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IMPORTANT DAYS

NATIONAL IMPORTANT DAYS

Date	Day	Theme	Important Points
March 4	National Safety Day	'Sadak Suraksha' (Road Safety)	Celebrated by National Safety Council 1 st observed in 1972
March 7	Janaushadhi Diwas	-	1 st celebrated in 2019. This year 3 rd edition
March 10	CISF Raising Day	-	52 nd Edition
	National Gestational Diabetes Awareness Day	-	Mark b.day of Dr.Seshaih known as Bishma Pitamah
March 16	National Vaccine day	-	1 st observed in 1955
March 18	Ordnance Factory Day	-	-
March 20	Raising Day of China Corps	-	80 th Edition
March 22	Bihar Day	Jal Jeevan Hariyali	Bihar formed in 1912
March 24	Raising Day of Assam Rifles	-	186 th Edition
March 27	India centre for migration foundation day	-	-



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INTERNATIONAL IMPORTANT DAYS

Date	Day	Theme	Celebrated by
March 1	Zero Discrimination Day	-	United Nations
	World Civil Defence Day	Civil Defence and the first aider in every home	International Civil Defence Organisation in 1990
March 3	World Birth Defects Day	-	World Health Organisation. Started in 2015
	World Wildlife Day	Forests and Livelihoods: Sustaining people and planet is set in alignment with the UN Sustainable Development Goals 1,12, 13 and 15	United Nations
	World Hearing Day	Hearing care for all	World Health Organisation
March 4	Chabahar Day	-	Minister from Russia, Afghanistan, Armenia, Iran, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan participate this event
March 8	International Women's day	Women in leadership: Achieving an equal future in a covid-19 world	United Nations

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March 11(2 nd Thursday in March)	World Kidney Day	Living Well With Kidney Disease	International Society of Nephrology & International Federation of Kidney Foundations
March 14	World Pi day	-	
	International Day of Action for Rivers	Right of rivers	24 th edition
March 15	World Consumer Rights Day	'Tackle Plastic Pollution'	-
March 18	Global Recycling Day	Recycling Heroes	
March 19	World Sleepy Day	-	14 th Edition
March 20	World Sparrow Day	I Love Sparrows	-
	International Day of Happiness	Happiness for All, Forever	United Nations
	World Oral Health Day	Be Proud of Your Mouth	World Dental Federation
	World Day of Theatre for Children & Young People	-	Established by UNESCO
March 21	World Poetry Day	-	-
	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	Youth standing up against racism	-
	World Syndrome Day	We CONNECT so that we can	-
	International Day of Forests	Forest restoration: a path to recovery and well-being	-
	International Day of Nowruz Day	-	-
	World Puppetry Day	-	-



Date	Day	Theme	Celebrated by
March 22	World Water Day	Valuing Water	-
March 23	World Meteorological Day	The Ocean, our climate and weather	-
March 24	World TB Day	The Clock is Ticking	-
March 25	International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery & Transatlantic Slave Trade	Ending Slavery's Legacy of Racism: A Global Imperative for Justice	-
March 25	The International Day of Solidarity with Detained and Missing Staff Members	-	-
March 27	World Theatre Day	-	-
March 29	World Piano Day	-	-
March 30	Rajasthan Statehood Day or Rajasthan Diwas	-	-
March 31	International Transgender day of Visibility	-	-

WEEK

Week	Day	Theme
March 1 to March 7	Janaushadhi Diwas week -3 rd edition	-
March 4 to March 10	National Safety Week	-
2023	International Year of Millets (declared by United Nations General Assembly)	-

SPORTS

BANNED OR SUSPENDED

- ICC – Ban UAE players Mohammad Naveed & Shaiman Anwar for 8 years on match fixing charges.
- Bave Brubaker - Former Canadian women's gymnastics coach banned for life time.

News related to Sports

Cricket

- R Ashwin + Joe Root (England) + Kyle Mayers (West Indies) - Nominate for ICC Men's player of the Month.
- Tammy Beaumont (England) + Nat Sciver (England) + Brooke Haliday (New Zealand) - Nominate for ICC women's player of the month.
- R. Ashwin - The ICC Men's Player of the Month February
- Tammy Beaumont (England) - ICC Women's Player of the Month February
- 14th Edition of VIVO Indian Premier League 2021 - Finals to be played at Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad. India defeat England by innings and 25 runs
- World Test Championship (WTC) finals + India & New Zealand - Ages Bowl in Southampton from June 18 to 22
- Mithali Raj - 1st Indian woman cricketer & 2nd internationally to complete 10,000 runs.
- Mithali Raj – 1st women cricketer to score 7,000 runs in ODI in her 213th match against South Africa.
- Mithali Raj - 1st Indian woman cricketer completing 10000 runs in test cricket.
- Prithiv Shaw - The 1st cricketer to score 800 runs in single edition Vijay Hazare Trophy.
- Indian Skipper Virat Kohli - 1st ever batsman to score 3,000 runs in T20I's during match against England at Narendra Modi Stadium.
- Rohit Sharma - The 2nd Indian to complete 9000 runs in T20 format after Virat Kohli.
- Cricketer Kapil Dev - One of the Board members of the Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI).
- Road Safety World Series T-20 - India Legends beat Sri Lanka Legends by 14 runs.
- Kieron Pollard (West Indies) - The 3rd batsman of International cricket to hit six 6s in an over.
- Thisara Perera - The 1st Sri Lankan & 9th cricketer in the world to hit six sixes in an over.
- ICC Women's World Cup - Girl Gang announced official song of the tournament which is set to be hosted in New Zealand.
- Dawid Malan (England) – Pip Babar Azam & Virat Kohli become the quickest batsman to score 1000 runs T20I runs.

Wrestling/ Boxing

- VineshPhogat (53 kg) - gold medal in women's at XXIV outstanding Ukrainian Wrestlers and Coaches memorial in Kyiv, Ukraine.
- VineshPhogat - 2nd gold medal at Matteo Pellicone Ranking Series beat Canada's Diana Mary Helen.
- Bajrang Punia - gold in MetteoPellicon World Ranking Series in Rome
- Boxer Manish Kaushik - gold at Boxam International Tournament in Spain.
- NikhatZareen(51 kg) & Gaurav Solanki(51 kg) - bronze at Bosphorus Boxing Tournament in Turkey.

Tennis/Badminton

- Shuttler PV Sindhu - Silver in the BWF Swiss Open Super 300 at Basel.
- Daniil Medvedev Russian player - Open 13 for 10th tittle.
- Badminton US Open - place from July 6-11 while the Canada Open was slated for June 29 to July 4.
- Shuttler PV Sindhu - silver in the BWF Swiss Open Super 300 at Basel.

Football

- Odisha - Host the Indian Women's League (IWL) Football tournament
- AFC Women's Asia Cup 2022 Football Tournament - Host by India venues- Navi Mumbai, Ahmedabad, Bhubaneswar



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Other News related in Sports

- GM Leon Luke Mendonca won the 2ndKumania GM chess tournament in Hungary.
- Khelo India Winter National Games in Gulmarg- J&K tops the medals tally.
- 21st National Sqay Championship at Jaipur Rajasthan– Ladakh Sqay won 8 medals.
- Bhavani Devi - first Indian Fencer to qualify for the Tokyo Olympics through Adjusted Official Ranking (AOR) Method.
- DuteeChand(11.58s) - beat by Dhanalakshmi(11.39s) of Tamil Nadu for 100m gold at Fed Cup 2021.
- Jharkhand - beat Haryana to clinch the 11th Sub-Junior Men's National Championship hockey title.
- 2023 Tour de France (Cycling)- start in Spain.

YONEX SWISS OPEN 2021 from March 2 to March 7

Category	Winner	Runner
Men's Singles	Viktor Axelsen (Denmark)	KunlavutVitidsarn (Thailand)
Women's Singles	Carolina Marin (Spain)	PV Sindhu (India)
Men's Singles	Kim Astrup & Anders Skaarup Rasmussen	Mark Lamsfuss & Marvin Seidel
Women's Singles	Tan Pearly & Thinaah Muralitharan	Gabriela Stoeva & Stefani Stoeva
Mixed Doubles	Thom Gicquel & Delphine Delrue	Mathias Chirstiansen & Alexandra Boje

All England Open

Category	Winner	Runner
Men's Singles	Lee Zii Jia (Malaysia)	Viktor Axelsen (Denmark)
Women's Singles	Nazomi Okkhara (Japan)	Pornpawee (Thailand)

Shooting

ISSF World Cup 2020 held at New Delhi from March 18 to March 29

Name	Category	Medal
Yashaswini Deswal (Delhi)	10m Air Pistol	1st Gold for India
Manu Bhaker (Haryana)	10m Air Pistol	Silver
Divyansh Singh Panwar (Rajasthan)	10m Air Rifle	Bronze
Saurabh Chaudhary (Uttar Pradesh) & Manu Bhaker (Haryana)	10m Mixed Air Pistol	Gold
Yashwini Deswal (Delhi) & Abhishek Verma (Haryana)	10m mixed air Pistol	Bronze
Divyansh Singh Panwar (Rajasthan) & Elavenil Valarivan (India)	10m Mixed Air Rifle	Gold
Vijayaveer P Sindhu (Andhra) & Tejaswani (Telangana)	25m Mixed Rapid Pistol	Gold
Peeter Olesk (Estonia)	25m Rapid Pistol	Gold
Vijayaveer P Sindhu (India)	25m Rapid Pistol	Silver
Sanjeev Rajput (Haryana) & Tejaswini Sawant (Maharashtra)	50m Mixed Rifle	Gold
Ganemat Sekhon (Punjab) & Angad Vir Singh (Chandigarh)	Skeet Mixed	Gold

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OBITUARY

National Obituary

Name	State	Related to	Note
SP Jananathan	Tamil Nadu	Director	-
Jalal Adeni	Odisha	Director/Producer/Composer	-
Anil Dharker	Maharashtra	Journalist/Writer	Director of Mumbai International Literary Festival
Laxman Pai	Goa	Artist/Painter	Padma Bhusan Padmashri(1985) Nehru award(1995), Lalit Kala Academy award (1961,1963, 1972).
ChemancheriKunhiraman Nair	Kerala	Katakali artist	Padma shri -2017
Nand Kumar Singh Chauhan	Madhya Pradesh	Politician	BJP Lok Sabha form Khandwa
Anshuman Singh	Rajasthan	Politician	Former Governor
Ram Swaroop Sharma	Himachal Pradesh	Politician	BJP MP
Dilip Gandhi	Maharashtra	Politician	BJP Leader
Skariah Thomas	Kerala	Politician	Congress Leader & Lok Sabha MP
Gurnam Singh Abulkhurana	Chandigarh	Politician	Congress Leader
Dr G Venkata Subbaiah	Andhra Pradesh	Politician	YSRCP MLA of Badvel constituency
Ishar Singh Deol	Punjab	Athlete	Dhyan Chand National Sports Awardee in 2009
MG George Muthoot	-	Muthoot Finance	Chairman
GV Ramakrishna	-	SEBI	Chairman
Kamalesh Chandra Chakrabarty	-	RBI	Deputy Governor
Anthony Gustavo 'Wag' Pinto	-	Lieutenant General Indian Army Walter	-

International Obituary

Name	Country	Related to	Note
Sagar Sarhadi	Abbottabad, Pakistan	Writer/Flim-maker	-
Nawal Saadawi	Egypt	Feminist/Psychiatrist/Novelist	-
George Segal	USA	Banjo player & Actor	Nominated Oscars in 1966
Didier Ratsirka	Madagascar	President	-
Hamed Bakayoko	Ivory Coast	Prime Minister	-
Goodwill Zwelithini	Zula Nation	King of South Africa	-
Sheikh Hamdan	UAE	Finance Minister & Dubai Deputy Ruler	-
Barrister Moudud Ahmed	Bangladesh	Prime Minister	-
John Magufuli	Tanzania	President	-
Marvin Hagler	America	Middle Weight Boxer	-
Joey Benjamin	England	Cricketer	-
Peter Lorimer	Scotland	Football	-
Lou Ottens	Netherlands	Cassette Tape inventor	-



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RANKING

- 10th Edition of Hurun Global Rich List 2021 Elon Musk topped in globally the list and Mukesh Ambani top rank in India, 8th rank in globally.
- Aspirational Districts Ranking released by NITI Aayog.

Rank	District	State
1st	Nawada	Bihar
2nd	Kiphire	Nagaland
3rd	Namsai	Arunachal Pradesh

Ease of living Index 2020 released by Housing & Urban Affairs Minister H S Puri

Rank	City	State
1st	Bangalore	Karnataka
2nd	Pune	Maharashtra
3rd	Ahmedabad	Gujarat

QS Subject Ranking in Mineral and Mining Engineering Sector

Rank	University	Place	Score
1st	Colorado School of Mines Golden	United States	95.5
2nd	Curtin University Perth	Australia	87.3
3rd	The University of Queensland Brisbane	Australia	81.8
41st	Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IITB)	Mumbai, India	64.6
44th	Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur (IIT-KGP)	Kharagpur, India	64

**Municipal Performance Index released by Housing & Urban Affairs
Minister H S Puri**

Million Plus Category		Less than Million population	
Rank	Municipal Council	Rank	Municipal Council
1st	Indore	1st	New Delhi
2nd	Surat	2nd	Tirupati
3rd	Bhopal	3rd	GandhiNagar
51st	Guwahati	60th	Shillong

Clean Energy Mission Report Release by Government

Rank	State
1st	Karnataka
2nd	Gujarat
3rd	Tamil Nadu

**Central Pollution Control Board Data- Most contaminated sites in India
Total Number of cities-112 sites in India contaminated by toxic and hazardous
substances.**

Rank	State/UT	Contaminated Sites
1st	Odisha	23
2nd	Uttar Pradesh	21
3rd	Delhi	11

**Economic Freedom Index published by US Conservative think-tank,
The Heritage Foundation**

Total Countries-184

Rank	Country
1st	Singapore
2nd	New Zealand
3rd	Australia
121st	India



World Air Quality Report released by IQAir- Most Polluted City

Rank	City
1st	Xinjiang, China
2nd	Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh
3rd	Bhulandshahar, Uttar Pradesh

Wealth Report released by Hurun India

Rank	State
1st	Maharashtra
2nd	Uttar Pradesh
3rd	Tamil Nadu

Global House Price Index Q4 2020 released by Knight Frank

Total Countries-56

Rank	Country
1st	Turkey
2nd	New Zealand
3rd	Slovakia
56th	India

World Safest/Most Dangerous Country to drive report released by Zutobi

Total Countries -56

Safest		Most Dangerous	
1st	Norway	1st	South Africa
2nd	Japan	2nd	Thailand
3rd	Sweden	3rd	USA
4th	Estonia	4th	India



World Happiest Country Report Released by UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network.

Total Countries-149

Rank	Country
1st	Finland
2nd	Iceland
3rd	Denmark
139th	India

Defence website Military Direct Report

Rank	Country
1st	China
2nd	USA
3rd	Russia
4th	India

4th edition GROHE Hurun India Real Estate Rich List 2020

Rank	Person	Company
1st	Mangal Prabhat	Macrotech Developers
2nd	Rajiv Singh	DLF Ltd
3rd	Chandru Raheja	K Raheja

Global Gender Gap Report 2021 released by World Economic Forum

Total number of countries-156

Rank	Country
1st	Iceland
2nd	Finland
3rd	Norway
140th	India
156th	Afghanistan

BANKING AND FINANCE

BANKING

RBI

- Extend the timeline for processing recurring online transactions by 6 months.
- Monetary penalty of 1lakh on Nagpur Mahanagarपालिका Karmachari Sahakari Bank Ltd, Nagpur.
- Penalty of 15 lakh on Sonata Finance Private Ltd.
- Penalty of Rs 2 Crore on SBI for contravention of norms.

Public Sector Banks

- Tata Motors & SBI - offer innovative financial solutions to commercial vehicles customers
- SBI Payments & NPCI - to launch "RuPaySoftPoS" for merchants.
- SBI - raise \$1billion from Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) to extend loans to supply chain of Japanese automobile industry in India
- Indian Overseas Bank - "IOB Trendy" – saving account for millennials

Private Sector Banks

- HDFC bank - a dedicated programme for mentoring women entrepreneurs by women leaders at the bank
- Magicbricks + Razorpay & HDFC Bank - to create a secure online solution for rent payments through credit cards.
- ICICI bank - instant EMI facility on net banking for high value transactions
- IDBI Bank - take out Prompt Corrective Action framework, subject to certain conditions and continuous monitoring, which was placed under PCA in 2017.
- Karnataka Bank + Maruti Suzuki - car loans up to 85% of on-road price
- Karnataka Bank & IIFL Securities - "KBL Smart Trade"-access demat & trading account solution for their capital market needs.
- Kotak Mahindra Bank + Indian Army - Salary account
- PNB Housing Finance + Yes Bank - Co-lending service facilitate retail home loans
- Yes bank - "YES Essence" for women across customer segments, homemakers, salaried professionals, entrepreneurs and senior citizens.
- Yes bank - "YES Essence Plus-a unique accelerator program to support women-led startups in partnership with SHEROES.
- RBL Bank - provide banking infrastructure for Tide's India platform which is focused on small & medium enterprises

Insurance

- Ageon Life Insurance - Aegon Life Saral Jeevan Bima- Flexibility policy basis for customer needs
- LIC - Bachat Plus which is non-linked individual savings plan (minimum 1lakh, no upper limit).
- Aquaconnect + Alliance Insurance brokers - an insurance programme for shrimp farmers

Small Finance Bank

- Ujjivan Small Finance Bank - “Women’s Savings Account”- to catering financial needs of women.

Regional Rural Bank

- TelaganaGrameenaBank(TGB) & Andhra Pradesh Grameena Vikas Bank (APGVB) - digital saving account facility
- Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank + Our Food Pvt Ltd, Visakhapatnam - cost-effective processing units to farmers through bank loan
- Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank - “Vikas Asha” loan for women

SEBI

- SEBI - form committee to examine the feasibility of introducing Special Purpose Acquisition Companies (SPACs) like structure in India
- SEBI - approve Paytm payments bank UPI handle-to fast and seamless payment for IPO applications
- SEBI - forensic auditor to vet financial statements of Suzlon Energy

World Bank

Amount	Purpose
\$500 million	Finance to The Philippines- For purchase and distribution of vaccines and to strengthen the country’s health systems.
USD 200 million	Bangladesh- To provide support and services to the low-income urban youths impacted by covid-19
USD 500 million	to help Bangladesh vaccinate 54 million people against covid-19

Asian Development Bank

Amount	Purpose
\$400 million	The Philippines- For vaccine access support programme.
USD 300 million	Finance the construction of a 300MW hydropower plant in Kunhar river near Balakot city in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa Province

IMF/NDB

Amount	Purpose
\$500 million	Pakistan to help the country economy and save lives and livelihoods amid covid-19.
up to \$ 1billion	Support healthcare workers treating patients for COVID-19 I Russia

OTHERS NEWS IN BANKING

- Samsung Electronics, Samsung Card & Master Card - sign MoU for Fingerprint Biometric Payment Card.
- NSE + MCX + India INX, NSDL & CDSL - setting up International Bullion Stock Exchange, clearing corporation and depository at GIFT city Gujarat
- Axis Securities - "YIELD"-online platform to buy and sell bonds, debentures in secondary market
- NPCI - UPI-Help on BHIM UPI app which act as grievance redressal mechanism
- Muthoot Fincorp - "AatmanirbharMahila Gold Loan"-unique & exclusive gold loan scheme for women
- IRDAI - hike the maximum cover under standard health insurance plan- Arogya Sanjeevani policy to 10 lakh from 5 lakh.
- BharatPe - instant liquidity facility for SME under collateral-free loans upto 50lakhs

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

National News

- Truecaller - 'Guardians' app- A safety app for women.
- Arcelor Mittal Nippon Steel India + Odisha govt. - setting up 12mtpa integrated steel plant in Kendrapada district with an investment of Rs 50,000 crore.
- Reliance Power + JERA - launch gas-fired project in Bangladesh.
- NASSCOM - 2nd edition for its Deep Tech Mentoring program- to boost India's tech startup eco system.
- Nita Ambani Reliance Foundation Chairperson - social media platform named "Her Circle" for women.
- Adani Wind Energy Kutch Three Limited (AWEKTL) - commission a 100 MW wind power plant at Kutch, Gujarat.
- RBI report - CPI Inflation averages 3.9% during October 2016 –March 2020.
- FICCI and Boston Consulting Group (BCG) Report- India Fintech: A \$100 bn , \$150-160 bn by 2025.
- NPCI - In February top remitter on the UPI platform is SBI
- Adani Green Energy-1st group company - hit Rs 2-trillion market capitalization.
- Tech Mahindra - a new cloud security offering called 'CLOUDEFENDER'.
- Goldman Sachs - promote ReNew power commissioned 300 MW wind project in Kutch district of Gujarat.
- Tata Power - receive orders to develop 60MW solar project in Gujarat.
- BHEL - receive order worth Rs 400 crore from Indian Oil Corporation
- NITI Aayog report - 'Investment opportunities in India's healthcare sector'.
- HPCL-Mittal - the 1st Indian company to buy Guyanese crude Liza.

International News

- WHO report - one in four of the World's population will suffer from hearing problems by 2050.
- UNDP India with Samhita-CGF's REVIVE- to restore livelihoods affected by COVID-19.
- UNICEF, Capgemini & UNGCNI - work together to skill India's young people.
- UNICEF report - 5 countries (India, Bangladesh, Brazil, Ethiopia & Nigeria) account for half a total child brides in the world.
- UNEP global report- More than 930 Million tonnes of food is thrown away in waste bins every year.
- World Bank - report named World Development Report 2021:Data for Better Lives.
- Bank of America (BofA) Securities report - Covid-19 pushes back India's \$5trillion GDP goal by 3 years to FY32.
- New bacteria - found on International Space Station named after Indian Scientist Ajmal Khan.

ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS

- Tech Mahindra - acquire 70% stake in Perigord.
- PGCIL - acquire RNTL in Rajasthan.
- Adani Green Energy - acquire SkyPower's 50MW solar project in Telangana.
- PGCIL - acquire 74% stake of JPVL in JPPGL for Rs 351 cr.

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

- Modi - launch the kindle version of Swami Chidbhavanandaji's Bhagavad Gita.
- Club You To Death – Authored by Anuja Chauhan - Published by Harper Collins
- Neelkanth-Authored by- Satyam Srivastava & Rajeev Garg-Published by Leadstart- Release by- Rajkumar Rao.
- Amethi Sangram: Aitihāsik Jeet Ankahi Dastan- Authored by Anant Vijay –Published by Westland.
- 'Prince with a Paintbrush: The Story of Raja Ravi Varma'- by Shobha Tharoor Srinivasan- Published under Westland's 'Red Panda' imprint.
- "Jallianwala Bagh: A groundbreaking history of the 1919 massacre" - authored by Vishwa Nath Datta Published by Penguin House.
- "My Life in Full: Work, Family and Our Future"-Authored by Indra Nooyi
- India's Power Elite:Caste, Class & Cultural Revolution - authored by Sanjaya Baru - published by Penguin House under Viking Imprint.
- Battle Ready for 21st Century- Co-edited by AK Singh & Brig Narendra Kumar-Release by Gen Bipin Rawat & Gen Deepak Kumar.
- Saving Us-Authored by Katharine Hayhoe- Published by One Signal Publishers.

- Frontier book - authored by Rehana Begum - Released by Andhra CM YS Reddy.
- UltraHigh Field Magnetic Resonance Imaging: MRI Instrumentation and Clinical Implementation-Authored by Dr Shailesh Kumar B Raval.
- My Experience with Silence- authored by Samir Soni - published by OM Books International.
- Indians:A Brief History of A Civilization - authored by Namit Arora - published by Penguin Random House
- Wild and Wilfil: Tales of 15 Iconic Indian Species - authored by Neha Sinha - published by HaperCollins India.
- The Demoness-The Best Bangladeshi Stories, 1971-2021- edited by Niaz Zaman-published by Aleph Book Company.

APPOINTMENTS

National Appointments

- Jaideep Bhatnagar- Principal Director General Press Information Bureau-Kuldeep Singh Dhatwalia(Replaced)
- Ganesh Natarajan - Chairman of Honeywell Automation India- Suresh Senapathy(Replaced)
- Pallav Mohapatra- Chief of Asset Reconstruction Co India Ltd (ARCIL) - succeeds Vinayak Bahuguna.
- Tirath Singh Rawat BJP's Lok Sabha MP from Garhwal- new Chief Minister of Utrakhand - succeeds Trivendra Singh Rawat.
- ICRIER-Director & Chief Executive –Deepak Mishra - replaced Rajat Kathuria.
- HarshVardhan - Chairman of Stop TB Partnership Board.
- Anish Shah-MD & CEO of Mahindra & Mahindra Limited from April 2, 2021.
- Sunil Gupta-TRAI Secretary gets two month extension till May 31, 2021.
- Satvinder Singh-Deputy-General of ASEAN Economic Community.
- Arindam Bagchi- MEA Spokesperson - Succeeds Anurag Srivastava
- Sanjeev Kumar-Chairman of AAI.
- Atish Chandra-Chairman & MD of FCI.
- Umang Vohra-MD & CEO of Cipla.
- Subhash Kumar-CMD of ONGC.
- Saurbah Garg –CEO of UIDAI

Brand Ambassadors

- Rohit Sharma - Brand Ambassador of Candid Powder, product of Glenmark Pharma
- Ajinkya Rahane - Brand Ambassador of NeoGrowth Credit Pvt. Ltd.
- Ajinkya Rahane- Brand Ambassador of My11Circle fantasy sports platform.

Banking Appointments

- Ittira Davis - Ujjivan SFB new Part-Time Director
- Ujjivan SFB Additional Directors-Rajesh Kumar Jsohi, Harish Devarajan and Umesh Bellur.

Executive Directors of PSB's

- Imran Amin Siddiqui- Indian Bank
- Satyanarayana Raju- Canara Bank
- Nitesh Ranjan- Union Bank of India
- Vivek Wahi, Rajeev Puri- Central Bank of India
- AB Vijayakumar- Bank of Maharashtra

Committee

- Mary Kom- Chairperson of AIBA's champions & veterans committee.
- A high level National Committee-Headed by PM Modi to commemorate 75 years of India's Independence.
- Thomas Bach - President of International Olympic Committee until 2025.
- Uttarkhand - setup committee to review medical care & public health arrangements for Kumbh Mela-headed by SK Singh.
- Government setup Startup India Seed Fund Scheme - headed by HK Mittal.
- Govt. - 10 member committee for high-tech manufacturing headed by Minister of Commerce & Industry.
- RBI's 5 member committee headed by Shyamala Gopinath - evaluating applications for Universal banks & Small Finance Banks.

International Appointments

- Manpreet Vohra- India's High Commissioner to Australia
- Rajesh Vaishnav- India's next ambassador to Malta.
- ThonglounSisoulith- President of Laos.
- Mark Rutte- Prime Minister of Netherlands.



AWARDS

- 30th Bihari Puraskar 2020 - Mohan Krishna Bohara for his Hindi book Criticism-Taslima:Sangharshaur Sahitya.
- US National Women's Hall of Fame - 9 women including US First lady Michelle Obama, Pepsico CEO Indra Nooyi & NASA Mathematician Katherine Johnson
- ICAR-Indian Institute of Soil Science - King Bhumibol World Soil Day 2020 Award of Food & Agriculture Organization.
- 11th CII National HR Excellence Award 2020-21- NPCI conferred "Role Model" Award.
- Cristiano Ronaldo- the Italian League Player of the year.
- Amitabh Bachchan- The International Federation of Film Archives (FIAF) award for his contribution towards preservation of film heritage
- Indian Chess player Koneru Humpy from Andhra Pradesh - BBC Indian Sportswoman of the year award.
- Indra Gandhi Peace Prize 2020-Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.
- Ujjivan Small Finance Bank - "Great Place to Work" by the Great place to work institute.
- Baba Kalyani from Pune- Punya Bhushan Award.
- Himachal Pradesh - best state in Country on World TB Day.
- Adarsh Gourav - the Rising Star Award by the Asian World Film Festival.
- HDFC Bank - the 'India's Best Bank for SMEs at the Asiamoney Best Bank Awards 2021.
- Asha Bhosle - the Maharashtra Bhusan award
- Mahindra Giri - International Ranger Award for his contribution towards Rajaji Tiger Reserve.
- Saraswati Samman 2020-Marati Novelist, Poet, Story writerSharan Kumar Limbale
- Sportsstar (Sports Magazine) - Odisha with Decade's best State for promotion of sports for the period from 2011 to 2020.



78th Golden Globe Awards

Best Film, Drama	Nomadland
Best Film, Musical or Comedy	Borat Subsequent Movie film
Best Director	Chloe Zhao, Nomadland
Best Actor, Drama	Chadwick Boseman, 'Ma Rainey's Black Bottom'
Best actress, drama	Andra Day, 'The United States vs Billie Holiday'
Best actor, musical or comedy	Sacha Baron Cohen, 'Borat Subsequent Moviefilm'
Best actress, musical or comedy	Rosamund Pike, 'I Care A Lot'
Best supporting actor	Daniel Kaluuya, 'Judas and the Black Messiah'
Best supporting actress	Jodie Foster, 'The Mauritanian'
Best foreign language film	'Minari'
Best animated feature	'Soul'
Best Drama Series	'The Crown'
Best Drama Actor	Josh O'Connor, 'The Crown'
Best drama actress	Emma Corrin, 'The Crown'
Best musical or comedy series	'Schitt's Creek'
Best musical or comedy actor	Jason Sudeikis, 'Ted Lasso'
Best musical or comedy actress	Catherine O'Hara, 'Schitt's Creek'
Best supporting actor	John Boyega, 'Small Axe'
Best supporting actress	Gillian Anderson, 'The Crown'
Best limited series or TV movie	'The Queen's Gambit'
Best limited series or TV movie actor	Mark Ruffalo, 'I Know This Much Is True'
Best limited series or TV movie actress	Anya Taylor-Joy, 'The Queen's Gambit'

Sahitya Akademi Award 2020

Language	Title & Genre	Name of the Author
Assamese	Bengsata (Short Stories)	Apurba Kumar Saikia
Bengali	Eka EkaEkashi (Memoirs)	Sankar (Manishankar Mukhopadhyay)
Bodo	GwethenayLamayarGwdanAgan (Short Stories)	(Late) DharanidharOwari
Dogri	Baba Jitmal (Play)	Gian Singh
English	When God is a Traveller (Poetry)	Arundhathi Subramaniam
Gujarati	Banaras Diary (Poetry)	Harish Meenashru
Hindhi	Tokri Mein Diagant 'Their Gatha' : 2014 (Poetry)	Anamika
Kannada	Sri Bahubali Ahimsadigvijayam (Epic Poetry)	M. VeerappaMoily

Kashmiri	Tilasm-e-Khanabadosh (Short Stories)	(Late) HirdayKoul Bharti
Konkani	YugaparivathananchoYatri (Poetry)	R.S. Bhaskar
Maithili	GachhRoosaiAchhi (Short Stories)	Kamalkant Jha
Manipuri	Malangbana Kari Hai (Poetry)	IrungbamDeven
Punjabi	AamKhass (Short Stories)	Gurudev Singh Rupana
Sanskrit	Vaishali (Novel)	Mahesh Chandra Sharma Gautam
Santali	Gur Dak Kasa Dak (Poetry)	RupchandHansdah
Sindhi	Jehad (Plays)	JethoLalwani
Tamil	SellaathaPanam (Novel)	Imaiyam
Telugu	Agniswaasa (2015-2017) (Poetry)	Nikhileshwar
Urdu	Amawas Main Khwab (Novel)	Hussain-ul-Haque

Grammy Awards 2021

63rd edition were held in Los Angeles which is hosted by Trevor Noah.

Category	Winner
Record of the year	Everything I Wanted by Billie Eilish
Album of the year	"Folklore" by Taylor Swift
Song of the year	"I Can't Breathe" by Dernst Emile II, H.E.R. and Tiara Thomas
Best pop solo performance	"Watermelon" by Harry Styles
Best pop duo/group performance	"Rain on Me" by Lady Gaga and Ariana Grande
Best R&B album	"Bigger Love" by John Legend
Best R&B performance	"Black Parade" by Beyonce
Best traditional R&B performance	"Anything For You" by Ledisi
Best progressive R&B album	"It is what it is" by Thundercat
Best R&B song	"Better Than I Imagined" by Robert Glasper, Meshell Ndegeocello & Gabriella Wilson
Best new artist	Megan Thee Stallion
Best rap performance	"Savage" by Megan Thee Stallion featuring Beyonce
Best rap song	"Savage" by Megan Thee Stallion featuring Beyonce
Best rap album	"King's Disease" by Nas
Bets melodic rap performance	"Lockdown" by Anderson. Paak
Best traditional pop vocal album	"American Standard" by James Taylor
Best music video	"Brown Skin Girl" by Beyonce
Best song written for visual media	"No Time to Die" by Billie Eilish
Best compilation soundtrack for visual media	Jojo Rabbit



Category	Winner
Best score soundtrack for visual media	Joker by HildurGuonadottir
Best global music album	"Twice as Tall" by Burna Boy
Best dance recording	"10%" by Kaytranada featuring Kali Uchis
Best dance/electronic album	"Bubba" by Kaytranada
Best contemporary instrumental album	"Live at the Royal Albert Hall" by Snarky Puppy
Best rock performance	"Shameika" by Fiona Apple
Best metal performance	"Bum-Rush" by Body Count
Best rock album	"The New Abnormal" by The Strokes
Best rock song	"Stay High" by Brittany Howard
Best alternative music album	"Fetch the Bolt Cutters" by Fiona Apple
Best country solo performance	"When My Amy Prays" by Vince Gill
Best country duo/group performance "	"10,000 Hours" by Dan + Shay & Justin Bieber
Best country album	"Wildcard" by Miranda Lambert
Best country song	"Crowded Table" by Brandi Carlile, Natalie Hemby& Lori McKenna
Best new age album	"More Guitar Stories" by Jim "Kimo" West
Best jazz vocal album	"Secrets Are the Best Stories" by Kurt Elling Featuring Danilo Pérez
Best improvised jazz solo	"All Blues" by Chick Corea, Soloist Track From: Trilogy 2 (Chick Corea, Christian Mcbride& Brian Blade)
Best jazz instrumental album	"Trilogy 2" by Chick Corea, Christian McBride & Brian Blade
Best large jazz ensemble album	"Data Lords" by Maria Schneider Orchestra
Best Latin jazz album	"Four Questions" by Arturo O'farrill& The Afro Latin Jazz Orchestra
Best gospel performance/song	"Movin' On" by Jonathan McReynolds & Mali Music



67th National Film Awards held in New Delhi**Feature Film Awards:**

Title	Movie Name
Best Feature Film	Marakkar - Lion of the Arabian Sea (Malayalam)
Best Actor (shared)	Manoj Bajpayee for Bhonsle (Hindi), and Dhanush for Asuran (Tamil)
Best Actress	Kangana Ranaut for Panga (Hindi) and Manikarnika: The Queen of Jhansi (Hindi)
Best Supporting Actress	Pallavi Joshi for The Tashkent Files (Hindi)
Best Supporting Actor	Vijay Sethupathi for Super Deluxe (Tamil)
Best Director	Sanjay Puran Singh Chauhan for Bahattar Hoorain (Hindi)
Best Debut Film of a Director	Mathukutty Xavier for Helen (Malayalam)
Best Child Artist	Naga Vishal for KD (Tamil)
Best Action Direction	Avane Srimannarayana (Kannada), Vikram Mor
Best Choreography	Maharishi (Telugu), Raju Sundaram
Best Special Effects	Marakkar Lion of the Arabian Sea (Malayalam), Siddharth Priyadarshan
Special Jury Award	OththaSeruppu Size 7 (Tamil), Radhakrishnan Parthiban
Best Lyrics	Prabha Varma for Kolaambi (Malayalam)
Best Music Direction	D. Imman for Viswasam (Tamil)
Best Background Music	Prabuddha Banerjee for Jyeshthoputro (Bengali)
Best Make-up Artist	Ranjith for Helen (Malayalam)
Best Costumes	Sujith Sudhakaran and V. Sai for Marakkar Lion of the Arabian Sea (Malayalam)
Best Production Design	Anandi Gopal (Marathi), Sunil Nigwekar and Nilesh Wagh
Best Audiography (Location Sound Recordist)	Iewduh (Khasi), Debajit Gayan

Best Audiography (Re-recordist of final mixed track)	OththaSeruppu Size 7 (Tamil), ResulPookutty
Best Screenplay (Original)	Jyeshthoputro (Bengali), Kaushik Ganguly
Best Screenplay (Adapted)	Gumnaami (Bengali), Srijit Mukherji
Best Screenplay (Dialogue Writer)	The Tashkent Files (Hindi), Vivek Ranjan Agnihotri
Best Cinematography	Jallikattu (Malayalam), GireeshGangadharan
Best Editing	Jersey (Telugu), NavinNooli
Best Children's Film	Kastoori (Hindi)
Best Film on Environment Conservation	Water Burial (Monpa)
Best Film on Social Issues	Anandi Gopal (Marathi)
Best Film on National Integration	Tajmahal (Marathi)
Best Popular Film Providing Wholesome Entertainment	Maharishi (Telugu)
Best Female Playback Singer	Savani Ravindra for Bardo (Marathi)
Best Male Playback Singer	B Praak for Kesari (Hindi)
Best Films in Each Language	
Best Hindi Film	Chhichhore
Best Telugu Film	Jersey
Best Malayalam Film	KallaNottam
Best Tamil Film	Asuran
Best Paniya Film	Kenjira
Best Mishing Film	Anu Ruwad
Best Khasi Film	Iewduh
Best Chattisgarhi Film	Bhulan the Maze
Best Haryanvi Film	ChhoriyanChhoron Se Kam NahiHoti
Best Tulu Film	Pingara
Best Punjabi Film	Rab Da Radio 2

Best Odia Film	KaliraAtita and Sala BudharBadla (shared)
Best Manipuri Film	Eigi Kona
Best Marathi Film	Bardo
Best Konkani Film	Kaajro
Best Kannada Film	Akshi
Best Bengali Film	Gumnaami
Best Assamese Film	Ronuwa – Who Never Surrender
Special Mentions	Biriyani (Malayalam), JonakiPorua (Assamese), Lata Bhagwan Kare (Marathi) and Picasso (Marathi)
Non-Feature Film Awards	
Best Voice-over/ Narration	Sir David Attenborough for Wild Karnataka (English)
Best Music Direction	Bishakhjyoti for Kranti Darshi Guruji – Ahead of Times (Hindi)
Best Editing	Arjun Gourisaria for Shut Up Sona (Hindi/ English)
Best Audiography	Radha (Musical), Allwin Rego and Sanjay Maurya
Best On-Location Sound Recordist	Rahas (Hindi), Saptarshi Sarkar
Best Cinematography	Savita Singh for Sonsi (Hindi)
Best Direction	Sudhanshu Saria for Knock Knock Knock (English/ Bengali)
Best Film on Family Values	Oru Paathira Swapnam Pole (Malayalam)
Best Short Fiction Film	Custody (Hindi/ English)
Special Jury Award	Small Scale Societies (English)
Best Animation Film	Radha (Musical)
Best Investigative Film	Jakkal (Marathi)
Best Exploration Film	Wild Karnataka (English)
Best Educational Film	Apples and Oranges (English)

Best Film on Social Issues	Holy Rights (Hindi) and Ladli (Hindi)
Best Environment Film	The Stork Saviours (Hindi)
Best Promotional Film	The Shower (Hindi)
Best Arts and Culture Film	Shrikshetra-Ru-Sahijata (Odia)
Best Biographical Film	Elephants Do Remember (English)
Best Ethnographic Film	Charan-Atva The Essence of Being a Nomad (Gujarati)
Best Debut Non-Feature Film of a Director	Raj Pritam More for Khisa (Marathi)
Best Non-Feature Film	An Engineered Dream (Hindi)
Other Awards	
Most Film Friendly State	Sikkim
Best Book on Cinema	A Gandhian Affair: India's Curious Portrayal of Love in Cinema , by Sanjay Suri
(Special mentions)	Cinema Paharana Manus by Ashok Rane and Kannada Cinema Jagathika Cinema Vikasa - Prerane Prabhava written by PR Ramadasa Naidu)
Best Film Critic	Sohini Chattopadhyay

66th Vimal Elaichi Film Fare Awards 2021 at Goregaon Filmcity, Mumbai

POPULAR AWARDS	
Best Film	'Thappad'
Best Director	Om Raut 'Tanjahi'
Best Actor in a Leading role (Male)	Irrfan Khan for 'Angrezi Medium'
Best Actor in a Leading role (Female)	TaapseePannu for 'Thappad'
Best Actor in a Supporting role (Male)	Saif Ali Khan for 'Tanhaji'
Best Actor in a Supporting actor role (Female)	Farrukh Jaffer for 'GulaboSitabo'
Best Debut Female	Alaya F, for 'Jawaani Jaaneman'
best Debut Director	Rajesh Krishnan, for 'Lootcase'
Best Music Album	Pritam – 'Ludo'
Best Playback Singer (Male)	Raghav Chaitanya – EkTukdaDhoop , 'Thappad'
Best Playback Singer (Female)	Asees Kaur – Malang, 'Malang'

CRITICS' AWARDS

Best Film (Critics)	Eeb Allay Ooo!
Best Actor (Critics) Male	Amitabh Bachchan for 'GulaboSitabo'
Best Actor (Critics) Female	TillotamaShome for 'Sir'
Filmfare short film awards	BEST FILM (Popular Choice) : DEVI
Best film (Fiction)	ARJUN
Best film (Non-fiction)	Backyard WildLife Sanctuary
Best Actor (Female)	PurtiSavardekar, The First Wedding
Best Actor (Male)	Arnav Abdagire

SPECIAL AWARDS

RD Burman Award	Gulzaar
Lifetime Achievement Award	Irrfan Khan

WRITING AWARDS

Best Screenplay	Rohena Gera (SIR)
Best Dialogue	Juhi Chaturvedi (GULABO SITABO)
Best Story	'Thappad'

TECHNICAL AWARDS

Best Production Design	Manasi Dhruv Mehta (GULABO SITABO)
Best Editing	Yasha Pushpa Ramchandani (THAPPAD)
Best Choreography	Farah Khan – DIL BECHARA (DIL BECHARA)
Best Sound Design	KaamodKharade (THAPPAD)
Best Cinematography	AvikMukhopadhyay (GULABO SITABO)
Best Action	Ramazan Bulut, RP Yadav (TANHAJI: THE UNSUNG WARRIOR)
Best Background Score	Mangesh Urmila Dhakde (THAPPAD)
Best Costume Design	Veera KapurEe (GULABO SITABO)
Best VFX	Prasad Sutar (TANHAJI: THE UNSUNG WARRIOR)

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

IIT News

- IIT Kharagpur - a soil-mapping technology to bring efficiency in the use of fertilizers in farmland.
- IIT Delhi + Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel (HUJI) - support collaborative & interdisciplinary education and research initiatives
- IIT Kanpur - a novel touch-sensitive watch for the use of visually impaired people to sense time accurately.
- IIT-Guwahati - technology to serve arsenic and fluoride-free drinking water in rural areas of Assam.
- IISc Bangalore - wireless product gives bandwidth at fraction of cost of fibre to help telecom operators deliver reliable low-cost internet services to sub urban and rural areas.
- MG Motor India + IIT-Delhi - research in the field of electric and autonomous vehicles.

Space News

- ISRO + NASA- a Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) capable of producing extremely high resolution images for a joint earth observation satellite.
- ISRO & Japan (JAXA) - join to take up activities on rice crop area and air quality monitoring using satellite data.
- ISRO - a sounding rocket RH-560 to study altitudinal variations in the neutral winds and plasma dynamics from Sriharikota spaceport.
- ISRO - free-space quantum communication over a distance of 300m.
- SpaceX - tests Starship SN10 rocket after 2 failed attempts.
- SpaceX - a batch of 60 starlink satellites into orbit from NASA's Kennedy Space Centre in Florida.
- Russia - 38 foreign satellites into orbit successful launch from the Baikonurcosmodrome in Kazakhstan.

Others

- CSIR-NIO - project for mapping genetic diversity in Indian Ocean.



INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

- WTO - hold next major ministerial meeting in Geneva, Switzerland in late 2021.
- France - 1st military exercise in space to test its ability to defend its satellites.
- India & France - Naval drill La Perouse for 1st time in Bay of Bengal.
- Russia + China - to setup an International lunar research station.
- FIFA + UNODC - the Global Integrity Program.
- India _ Finland - digital partnership in IT, mobile technology.
- Italy - join International Solar Alliance as a new member.
- The Danish Red Cross - catastrophe bond for volcano-related disasters with the support of several financial firms.
- Norway - set to begin in 2022-World's 1st full-scale ship tunnel.

ASIAN COUNTRIES

- Modi & Hasina - 3rd passenger train between India, Chilahati and Bangladesh, Dhaka with distance 453 km.
- Modi & Hasina summit- 5 MoUs, 7 development projects.
- India + Philippines - the sale of "defence material and equipment" likely to include BrahMos cruise missile.
- India – extend a grant 44.17 million Nepali Rupees to build a new school building in Rupandehi district under Nepal-Bharat Maitri Development partnership.
- Cabinet - MoU between India & Maldives on cooperation in Sports, Youth Affairs.
- Cabinet - MoU between India & Japan in the field of water resources.
- India & Kuwait - setup joint commission to boost cooperation in diverse fields.
- Srilanka - develop West Container Terminal at Colombo Port with India, Japan
- Singapore - the top source of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) into India in 1st 9 months of FY21 at \$ 15.7 billion.
- Bangladesh - its national app portal bdapps.com
- Japan + Australia- starts producing hydrogen from dirty coal in \$ 500 million (\$ 390 million) pilot project.
- Israel - a laser guided motor system- to reduce civilian collateral damage
- Sheikh Hasina - the Amar Ekushey book fair in Dhaka, Bangladesh
- Maldives - the 'Fiyavathi Renovation Project'-India's assistance 200 million.
- Pakistan - successfully test-fired a nuclear capable surface-to-surface ballistic missile with range of 900km
- EX Desert Flag-VI - an annual multi-national large force employment warfare exercise hosted by UAE with USA, France, Saudi Arabia, South Korea & Bahrain

NORTH AMERICAN COUNTRIES

- USAID & US International DFC - USD 41 million to finance investment renewable energy solutions by Indian SMEs.,
- UN Partners - \$3.85 billion humanitarian plan for war-torn Yemen.
- UNDP - "Sahi Disha" campaign to celebrate women's livelihoods and entrepreneurship in rural India.
- USA, Belgium, France & Japan - Mideast Naval Exercise amid tensions over Iran's nuclear programme in Arabian Sea & Gulf of Oman.
- India & USA - to re-establish Homeland Security Dialogue.
- USA - \$15 million to Palestine to deal with corona virus pandemic
- India & USA - two-day naval exercise named PASSEX in eastern Indian Ocean Region

AFRICAN COUNTRIES

- Exim Bank - a USD 10.40 Million (Rs75.99crore) loan deal with Eswatini for construction of disaster recovery site
- India & Madagascar - a Passage Exercise (PASSEX) ensuring maritime security in the Indian Ocean Region
- Australia - the 1st country to ban some single used plastic items including straws, stir sticks and cutlery



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NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Ministries in news Cabinet approvals

- The Union Cabinet - to the Insurance Act increasing the FDI limit to 74% from 49%.
- Cabinet - a bill to setup DFI to generate funds for investment in infrastructure sector with 20,000 crore to capitalize the institution.
- The Government - Rs 5lakh each respect cases of journalists due to Covid-19.
- Rajya Sabha - a bill to raise the upper limit for permitting abortions to 24 weeks from 20 weeks.
- Union Cabinet MoU with UPSC India, IARCSC & Afghanistan- to strengthen relationship between IARCSC & UPSC.
- Centre - Rs 10,900 crore to PLI Scheme for food processing industries.
- Govt. - Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme to June 30.
- DPIIT - revamp its IEM portal offering single IEM for one company that would capture the details of all its locations and sectors.

Govt. forms 11 individual committee to drive India to a circular Economy.

S. No.	Focus Area	Concerned Line Ministry
1	Municipal Solid Waste and Liquid Waste	Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
2	Scrap Metal (Ferrous and Non-Ferrous)	Ministry of Steel
3	Electronic Waste	Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
4	Lithium Ion (Li-ion) Batteries	NITI Aayog
5	Solar Panels	MNRE
6	Gypsum	Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade
7	Toxic and Hazardous Industrial Waste	Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals
8	Used Oil Waste	Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas
9	Agriculture Waste	Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare
10	Tyre and Rubber Recycling	Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade
11	End-of-life Vehicles (ELVs)	Ministry of Road Transport and Highways



PM MODI IN NEWS

- Inaugurate 2nd Edition of Maritime India Summit 2021.
- Launch 'Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav'- To mark 75 years of India's Independence.
- PM Modi - lists 5 pillars for celebrating India's 75 years of Independence- Freedom Struggle, Achievements@75, Actions@75, Resolve@75 & Ideas@75.
- Inaugurat the "MaitriSetu" between India & Bangladesh, a bridge built over Feni river.
- Address the International Conference on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure.
- Launch 'Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch The Rain' campaign for conserving water.
- Inaugurate 4th Global Ayurveda Festival.

MINISTRY OF FINANCE

- Union Govt. - 12th & final monthly installment of revenue deficit grant of Rs 6,194.09 crore to 14 states
- Nirmala Sitharaman - the National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID) Bill 2021 will be setup with a corpus of Rs 20,000 crore.
- Finance Minister - attend 6th annual meeting of Board of Governors of New Development Bank-theme ("New Development Paradigms: The Evolution of Infrastructure
- Finance Minister - a Bill in Rajya Sabha amend the insurance act for 74%FDI in insurance sector.
- GST collections in February - Rs 1.13 lakh crore 7% increase from the year ago month.

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

- Indian Army decommissioned two artillery systems.
 - 130mm self-propelled M-46 Catapult Guns with range 27 kms.
 - 160mm Tampella Mortars with range 9.6kms
- Kalyani Rafael Advanced Systems 1st batch medium-range surface to air missile kits for Indian Army.
- DRDO + Israel Aerospace Industries - Medium Range Surface to Air missile.
- Defence Ministry + Bharat Dynamics Ltd(BDL) - acquire 4,960 anti-tank guided missiles at a cost of Rs 1,188 crore for Indian Army
- Defence Ministry + Mahindra Defence Systems Ltd(MDSL) - buying 1,300 light specialist vehicle for Indian Army at a cost of Rs 1,056 crore.
- Indian Coast Guard ship "Vajra", 6th offshore patrol vessel to enhance coastal security built by L & T.



MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

- Harsh Vardhan - the Techbharat 2021- Bringing together stakeholders from HealthTech&Edutech sectors.
- National Health Authority + UTI Infrastructure Technology & Services Limited (UTIITSL) –to issue free PVC Ayushman cards to beneficiaries of AB-PMJAY in 11 States/UT.
- Health Minister & Tribal Minister - Tribal TB initiative in “TB Mukht Bharat”.

MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS & RAILWAYS

- NHAI - AI based face recognition system for field staff attendance monitoring
- Indian Railways - “Rail Madad” Helpline number 139 for all queries, complaints, assistance for passengers during travel.
- Shri Piyush Goyal - 3000HP Cape Gauge 2 Locomotives part of 6 locomotives for export to Mozambique
- Global Bio-India 2021, Piyush Goyal announced Project Development cell for Biotechnology.
- Gadkari - new scheme for tourist vehicle operators
- Nitin Gadkari - 2 technology centres(Visakhapatnam & Bhopal) and 3 extension centres (Srinagar, Jaipur, Nagpur) of MSME.
- Nitin Gadkari - Vehicle Scrapping Policy in Lok Sabha.
- NHAI - land acquisition policy based on value capture finance.
- Alstom - \$220 million contract to manufacture 234metro cars for Mumbai Metro Lines 4, 4A.

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT FOREST & CLIMATE CHANGE, PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

- Ethanol blending in Petrol increased to 20% from 8.5% by in the year 2025.
- Indian oil Corporation + Phinergy an Israeli startup company - hybrid lithium and aluminium-air/zin-air battery systems.
- TERI-Shell report - Net Zero emission energy transition achievable by 2050
- Govt. - target to reduce air pollution by 20% to 30% by 2024 under National Clean Air Programme
- State pollution Control Boards, Urban local bodies & Institutes of Repute MoU for 132 cities to implement city-specific action plans under NCAP.
- CESL + CSC SPV - create demand aggregation for electric mobility, solar energy efficiency solutions.
- NITI Aayog report - Mobilising Electric Vehicle Financing in India is projected to be Rs 370,000 crore in 2030.

OTHER MINISTRIES

- India - real-time vessel tracking system that can help seafarers and fisherman.
- Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog + MathWorks - strengthen the Deep-tech startup ecosystem in India.
- Sports Minister - Walkathon on the occasion of International Women's Day and to celebrate 125 years of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose's legacy.
- 17 States/UT have successfully operationalized the "One Nation One Ration Card System"
- APEDA - organize 1st ever virtual trade fair to boost export potential of India's Agricultural and Processed Food Products with theme 'India Rice and Agro Commodity'.
- Minority Affairs minister - organize 27th edition of "HunarHaat" at Lal Parade Groundm Bhopal in Uttar Pradesh with theme "Vocal for Local".
- 1st meeting of the BRICS Contact Group on Economic and Trade Issues (CGETI) was held under India Chairmanship.
- Govt. - mobile app "Mera Ration" for migrant PDS Beneficiaries
- QUAD Leaders' Summit - virtually (QUAD-India, Australia, Japan, USA).
- Jal Shakti Ministry - framework and guidelines for testing, monitoring and surveillance of drinking water quality.
- 27 States/UTs in India - less than 30% micro irrigation system out of which 23 have less than 15% micro irrigation.
- KVIC - a unique project RE-HAB of creating 'bee-fences' to mitigate human-elephant conflicts.
- NDDDB - android based dairy surveyor application.
- Labour Bureau + BECIL-providing technical & manpower support for conducting all India survey including on migrant workers.
- 20 states – complete ease of doing business reforms, eligible for additional borrowing.
- Khelo India Scheme – extend to 2025-26, Rs 657.71 crore has been allocated in Budget Estimate (BE) for the year 2021-22 under the Khelo India Scheme.
- IMD - Climate Data Service Portal(CDSP) aims to climate change mitigation in India.
- MoS Shri Sanjay Dhotre - commemorative Postage stamp on 100 years of 1st visit of Mahatma Gandhi to Odisha.
- Labour Minister - field work of All India Survey on Migrant workers and the AQEES.
- TC Gehlot - National portal for transgender community.
- India - to conduct airborne radar surveys to estimate the thickness of Himalayan glaciers
- World Summit on Information Society (WSIS) Forum 2021- From India Sanjay Dhotre Participated.
- Jal Shakti Minister - 465 crore performance Incentive fund for 7 states under Jal Jeevan Mission

STATES IN NEWS

SOUTHERN STATES IN NEWS

ANDHRAPRADESH

- Andhra - "Factcheck" portal aimed at curbing misinformation by vested interests against the state government.
- Andhra CM - RythuBharosaKendralu (RBK) Channel to help farmers get quality inputs.
- AP - to setup "India's 1st government-run ambulance network" for animals.
- Andhra CM - Kurnool Airport named it after the freedom fighter Uyyalavada Narasimha Reddy.

TELANGANA

- India's first "Transgender Community Desk" opens in Gachibowli police station in Telangana
- NTPC built India's biggest floating solar plant at Ramagundam in Peddapalli district of Telangana.
- Telangana govt. - 30% fitment under pay revision for State government employees & Teachers

KARNATAKA

- Bangalore Airport - India's 1st dedicated Express Cargo Terminal, exclusively for export & import of International couriers.
- Karnataka's Industries department - a new Centralized Inspection System
- Bengaluru International Airport - 1st in south India to have parallel runways.

EASTERN STATES

- Bihar - 1st state in the country to have its own ethanol policy called Ethanol Production Promotion Policy, 2021
- Power Minister RK Singh - the GRAM UJALA program in Arrah Bihar.
- Bihar - the 1st state in the country to have two green energy efficient towns in Rajgir & Bodh Gaya.
- Jharkhand – approve an employment policy that requires 75% jobs in the private sector industrial units to be reserved for locals
- Jharkhand - SAAMAR (Strategic Action for Alleviation of Malnutrition and Anemia Reduction) to tackle malnutrition in the state.

ODISHA

- Odisha - the mPolice mobile application scheme as part of the 5T initiative.
- Odisha - 112, an Emergency Response Support Systems (ERSS).
- Odisha - “Mo College” campaign to make higher education more innovative.
- Odisha government - set up a new department, namely the Department of Mission Shakti strengthening the ‘self-help group’.
- DRDO - successfully conducted a flight test of Solid Fuel Ducted Ramjet (SFDR) technology in Odisha
- Odisha CM - Rs 101 cr for providing scholarships to 50,000 SC, ST students.

WESTERN STATES

- CII’s Indian Green Building Council ratings- Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus Railway Station, Mumbai is the first railway station in Maharashtra to be awarded with Gold Certification.
- Kevadia, Gujarat - A three day Combined Commanders Conference
- Goa CM - 6th edition of Science Film Festival
- Dr Pramod Sawant - 28th edition “HunarHaat” indigenous artisans & craftmen at Kala Academy Campal, Panaji.

NORTHERN STATES

- Himachal - e-Office, e-Heli service, e-Aagman, e-Lahaul for Lahaul-Spiti district
- Himachal CM - projects worth Rs 34 crore in Solan.
- UN office for Project Services partners + Denmark - support Jal Jeevan Mission in Budelkhanda & Vindhya region of Uttar Pradesh
- Uttar Pradesh - scheme offering affordable rental housing for urban migrants, poor labourers
- Indian Consulate General & South Africa + Uttar Pradesh –to boost tourism to India.
- Yogi Adityanath - Shaheed Ashfaq Ulla Khan Zoological Park in Gorakhpur.
- Uttar Pradesh CM - the Global Encyclopedia of the Ramayana
- Uttar Pradesh - 8th airport in Bareilly operations under UDAN-RCS Scheme.
- Uttar Pradesh - A 3-day “Kalanamak Rice Festival”
- Haryana CM Kattar - new scheme MukhyamantriAntyodayaUtthan Abhiyan.
- Mullanpur stadium - after Maharaja Yadavindra Singh Cricket Stadium in Punjab
- Welcome Ramgarh Fort, Panchukula Haryana - 10th Edition of International Heritage Tourism Conclave
- Haryana Govt. college for women at Saleheri - renamed as Shaheed Lieutenant Kiran Shekhawat Govt. college for women

- Border Roads Organisation (BRO) - a 200 feet bailey bridge on Joshimat-Malari road across the Rishignaga River Uttarkhand's Chamoli.
- 1st Forest Healing centre of the country - Ranikhet, Uttrakhand.
- Uttarkhand - Rs 10,000/ each for ASHA & Anganwadi volunteers who had worked during the covid 19 phase.

NORTH-EASTERN STATES

- Assam - app "Prashikshan" for convenience of polling personnel.
- Meghalaya Govt. - online registration portal for migrant workers under Migrant Workers Act 2020.
- Meghalaya - state's first healthy policy named MOTHER Policy (Measurable Outcomes Transforming Health sector through a holistic approach with focus on women's Empowerment.
- PM Modi - 7500th Janaushadi Kendra to nation in Shillong, Meghalaya.
- Cabinet - revised cost estimate scheme for distribution power in Arunachal & Sikkim.
- Sikkim Governor Ganga Prasad - 104 feet tall flag mast hoisting the National Flag was inaugurated at the Mahatma Gandhi Marg.
- Arunachal - the state's 1st formal indigenous language and knowledge system school.
- Arunachal - 'Dekho Apna Pradesh'-to restart tourism activities.
- Manipur - the model state for Van Dhan Vikas Yojana

CENTRAL STATES

- N S Tomar - the summit on 'Agriculture and Food Processing Opportunities' in Madhya Pradesh.
- Harsh Vardhan - Advanced Radiation Shielding and Geopolymeric Materials and an Analytical High Resolution Transmission Electron Microscope Laboratory at CSIR-AMPRI, Bhopal.
- ISRO Chairman K Sivan - Space Technology Incubation Centres at Nagpur, Bhopal, Rourkela.
- Jal Shakti Minister and Govt. Madhya Pradesh & Uttar Pradesh - an agreement to implement the Ken-Betwa river link project
- Madhya Pradesh - 'Mera Mask Meri Suraksha' campaign citizens to wear masks and follow all covid-19 protocols.
- NS Tomar & CM Shivraj Singh - the mission Garmodaya in Madhya Pradesh.

UNION TERRITORY'S

- Nitin Gadkari - the Real-Time Monitoring System of Toll Plazas at New Delhi.
- H S Puri - the field assessment of Swachh Survekshan 2021 at Delhi.
- Thaawar Chand Gehlot - the 'Sugamya Bharat' app and handbook titled 'Access-The Photo Digest' in Delhi.
- Delhi Cabinet - Rs 185 crore for several child welfare & scholarship schemes.
- 29th edition New Delhi World Book Fair organized by the National Book Trust from March 6 to 12
- Delhi government - a scheme "Saheli Samanvay Kendra" to empower women.
- Andaman & Nicobar Islands - 100% functional Household Tap Connection coverage under Jal Jeevan Mission
- Cochin Shipyard Ltd - MV 'Sindhu' passenger cum Cargo Vessel for Andaman & Nicobar
- Ladakh - 1st Solar Lift Irrigation Scheme of KREDA at Latoo Village
- Indian Army - community Radio Station with Tagline 'Radio Chinar 90.4, Har Dil Ki Dhadkhan' in Sopore J& K.
- J&K - Super-75 Scholarship Scheme to support the education of meritorious girls belonging to poor families.
- J&K's District Administration Ramban - a mobile application e-Suvidha
- J&K government - interest free loans worth Rs 2lakh beneficiaries of PMAY-U.
- The festival of Shivratri "Herath" is being celebrated across J&K
- J&K Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha - a project 'Awaam Ki Baat'-a radio program, aimed at seeking feedback from the public
- J&K Manoj Sinha - 73 AYUSH Health & Wellness centres-aim of promoting good health and expanding the outreach of comprehensive primary healthcare services.
- J&K - the 6-day Tulip Festival- to mark the arrival of spring, promote tourism.



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