 2.2) | Highest: 2.4 in Uttar Pradesh & Lowest: 1.4 in Chandigarh
- CPR increased to – 67% (from 54%) | Institutional births increased to – 89% (from 79%)

**29.** On November 27, NITI Aayog released India’s first “National Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) 2021”. According to the “Global MPI 2021”, India’s rank is 66 out of 109 countries. “National Multidimensional Poverty Index: Baseline Report” is based on National Family Health Survey (NFHS)-4, which was conducted in 2015-16. NFHS was conducted by the International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. Bihar has the highest poverty while Kerala registered the lowest poverty. Moreover, Bihar also has the highest number of malnourished people followed by Jharkhand & Madhya Pradesh. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- 1<sup>st</sup> “National Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) 2021” – released by NITI Aayog
- Highest Poverty – Bihar | Lowest Poverty – Kerala
- Bihar – the highest number of malnourished people
- “Global MPI 2021”: India – 66<sup>th</sup>
- IIPS – functions under Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
- HQs of NITI Aayog – New Delhi | CEO – Amitabh Kant | Chairperson – Narendra Modi | VC – Rajiv Kumar

**30.** The share of government health expenditure in the GDP of the country has increased to 1.35% in 2017-18 from 1.15% in 2013-14, as per the 5th edition of “National Health Accounts (NHA) Estimates for India for 2017-18” released by the National Health Systems Resource Centre (NHSRC). As a share of total Health Expenditure, Out-of-pocket expenditure (OOPE) has come down to 48.8% in 2017-18 from 64.2% in 2013-14. [{Read more}](#)





**Key Points:**

- 5<sup>th</sup> edition of “National Health Accounts (NHA) Estimates for India for 2017-18” – released by NHSRC
- Government Health Expenditure’s share in the country’s GDP increased to – 1.35% in 2017-18 (from 1.15% in 2013-14)

**31.** On November 29, NITI Aayog released the report titled “Designing the Future of Dispute Resolution: The ODR Policy Plan for India” to scale dispute avoidance, containment and resolution online. The report is a culmination of the action plan made by a committee chaired by Supreme Court Justice (Retd) Arjan Kumar Sikri. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- “Designing the Future of Dispute Resolution: The ODR Policy Plan for India” report – released by NITI Aayog
- The report is a culmination of the action plan made by a committee chaired by – Arjan Kumar Sikri
- ODR – **O**nline **D**ispute **R**esolution



# Acquisitions & Mergers

1. On November 2, the Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved the acquisition of 100% shareholding in Exide Life Insurance Co Ltd by HDFC Life Insurance Company for ₹6,687 Cr. Earlier in 2021, India cleared a plan to raise foreign direct investment in insurance to 74% from 49%. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- CCI approved the acquisition of 100% shareholding in Exide Life Insurance by HDFC Life Insurance Company
- India increased FDI limit in insurance – to 74% (from 49%)
- HQs of CCI – New Delhi | Chairman – Ashok Kumar Gupta | Established in – 2003
- HQs of Exide Life Insurance – Bangalore, Karnataka | CEO – Kshitij Jain
- HQs of HDFC Life Insurance – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Vibha Padalkar

2. On November 5, the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) has approved acquisition of bankrupt Infrastructure Leasing and Financial Services' (IL&FS) 26% stake in ONGC Tripura Power Company (OTPC) by GAIL (India) Ltd. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- NCLT approved acquisition of 26% stake of IL&FS in OTPC – by GAIL (India) Ltd
- HQs of GAIL – New Delhi | CMD – Manoj Jain
- President of the NCLT – Ramalingam Sudhakar

3. On November 15, the Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved acquisition of 71.25% shareholding of ASK Investment Managers Ltd by BCP TopCo XII Pte Ltd. ASK Investment Managers Limited is an asset and wealth management company with an established client base in India. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- CCI approved acquisition of 71.25% shareholding of ASK Investment Managers Ltd – by BCP TopCo XII Pte Ltd
- HQs of CCI – New Delhi | Chairman – Ashok Kumar Gupta | Established in – 2003

4. On November 17, the Supreme Court allowed the central government to disinvest its remaining 29.5% shares in Hindustan Zinc Limited. In 2016, the Supreme Court had directed the central government to maintain status quo on the proposed disinvestment of Hindustan Zinc Limited. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- SC allowed the central government to disinvest its remaining 29.5% shares in Hindustan Zinc Limited
- HQs of Hindustan Zinc Limited – Udaipur, Rajasthan | CEO – Arun Misra

5. Flipkart Group signed definitive agreements to acquire a majority share in Sastasundar Marketplace, an online pharmacy and digital healthcare platform. The Flipkart Group announced its foray into the healthcare sector through the launch of Flipkart Health+. [{Read more}](#)



### Key Points:

- Flipkart Group – to acquire a majority share in Sastasundar Marketplace, an online pharmacy platform
- HQs of Flipkart – Bangalore, Karnataka | Chairperson – Binny Bansal | CEO – Kalyan Krishnamurthy
- HQs of Sastasundar Marketplace – Kolkata, West Bengal | CEO – Ravi Kant Sharma

**6.** On November 23, the Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved acquisition of minority stake in Delhivery Limited (Delhivery) by FedEx Express Transportation and Supply Chain Services (India) Pvt Ltd (FedEx India) and acquisition of certain operating assets of FedEx India and TNT India Pvt Ltd (TNT) by Delhivery. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- CCI approved acquisition of minority stake in Delhivery – by FedEx India & Supply Chain Services (India)
- CCI approved acquisition of certain operating assets of FedEx India & TNT India – by Delhivery
- HQs of CCI – New Delhi | Chairman – Ashok Kumar Gupta | Established in – 2003
- HQs of Delhivery – Gurgaon, Haryana | CEO – Sahil Barua

**7.** On November 29, the RBI has granted approval to Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) of India to raise its stake in Kotak Mahindra Bank up to 9.99%. The approval of the RBI will be valid for 1 year. LIC has a stake in as many as 24 scheduled commercial banks, shows the data from Capitaline. It holds 49.24% stake in IDBI Bank. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- RBI granted approval to LIC to raise its stake in Kotak Mahindra Bank up to 9.99% (2<sup>nd</sup> largest stake of LIC in SCB)
- LIC has the highest stake in IDBI Bank which is 49.24%
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25<sup>th</sup>) | Established in – 1<sup>st</sup> April, 1935
- HQs of LIC – Mumbai | Chairman – M. R. Kumar | Founded in – 1956 | Tagline – “Yogakshemam Vahamyaham”

**8.** On November 28, the Alternative Mechanism approved the sale of 100% equity shareholding of Government of India in Central Electronics Ltd (CEL) to Nandal Finance and Leasing Pvt Ltd for Rs 210 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Alternative Mechanism approved sale of 100% stake of GoI in Central Electronics Ltd – to Nandal Finance & Leasing
- HQs of CEL – New Delhi | HQs of Nandal Finance and Leasing – New Delhi



# MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

**1.** An MoU was signed between the Tamil Nadu Industrial Investment Corporation Limited (TIIC) Limited, the Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers (SIDM) and the Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) to proactively catalyse and facilitate defence manufacturing in the MSME sector. Through this partnership, in the first phase 'Champion MSME Industries' in each of the five nodes of the Tamil Nadu Defence Corridor in Chennai, Tiruchi, Coimbatore, Salem and Hosur will be identified. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Tamil Nadu IICL + SIDM + CII = an MoU to facilitate defence manufacturing in the MSME sector
- 'Champion MSME Industries' will be identified in each of the five nodes of the Tamil Nadu Defence Corridor
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin | Governor – Ravindra Narayan Ravi
- HQs of SIDM – New Delhi | President – Jayant D. Patil
- HQs of CII – New Delhi | President – T. V. Narendran | DG – Chandrajit Banerjee | Founded in – 1895

**2.** On November 2, Flipkart has signed an MoU with the Ministry of Rural Development to help empower local businesses and self-help groups (SHGs) - especially those that are led by women, by bringing them into the e-commerce segment. The partnership is aligned with the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihood Mission's (DAY-NRLM) goal of strengthening the capabilities of rural communities for self-employment and entrepreneurship. The MoU was signed between the two parties as a part of the 'Flipkart Samarth' program which was launched in 2019. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Flipkart + Ministry of Rural Development = an MoU to help empower local businesses & SHGs through 'DAY-NRLM'
- HQs of Flipkart – Bangalore, Karnataka | Chairperson – Binny Bansal | CEO – Kalyan Krishnamurthy
- Ministry of Rural Development: Giriraj Singh | Constituency – Begusarai, Bihar
- MoS in Ministry of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj: Faggansingh Kulaste & Sadhvi Niranjana Jyoti

**3.** On November 1, the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) has signed an agreement with the government of Uttar Pradesh to manage the Varanasi Milk Union for 5 years. Varanasi Milk Union plant will be able to process 2 lakh litres of milk per day. Varanasi Milk Union will be India's first milk union to have biogas-based tri generation plant installed. Notably, besides Uttar Pradesh, NDDB is managing some other dairy unions in Assam, Jharkhand, Vidarbha and Marathwada regions of Maharashtra. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- NDDB + Uttar Pradesh = an agreement to manage Varanasi Milk Union for 5 years
- Varanasi Milk Union – to become India's first milk Union to have biogas-based tri generation plant installed
- HQs of NDDB – Anand, Gujarat | Chairman – Meenesh Shah | Established in – 1965
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel



4. On November 10, Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), Government of India and Directorate of Defence Research and Development (DDR&D), Ministry of Defence, Israel have entered into a Bilateral Innovation Agreement (BIA) to promote innovation and accelerate R&D in startups and MSMEs of both countries for the development of dual-use technologies. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- DRDO (India) + DDR&D (Israel) = a Bilateral Innovation Agreement to promote innovation & accelerate R&D in startups
- HQs of DRDO – New Delhi | Chairman – G. Satheesh Reddy | Established in – 1958
- Israel – Jerusalem – Israeli Shekel | President – Isaac Herzog | PM – Naftali Bennett

5. On November 10, Convergence Energy Services Ltd (CESL) has signed an agreement with Marriott International to develop electric vehicle charging units and related infrastructure to boost electric vehicles (EV) adoption. CESL will be installing EV charging units across 37 Marriott International hotels over next 2 months and will gradually expand to 100 hotels within 1 year. CESL is a wholly owned subsidiary of Energy Efficiency Services Limited. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- CESL + Marriott International = an agreement to develop EV charging infrastructure to boost EVs adoption
- HQs of CESL – Kolkata, West Bengal | Head – Mahua Acharya (subsidiary of EESL)

6. On November 13, Maharashtra government signed an MoU with US-based Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI) at COP26 in Glasgow to support the adoption and promotion of Electric Vehicles (EVs) in the state. In Maharashtra, RMI through its City EV Accelerator platform is working towards making Pune ready for electric vehicles. Maharashtra EV Policy aims to have a 10% share of EVs in total registrations by 2025. It targets conversion of 15% of the Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation (MSRTC) fleet into electricity by 2025. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Maharashtra + RMI = an MoU to support the adoption & promotion of Electric Vehicles (EVs) in the state
- 'Maharashtra EV Policy' aims to have a 10% share of EVs in total registrations – by 2025
- 'Maharashtra EV Policy' targets conversion of 15% of the MSRTC fleet into electricity – by 2025
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshiyari
- HQs of RMI – Colorado, US | CEO – Jules Kortenhorst

7. On November 11, Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) has collaborated with the All India MSME Association (AIMA MSME) to encourage and promote the listing of MSMEs and startups. Through this pact, AIMA MSME will assist BSE in evaluating MSMEs and startups for listing on the exchange's SME platform. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- BSE + AIMA MSME = collaboration to encourage and promote the listing of MSMEs & startups
- HQs of AIMA MSME – Mumbai, Maharashtra | President – Avinash K Dalal
- HQs of BSE – Mumbai, MH | Chairman – Justice Vikramajit Sen | MD & CEO – Shri Ashishkumar Chauhan
- BSE is Asia's 1<sup>st</sup> Stock Exchange Company



**8.** On November 13, the implementing agency of India's first Bullet Train Project, National High Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRCL) has signed an MoU with Japan Railway Track Consultant Company (JRTC) for the Designs of High Speed Rail (HSR) Track works for the T-3 package (116 km long section) for the upcoming 'Mumbai - Ahmedabad High Speed Rail Corridor Project'. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- NHSRCL + JRTC = an MoU for the Designs of High Speed Rail (HSR) Track works for the T-3 package (116 km long)
- India's first Bullet Train Project: 'Mumbai - Ahmedabad High Speed Rail Corridor Project'
- HQs of NHSRCL – New Delhi | Chairman – Vinod Kumar Yadav
- Japan – Tokyo – Yen | PM – Fumio Kishida

**9.** On November 12, Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) collaborated with the Uttar Pradesh government to develop "District Good Governance Index", a first for any state. DARPG will collaborate with the UP government for integration of the Centralised Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System (CPGRAMS) - an online platform available to citizens 24x7 to lodge their grievances. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- DARPG + UP = collaboration to develop "District Good Governance Index"
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

**10.** On November 13, IIT Guwahati collaborated with Oil India Limited (OIL) on the development and introduction of new technologies in energy, and related sectors. With this MOU the oil and gas industries like OIL will highly benefit by developing indigenous Technologies. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- IIT Guwahati + OIL = collaboration on the development & introduction of new technologies in Energy sector
- HQs of OIL – Noida, UP | CMD – Sushil Chandra Mishra
- Director of IIT Guwahati – Dr. T. G. Sitharam

**11.** On November 12, NTPC Ltd and Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOCL) signed an MoU to collaborate in the field of Renewable Energy and mutually explore opportunities for supply of low carbon/RE RTC (round the clock) captive power. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- NTPC + IOCL = an MoU in the field of Renewable Energy
- HQs of NTPC – New Delhi | CMD – Gurdeep Singh | Founded in – 1975
- HQs of IOCL – New Delhi | Chairperson – Shrikant Madhav Vaidya | Founded in – 1959



**12.** On November 12, the Ministry of Tourism signed an agreement with the Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) as part of its ongoing efforts to strengthen the hospitality and tourism industry. The objective of the MoU is to provide an extensive visibility to accommodation units, which have self-certified themselves on 'SAATHI' (System for Assessment, Awareness & Training for the Hospitality Industry) on the Online Travel Aggregator (OTA) platform. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Ministry of Tourism + IRCTC = an agreement to strengthen the hospitality & tourism industry
- Ministry of Tourism: G. Kishan Reddy | Constituency – Secunderabad, Telangana
- MoS in Ministry of Tourism: Shripad Yesso Naik & Ajay Bhatt
- HQs of IRCTC – New Delhi | Chairman & MD – Mahendra Pratap Mall

**13.** Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam (SJVN) has signed a contract agreement with Noida-based Solarworld Energy Solutions Pvt Ltd to develop a 75-megawatt (MW) solar power project at the Parasan Solar Park in Uttar Pradesh for Rs 313.59 Cr. The project is scheduled to be commissioned by August 2022. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- SJVN + Solarworld Energy Solutions = an agreement to develop a 75 MW solar power project at Parasan Solar Park (UP)
- The project is to be commissioned by – August 2022 | Cost of the project – Rs 313.59 Cr
- HQs of SJVN – Shimla, Himachal Pradesh | MD & Chairman – Nand Lal Sharma
- HQs of Solarworld Energy Solutions – Noida, Uttar Pradesh

**14.** On November 17, based on directions received from the Election Commission of India (ECI), the Chief Electoral Officer of Nagaland, V. Shashank Shekhar signed an MoU with the Department of Post (DoP) regarding the effective delivery of Elector Photo Identity Cards (EPICs) and various notices through Speed Post services. The MoU will be valid for 5 years. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Nagaland + DoP = an MoU regarding the effective delivery of Elector Photo Identity Cards (EPICs)
- Nagaland: Capital – Kohima | CM – Neiphiu Rio | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi (addi. charge)
- HQs of ECI – New Delhi | Chief Election Commissioner – Sushil Chandra (24<sup>th</sup>) | Formed on – 25<sup>th</sup> Jan, 1950

**15.** On November 17, the Trade Promotion Council of India (TPCI) signed an MoU with Navarra (Navarre), Spain to further promote trade and investments between the two countries. The promotional activities will be mainly focused on sectors such as food and food processing. Spain is India's 7<sup>th</sup>-largest trade partner in the European Union. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- TPCI + Navarra (Spain) = an MoU to further promote trade & investments between the two countries
- HQs of TPCI – New Delhi | Chairman – Prashant Garg
- Spain – Madrid – Euro | PM – Pedro Sanchez | President – Emmanuel Macron



**16.** On November 18, the Odisha government signed an MoU with SaveLIFE Foundation (SLF), a Delhi-based NGO, to improve road safety in the state. The SLF will identify 100 accident-prone spots and recommend measures to bring down the number of mishaps in those areas. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Odisha + SaveLIFE Foundation = an MoU to improve road safety in the state
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal
- HQs of SaveLIFE Foundation – New Delhi | Founder & CEO – Piyush Tewari

**17.** On November 24, Larsen & Toubro (L&T) entered into a pact with the Tamil Nadu government to establish a 90 MW capacity Hyperscale Data Centre in Kanchipuram over the next 5 years. L&T will provide comprehensive solutions and end to end data centre services, with multi-cloud managed and cyber security services, digital transformation integration services and application integration services. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- L&T + Tamil Nadu = an agreement to establish a 90 MW capacity Hyperscale Data Centre at Kanchipuram in 5 years
- HQs L&T – Mumbai, MH | CEO – S. N. Subrahmanyam
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin | Governor – Ravindra Narayan Ravi

**18.** On November 24, the Survey of India and the Tamil Nadu government signed an MoU to undertake a pilot project in two villages under the “SVAMITVA” scheme to study whether a drone survey would help the State further strengthen the land records database of ‘natham’ areas. The Survey of Villages Abadi & Mapping with Improvised Technology in Village Areas (SVAMITVA) scheme is promoted by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj. Besides, TVS Motor Company also signed an MoU with Tamil Nadu Government. Under the MoU, TVS Motor Company will invest Rs 1,200 Cr in Future Technologies and Electric Vehicles in the next 4 years. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Survey of India + TN = an MoU to undertake a pilot project in two villages under the “SVAMITVA” scheme
- SVAMITVA – Survey of Villages Abadi & Mapping with Improvised Technology in Village Areas
- TVS Motor + TN = an MoU to invest Rs 1,200 Cr in Future Technologies & Electric Vehicles in the next 4 years
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin | Governor – Ravindra Narayan Ravi
- HQs of Survey of India – Dehradun, Uttarakhand | Surveyor General of India – Naveen Tomar
- HQs of TVS Motor Company – Chennai, Tamil Nadu | CEO – K. N. Radhakrishnan

**19.** On November 24, the Tamil Nadu government signed 59 MoUs for projects worth Rs 35,208 Cr in various sectors, including aerospace and defence, which is set to create job opportunities for 76,795 people. The CM M. K. Stalin released the “Tamil Nadu Fin-Tech Policy 2021”, which encompasses features like a ‘Fin Tech City’ in Chennai and unveiled an “Aerospace and Defence Handboo” for enterprises involved in the sector. An MoU was signed between the TN Industrial Development Corporation (TIDCO) and Dassault Systemes to set up a Centre of Excellence at an investment of Rs 212 Cr. [{Read more}](#)



### Key Points:

- Tamil Nadu – signed 59 MoUs for projects worth Rs 35,208 Cr in various sectors, including Areospace & Defence
- TN CM M. K. Stalin – released the “Fin-Tech Policy 2021” & unveiled an “Aerospace & Defence Handbook”
- TIDCO + Dassault Systemes (France) = an MoU to set up a Centre of Excellence at an investment of Rs 212 Cr
- [Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai](#) | [CM – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin](#) | [Governor – Ravindra Narayan Ravi](#)

**20.** On November 23, India and Nepal signed an MoU for reciprocal recognition of COVID vaccination certificate to significantly ease the travel for fully vaccinated people from the two neighbouring countries. Indian Ambassador to Nepal Vinay M. Kwatra signed the MoU from Indian side. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- India + Nepal = an MoU for reciprocal recognition of COVID vaccination certificate to ease the travel
- [Vinay M. Kwatra – Indian Ambassador to Nepal](#)
- [Nepal – Kathmandu – Nepalese Rupee](#) | [President – Bidhya Devi Bhandari](#) | [PM – Sher Bahadur Deuba](#)

**21.** On November 22, MakeMyTrip partnered with the Ministry of Civil Aviation to promote Regional Air Connectivity through the UDAN scheme. MakeMyTrip will now power UDAN flights on the ‘AirSewa’ portal and market them on its platform to provide air connectivity to underserved destinations. Besides, Ministry of Civil Aviation also signed an MoU with Indian School of Business (ISB) for undertaking research to analyse the effect of the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) on commercial air travel in India. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- MCA + MakeMyTrip = partnership to promote Regional Air Connectivity through the UDAN scheme
- MCA + ISB = an MoU to analyse the effect of the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) on commercial air travel
- ‘AirSewa’ portal – an initiative by the Ministry of Civil Aviation
- [HQs of MakeMyTrip – Gurugram, Haryana](#) | [Co-founder & CEO – Rajesh Magow](#)
- [Ministry of Civil Aviation: Jyotiraditya M. Scindia](#) | [Constituency – Guna, Madhya Pradesh](#)
- [MoS in Ministry of Civil Aviation: V. K. Singh](#)

**22.** On November 22, Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) has partnered with the Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME), United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and Global Environmental Facility (GEF) to deploy 35 energy-efficient technologies in MSMEs to improve the energy productivity of fellow MSMEs units. The project also aims to adopt various business models of ESCO (Energy Servicing Company). With India rolling out the world’s largest Electricity Smart Metering programme, EESL and IntelliSmart has been present in India’s smart meter programme space. Moreover, Gerd Muller succeeded Li Yong as the new Director General of the UNIDO in November, 2021. [{Read more}](#)



### Key Points:

- EESL + Ministry of MSME + UNIDO + GEF = partnership to deploy 35 energy-efficient technologies in MSMEs
- India – to launch the world’s largest Electricity Smart Metering programme
- HQs of EESL – New Delhi | CEO – Arun Kumar Mishra | Chairman – K. Sreekant
- HQs of UNIDO – Vienna, Austria | Director General – Gerd Muller | Founded in – 1966
- HQs of GEF - Washington, D.C., US | CEO – Carlos Manuel Rodriguez

**23.** Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), a flagship initiative of NITI Aayog collaborated with Vigyan Prasar, an autonomous organization of the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India to drive synergies between AIM’s Atal Tinkering Labs (ATL) and Vigyan Prasar’s unique interactivity platform, Engage With Science (EWS). [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- AIM + Vigyan Prasar = collaboration to drive synergies between Atal Tinkering Labs (ATL) & Engage With Science (EWS)
- Vigyan Prasar – an organization of Department of S&T
- AIM – a flagship of NITI Aayog (HQs of AIM – New Delhi | Director – Chintan Vaishnav)

**24.** On November 25, the Department of Water Resources (DoWR) and UNICEF signed a letter of agreement (LoA) to develop water policy for Sustainable Water Management in Odisha. Principal Secretary of Water Resources at Government of Odisha launched a website “Youth4Water” for the same purpose. He stated that ‘Youth4Water’ and ‘Mo Nadi’ campaigns are the key features of the collaboration with UNICEF. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- UNICEF + Water Resources Dept. = to develop water policy for Sustainable Water Management in Odisha
- “Youth4Water” website & ‘Mo Nadi’ campaign – belong to Odisha
- HQs of UNICEF – New York, USA | Executive Director – Henrietta H. Fore | Established in – 1946
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

**25.** On November 26, Haryana government signed an MoU with the National Institute for Smart Government (NISG) to bring in the experience and expertise from the public and private sectors to enhance in-house capacities. The Haryana government is striving to streamline the delivery of various services to its citizens. This MoU will be valid for a period of 5 years. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Haryana + NISG = an MoU to bring in the expertise from the public & private sectors for services delivery to its citizens
- Haryana: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Manohar Lal Khattar | Governor – Bandaru Dattatraya
- HQs of NISG – Hyderabad, Telangana | CEO – Rama Krishna Rao (functions under – MeitY)



**26.** On November 25, Bharti Airtel successfully conducted India's first 5G trial in the 700 MHz band in partnership with Nokia. It was conducted on the outskirts of Kolkata and it was also the first 5G trial in Eastern India. Airtel used equipment from Nokia's 5G portfolio, which included NokiaAirScale radios and standalone (SA) core. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Bharti Airtel + Nokia = conducted India's first 5G trial in the 700 MHz band on the outskirts of Kolkata
- It was the first 5G trial in Eastern India
- HQs of Bharti Airtel – New Delhi | CEO & MD – Gopal Vittal | Chairman – Sunil Bharti Mittal
- HQs of Nokia – Espoo, Finland | CEO – Pekka Lundmark

**27.** On November 26, Assam Electronics Development Corporation Limited (AMTRON) has signed a tripartite MoU with Mastercard Asia/Pacific Pte Ltd. and I-Sec Security Services Pvt. Ltd for setting up a strategic Cyber Intelligence Centre of Excellence at Tech City, Guwahati. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- AMTRON (Assam) + Mastercard Asia/Pacific Pte Ltd + I-Sec Security Services = an MoU to set up a strategic Cyber Intelligence Centre of Excellence – in Guwahati
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Himanta Biswa Sarma | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi
- HQs of I-Sec Security Services – Mumbai, Maharashtra

**28.** On November 26, Convergence Energy Services Ltd (CESL), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Energy Efficiency Services Ltd, signed a Letter of Association (LoA) with the IIT Bombay to implement Electric Vehicle charging infrastructure across India. The letter of association (LoA) was signed by Mahua Acharya, MD and CEO, CESL and Professor A. M. Pradeep, Associate Dean of Research & Development, IIT-B. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- CESL + IIT Bombay = LoA to implement Electric Vehicle charging infrastructure across India
- HQs of CESL – Kolkata, West Bengal | Head – Mahua Acharya (CESL - a subsidiary of EESL)
- Director of IIT Bombay – Prof. Subhasis Chaudhuri

**29.** On November 25, West Bengal government and Schoolnet, an Edtech start-up announced a strategic partnership to drive Digital Learning and Career Development programmes across the state. The partnership will help provide an online e-learning platform in Bengali, "Geneo eSekha" to students from classes 5 to 10. The initial tie-up is for 1 year. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- West Bengal + Schoolnet = strategic partnership to drive Digital Learning & Career Development programmes
- "Geneo eSekha" - an online e-learning platform in Bengali for the students of class 5 to 10
- West Bengal: Capital – Kolkata | CM – Mamta Banerjee | Governor – Jagdeep Dhankar
- HQs of Schoolnet – New York, US | MD & CEO – RCM Reddy

**30.** On November 29, Online bus ticketing platform redBus in collaboration with IRCTC launched a rail ticket booking service named “redRail”. redRail will offer a superior booking experience to customers with a class-leading customer support system, from the time of booking the train tickets, till the time of boarding. [{Read more}](#)

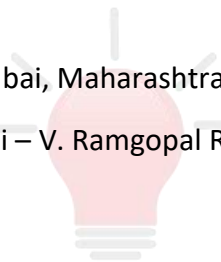
**Key Points:**

- redBus + IRCTC = launched a rail ticket booking service named “redRail”
- HQs of redBus – Bengaluru, Karnataka | CEO – Prakash Sangam
- HQs of IRCTC – New Delhi | Chairman & MD – Mahendra Pratap Mall

**31.** On November 29, Ambuja Cements and ACC partnered with IIT Delhi to develop next-generation, calcined clay cements, a low carbon material to promote sustainable construction. This academic collaboration will be implemented through a research project funded by Holcim Innovation Centre, Lyon, France. The partnership aims to create next-generation low CO2 cement with more than 50% lower carbon emissions for Indian and international consumers. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Ambuja Cements + ACC + IIT Delhi = partnership to develop low carbon calcined clay cement
- HQs of Ambuja Cements Ltd – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Neeraj Akhoury | Chairman – N. S. Sekhsaria
- HQs of ACC – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Sridhar Balakrishnan
- Director of IIT Delhi – V. Ramgopal Rao



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# Books & Authors

1. The book titled “The Story of the First Civilizations: From Mesopotamia to the Aztecs”, authored by Subhadra Sen Gupta, is published posthumously by Speaking Tiger’s ‘Talking Hub’ imprint. Gupta (1952-2021), who wrote over 40 books for children, was awarded the “Bal Sahitya Puraskar” by the Sahitya Akademi in 2015. She also won the “Big Little Book Award” instituted by Parag in 2020. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- “The Story of the First Civilizations: From Mesopotamia to the Aztecs” book – authored by Subhadra Sen Gupta
- Awards: “Bal Sahitya Puraskar” (2015) & “Big Little Book Award” (2020)

2. HarperCollins India presents a fascinating portrait of modern India woven around epochal events in India’s cricketing history, “Not Just Cricket: A Reporter’s Journey through Modern India” by Pradeep Magazine releasing in December 2021. Pradeep Magazine is a cricket writer, columnist and former sports editor of The Pioneer, the India Today e-paper and Hindustan Times. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- “Not Just Cricket: A Reporter’s Journey through Modern India” – authored by Pradeep Magazine
- Publisher – HarperCollins India

3. Sudha Murty wrote a latest book for children “The Sage with Two Horns: Unusual Tales from Mythology” in which she tells numerous lesser-known and fascinating stories that have been lost in the pages of Indian mythology. This is the fifth and last book of her “Unusual Tales from mythology” series. The book is published by Puffin and has illustrations by Priyankar Gupta. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- “The Sage with Two Horns: Unusual Tales from Mythology” – authored by Sudha Murty (5<sup>th</sup> book of her series)
- Publisher – Puffin | Illustrations by – Priyankar Gupta

4. Bhaskar Chattopadhyay has authored a new book titled “The Cinema of Satyajit Ray: Between Tradition and Modernity”. Darius Cooper is the co-author of this book and Westland is the publisher. Satyajit Ray received the Oscars in the year 1992 for the lifetime achievement. He was the first Indian to receive such an award from the Academy of Motion Pictures, Arts and Science.

## Key Points:

- “The Cinema of Satyajit Ray: Between Tradition and Modernity” – authored by Bhaskar Chattopadhyay
- Publisher – Westland
- Satyajit Ray – the first & only Indian to receive Academy Honorary Award (during 1992 Oscars)



5. On November 3, Economist Shankar Acharya has written an engaging account of his eventful life in his book “An Economist at Home and Abroad: A Personal Journey”. Acharya had a 16-year stint in the government of which he was Chief Economic Advisor for a record eight years, serving three different Finance Ministers - Manmohan Singh, P Chidambaram and Yashwant Sinha. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- “An Economist at Home and Abroad: A Personal Journey” book – authored by Shankar Acharya

6. McGraw Hill recently launched the latest book “MODERN INDIA: For Civil Services and Other Competitive Examinations” authored by Poonam Dalal Dahiya; ASP, Haryana Police (Ex-IRS) & an author popular among the UPSC community for her subject-matter expertise. The book was released by the CM of Haryana Manohar Lal Khattar. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- “MODERN INDIA: For Civil Services & Other Competitive Examinations” – authored by Poonam Dalal Dahiya
- Publisher – McGraw Hill

7. India’s leading tax lawyer and well known international tax and policy expert, Aseem Chawla announced the release of his new book titled “Finding A Straight Line Between Twists and Turns - An Imperfect, Yet Honest Reflections on the Indian Tax Landscape”. The book has been published by Matrix Publishers. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- “Finding A Straight Line Between Twists and Turns - An Imperfect, Yet Honest Reflections on the Indian Tax Landscape” – authored by Aseem Chawla
- Publisher – Matrix Publishers

8. “Nehru: The Debates that Defined India” is co-authored by Tripurdaman Singh and Adeel Hussain. The new book serves as a revisionist exploration of India’s first and longest-serving Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- “Nehru: The Debates that Defined India” book – authored by Tripurdaman Singh & Adeel Hussain
- The book is about India’s first & longest-serving PM Jawaharlal Nehru

9. On November 8, the Bangla version of the book “Operation X” about the naval commando operation jointly launched by the Indian Navy and the Mukti Bahini of Bangladesh was launched in Dhaka, Bangladesh. The book is written by Capt. MNR Samant and co-written by Sandeep Unnithan. ‘Operation X’ was part of ‘Operation Jackpot’ under which covert training and equipping of the Bangladeshi liberation army ‘Mukti Bahini’ was done. The Mukti Bahini is also known as the Bangladesh Forces. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Bangla version of the book “Operation X” jointly launched by – Indian Navy & Mukti Bahini of Bangladesh
- The book is written by Capt. MNR Samant & co-written by Sandeep Unnithan



**10.** N. S. Vinodh's "A Forgotten Ambassador in Cairo: The Life and Times of Syud Hossain" is several books rolled into one. It is the biography of Syud Hossain who was a journalist, an Indian Independence Activist, and the first ever Indian ambassador to Egypt. The book was published by Simon and Schuster India. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- "A Forgotten Ambassador in Cairo: The Life and Times of Syud Hossain" book – authored by N. S. Vinodh
- Publisher – Simon & Schuster India

**11.** The Arabic edition of "100 Great Indian Poems", authored and edited by Indian poet-diplomat Abhay Kumar, was launched at the Sharjah International Book Fair in the UAE on November 10. The book includes poems from 28 Indian languages spanning over 3,000 years of Indian poetry. The book has also been translated into Irish, Nepali, French and Russian. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Arabic edition of "100 Great Indian Poems" – launched at the Sharjah International Book Fair in the UAE
- The book is authored & edited by – Abhay Kumar

**12.** In "Unshackling India: Hard Truths and Clear Choices for Economic Revival", authors Ajay Chhibber and Salman Anees Soz argue that India can foster a prosperous and inclusive economy if it sets its mind to it. A new book examines India's potential to become a genuinely developed economy by 2047. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- "Unshackling India: Hard Truths and Clear Choices for Economic Revival" – by Ajay Chhibber & Salman Anees Soz

**13.** A book titled "Pride, Prejudice, and Punditry" has been authored by Shashi Tharoor. The book contains the text of Tharoor's most famous speeches, including the Oxford Union address on colonial reparations. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- "Pride, Prejudice, and Punditry" – authored by Shashi Tharoor

**14.** On November 13, Defence Secretary Dr. Ajay Kumar released a book titled "Force in Statecraft" in New Delhi. The book is an edited volume by Air Marshal Diptendu Choudhury (Commandant of National Defence College) and Air Vice Marshal Arjun Subramaniam (President's Chair of Excellence at NDC). [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- "Force in Statecraft" book – released by Ajay Kumar
- The book is an edited volume by = Diptendu Choudhury + Arjun Subramaniam

**15.** On November 13, Hindu Sena has demanded a ban on Congress leader Salman Khurshid's book "Sunrise Over Ayodhya: Nationhood in Our Times", alleging that it harms social integrity and hurts the religious sentiments of Hindus. [{Read more}](#)



**Key Points:**

- “Sunrise Over Ayodhya: Nationhood in Our Times” book – authored by Salman Khurshid

**16.** On November 15, Chandigarh Punjab sports and higher education minister Pargat Singh launched a book titled “Uddna Baaz” - a biography on Olympian Gurbachan Singh Randhawa. The book is written by the sports writer Navdeep Singh Gill. Randhawa was the flag-bearer of the Indian contingent at the ‘1964 Tokyo Olympics’. He was conferred the Arjuna Award in 1961 and the Padma Shri in 2005. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Pargat Singh – launched a book titled “Uddna Baaz” a biography of ‘Gurbachan Singh Randhawa’
- The book is written by – Navdeep Singh Gill
- Awards: Arjuna Award (1961) & Padma Shri (2005)

**17.** On November 15, HarperCollins India presented a richly detailed narrative of Vishwanath Pratap Singh’s extraordinarily eventful life in a book titled “The Disruptor: How Vishwanath Pratap Singh Shook India”. The book was authored by Debashish Mukerji. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- “The Disruptor: How Vishwanath Pratap Singh Shook India” book – authored by Debashish Mukerji
- Publisher – HarperCollins India

**18.** On November 13, the member of the national executive of the RSS, Ram Madhav has authored a new book titled “The Hindutva Paradigm: Integral Humanism and the Quest for a Non-Western Worldview”. The fifteen essays in the present volume, The Hindutva Paradigm, cover similar terrain but are pegged to Deen Dayal Upadhyay. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- “The Hindutva Paradigm: Integral Humanism & the Quest for a Non-Western Worldview” – authored by Ram Madhav

**19.** Badminton coach and former player Pullela Gopichand launched his autobiography “Shuttler’s Flick: Making Every Match Count” (Simon & Schuster publication). He co-authored the book with Priya Kumar and was unveiled in Hyderabad on November 12. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- “Shuttler’s Flick: Making Every Match Count” autobiography – authored by Pullela Gopichand & Priya Kumar
- Publisher – Simon & Schuster

**20.** Union Minister Smriti Zubin Irani has turned author with her debut novel “Lal Salaam”, announced by publishing house Westland. The novel is inspired by the tragic killings of 76 CRPF personnel in Dantewada in April 2010. [{Read more}](#)



**Key Points:**

- “Lal Salaam” debut novel – by Smriti Zubin Irani

**21.** On November 18, Vice-President M. Venkaiah Naidu released a book titled “Srimadramayanam”, written by Sasi Kiran, personal secretary to Union Minister for Tourism & Culture G. Kishan Reddy. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- M. Venkaiah Naidu released a book titled “Srimadramayanam” – written by Sasi Kiran

**22.** A book titled “Cooking to Save Your Life” is authored by Abhijit Banerjee, with illustrations by Cheyenne Olivier. The book has been published by Juggernaut Books. Abhijit Banerjee won the ‘Nobel Prize in Economics’ in 2019. He is the author of two books written with Esther Dufflo - “Poor Economics” and “Good Economics for Hard Times”. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- “Cooking to Save Your Life” book – authored by Abhijit Banerjee
- Illustrated by – Cheyenne Oliver (France) | Published by – Juggernaut Books
- Abhijit Banerjee won the ‘Nobel Prize in Economics’ in 2019

**23.** Celebrated art historian and critic Brijinder Nath Goswamy’s latest book, titled “Conversations: India’s Leading Art Historian Engages with 101 themes, and More” was published under the Penguin Random House India’s (PRHI) ‘Allen Lane’ imprint. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- “Conversations: India’s Leading Art Historian Engages with 101 themes, and More” book – by B. N. Goswamy

**24.** HarperCollins published an extraordinary and inspirational life story, “Resolved: Uniting Nations in a Divided World”, an autobiography of the Former Secretary General of the United Nations Ban Ki-moon. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- “Resolved: Uniting Nations in a Divided World” book – authored by Ban Ki-moon
- Publisher – HarperCollins

**25.** A book titled “Contested Lands: India, China and the Boundary Dispute” is authored by Former Army Officer Maroof Raza. The book features the details about ongoing India-China border dispute. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- “Contested Lands: India, China and the Boundary Dispute” book – authored by Maroof Raza



**26.** A Seminar titled “India-Bangladesh: Fifty Years of Friendship” was organised by the Centre for Land Warfare Studies (CLAWS) at the India International Centre (IIC) situated in New Delhi to commemorate 50 Years of ‘India-Bangladesh Friendship’ on 24 November, 2021. A book titled “Bangladesh Liberation@50 Years: ‘Bijoy’ with Synergy: India-Pakistan War 1971” was released by the Chief of Indian Army General M. M. Naravane. This book is a compilation of personal experiences of the war by veterans from India and Pakistan. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- “India-Bangladesh: Fifty Years of Friendship” seminar – organised by the CLAWS
- M. M. Naravane – released “Bangladesh Liberation@50 Years: ‘Bijoy’ with Synergy: India-Pakistan War 1971” book
- [Bangladesh – Dhaka – Taka](#) | [PM – Seikh Hasina](#) | [President – Abdul Hamid](#)

**27.** On November 26, Time Magazine India organized “Time Magazine Excellence Iconic Awards 2021” in New Delhi, in which an eminent lawyer and founder of Singhania and Company, D.C. Singhania was felicitated with “Life Time Achievement Award 2021”. During the event, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition of “Mass Communication: Principles and Concepts” book authored by Seema Hasan, was also launched. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- “Time Magazine Excellence Iconic Awards 2021” – organised in New Delhi
- D.C. Singhania – received the “Life Time Achievement Award 2021” by the Time Magazine India
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition of “Mass Communication: Principles and Concepts” book – authored by Seema Hasan

**28.** Veteran sports writer Ayaz Memon has authored a book titled “Indian Innings: The Journey of Indian Cricket from 1947”. In the anthology, Ayaz curates some of the finest pieces that tell the remarkable tale that Indian cricket has largely been. The book is published by Westland Sport. There have been anthologies before and one that springs to mind is “The Picador Book of Cricket” by Ramachandra Guha, published in 2001. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- “Indian Innings: The Journey of Indian Cricket from 1947” book – authored by Ayaz Memon
- Publisher – Westland Sport

**29.** HarperCollins announced to release a new perspective on business and life, “The Ambuja Story: How a Group of Ordinary Men Created an Extraordinary Company”, an autobiography authored by Narotam Satyanarayan Sekhsaria, in December 2021. Narotam Sekhsaria is the chairman of Ambuja Cements Ltd and Ambuja Cements Foundation. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- “The Ambuja Story: How a Group of Ordinary Men Created an Extraordinary Company” – by Narotam S. Sekhsaria
- HQs of Ambuja Cements Ltd – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Neeraj Akhoury | Chairman – N. S. Sekhsaria



**30.** Neha Dwivedi has authored a new book titled “The Lone Wolf: The Untold Story of the Rescue of Sheikh Hasina”. The Lone Wolf is Ashok Tara’s story, charting the course of his celebrated yet quiet life as a member of the armed forces. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- “The Lone Wolf: The Untold Story of the Rescue of Sheikh Hasina” book – authored by Neha Dwivedi



# Obituaries

1. On November 1, Prominent violinist and musician Prabhakar Jog passed away in Pune. He was 88. Jog assisted legendary music directors in the Marathi film industry. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- Prabhakar Jog – Violinist & Musician – passed away

2. Decorated cricket coach Tarak Sinha (fondly referred to as 'Ustad ji') passed away in New Delhi due to cancer. He was 71. Tarak Sinha was the fifth Indian cricket coach to receive the Dronacharya Award in 2018. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- Tarak Sinha – a renowned Cricket Coach – passed away (Dronacharya Award in 2018)

3. On November 10, Former chancellor of GITAM deemed-to-be University, former Vice-Chancellor of Andhra University and Padma Shri awardee Koneru Ramakrishna Rao died after a brief illness. He was 89. He was an internationally recognised psychologist, Gandhian scholar and educator. He received 'Padma Shri' Award in 2011 in the field of 'Literature & Education'. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- Koneru Ramakrishna Rao – Psychologist & Educationist – passed away
- Awards: 'Padma Shri' Award (2011) in 'Literature & Education'

4. On November 11, Former President of South Africa Frederik Willem de Klerk passed away at the age of 85. Mr. De Klerk died after a battle against Mesothelioma cancer. He shared 'Nobel Peace Prize' with South African President Nelson Mandela in 1993. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- Frederik Willem de Klerk – Former President of South Africa – passed away
- F. W. de Klerk + Nelson Mandela = 'Nobel Peace Prize' (1993)

5. On November 15, Eminent historian, Marathi writer and Padma Vibhushan awardee Balwant Moreshwar Purandare, popularly known as 'Babasaheb Purandare', passed away at the age of 99. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- Balwant Moreshwar Purandare (Babasaheb Purandare) – a Historian & Marathi Writer – passed away

6. On November 15, Celebrated Indian author Manu Bhandari passed away at the age of 90. Two of her most renowned Hindi novels are 'Aapka Banti' and 'Mahabhoj'. Bhandari was considered to be one of the pioneers of the 'Nayi Kahani' movement, which was a Hindi literary movement. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- Manu Bhandari – Novelist/Author/Writer – passed away



7. On November 15, Legendary author Wilbur Smith passed away at the age of 88. In 1964, the author published his first novel, "When the Lion Feeds". [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Wilbur Smith – British-South African Novelist/Author – passed away

8. On November 18, Novy Kapadia, the veteran Sports Commentator who was often called 'The Voice of Indian Football' passed away at the age of 68. The noted commentator has also authored several books related to football including 'The Football Fanatic's Essential Guide Book' in 2014. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Novy Kapadia – Veteran Football Commentator & Author – passed away

9. Former South Korean President and former Military Commander Chun Doo-hwan passed away at the age of 90. He presided over the 1980 Gwangju army massacre of pro-democracy demonstrators, a crime for which he was later convicted and received a commuted death sentence. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Chun Doo-hwan – former President of South Korea – passed away
- South Korea – Seoul – Korean Republic won | President – Moon Jae-in

10. Renowned Punjabi folk singer Gurmeet Bawa, popularly known as 'Lambi hek di malika' (the queen of singing in an extended breath), passed away at the age of 77. She was also awarded the 'Rashtrapati Puraskar' by the Bharti Sangeet Natak Akademi. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Gurmeet Bawa – Punjabi Folk Singer – passed away

11. Eminent Assamese Poet Sananta Tanty passed away at the age of 69. Sananta Tanty received several awards and recognitions, including the "Sahitya Akademi" in 2016 for "Kailoir Dinto Amar Hobo" (Tomorrow Will Be Ours), a collection of his poems in Assamese. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Sananta Tanty ([Assam](#)) – an Eminent Assamese Poet – passed away
- Awards: "Sahitya Akademi" (2016) for "Kailoir Dinto Amar Hobo" a collection of his poems in Assamese

12. 'Titan of the American Musical', Stephen Joshua Sondheim passed away. He was 91. He was an American composer and lyricist. Among the most important figures in 20th-century musical theater, Sondheim was praised for having 'reinvented the American Musical'. He received a "Special Tony Award" (2008) for 'Lifetime Achievement in the Theatre'. He had also received 8 Grammy Awards & a Pulitzer Prize. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Stephen Sondheim ([USA](#)) – Composer & Lyricist – passed away ('Titan of the American Musical')
- Awards: "Special Tony Award" (2008), 8 'Grammy Awards', 'Pulitzer Prize'





**13.** On November 26, Lyricist Bichu Thirumala (born as B.Sivasankaran Nair), who penned popular film songs known for their poetic quality, passed away after suffering a cardiac arrest at the age of 80. He was prolific as a lyricist in Malayalam mainstream cinema from the 1970s till the 1990s. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Bichu Thirumala (B.Sivasankaran Nair) – a Lyricist & Poet – passed away (associated with Malayalam cinema)

**14.** Renowned Choreographer and Television Judge K. Shiva Shankar, popularly known as Shiva Shankar Master, died of COVID-19 complications in Hyderabad at the age of 73. He had won the “National Film Award” for ‘Best Choreography’ for his work in S. S. Rajamouli's historical drama Magadheera (2008). [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Shiva Shankar Master – Choreographer & Television Judge – passed away
- Awards: “National Film Award” for ‘Best Choreography’



# Person in News

**1.** On November 1, Lt. Col. Bharat Pannu, a serving Electronics and Mechanical Engineer (EME) officer in the Army, has bagged his 3<sup>rd</sup> Guinness World Record by cycling across the country from Gujarat to Arunachal Pradesh covering a distance of 3,800 km in 9 days, 7 hours & 5 minutes. In 2020, he had created two consecutive World Records for the fastest solo cycling. [{Read more}](#)

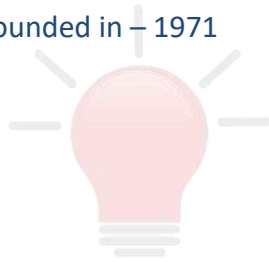
## **Key Points:**

- Lt. Col. Bharat Pannu – bagged his 3<sup>rd</sup> Guinness World Record by cycling across the country from Gujarat to AP
- He covered the distance of 3,800 km in 9 days, 7 hours & 5 minutes

**2.** On November 13, Prime Minister Narendra Modi met the President of the World Economic Forum, Borge Brende and highlighted India's efforts towards strengthening the fight against COVID-19 and the economic reforms undertaken in India. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Narendra Modi – met the WEF's President Borge Brende in November 2021
- HQs of WEF – Cologny, Switzerland | Exe Chairman – Klaus Schwab | President – Borge Brende | Founded in – 1971



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# Science & Technology

**1.** Elon Musk's SpaceX has registered a 100% owned subsidiary in India, Starlink Satellite Communications Private Limited (SSCPL), which will allow it to start applying for licenses. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- SpaceX – registered Starlink in India with the name - "Starlink Satellite Communications Private Limited (SSCPL)"
- HQs of SpaceX – California, U.S. | Founder & CEO – Elon Musk | Founded in – 2002

**2.** Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR) demonstrated the CSIR-Central Mechanical Engineering Research Institute (CSIR-CMERI), Durgapur developed indigenous Mechanized Scavenging System successfully at the premises of the CSIR-National Physical Laboratory. The CSIR-CMERI developed machine is designed for up to 5000 people density. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- CSIR-CMERI (Durgapur) – successfully developed indigenous 'Mechanized Scavenging System' for India
- HQs of CSIR – New Delhi | President – Narendra Modi | DG – Shekhar C. Mande | Established in – 1942

**3.** Union Minister of State (I/C) for Science & Technology, Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurated advanced 650 Teraflops Supercomputing facility at National Agri-Food Biotechnology Institute (NABI) in Mohali, Punjab. These teraflops will be established with an approximate cost of Rs 20 Cr. Dr Jitendra Singh also inaugurated "i-RISE", Technology Business Incubator at Mohali, aimed at providing world class research facilities for start-ups in India. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Dr. Jitendra Singh – inaugurated advanced 650 Teraflops Supercomputing facility – at NABI in Mohali, Punjab
- Dr. Jitendra Singh – inaugurated "i-RISE" - a Technology Business Incubator at Mohali

**4.** China sent an Earth science satellite called "Guangmu 1" (SDGSAT 1) into space by a Long March-6 carrier rocket from the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center in the northern Shanxi Province. Developed by the Chinese Academy of Sciences, the satellite (SDGSAT-1) is the world's first space science satellite dedicated to serving the 'UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development' which was adopted in 2015. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- China sent world's first Earth science satellite called "Guangmu 1" (SDGSAT 1) into space
- "Guangmu 1" (SDGSAT 1) is customized according to 'UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development'
- China – Beijing – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping



5. Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) and Indian Air Force (IAF) successfully carried out two flight tests of indigenously-developed smart anti-airfield weapon (SAAW). Electro optical seeker based flight test of this class of bomb has been conducted for the first time in India. The electro optic sensor has been developed indigenously. The weapon was launched by an IAF aircraft from Chandan ranges at Jaisalmer, Rajasthan on October 28, 2021 and November 03, 2021. SAAW has been designed and developed by Research Centre Imarat (RCI) in coordination with other DRDO Laboratories and extensive support from IAF. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- DRDO + IAF = successfully carried out two flight tests of indigenously-developed smart anti-airfield weapon (SAAW)
- SAAW was launched from Chandan ranges at Jaisalmer, Rajasthan
- HQs of DRDO – New Delhi | Chairman – G. Satheesh Reddy | Established in – 1958
- HQs of IAF – New Delhi | Chief – Air Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari | Vice Chief – Air Marshal Sandeep Singh

6. In November 2021, China successfully launched 3 new remote sensing satellites from the Xichang Satellite Launch Centre in the country's southwestern Sichuan province. The satellites, belonging to 'Yaogan-35' family, were launched by a 'Long March-2D' carrier rocket. This launch marked the 396<sup>th</sup> mission for the Long March series carrier rockets. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- China – successfully launched 3 new remote sensing satellites belonging to 'Yaogan-35' family
- China – Beijing – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping

7. The Australian Space Agency (in October 2021) had announced plans to send an Australian-made rover to the Moon by as early as 2026, under a deal with NASA. Although the deal with NASA, now a separate mission is conducted by Private companies in Australia and Canada, in conjunction with the University of Technology Sydney to hunt water on the Moon as soon as mid-2024. It will be the first rover with Australian-made components to make it to the Moon. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Australia + Canada + University of Technology Sydney = conducting a mission to hunt water on the Moon by mid-2024
- Australia – Canberra – Australian Dollar | PM – Scott Morrison
- Canada – Ottawa – Canadian Dollar | PM – Justin Trudeau

8. On November 6, "Landsat 9" - a joint mission between NASA and the US Geological Survey (USGS) launched earlier in 2021, has collected its first light images of the Earth from space. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- "Landsat 9" - a joint mission between NASA & USGS collected its first light images of the Earth from space
- HQs of NASA – Washington D.C., USA | Administrator – Bill Nelson | Founded on – July 29, 1958



**9.** On November 8, Wang Yaping has become the first Chinese woman astronaut to walk in space as she moved out of the under-construction Tiangong space station and took part in extravehicular activities for over 6 hours along with her male colleague Zhai Zhigang. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Wang Yaping ([China](#)) – became the first Chinese woman astronaut to walk in Space
- [China](#) – [Beijing](#) – [Renminbi](#) | [President](#) – [Xi Jinping](#)

**10.** On November 11, the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) launched a small, low-cost Epsilon rocket with 9 satellites. The “Epsilon-5” rocket took off from Uchinoura Space Center in the southwestern prefecture of Kagoshima, Japan. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- JAXA – launched a small & low-cost “Epsilon-5” rocket with 9 satellites
- [HQs of JAXA](#) – [Tokyo, Japan](#) | [President](#) – [Yamakawa Hiroshi](#)

**11.** On November 9, General V. K. Singh, the Minister of State Civil Aviation inaugurated India’s first Center for Excellence in Research on Drone/UAV Technology and Artificial Intelligence at IIT Guwahati. Along with it, a Skill development Center for Drone/UAV operation and maintenance and ‘AXOMDroneports’ were also inaugurated. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- V. K. Singh – inaugurated India’s 1<sup>st</sup> Center for Excellence in Research on Drone/UAV Technology & AI at IIT Guwahati
- [Ministry of Civil Aviation](#): [Jyotiraditya M. Scindia](#) | [Constituency](#) – [Guna, Madhya Pradesh](#)
- [MoS in Ministry of Civil Aviation](#): [V. K. Singh](#)

**12.** Jeff Bezos-owned space company Blue Origin announced its plan for a private space station called “Orbital Reef” which will be built in partnership with multiple space companies and deployed between 2025 and 2030. The Orbital Reef station would inhabit up to 10 people as a mixed-use business park in space. Orbital Reef is a joint venture with commercial space company Sierra Space and has the support of Boeing and Arizona State University. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Blue Origin – to deploy a private space station called “Orbital Reef” between 2025 & 2030
- The Orbital Reef station would inhabit up to 10 people
- [HQs of Blue Origin](#) – [Washington, US](#) | [CEO](#) – [Bob Smith](#) | [Founder](#) – [Jeff Bezos](#) | [Founded in](#) – 2000

**13.** On November 11, South Korea successfully demonstrated a system for controlling air taxis or Urban Air Mobility Vehicles (UAM). It will serve as taxis between major airports and downtown Seoul as soon as 2025, cutting travel time by two-thirds. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- South Korea – successfully demonstrated a system for controlling air taxis or Urban Air Mobility Vehicles (UAM)
- South Korea – Seoul – Korean Republic won | President – Moon Jae-in

**14.** On November 8, IBM launched a Client Innovation Centre (CIC) in Mysuru, Karnataka. The CIC initiative aims at supporting the rapid, high-tech driven economic growth in tier 2 and 3 regions while providing comprehensive hybrid cloud and AI technology consulting capabilities. The Karnataka Digital Economy Mission (KDEM) facilitated the launch as part of its 'spoke-shore strategy'. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- IBM – launched a Client Innovation Centre (CIC) in Mysuru, Karnataka
- HQs of IBM – Armonk, New York, US | CEO – Arvind Krishna | Founded in – 1911
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – Basavaraj Bommai | Governor – Thawarchand Gehlot

**15.** Ahmedabad-based Physical Research Laboratory (PRL) discovered an exoplanet that is 725 light years away from us and has 1.5 times the mass of our Sun. The exoplanet is 1.4 times the size of Jupiter. Exoplanets are planetary bodies that are outside our solar system and they usually orbit a star. The exoplanet was discovered using the 'PARAS' (PRL Advanced Radial velocity Abu Sky Search) optical fibre-fed spectrograph on the laboratory's telescope at its Mt. Abu observatory. The study was led by Abhijit Chakraborty. The newly found exoplanet will be called 'HD 82139b' or 'TOI 1789b'. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Physical Research Laboratory (Ahmedabad, Guj) – discovered a new exoplanet called 'HD 82139b' or 'TOI 1789b'
- Exoplanet's Mass – 1.5 times the mass of Sun | Size – 1.4 times the size of Jupiter
- The exoplanet was discovered using 'PARAS' (PRL Advanced Radial velocity Abu Sky Search)
- The study was led by – Abhijit Chakraborty
- Mount Abu InfraRed Observatory – located in Rajasthan

**16.** On November 18, Maharashtra's Hingoli Revenue Department has handed over 225 hectare of land at Dudhala in Aundha Nagnath town to authorities of the "Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory (LIGO)" project for setting up the first such facility in India. In 2016, the central government had given an 'in principle' approval to the LIGO-India mega science proposal for research on gravitational waves. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Maharashtra's Hingoli Revenue Dept. handed over 225 hectare of land to set up "LIGO Project" in India
- India's 1<sup>st</sup> "LIGO Project" will be set up – at Aundha Naganath town, Hingoli district, Maharashtra



**17.** On November 18, Russia launched an anti-satellite (ASAT) missile called “Nudol”, destroying one of its own satellites and creating a cloud of space debris that is threatening astronauts at the International Space Station. India launched its first ASAT test in 2019. Moreover, Russia’s navy successfully test-fired ‘Zircon’ Hypersonic Cruise Missile. The Admiral Gorshkov frigate in the White Sea launched the missile, hitting a practice target 400 km away. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Russia – launched an anti-satellite (ASAT) missile called “Nudol” to destroy one of its own satellites
- Russian Navy – successfully test-fired ‘Zircon’ Hypersonic Cruise Missile in the White Sea
- [Russia – Moscow – Russian Ruble](#) | [PM – Mikhail Mishustin](#) | [President – Vladimir Putin](#)

**18.** On November 19, A new tree species of the genus Cryptocarya spotted in Edamalakkudy forest of Kerala’s Idukki district. It has been named “Cryptocarya Muthuvariana” after Muthuvar tribe of the forest. The species was identified by the scientists from University of Kerala and Jawaharlal Nehru Tropical Botanic Garden and Research Institute (JNTBGRI). The discovery was published in a scientific journal ‘Annales Botanici Fennici’. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- “Cryptocarya Muthuvariana” a new tree species – spotted in Edamalakkudy forest, Idukki, Kerala
- The species was identified by the scientists from – University of Kerala & JNTBGRI

**19.** On November 20, Bengaluru-based Centre for Cellular and Molecular Platforms (C-CAMP) launched the “India AMR Innovation Hub (IAIH)”, which will be a unique global multi-stakeholder platform to combat Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR). The AMR, also termed as ‘Silent Pandemic’, is the world’s biggest healthcare challenge. IAIH will focus on human AMR, Human-Animal interface or one health approach and Neglected Tropical Disease (NTDs). [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- C-CAMP ([Bengaluru](#)) – launched the “India AMR Innovation Hub (IAIH)”
- AMR is also termed as ‘Silent Pandemic’

**20.** On November 19, the China Aerospace Science and Technology Corp. (CASC) launched its 3<sup>rd</sup> Gaofen-11 reconnaissance satellite through ‘Long March 4B’ launching vehicle from the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center in northern China. The launch was China’s 44<sup>th</sup> of 2021. China added it to a set of classified satellites with an optical resolution which may be comparable to top U.S. spy satellites. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- China – launched its 3<sup>rd</sup> Gaofen-11 reconnaissance satellite through ‘Long March 4B’
- [China – Beijing – Renminbi](#) | [President – Xi Jinping](#)





**21.** The NASA selected a new Earth science mission 'Investigation of Convective Updrafts (INCUS)' under its Earth Venture Mission-3 (EVM-3). The INCUS will study the behavior of tropical storms and thunderstorms, including their impacts on weather and climate models. The mission will cost approximately \$177 million and is expected to launch in 2027. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- NASA – selected 'Investigation of Convective Updrafts (INCUS)' mission under its "Earth Venture Mission-3 (EVM-3)"
- The mission will cost approximately \$177 million & is expected to launch in 2027
- HQs of NASA – Washington D.C., USA | Administrator – Bill Nelson | Founded on – July 29, 1958

**22.** On November 23, Ministry of Science & Technology launched India's first "Virtual Science Lab" for children under the 'CSIR Jigyasa' programme. It will connect students with scientists across India. Accordingly, CSIR has partnered with IIT Bombay to develop a virtual lab platform under the "CSIR Jigyasa" programme, which facilitates classroom learning with laboratory research for school students. The target audience for the virtual lab is students of standards VI to XII (11-18 years). [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- CSIR + IIT Bombay = developed India's first "Virtual Science Lab" for children under the 'CSIR Jigyasa' programme
- Target audience for the virtual lab – students of Class 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> (11-18 years)
- HQs of CSIR – New Delhi | President – Narendra Modi | DG – Shekhar C. Mande | Established in – 1942
- Director of IIT Bombay – Prof. Subhasis Chaudhuri

**23.** On November 21, Union Minister of Education, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Shri Dharmendra Pradhan inaugurated the state-of-the-art Centre for Nanotechnology (CNT) and Centre for Indian Knowledge System (CIKS) at IIT Guwahati. Centre for Nanotechnology (CNT) aims at meeting future challenges and augment academic partnerships with industry in Nanotechnology. Centre for Indian Knowledge System (CIKS) will focus on preserving, documenting and sustaining the knowledge that is unique to India. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Dharmendra Pradhan inaugurated Centre for Nanotechnology & Centre for Indian Knowledge System at IIT Guwahati
- Director of IIT Guwahati – Dr. T. G. Sitharam
- Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship: Dharmendra Pradhan | Constituency – Madhya Pradesh
- MoS in Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship: Rajeev Chandrasekhar

**24.** On November 24, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) launched the world's first planetary defence system. The mission of NASA's "Double Asteroid Redirection Test" (DART) spacecraft is to demonstrate the world's first planetary defence system, which is designed to smash directly into an asteroid and deflect it away from causing a collision with Earth. It is a \$330 million (Rs 2,460 Cr) project. [{Read more}](#)



**Key Points:**

- NASA – launched the world's first planetary defence system, “Double Asteroid Redirection Test” (DART) spacecraft
- It is a \$330 million (Rs 2,460 Cr) project/mission
- HQs of NASA – Washington D.C., USA | Administrator – Bill Nelson | Founded on – July 29, 1958

**25.** On November 25, China successfully launched a new satellite “Shiyan-11” into space aboard a ‘Kuaizhou-1A’ carrier rocket from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre in the Gobi Desert in Inner Mongolia. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- China – launched a new satellite “Shiyan-11” into space aboard a ‘Kuaizhou-1A’ carrier rocket
- China – Beijing – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping

**26.** On November 25, Skyroot Aerospace has test fired India’s first privately developed fully cryogenic rocket engine named “Dhawan-1” and successfully demonstrated the technology that will power the upper stages of its upcoming ‘Vikram-2’ orbital launch vehicle. The rocket engine is named in honour of Indian rocket scientist Satish Dhawan and has been developed using 3D printing technology. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Skyroot Aerospace – test fired India’s first privately developed fully cryogenic rocket engine named “Dhawan-1”
- HQs of Skyroot Aerospace – Hyderabad, Telangana | CEO – Pawan Kumar Chandana

**27.** Pakistan conducted a successful flight test of the “Shaheen-1A” surface-to-surface ballistic missile with a range of 900 km. The test flight was aimed at re-validating certain design and technical parameters of the weapon system. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Pakistan – conducted a successful flight test of the “Shaheen-1A” surface-to-surface ballistic missile
- Range of the missile – 900 km
- Pakistan – Islamabad – Pakistani Rupee | PM – Imran Khan | President – Arif Alvi

**28.** On November 25, Scientists at IIT BHU have developed a first-of-its-kind device in India for the on-site production of ultra-pure Hydrogen. It is based on membrane technology for on-site production of ultra-pure hydrogen from methanol. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- IIT BHU – developed a first-of-its-kind device in India for the on-site production of ultra-pure Hydrogen

**29.** On November 26, DBT-National Brain Research Centre (DBT-NBRC) have recently developed project “SWADESH”, a unique brain initiative focusing on certified neuroimaging, neurochemical, neuropsychological data and analytics that are made accessible to researchers for managing brain disorders. SWADESH is the first large-scale multimodal neuroimaging database designed specifically for Indian population with big-data architecture and analytics for various disease categories under one platform. SWADESH was inaugurated by Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (I/C) for the Ministry of Science and Technology on November 19, 2021. SWADESH is supported by JAVA-based workflow environment and Python. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Dr. Jitendra Singh – inaugurated the first large-scale Multimodal Neuroimaging Database called “SWADESH”
- It is developed by – DBT-NBRC (Haryana) | Supported by – JAVA & Python

**30.** On November 26, Indo-German Science & Technology Centre (IGSTC) launched a first-of-its-kind programme, “Women’s Involvement in Science & Engineering Research (WISER)” to promote women in the field of research and development and offer 20 scholarship awards every year. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- IGSTC – launched a first-of-its-kind programme “WISER” to promote women in the R&D field
- Germany – Berlin – Euro | President – Frank-Walter Steinmeier

**31.** On November 27, China successfully launched a new communications satellite called “Zhongxing-1D” from the Xichang Satellite Launch Centre in southwest Sichuan Province. The launch marked the 399th mission for the Long March series carrier rockets. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- China – successfully launched a new communications satellite called “Zhongxing-1D”
- China – Beijing – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping



# Ordinance, Bills and Acts

**1.** On November 9, Union government has notified “Minerals Concession Rules 2021” by amending “Minerals (Other than Atomic and Hydro Carbons Energy Mineral) Concession Rules, 2016 (MCR, 2016)”. The amendment will pave the way for sale of 50% of mineral produced from captive mines, transfer of mines without any charges and partial surrender of a lease. The interest rate on delayed payments of royalty and penalty has been revised from existing 24% to 12%. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Union government notified “Minerals Concession Rules, 2021” by amending “Minerals Concession Rules, 2016”
- Interest rate on delayed payments of royalty & penalty – revised from existing 24% to 12%

**2.** On November 8, To safeguard interest of consumers, the Department of Consumer Affairs under Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution has omitted the ‘Rule 5’ of the “Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011” defining the Schedule II prescribing the pack sizes of various types of commodities. The amendments will come into effect from April 1, 2022. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Dept. of Consumer Affairs – omitted the ‘Rule 5’ of the “Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011”
- The amendments will come into effect from – April 1, 2022

**3.** On November 10, Punjab Cabinet decided to regularize the services of 36,000 employees working on contract, ad hoc, work-charged, daily wages and temporary basis in different government department. “The Punjab Protection and Regularization of Contractual Employees Bill-2021” will now be introduced in the current session of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha. In another decision, the cabinet approved the enhancement of minimum wages with effect from March 1, 2020. The revision in minimum wage based on consumer price index was due on March 1, 2020. It has now been increased by Rs 415.89 from Rs 8,776.83 to Rs 9,192.72. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Punjab Cabinet – regularized the services of Employees working on contract, ad hoc & temporary basis
- Punjab Cabinet – approved the enhancement of Minimum Wages to Rs 9,192.72 with effect from March 1, 2020
- Punjab: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Charanjit Singh Channi | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit

**4.** On November 14, the Centre has promulgated ordinance to extend the tenure of Enforcement Directorate (ED) and Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) directors up to 5 years. At present, director of CBI and ED have been appointed for 2-year tenure in office by the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) Act, 2003. Moreover, on November 17, the central government extended the tenure of ED Director Sanjay Kumar Mishra by a year till November 18, 2022. [{Read more}](#)



**Key Points:**

- Central government promulgated an ordinance to extend the tenure of Directors of ED & CBI from 2 years to 5 years
- Sanjay Kumar Mishra – tenure extended as the Directors of ED by 1 year (till Nov 2022)
- HQs of Enforcement Directorate – New Delhi | Director – Sanjay Kumar Mishra
- HQs of CBI – New Delhi | DG – Subodh Kumar Jaiswal | Motto – “Industry, Impartiality, Integrity”

**5.** The Andhra Pradesh Assembly has passed two bills which seek to repeal the “Andhra Pradesh Decentralisation and Inclusive Development of All Regions Act 2020” and “Andhra Pradesh Capital Regional Development Authority Act”. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Andhra Pradesh Assembly passed two bills to repeal:
  - “Decentralisation & Inclusive Development of All Regions Act 2020”
  - “Capital Regional Development Authority Act”
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan

**6.** On November 19, PM Narendra Modi in his address to the nation announced the repeal of 3 Contentious Farm Laws under the ‘Article 245’, as approved by the Union Cabinet recently. ‘Article 245’ of the Indian Constitution which gives Parliament the power to make laws also gives the legislative body the power to repeal them through the ‘Repealing and Amending Act’. The Act was first passed in 1950 when 72 Acts were repealed. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- 3 Contentious Farm Laws were repealed under the ‘Article 245’
- ‘Article 245’ of the IC gives Parliament the power to make or repeal laws

**7.** On November 29, Andhra Pradesh Assembly has passed the “AP Motor Vehicles Taxation (Amendment) Bill 2021” to facilitate the introduction of Green tax. Green tax will soon be imposed on all vehicles, barring motorcycles and autorickshaws. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- AP Assembly – passed the “Motor Vehicles Taxation (Amendment) Bill 2021” to facilitate the introduction of Green tax
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan





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