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## Important Days

### National Important Days

Date	Day	Key Points
April 1	UtkalaDibasa or Utkal Diwas	86 <sup>th</sup> Statehood Day
April 2	SIDBI Foundation Day	Established in 1990
April 3	Raising Day of the Army Medical Corps	257 <sup>th</sup> edition
April 5	National Maritime Day	58 <sup>th</sup> edition
April 9	CRPF Valour Day	
	Indian Council for Cultural Relations	71 <sup>st</sup> Foundation day
April 11	National Safe Motherhood Day	Declared in 2003
April 13	Siachen Day	37 <sup>th</sup> edition
	Jallianwala Bagh Massacre Day	102 <sup>nd</sup> anniversary
April 14	Water Day	Birth Anniversary of BR Ambedkar
	National Fire Service Day	Incredible commitment and sacrifice by the 71 Fire Service personnel in 1944
	Vishu, TamizhpPuththaandu	
April 21	National Civil Services Day	To Commemorate Sardar Vallabhai Patel
April 24	National Panchayati Raj Day	

### International Important Days

Date	Day	Theme	Key Points
April 2	World Autism Awareness Day	-	Celebrated by UN General Assembly
	International Children's Book Day	The Music of Words	-
April 4	International Day for Mine Awareness & Assistance in Mine Action	Perseverance, Partnership, and Progress.	-
April 5	International Day of Conscience	-	Declared by UN General Assembly
April 6	International Day of Sport For Development & Peace	-	8 <sup>th</sup> Edition, Resolution passed by UN General Assembly

Date	Day	Theme	Key Points
April 7	World Health Day	Building a fairer, healthier world	In 1950-1 <sup>st</sup> celebrated
	International Day of Reflection on the 1994 Rwanda Genocide	-	UN recognized from 2004
April 8	International Romani Day	-	Day declared in 1990 in Serock, Poland
April 9	Play True Day	What Does Play True Mean to You?	WADA celebrated since 2014
April 10	World Homeopathy Day	Homeopathy-Roadmap for Integrative Medicine	-
April 12	International Day of Human Space Flight	-	Declared UN General Assembly
April 14	World Chagas Disease Day	-	1 <sup>st</sup> celebrated in 2020
April 15	World Art Day	-	1 <sup>st</sup> celebrated in 2012
April 16	World Voice Day	One World, Many Voices	-
April 17	World Hemophilia Day	Sustaining care in a new world	-
April 18	World Heritage Day	Complex Pasts: Diverse Futures	The Day also Known as "International Day for Monuments and Sites"
April 19	World Liver Day	Love Your Liver and Live Longer	Liver-2 <sup>nd</sup> Largest Organ of the body
April 20	Chinese Language Day	-	Celebrated by UN
April 21	World Creativity & Innovation Day	-	Celebrated by UNGA
April 22	International Mother Earth Day	Restore Our Earth	51 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary
April 23	World Book & Copyright Day	-	Celebrated by UNESCO
	UN English Language Day	-	First celebrated in 2010
April 24	International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace	-	-
	World Day for Animals in Laboratories	-	-

Date	Day	Theme	Key Points
April 25	World Malaria Day	Reaching the Zero-malaria target	-
	International Delegates Day	-	
April 26	World Intellectual Property Day	Taking your ideas to the market	
	International Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance Day	-	Established UNGA on Dec 8, 2016
April 28	World Day for Safety & Healthy at Work	Anticipate, prepare and respond to crises and invest now in resilient OHS systems	Initiated by ILO Observed World Wide since 2003
April 29	International Dance Day	Purpose of Dance	-
April 24 <sup>th</sup> -30 <sup>th</sup>	World Immunization Week	Vaccines bring us closer	-
4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday of April	International Girls in ICT Day	-	-
Last Saturday of April	World Veterinary Day	-	-

## Sports

### Cricket

- 9 host cities in Australia + New Zealand-Opening match (Eden Park Auckland), Final Match (Sydney Stadium Australia)
- Virat Kohli-Wisden's Almanack's ODI Cricketer of the 2010's
- Virat Kohli – First batsman to score 6,000 IPL runs
- KL Rahul-beats Virat Kohli record become fastest Indian to 5000 T20 runs
- ICC Player of the month March-India's Bhuvanesh Kumar (Men's), South Africa's-Lizelle Lee (Women's)
- ICC- 100% Cricket Future Leaders Program

## ICC Development Awards 2020-announced by ICC

- Initiative of the year-Argentina.
- 100% cricket Female Cricket Initiative of the Year-Brazil.
- Digital Fan Engagement of the Year-Vanuatu.
- Cricket 4 Good Social impact initiative of the year-Uganda,

## Badminton/Tennis

- Pramod Bhagat- Gold in singles & Doubles (with Manoj Sarkar) in Dubai Para Badminton event.
- 3rd Sheikh Hamdan bin Al Maktoum Dubai Para-Badminton International 2021 in Dubai-India (top) with 20 medals.
- Hubert Hurkacz-Miami Open (Tennis) title defeating Jannik Sinner.
- BWF-Cancel Russian open & Indonesia Masters due to Covid-19.
- Davis Cup Finals 2021- 3 places, Innsbruck + Turin + Madrid.
- Rafael Nadal -Beat Stefanos Tsitsipas in the final of the 68th edition of the Banco Sabadell Barcelona Open.

## Boxing

- Asian Boxing Championship 2021 – Move from Delhi to Dubai.
- 2023 Men's Boxing World Championships-Uzbekistan's capital Tashkent
- Indian boxer Amit Panghal – Bronze at Governor's Cup in Russia
- Gitika (48kg) – Gold medal in the youth world championships in Kielce, Poland

## Asian Wrestling Championship in Almaty, Kazakhstan (13-18 Apr)

- India won- 14 Medal -5 Gold,3 Silver, 6 Bronze.
- VineshPhogat-wins gold, beating Meng Hsuan Hsieh (Taipei)
- 

## Asian Weightlifting Championship held at Tashkent,Uzbekistan(16-25 Apr)

- India won- 5 Medal -4 Gold,1 Bronze
- JhilliDalabehra (India)-wins gold medal in 45 kg Category
- MirabaiChanu-New World record in women's 49kg Clean & Jerk with an impressive 119kg lift.

## Other Sports News

- SihariNataraj (Indian Swimmer)-National record wins 2<sup>nd</sup> gold in Uzbekistan
- 4<sup>th</sup> edition Khelo India Youth Games 2021-Hosted by Haryana
- Archery World Cup-Indian women's recurve team including Deepika Kumari, Ankita Bhakat and Komalika Bari won a gold medal in Guatemala
- ISSF World Cup in Baku, Azerbaijan – Not take place due to pandemic
- North Korea-Not Participate Tokyo Olympics
- Nethra Kumanan-1<sup>st</sup> Indian woman sailor to qualify for Tokyo Olympics

## Emilia Romgana Grand Prix 2021

Rank	Winner	Team
1 <sup>st</sup>	Max Verstappen	Red Bull Racing-Honda
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lewis Hamilton	Mercedes
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lando Norris	McLaren Mercedes
4 <sup>th</sup>	Charles Leclerc	Ferrari
5 <sup>th</sup>	Carlos Sainz	Ferrari

## Banned News in Sports

- NuwanZoysa – Ban from all cricket for six years after being found guilty of breaching ICC's Anti-Corruption Code
- Russia's Andrei Silnov + Natalya Antyukh-each banned 4 years for doping offences
- Streak (Zimbabwe)-banned 8 years for breaching ICC's anti-corruption code
- Qadeer Ahmed Khan (UAE)- five year ban for corruption
- DilharaLokuheettege (Sri Lanka)- Ban 8 years under ICC Anti-Corruption Code

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## Obituary

### National Obituary

Name	Related to	State	Key points
WankanerDigvijaysinhZala	Former Environment Minister & MLA	Gujarat	Congress MP from 1979 to 1989
Radheshyam Khemka	The president of Gita Press	-	-
Vishnu Bhaiya	Former Jamtara MLA	Jharkhand	-
Bhagwati Singh	Senior Samajwadi Party leader, Socialist	Uttar Pradesh	-
Shashikala	Actress	Mumbai	Padma Shri 2007
Khalil Dhantejvi	Poet &Gazal Maestro	Gujarat	
SuhasKulkarani	Table Tennis	Mumbai	TT championship in Indore in 2019
P Balachandran	Dramatist, Screenwriter, Filmmaker	Kerala	-
Dr Fatema Zakaria	Educationist & Journalist	Maharashtra	Padma Shri in 2006
Mahesh Joshi	Senior Congress Leader	Madhya Pradesh Minister	-
Pascal Dhanare	BJP MLA	Maharashtra	MLA from 2014 to 2019
Balbir Singh Junior	Hockey	Punjab	
Simon Marandi	Politician	-	Founder of Jharkhand Mukti Morcha& Senior BJP Leader
G V G Krishnamurthy	Former Chief Election Commissioner	-	Tenure from Oct1 1993 to Sep 30, 1996
Sadashiv Rao Bhosle	Freedom Fighter & Former MLA	-	Member of Assemblies in 1945 & 1952
Ranjit Sinha	Former CBI director	-	-
Kakarla Subba Rao	Medical Professional	-	Padmashri in 2000
Vivek	Actor & Comedian	Tamil Nadu	Padmashri in 2009
Bachi Singh Rawat	BJP Leader	Uttarakhand	-
K Amarnath	Journalist	-	Press Council of India Member
MaidavolNarasimham	Former RBI Governor	-	Padma Vibhushan in 2000



Kishore Nandlaskar	Marathi Actor	-	Debut in 1982-Navare Sagle Gadhav
A K Walia	Congress Leader	Delhi	
Maulana Wahiduddin Khan	Islamic Scholar	-	Padma Bhushan in 2000
Shravan Rathod	Musician	-	-
Ashwin Yadav	Cricket	-	Ranji trophy debut in 2007 against Punjab
Arun Nigavekar	Chairman Of UGC	-	University Grants Commission
Mohan M Shantanagoudar	Supreme Court Justice	Karnataka	-
Jagdish Khatter	MD of Maruti Suzuki India	-	-
Pandit Rajan Mishra	Classical Singer	-	Padma Bhushan in 2007
Krishnamurthy Santhanam	Nuclear Scientist	-	Padma Bhushan in 1999
M Sathyanarayana Rao	Congress Politician	Andhra Pradesh	-
Dadudan Gadhvi	Poet	Gujarat	Padma Shri in 2021
Manzoor Ahtesham	Hindi Litterateur	Madhya Pradesh	Padma Shri in 2003
Eknath Gaikwad	Congress Leader	Maharashtra	-
Sumangala	Malayalam Literature	-	Kendra Sahitya Akademi Award
Janardhan Singh Gehlot	Vice-President of IOC	-	Indian Olympic Association
Manoj Das	Odia & English writer	-	Padma Shri in 2001 Padma Bhushan in 2020
Laxman Giluwa	BJP president	-	-
Arun Kumar Singh	Chief Secretary	Bihar	-
K V Anand	Tamil Film Director	Tamil Nadu	-

## International Obituary

Name	Related to	Country	Key Points
Prince Philip	Husband of Queen Elizabeth II	UK	
Earl Simmons	Rapper & Actor	USA	Debut album in 1998
I A Rehman	Human Rights Activist	Pakistan	Receive Peace & Disarmament in 2004
Abdul Matin Khasru	Law Minister	Bangladesh	Law Minister from 1997 to 2001
Sara Begum Kabori	Actor	Bangladesh	Life time achievement award in 2013
Helen McCrory	Actor	UK	Role in Harry Potter & Peaky Blinders
Charles "Chuck" Geschke	Co-founder of Adobe, Developed PDF's	America	-
Walter F Mondale	Former Vice president	USA	-
Chirsta Ludwig	Opera Singer	-	France's Legion d'Honneur in 2010
Michael Collins	Astronaut	Ireland	Carrying the Fire-Autobiography

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## Ranking

### Global Residential Cities Index Q4 2020

- By- The Knight Frank
- Total-150 cities

Rank	City	Country/Territory	12 month % Change Q4 2019-Q4 2020
1 <sup>st</sup>	Ankara	Turkey	30.2%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Izmir	Turkey	29.4%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Istanbul	Turkey	27.9%
122 <sup>nd</sup>	Hyderabad	India	0.2%
129 <sup>th</sup>	Bengaluru	India	-0.8%
143 <sup>rd</sup>	Ahmedabad	India	-3.1%
144 <sup>th</sup>	Mumbai	India	-3.2%
146 <sup>th</sup>	Delhi	India	-3.9%
147 <sup>th</sup>	Kolkata	India	-4.3%
148 <sup>th</sup>	Pune	India	-5.3%
150 <sup>th</sup>	Chennai	India	-9.0%

### 35th Annual World's Billionaires List-By Forbes

- Highest Number of Billionaires in the World

1 <sup>st</sup>	USA	724 Billionaires
2 <sup>nd</sup>	China	626 Billionaires
3 <sup>rd</sup>	India	140 Billionaires

Rank	Name	Net Worth	Source of Wealth	Residence
1	Jeff Bezos	\$177 BILLION	AMAZON	SEATTLE
2	Elon Musk	\$151 BILLION	TESLA, SPACEX	AUSTIN, TEXAS
3	Bernard Arnault	\$150 BILLION	LUXURY GOODS	PARIS
4	Bill Gates	\$124 BILLION	MICROSOFT	MEDINA, WASHINGTON
5	Mark Zuckerberg	\$97 BILLION	FACEBOOK	PALO ALTO, CALIFORNIA
10	Mukesh Ambani	\$84.5 BILLION	DIVERSIFIED	MUMBAI, INDIA

## Forbes' India's 5 Richest Billionaires List 2021

RANK	NAME	NET WORTH	Position
1	Mukesh Ambani	\$ 84.5 Billion	Chairman of Reliance Industries
2	Gautam Adani	\$ 50.5 Billion	Chairman of Adani Group
3	Shiv Nadar	\$ 23.5 Billion	Founder of HCL
4	RadhaKishan Damani	\$ 16.5 Billion	Founder of D-Mart
5	Uday Kotak	\$ 15.9 Billion	MD of Kotak Mahindra Bank

## Forbes' 2021- world's richest women Billionaires list

RANK	WORLD RANK	NAME	MAIN INDUSTRY	NET WORTH	COUNTRY
1	13	Francoise Bettencourt Meyers & Family	L'Oreal	\$ 73.6 Billion	France
2	15	Alice Walton	Walmart	\$ 61.8 Billion	USA
3	22	Mekenzie Scott	Amazon	\$ 53 Billion	USA

## World Press Freedom Index 2021- Released by Reporters without Borders

➤ Total Number of countries-180

Rank	Country
1 <sup>st</sup>	Norway
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Finland
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Denmark
142 <sup>nd</sup>	India
180 <sup>th</sup>	Eritrea

## Energy Transition Index (ETI)-by World Economic Forum

➤ Total Countries-115 countries

Rank	Country
1 <sup>st</sup>	Sweden
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Norway
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Denmark
87 <sup>th</sup>	India

## Largest Military Spender Report-Stockholm International Peace Research Institute

Rank	Country
1 <sup>st</sup>	USA
2 <sup>nd</sup>	China
3 <sup>rd</sup>	India

## World Strongest Military Report-Military Direct's Study

Rank	Country
1 <sup>st</sup>	China
2 <sup>nd</sup>	USA
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Russia
4 <sup>th</sup>	India

## Chandler Good Government Index

Rank	Country
1 <sup>st</sup>	Finland
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Switzerland
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Singapore
49 <sup>th</sup>	India

## Best Workplace for 2020-by LinkedIn

Rank	Company
1 <sup>st</sup>	Tata Consultancy Services
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Cognizant
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Accenture
4 <sup>th</sup>	Larsen & Turbo
5 <sup>th</sup>	Infosys

## Brand Finance Insurance 100 2021 Ranking

Rank	Insurance Company Name
1 <sup>st</sup>	PingAn Insurance of China
2 <sup>nd</sup>	China Life Insurance
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Germany's Allianz
4 <sup>th</sup>	LIC of Indias

## Banking & Finance

### Reserve Bank of India

- RBI-Centre's WMA limit at Rs 1.2 lakh cr for first half of next fiscal
- RBI-allow non-bank payment operators like PPI, Card networks, White Label ATM operators, TReDS platforms to take membership in CPS.
- RBI-withdraw directions on Kolikata Mahila Co-op Bank (West Bengal)
- RBI-Setup Regulations Review Authority from May 1 for one year- M Rajeshwar Rao (Head)
- RBI- 1<sup>st</sup> purchase of bonds worth Rs 25,000 crore under G-SAP 1.0
- RBI – Extend temporary advances limit of Rs 51,560 cr for states, UTs till Sep.
- RBI – Issue guidelines for tenure of bank CEOs, MDs
- RBI – Guideline require banks, UCBs and NBFCs to appoint auditors for 3 years

### Public Sector Banks

- Yono by SBI + Shivrai Technologies – To Launch Small Farm Accounting App, Farmizo Khata
- SBI – Video KYC-based opening of savings accounts via YONO
- NHB-Rs 10,000 crore Special Refinance Facility 2021-to provide short-term refinance
- PNB + SwitchON-for promotion of solar pumps
- Punjab National Bank- Digital Initiative named PNB@Ease

### Private Sector Banks

- ICICI Bank + PhonePe- partnered for issuance of FASTag at toll plazas
- ICICI Bank + Axis Bank – To Co-Lead NUE with Amazon, Visa as Partners
- Yes Bank+NPCI+Mobisafar Services Pvt. Ltd-Mobisafar Virtual RuPay Prepaid Card
- Axis Bank + Jeep India-launch Jeep Financial Services
- RBL Bank + Mastercard-offer payment functionality in India

### Other News Relating Banking & Finance

- Airtel Payments Bank-“Rewards 123” Saving Account-Annual Fee Rs 299
- Payment Banks-Deposits limit hiked to Rs 2 lakh from Rs 1 lakh
- PayPal + FlexiLoans-Offer collateral-free term loans from 50,000 upto 10,000,000
- U GRO Capital + SBM Bank of India – Launched credit card for MSMEs
- Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank-“Vikasa Nava Sanjeevani” loan scheme-for medical sector (Overdraft maximum Rs 25 lakh)
- Bharati AXA Life Insurance + Fincare Small Finance Bank-Bancassurance Partnership
- NSE-launched Cloud-based research facility named NSE Data Room (NDR)
- SBI General Insurance-Corporate Agency tie up with Uttarbanga Kshetriya Gramin Bank



- LIC + Paytm – To handle digital payments
- Paytm – 'Wealth Community' for young investors
- SIDBI – SHWAS & AROG for COVID preparedness

## Penalty

- RBI-Rs 5 lakh penalty Bihar's co-op bank-for KYC violation during exchange of demonetized notes
- RBI – Rs 40 Lakh Penalty On Himachal Pradesh State Cooperative Bank
- IRDAI-Rs 17 lakh fine on Future Generali-for violating norms on protection of policy holders' interests & selling policies
- IRDAI-Rs 25 lakh Imposed penalty on SBI General Insurance-for not fulfilling regulatory obligations under Motor Third Party business
- SEBI-Rs 25 crore penalty on YES bank-Matter of additional tier 1 bonds

## International Banks

### World Bank

- World Bank-\$120 mn to Pakistan for its Green Stimulus Initiative
- World Bank-USD 32 million- to boost health services in Mizoram
- World Bank, AIIB-USD 300 million loan drinking water projects in Punjab
- World Bank-USD 1 billion financing to Bangladesh for vaccination & Covid-19 pandemic
- World Bank – Provide USD 250 mn for jobs, COVID-19 pandemic recovery to Bangladesh
- World Bank's IFC- \$150 million loan to Bajaj Finance' lending to women led MSME's
- World Bank – USD 80 mn to Sri Lanka for vaccines

### Asian Development Bank

- ADB loan to Indonesia-\$ 450 million-To deliver safe COVID-19 vaccines
- ADB-\$484 mn upgrade 590km state highways of Chennai-Kanyakumari Industrial Corridor in TN
- ADB-\$1.3 million- To help improve land resources management in Armenia
- ADB-\$50 mn grant to help Afghanistan rollout covid-19 vaccine program
- ADB – \$1.5-billion fiscal support to India for pandemic response
- FirstRand Bank (South Africa)- exit retail banking business in India after 12 years



## Business & Economy

- Facebook + Google-Undersea cables to connect Southeast Asia & America (2 cables Echo & Bifrost)
- ACI Worldwide- Digital payments in India to grow to 71.7% of all payment transactions by 2025
- Canalis-Investment in cybersecurity up 10% to \$53 billion in 2020
- Innovative Eco-Care -2.4 MW waste-to-energy units goes onstream in Imphal
- IL&FS- Receive Rs 693 crore for two road projects from NHAI
- NIFL-Invest Rs 2100 cr in Manipal Hospitals
- Tech Mahindra + Quantoz-Launch Blockchain Solution
- Flipkart+ Mahindra Logistics-Accelerate use of Electronic Vehicles in the fleet by 2030
- ReNew Power- Commissioned 110 MW solar capacity in Rajasthan
- Amazon India- Mentor Programme for startups, emerging brands
- Flipkart + Adani Group- Boost Logistics & Set up data centre
- Adani Solar Energy Chitrakoot One Ltd.- Commissioned 50 MW solar plant in Chitrakoot
- Amazon-\$250 million venture fund for Indian startups, entrepreneurs
- ClearTax-e-invoicing product 'ClearOne'-to help SME's
- Facebook + CleanMax-to move 100% renewable energy in India
- Amazon Web Services-Amazon Digital Suite for small & medium sized businesses in India
- AREHFifteenL-150MWac solar energy project capacity form Torrent Power
- Paytm Payments Bank-The largest beneficiary on UPI platform 469.84 million transactions
- CIL – Sign first ever power purchase pact with GUVNL for sale of 100 mw solar power
- UNICEF report – In urban India, 50 million people in 15 cities have no access to safe, affordable drinking water
- Google – Rs 135 crore for medical supplies and Covid support in India
- Japanese NTT + TCIL – 5G, AI, submarine cable technologies
- Mastercard – Donate \$10 million to address India's Covid Crisis
- IBM – Acquire US-based enterprise software firm Turbonomic for up to \$2 bn.



## Books & Authors

Book	Authored by	Published by	Key Points
Cinema Through Rasa: A Tryst with Masterpieces in the Light of Rasa Siddhanta	PrachandPraveer	Published by DK Printworld (P) Ltd.	-
Agriculture in India: Contemporary Challenges – in the Context of Doubling Farmers Income	Dr. Mohan Kanda	-	Released by Venkaiah Naidu
Suparipalana-telegu version- Echo T Calling: Towards People-Centric Governance	SK Joshi	-	Released by Venkaiah Naidu
Rowley Jefferson's Awesome Friendly Spooky Stories	Jeff Kinney	Penguin Random House	-
Wisdom for Start-ups from Grownups: Discovering Corporate Ayurveda	R Gopalakrishnan + R Narayanan	Penguin Random House	-
Lakshadweep Adventure	Deepak Dalal	Penguin Random House	-
Life in the Uniform	Amit Lodha	Penguin Random House	-
Noise	Daniel Kahneman + Cass Sunstein + Olivier Sibony	HarperCollins India	-
Tree Treasure of Chandigarh	Prof RK Kohli + Dr Navdeep Kahol + Prof HP Singh	-	Released by V P Singh Badnore
Indian On My Mind	Uday Balakrishnan	-	-
Stories I Must Tell: The Emotional Life Of An Actor	Autobiography of Actor Kabir Bedi	Westlands Book	Released by Priyanka Chopra Jonas
Time of the Peacock	Siddharth Chowdhury	-	-
Wanderers, Kings, Merchants: The Story of India through its Languages	Peggy Mohan	-	Penguin Random House in India
Resounding Mridangam: The Majestic South-Indian Drum	Erickavu N Sunil	-	Released by CK Chithra
Left and Right	Cherian Philip	-	On Kerala's political history in last 40 years
One String Attached	Pankaj Dubey	-	-

Book	Authored by	Published by	Key Points
Indian Culture, Art and Heritage	DevduttPattanaik	Pearson India	-
Climate Change Explained – for one and all	Akash Ranison	-	For Earth Day
Win	Harlen Coben	Penguin Random House	-
The Automobile: An Indian Love Affair	Gautham Sen	-	-
Sayed Haider Raza: The Journey of an Iconic Artist	Yashodhara Dalmia	-	-
Underground Asia: Global Revolutionaries and the Assault on Empire	Tim Harper	-	-
Philip Roth: The Biography and The Splendid Things We Planned	Blake Bailey	-	-

## Appointments

Name	Designation	Key Points
Urjit Patel	Additional Director of Britannia	Term 5 year, Patel Former RBI Governor
RK Chibber	Chairman & Managing Director J & K	Extended 6 months
BP Kanungo	RBI Deputy Governor	Retried
Amit Chadha	CEO & MD	L & T Technology Services
Shabir Hussein	BCCI anti-corruption unit chief	Ex DGP of Gujarat
Dr Chintan Vaishnav	Director for Atal Innovation Mission	Succeeds Ramanathan Ramanan
Justice Nuthalapati Venkata Ramana	Chief Justice of India	48 <sup>th</sup> CJI Succeeds S A Bobde
Poonam Gupta	Director General of NCAER (National Council of Applied Economic Research)	Succeeds Shekar Shah Gupta served economist of World Bank
Arun Kumar	Chief Director General of Civil Aviation	Tenure extended by 6 months
Sushil Chandra	Chief Election Commissioner of India	Succeeds Sunil Arora
Anil Kumar Sharma	RBI Executive Director Board	Nominated by Govt.

Name	Designation	Key Points
Richard Verma	Head of Global Public Policy of Mastercard	-
GC Murmu	External auditor- OPCW	Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW)
Atanu Chakraborty	HDFC Part-time Chairman	By RBI
Arun Raste	MD & CEO Of NCDEX	National Commodity and Derivatives Exchange-NCDEX
Rajesh Bindal	Acting Chief Justice	Calcutta High Court
Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw	Board of Trustees of Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center	Executive Chairperson of Biocon
Amitabh Chaudhry	Axis Bank MD & CEO	Upto December 31, 2021
Mahesh Balasubramanian	MD of Kotak Mahindra Life Insurance Company Ltd	Retirement of G Muralidhar
Ajay Seth	Economic Affairs Secretary	Succeeds Tarun Bajaj
T V Somanathan	Finance Secretary	Succeeds Ajay Bhushan Pandey
Tarun Bajaj	Revenue Secretary	-
Gyanesh Kumar	Parliamentary Affairs Secretary	-
Ali Raza Rizvi	Dept. Public Enterprises	-
Indevar Pandey	Dept. Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances	-
Anjali Bhawra	Dept. Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities	-
S Ramann	Chairman & MD of SIDBI	-
Uma Chigurupati	Chairperson of FICCI FLO	-
Rekha Menon	Chairman of NASSCOM	-

### Committees

Name of the Head	Committee	Purpose	Setup By
Adil Zainulbhai	Mission Karmayogi under NPCSCB	To train civil servants	-
Justice A K Goel	National Task force to combat air pollution	8 members	National Green Tribunal
Sudharshan Sen	Review ARC Regulations	-	Set up RBI

## Brand Ambassadors

Name	Company/Institution	Key Points
Ranveer Singh	Brand Ambassador of My11Circle	Actor
Ms Srishti Jupudi Hyderabad Girl	Global Brand Ambassador for 2021-22	Appointed by BRICS CCI
Salman Khan	Brand Ambassador & Investor of short video app Chingari	Salman-Actor
Virat Kolhi	Brand Ambassador Digit Insurance	Virat-Cricketer
	Brand Ambassador of Vivo	
SonuSood	Brand Ambassador	Punjab Vaccination Program
RashmikaMandanna	Brand Ambassador of McDonald's India (West & South)	Rashimika-Actress
Jacqueline Fernandez	Brand Ambassador Van Heusen	Jacqueline-Actor
DevduttPadikkal	Brand Ambassador Puma	Padikkal-Cricketer
Ravindra Jadeja	ASICS Brand Ambassador	Cricketer

## International Appointments

Name	Designation
Eduard Heger	Prime Minister of Slovakia
Pham Minh Chinh	Prime Minister of Vietnam
Kim Boo-Kyum	Prime Minister of South Korea

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## Awards and Honors

- **Dada Saheb Phalke Award 2019** - Super star Rajinikanth - by Prakash Javedekar
- **Kalinga Ratna Award 2021** - BiswaBhusanHarichandan - Governor of Andhra
- **DeenDayal Upadhyaya Panchayat Empowerment National Award 2021** - Zila Parishad Gurdaspur (Punjab) - Announced by Panchayati Raj Minister
- **Chhattisgarh Veerni Award** – Athlete Dutee Chand who holds national record 11.22 secs in 100m
- **India's Best International Bank 2021**- DBS Bank India - announced by Asiamoney
- **30<sup>th</sup> National Award Ceremony** - HAL bagged 1<sup>st</sup> place for Innovative Training Practices 2019
- **Moscow International Film Festival 2021** - Marathi film Puglya (Best Foreign language film)
- **E - Panchayat Puraskar 2021** - Uttar Pradesh (1<sup>st</sup>), Assam & Chhattisgarh (2<sup>nd</sup>), Odisha & Tamil Nadu (3<sup>rd</sup>)
- **78<sup>th</sup> Venice Film Festival's** Lifetime Achievement Award - Roberto Benigni (Italian Director)
- **Golden Rock Workshop Innovation Prize** - Southern Railways + North - East Railway
- **The International Ranger Award 2021** - S Sathish Ramanathapuram Forest Range Officer (FRS)
- **ATS Public Service Award** - PGIMER Prof Digambar Behera
- **Priyanka Mohite** (Maharashtra) - 1<sup>st</sup> woman to scale Mt Annapurna, Worlds 10<sup>th</sup> Highest Peak

### 3rd edition of Champions of Change Award 2021

- By Interactive Forum of Indian Economy
- Ceremony held at Panaji, Goa
- Chief Guest – Bhagat Singh Koshiyari (Governor of Goa).
- Jury – Headed by Justice K.G Balakrishnan (Former CJI & Former Chairman NHRC).

The Award Given by five categories

1. Constructive work in 115 aspirational districts in India.
2. Application of education, healthcare, science and technology for rural development.
3. Outstanding contribution for the development and welfare of women and children.
4. Outstanding contribution in Swatch Bharat Abhiyan.
5. International award for promoting Gandhian values.

AWARDEE NAME	CATEGORY	POSITION/LOCATION
Pramod Sawant	Social Service	Chief Minister of Goa
Shripad Naik	Social Service	Union Minister for Ayush Ministry & MoSDefence
M.K. Stalin	Social Service	President of DMK (Politician)
Priya Shende	Social Service	NGO, YAS
Gautam Kanji Ravriya	Social Service	-
Anirban Sarkar	Social Service	-
Raj K. Purohit	Social Service	-
Prabal Pratap Singh Tomar	Social Service	-
Suresh Jain	Social Service	Bharat Vikas Parishad
Hema Malini	Social Service	MP & Veteran Indian Film Actress
Vipul Goel	Social Service	
Parmarth Niketan	Social Service & Spiritual Awakening	Swami ChidanandSarswati Founder
Ajay Harinath Singh	Social Welfare	Entrepreneur, Maharashtra
Dr SohiniSastri	Social Welfare	Astrologer, West Bengal
Niranjan Mittal	Social Welfare	Astrologer, Maharashtra
Dr Leena S	Social Welfare	Entrepreneur, Tamil Nadu
Adel Bhinder	Social Welfare (Women Empowerment)	Entrepreneur, Delhi
Ajay Ajmera	Social Welfare (Women Empowerment)	Entrepreneur, Delhi, Gujarat
PahlajNihalani	-	Former Chairman Censor Board & Veteran Film Producer
Iqbal Singh Chahal	-	BMC Commissioner
Sonu Nigam	-	Renowned Playback Singer
Hema Sardesai	-	Renowned Playback Singer
AneesBazmee	-	Film Director
Sabarna Roy	Culture	Indian Author ,West Bengal
Sushmita Sen	Social Welfare (Women Empowerment)	Former Miss Universe and Film Actor
Dr Tanuj Bhatia	Healthcare	Uttarakhand
Dr Abhinit Gupta	Healthcare	Madhya Pradesh
Sanjeev Kumar	Healthcare	Delhi
Dr Suyomi Shah	Healthcare	Maharashtra
SadiqueBabla	Healthcare	Maharashtra
Abhinav Singh	-	Maharashtra
Dr Gautam Bhansali	(Corona Warrior & Healthcare)	-

## BAFTA Film Awards 2021

Award	Winner
Best Actor	Anthony Hopkins for The Father
Best Film	Nomadland
Best Animated Film	Soul
Best Director	Chloé Zhao, Nomadland
Outstanding British Film	Promising Young Woman
Outstanding Debut by a British Writer, Director or Producer	His House, Remi Weekes (Writer/Director)
Best Film Not In English Language	Another Round
Best Documentary	My Octopus Teacher
Best Original Screenplay	Promising Young Woman, Emerald Fennell
Best Adapted Screenplay	The Father, Christopher Hampton and Florian Zeller
Best Leading Actress	Frances McDormand, Nomadland
Best Leading Actor	Anthony Hopkins, The Father
Best Supporting Actress	Yuh-Jung Youn, Minari
Best Supporting Actor	Daniel Kaluuya, Judas and the Black Messiah
Best Original Score	Soul, Jon Batiste, Trent Reznor and Atticus Ross
Best Casting	Rocks
Best Cinematography	Nomadland
Bafta Academy Fellowship	Ang Lee
EE Rising Star award	BukkyBakray
Outstanding debut by a British writer, director or producer	His House, Remi Weekes (Writer/Director)
Editing	Sound of Metal, Mikkel E.G. Nielsen
Production Design	Mank, Donald Graham Burt, Jan Pascale
Costume Design	Ma Rainey's Black Bottom, Ann Roth
Special Visual Effects	Tenet, Scott Fisher, Andrew Jackson, Andrew Lockley
Make up & Hair	Ma Rainey's Black Bottom, MatikiAnoff, Larry M. Cherry, Sergio Lopez-Rivera, Mia Neal
Sound	Sound of Metal, Jaime Baksht, Nicolas Becker, Phillip Bladh, Carlos Cortés, Michelle Couttolenc
British Short Animation	The Owl and The Pussycat, Mole Hill, Laura Duncalf
British Short Film	The Present, Farah Nabulsi

## AICTE Lilavati Awards 2020 Women Empowerment Award

- Held in New Delhi
- Presented by-Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'

### List of Awardees

#### Legal Awareness-

Sr. No	Position	Name of Institute	Name of Team	Team Members
1.	Winner	Thiagarajar Polytechnic College, Tamil nadu	Radiant Seetha	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• R. Maheswari</li> <li>• M. Ponni</li> <li>• P. Karunya Devi</li> <li>• S. Saranya</li> <li>• Sister A.S. Celine Augustine Mary</li> </ul>
2.	1st Runner -Up	Navodaya Institute of Technology, Raichur, Karnataka	Women Empowerment Cell-NITR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Harshita Gangakhed</li> <li>• M Tejaswini</li> <li>• Geeta K.M</li> <li>• Shalini K</li> <li>• ChannaveerammaE</li> </ul>

#### Legal Awareness-

Sr. No	Position	Name of Institute	Name of Team	Team Members
3.	2nd Runner - Up	Pondicherry engineering college, Puducherry	Malar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RajathyRathinasamy</li> <li>• SanthiGurusamy</li> <li>• PallavheeTamizhchelvan</li> <li>• GuejalatchoumyKothandapani</li> <li>• Kavitha Kumar Rajendiran</li> </ul>
4.		Lakshmi NARAIN college of technology, Madhya Pradesh.	UDAAN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AyushPurwar</li> <li>• Gargi Dubey</li> <li>• Megha Choubey</li> <li>• Palak Jain</li> <li>• Pragya Jain</li> </ul>



**Self Defence-**

1.	Winner	ST. Joseph's College of Engineering, Tamil Nadu.	Paritranas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S. Akshaya</li> <li>• Dellecta Jessy Rashmi</li> <li>• VadavannurChellan Ramakrishnan Jayarama Pradeep</li> <li>• Ramasamy Sreekanth</li> <li>• Gunasekaran Brindha</li> </ul>
2.	1st Runner -Up	Thiagarajar Polytechnic College, Tamil Nadu	Shakthi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thejeswini V</li> <li>• Jayanthi C</li> <li>• Bhovanaashwari T</li> <li>• Udhayakumar P</li> <li>• J. Amul Raj</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
3.		Sri Sai Ram Engineering College, Tamil Nadu.	MahilaPrathirakshaAbhiyaan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• K. L. Nithish Raja</li> <li>• S. Srividhya</li> <li>• Dr. M.Nithya</li> <li>• Dr. K.Latha</li> <li>• S. Subha</li> </ul>

**Legal Awareness-**

Sr. No	Position	Name of Institute	Name of Team	Team Members
4.	2nd Runner -Up	Vivekananda Institute of Technology, Rajasthan	Warriors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deepika Jangid</li> <li>• TanushreeMeharwal</li> <li>• Ruchi Sharma</li> <li>• Vandana Agarwal</li> </ul>
5.		G. H. Raison College Of Engineering, Nagpur, Maharashtra	Suraksha Chakra	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Md. Aashim Khan</li> <li>• Kanchan Diyewar</li> <li>• Vibha Bora</li> <li>• Bhakti Patankar</li> <li>• IshaKhedikar</li> </ul>



**Sanitation & Hygiene-**

1.	Winner	Smt. Kishoritai Bhoyar College of Pharmacy, Maharashtra	SKBCOP Eco Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tanishka Randive</li> <li>• Pranjal Tidke</li> <li>• Dr. Renuka Das</li> <li>• Shruti Nasre</li> <li>• Mr. Manish Aglawe</li> </ul>
2.	1st Runner -Up	Sona College of Technology, Tamil Nadu	Swsah (Sona Women Sanitation And Hygiene)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Priyalatha S</li> <li>• Gulshan Taj M N A</li> <li>• Paramasivam S</li> <li>• Kanimozhi J</li> <li>• Rashma M</li> </ul>
3.	2nd Runner -Up	St. Joseph's College Of Engineering, Tamil Nadu	Vow - Virangana Of Wash (Water Sanitation Hygiene)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N Hemapriya</li> <li>• Venkatesan Muthulakshmi</li> <li>• Gandhimaruthian Lathaselvi</li> <li>• Renuka Viswanathan</li> <li>• K Rajaraman</li> </ul>
4.		Sri Krishna College of Engineering and Technology, Tamil Nadu	SKCET Sanitation and Hygiene Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kaviya S</li> <li>• Sudhir Sophia</li> <li>• Karpagam Mylsamy</li> <li>• R Geethamani R</li> <li>• P A Thirunavukarasu</li> </ul>

**Women Health-**

1.	Winner	Walchand Institute of Technology, Maharashtra	WIT Women Health Coalition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Rupali J. Shelke</li> <li>• Dr. Pratibha Yalagi Aladeep</li> <li>• Rashmi Dixit</li> <li>• Dipali Dilip Awasekar</li> <li>• Rohini Mergu</li> </ul>
2.	1st Runner -Up	Poona College of Pharmacy, Maharashtra	Bharati Pcp Sakhee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Varsha Pokharkar</li> <li>• Arulmozhi Sathiyarayanan</li> <li>• Asawari Raut</li> <li>• Manjusha Sajith</li> <li>• Savita Gowekar</li> </ul>
3.	2nd Runner -Up	Kumaraguru College of Technology, Tamil Nadu	Natural Products for Healthcare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thiyagarajan Sathish Kumar</li> <li>• Kumaresan Kuppamuhtu</li> <li>• Soundararajan Nithya Priya</li> <li>• S. Vasuki</li> <li>• S. Bharthi Kamala</li> </ul>



4.	2nd Runner -Up	Biyani Institute of Science and Management, Rajasthan	Biyani Institute of Science And Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sanjay Biyani</li> <li>• Neeta Maheshwari</li> <li>• Neha Pandey</li> <li>• Poonam Sharma</li> <li>• Anju Bhatt</li> </ul>
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**Women Entrepreneurship**

1.	Winner	Sona College of Technology Tamil Nadu	Sweat (Sona Women Entrepreneurship And Training)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ramalingam Malathy</li> <li>• Srinivasan Padma</li> <li>• Dhanakodi Raja</li> <li>• Krishnaswamypillai</li> <li>• Ranganathan Kavitha</li> <li>• Arumugam Ranjithkumar</li> </ul>
2.	2nd Runner -Up	Bhilai Institute of Technology	Unmukta	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manisha Sharma</li> <li>• Shubhrata Nagpal</li> <li>• Arpana Rawal</li> </ul>
4.		G. H. Raison College of Engineering, Nagpur, Maharashtra.	Aatmanirbhar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Swapna Choudhari</li> <li>• Atul Deshmukh</li> <li>• Archana Raut</li> <li>• Bhargavi Kakirwar</li> <li>• Madhavi Chavhan</li> </ul>

**Literacy -**

1.	Winner	Bharati Vidyapeeth (Deemed to Be University) Institute of Management & Entrepreneurship Development, Pune	Digital Literacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Msshwetate</li> <li>• Kirti gupta</li> <li>• Anuradha yesugade</li> <li>• Rajita dixit</li> <li>• Hema mirji</li> </ul>
2.	1st Runner -Up	Sri Sai Ram Engineering College, Tamil Nadu	Sai Stthree Vidya Abhiyaan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S.Vasupradha</li> <li>• Dr. Soma Prathibha</li> <li>• Dr. N. Mani</li> <li>• B. Priya</li> <li>• M. Siva Sankari</li> </ul>

3.	2nd Runner -Up	Hyderabad Institute of Technology and Management, Hyderabad	We-Lit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Devika SuggubodiVenkateswarlu</li> <li>• Arvind Siddapuram</li> <li>• Suresh Aaluri</li> <li>• Joythsna K</li> <li>• Smt. Susheela Devi</li> </ul>
4.		Sri ManakulaVinayagar Engineering College, Puducherry	Super Sonic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pavithran.T</li> <li>• Arvind.K</li> <li>• Balamurali.M</li> <li>• Harini.G</li> <li>• Jasmine.A</li> </ul>

### 36th Annual Film Independent Spirit Awards

Category	Nominee
Best Feature	"Nomadland"
Best Director	Chloe Zhao, "Nomadland"
Best First Feature	"Sound of Metal"
Best Female Lead	Carey Mulligan, "Promising Young Woman"
Best Male Lead	Riz Ahmed, "The Sound of Metal"
Best Supporting Female	Yuh - jungYoun, "Minari"
Best Supporting Male	Paul Raci, "Sound of Metal"
Best Screenplay	"Promising Young Woman"
Best First Screenplay	Andy Siara, "Palm Springs"
Best Cinematography	Joshua James Richards, "Nomadland"
Best Editing	"Nomadland"
Robert Altman Award	"One Night in Miami"
Best Documentary	"Crip Camp"
Best International Film	"Quo Vadis, Aida?"
Piaget Producers Award	Gerry Kim
Someone to Watch Award	EkwaMsangi, "Farewell Amor"
Truer Than Fiction Award	Elegance Bratton, "Pier Kids" John Cassavetes Awards "Residue"
Best New Non Scripted or Documentary Series	"Immigration Nation"
Best Scripted Series	"I May Destroy You"
Best Female Performance in a Scripted Series	Shira Haas, "Unorthodox"
Best Male Performance in a Scripted Series	Amit Rahav, "Unorthodox"
Best Ensemble Cast in a New Scripted Series	"I May Destroy You"
Ensemble Cast:	Michaela Coel, PaapaEssiedu, WerucheOpia - Stephen Wight

## The 93rd Academy Awards- Los Angeles – Union Station and Dolby Theatre

Category	Awardee
Best Picture	Nomadland
Best Actress	Frances McDormand
Best Actor	Anthony Hopkins
Best Supporting Actress	Yuh-Jung Youn
Best Supporting Actor	Daniel Kaluuya
Best Director	Chloe Zhao
Best Original Screenplay	Promising Young Woman
Best Adapted Screenplay	The Father
Best Animated Feature	Soul
Best Documentary Feature	My Octopus Teacher
Best International Feature	Another Round
Best Original Song	"Fight for You" from Judas and the Black Messiah
Best Original Score	Soul
Best Cinematography	Mank
Best Visual Effects	Tenet
Best Film Editing	Sound of Metal
Best Costume Design	Ma Rainey's Black Bottom
Best Sound	Sound of Metal
Best Production Design	Mank
Best Make-Up And Hairstyling	Ma Rainey's Black Bottom
Best Live Action Short	Two Distant Strangers
Best Animated Short	If Anything Happens I Love You
Best Documentary Short	Colette
Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award	Tyler Perry

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## Science & Technology

### IIT/IISc in News

- IIT-Hyderabad-Develop alternative to lithium-ion batteries.
- IIT-Guwahati-Developed advanced technique to boost performance of lithium ion Battery.
- IIT-Bombay-Launch world's 1<sup>st</sup> micro-sensor-based explosive detector device 'NanoSniffer'.
- IIT-Guwahati-Develop hollow fiber membrane to remove micro-plastic from seawater.
- IIT Bombay – Hand-held device that can detect explosives.
- IIT Kharagpur + Ministry of housing & Urban Affairs – Set up an Accelerator Centre.
- IIT Guwahati + NFR – To improve maintenance, operations of train running in NE region.
- IIT Madras + ACC + Ambuja Cements – Develop sustainable building solutions.
- IISc Bengaluru-Develop enzymes that can block HIV reactivation.

### Other Institution in News

- CSIR-CMERI – Develop Oxygen Enrichment Unit – An optimised oxygen administration device to combat nationwide oxygen supply shortage
- SICCI + SIIC of IIT-Kanpur – Provide a gateway of opportunities to tech-based startups to usher a circular economy and an entrepreneurial ecosystem
- IISER Bhopal – Affordable oxygen concentrator to meet high demand
- CSIR-NAL-Two-seater trainer aircraft HANSA-NG
- CSIR-CMERI- Oxygen Enrichment Unit A Potential Multifaceted Life Saver
- INYAS-Multipronged Mass Awareness Campaign-To bust myths about Covid-19 Vaccination Program

### International Institution in News

- SpaceX-win \$2.9billion NASA contract to build commercial moon lander
- SpaceX – Third crew in under a year, fly on reused rocket
- NASA + SpaceX – Launch four astronauts to space station
- NASA-Mars Helicopter Ingenuity from the surface of the Red Planet
- UAE-Noura al-Matroushi as the UAE's 1<sup>st</sup> female astronaut for space program
- UAE-send rover 'Rashid' to the Moon in 2022
- China – Robot prototype capable of catching space debris with net
- China – Core module for its first permanent space station
- Russia-Launch own space station in 2025

## International Affairs

### Military/Naval - Exercise

- India with (Australia+Japan+US)-join multilateral naval drill in eastern Indian Ocean
- Indian + French Navy bilateral exercise VARUNA-2021 – Conduct in Arabian Sea
- 11<sup>th</sup> Edition of Vajra Prahar 2021-India + US joint Special Forces military exercise in Himachal Pradesh
- Albania – NATO military exercises.

### Europe Countries

- India + The United Kingdom – Customs Cooperation and Mutual Administrative Assistance in Customs Matters.
- India + Germany-Deal on cities combating plastic entering marine environment.
- India + France-Country's 1<sup>st</sup> Human Space flight program 'Gaganyaan Mission'.
- France-4<sup>th</sup> batch of three Rafale fighter jets land in India.
- IAF Chief- Flag off 4 Rafale Fighter jets from France's Merignac-Bordeaux airbase.

### Other International News

- India + Japan- Academic and Research cooperation & Exchange.
- India + Japan- 4 pacts-To support healthcare projects under Grant Assistance for Grassroots Projects (GGP) scheme.
- India + Maldives – Strengthen capacity building to combat terrorism.
- India + Vietnam-Defence Ministers organized webinar cum expo.
- Israeli Air Force-Debut spy aircraft named 'Oron'.
- US Navy- Conduct 'Navigation Operation' in Indian EEZ without permission.
- China – Name Mars rover after traditional fire god Zhurong.
- Saudi Arabia – Join 'Net Zero Producers Forum' on climate change.
- WHO – Global immunization strategy to save 50 million lives by 2030.
- India contribute \$3,00,000 to UN-for gender equality & Women empowerment.
- India-Host BRICS seminar on misuse of Internet by terrorists.
- India-Hold National Dialogue on UN Food Systems Summit 2021.

## National Affairs

### Ministries Related News

- PM Modi-Inaugurate virtual Raisina Dialogue, 50 countries to participate- (Theme – “Viral world: Outbreaks,Outliers And Out of Control”)
- PM Modi – Launch distribution of e-property cards under SWAMITVA scheme
- Narendra Modi – Participate in the Leaders’ Summit on Climate
- Health Minister-National Policy for Rare Diseases 2021
- Health Minister-40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of AGE CARE India and Elders Day Celebrations
- Health Minister – Chair the “Reaching Zero” Forum on Malaria Elimination
- Ministry of Road Transport & Highways-4 projects of 52.4 km –Rs 1,139.12 crore for Arunachal Pradesh 2020-21.
- Road Ministry – Propose IN registration with two years vehicle registration tax for government employees
- Mansukh Mandaviya-New cruise service connecting Hazira port in Surat & Diu Island
- Jaishankar (External Affairs)-17<sup>th</sup> BIMSTEC ministerial meeting
- Ministry of Jal Shakti- Sensor-based IoT devices to monitor implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission in rural areas
- AYUSH Ministry + Dept. Animal Husbandry –Research on new formulations in quality drugs for veterinary science
- Ministry of AYUSH-2day conference on ‘Homeopathy-Roadmap for Integrative Medicine’ in Delhi
- Jitendra Singh- Foundation stone work of construction Ravi canal, Kathua in J&K
- Rajnath Singh- Indian Air Force Commanders Conference 2021 at Vayu Bhawan in Delhi
- Commerce & Industry Minister-Launched DGFT ‘Trade Facilitation’ app- to promote ease doing business
- Ramesh Pokhriyal- SARTHAQ initiative for implementation of National Education Policy (NEP)
- Min. Agriculture + Microsoft-Pilot projects in 100 villages of 6 states
- Housing & Urban Affairs Min.-EatSmart Cities Challenges & Transport4All Challenge
- N S Tomar-“:Madhukranti” portal-to promote marketing of pure honey
- Dr Jitendra Singh-flag off India-Russia Friendship Car Rally-Organized by IFCRA in Delhi
- Harsh Vardhan-launch ‘Aahaar Kranti’ movement-Accessibility to all local fruits & vegetables
- Manoj Sinha- 4<sup>th</sup> edition of Purvanchal Festival ‘Maati’ at International Center, Delhi
- Piyush Goyal-e-SANTA an electronic marketplace for aqua farmers & buyers
- Labour Ministry- Notify draft rules under Occupational Safety, Health & Working Conditions Code
- Education Minister-World 1<sup>st</sup> affordable & long lasting hygiene product Durokea series
- Piyush Goyal (Railways)-Startup India Seed Fund Scheme





- Finance Minister – India's First 3D Printed House At IIT Madras
- Tourism & Culture Minister-1<sup>st</sup> ever online exhibition on Ramayana
- Amit Shah – PSA oxygen plant at Covid-19 hospital in Gujarat
- Shri Narendra Singh Tomar – The National Conference on Agriculture for Kharif Campaign-2021

### Southern States

- Telangana IT Ministry- e-Golkonda shopping portal of state handicraft
- India's biggest floating solar power plant –Ramagundam in Telangana
- Telangana CM- Fianacial Assistance to Teachers (Rs 2000 + 25kg rice)
- Andhra Pradesh-Rs 9091 crore power subsidy for free power to agriculture, other segments
- Andhra CM-AP Amul Project in Guntur (Outlay Rs 4000 crore)
- TN govt – Set up 24x7 call centre to resolve hospitals' oxygen supply issues
- Kerala- Launch 'Crushing Curve' mass vaccination drive
- Karnataka + CII – Set up task force to fight Covid-19

### Eastern States

- Odisha CM-14day 'Mask Abhyan' urged people to strictly follow the safety guidelines
- Odisha-Rs 2548 cr- integrated child development service 2021-22
- Jharkhand-"Health Safety Week" from April 22 to 29- break the chain of growing Covid-19 infection rate

### Central States

- Madhya Pradesh-launched 'SwasthyaAgrah' to check coronavirus
- Madhya Pradesh – Corona Warriors Scheme-Rs 50 lakh

### Northern States

- Rajasthan-1<sup>st</sup> farm-based solar power plant under PM-KUSUM scheme
- Tirath Singh Rawat + Kiren Rijiju- Adventure sports institute inaugurated in Tehri, Uttarakhand
- Uttarakhand-Kumbh Mela held on banks of Ganga river in Haridwar
- Punjab- Free travel facility for women in govt. buses
- Punjab – Hike in Ashirwad Scheme aid from ₹21,000 to ₹51,000
- CII + Punjab Govt. – Carry out an infrastructure gap analysis for a development roadmap for the state
- Uttar Pradesh-Unique gift scheme to promote covid vaccination
- Uttar Pradesh CM-24\*7 digital oxygen supply monitoring system
- Himachal Pradesh-'Veerangana on Wheel' scheme to check crime against women
- Haryana – Covid Emergency Loan scheme for entrepreneurs supplying medicines, oxygen to Covid patients



## North-Eastern States

- Arunachal Pradesh-1<sup>st</sup> formal indigenous language & knowledge system school, named "NyubuNyvgamYerko"

## Western States

- Maharashtra-Rs 231 crore under 'Khavti' Scheme-assistance (Rs 4000) for tribal families
- Gujarat- Pass bill against forcible conversion by marriage
- West Central Railway-1<sup>st</sup> fully electrified Indian Railways Zone

## Union Territories

- J & K LG Sinha-e-inaugurates 17 power projects worth RS 118 crore
- J & K Governor- launched two apps-"HamariSadak" & "Tameer Taraqqi" of public works dept.
- Ladakh + Leh Hill Council + Solar Energy Cooperation, India-set up 50 MW solar power project at Taru in Leh district
- Delhi Development Authority-Approve Master Plan 2041, vision ("Foster a Sustainable, Liveable and Vibrant Delhi by 2041")
- Delhi Govt.- Babasaheb Ambedkar Digital Kala Festival

## DRDO-Defence Research Development Organization

- DRDO- developed Light Weight Bullet Proof Jacket (BPJ)
- DRDO-Develop advanced chaff technology to safeguard Naval Ships
- DRDO – Maiden trial of Python-5 Air-to- Air Missile
- DRDO- SpO2 based Supplemental Oxygen Delivery System
- DRDO – Single crystal blades technology, supplies 60 of these blades to HAL for helicopter engine

## Other news related National

- Govt-Extend deadline for PAN-Aadhaar linkage another 3 months till June 30
- Government- Infuse Rs 14,500 crore into 4 PSB's(IOB, CBI, UCO Bank, BOI)
- Central + State- Collected Rs 1.24 trillion GST revenue in March month
- Govt.-Sanction Rs 25,586 crore under Stand Up India Scheme
- Govt.- Rs 6,238 cr PLI Scheme for air-conditioners, LED Lights
- Centre-Approve 28 highway projects worth Rs 1,210.17 cr in Uttarakhand
- Centre-Unique Land Parcel Identification Number System (14 digits) in country
- Centre-\$ 250 cr to North-eastern states to deal with Covid-19
- Govt. – Notify Copyright (Amendment) Rules 2021-to ensure accountability
- Govt. – Rs 726 cr highways projects (291 km) in Madhya Pradesh
- Govt.- Implements mandatory hallmarking of gold jewelry & artefacts from June 1, 2021



- WE HUB + aha (OTT) Platform- launch 'Women In Focus' Initiative
- CBSE + AICTE-Enhance skills of teachers & students
- Spices Board India+UNDP India's Accelerator lab-Blockchain based traceability interface
- TRIFED-"Sankalp se Siddhi"-Village & Digital Connect Drive
- Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana- complete six years- 14.96 lakh crore sanctioned last 6 years
- India- host 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of BRICS Finance Ministers & Central Bank Governors
- Bharat Dynamics-Deliver Akash Missiles for delivery to Indian Army
- Skill India-1<sup>st</sup> Regional workshop to accelerate implementation of PMKVY 3.0 in North-Eastern region
- Atal Innovation Mission-Launch 'AIM-PRIME', in partnership with BMGF & Venture gender
- Atal Innovation Mission + Bayer (German)- collaborate to work on healthcare &agri innovations
- Atal Innovation Mission + Dassault Systems - Partnership for Seeding Future Innovators And Entrepreneurs.
- IAF-Induct specialist vehicles for airbase security against terror attacks
- NCSC-Online Grievance Portal- for persons from scheduled castes
- CSC + Tata Power-Provide solar-powered micros grids in rural areas.
- Ajay Prakash Sawhney-Three new initiatives/services of National Internet Exchange of India
- Govt.-Rs 110.6 crore ROPAX jetty project on Dharma river in Odisha.
- DPIIT-notify Rs 6238 crore PLI Scheme for AC, LED Light manufacturing.
- Indian Energy Exchange-Cross-border electricity trading.
- Cabinet approved-Bangalore Metro Rail Project phase 2A & 2B-length 58.19km.
- Govt.- Provide Rs 4,500 crore to vaccine manufactures to ramp up capacity.
- CEA + CEEW – Launch Renewable Dashboard for detailed operational info on RE projects in India.
- Centre – Extend insurance scheme for health workers under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package for one year.
- Atal Pension Yojana – Cross 3 crore subscribers during FY21.
- Vivad Se Vishwas scheme – Govt extends time till June 30 for making payments.
- DPIIT – Set up Control room to monitor issues of internal trade, manufacturing, delivery and logistics of essential commodities.
- Indian Navy – Oxygen Express to Island Territories.
- Centre – Approve setting up of 13 oxygen plants in Northeastern region.
- WBHIDCO + NKDA – India's first project on a plastic free-market initiative in New Town.
- NCW – WhatsApp helpline number for providing emergency medical assistance to pregnant women.
- Char Dham Yatra – Cancel due to surge in Covid Cases.
- Riva Ganguly Das – Co-chair 23rd ASEAN-India Senior Officials' Meeting with Permanent Secretary of Thailand.
- TRIFED + The LINK Fund – Work towards tribal development.



## **Jal Jeevan Mission Target**

- Gujarat presents Annual Action Plan for 2021-22 for JJM.
- Meghalaya – Achieve target of Har Ghar Jal by December 2022 under JJM.
- JJM-Rajasthan plans to provide 30 lakhs tap water connections by March 2022.
- Arunachal Pradesh – Provide 65,000 tap water connections by March 2022.
- Karnataka-Provide 25 lakh rural tap water connection by March 2022.
- Madhya Pradesh-All rural households to get tap water connection by March 2022.
- Haryana-Tap water connection for all rural households in November 2022.
- Goa CM- Launched Information, Education & Communication and Capacity Building Programme under Jal Jeevan Mission.

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