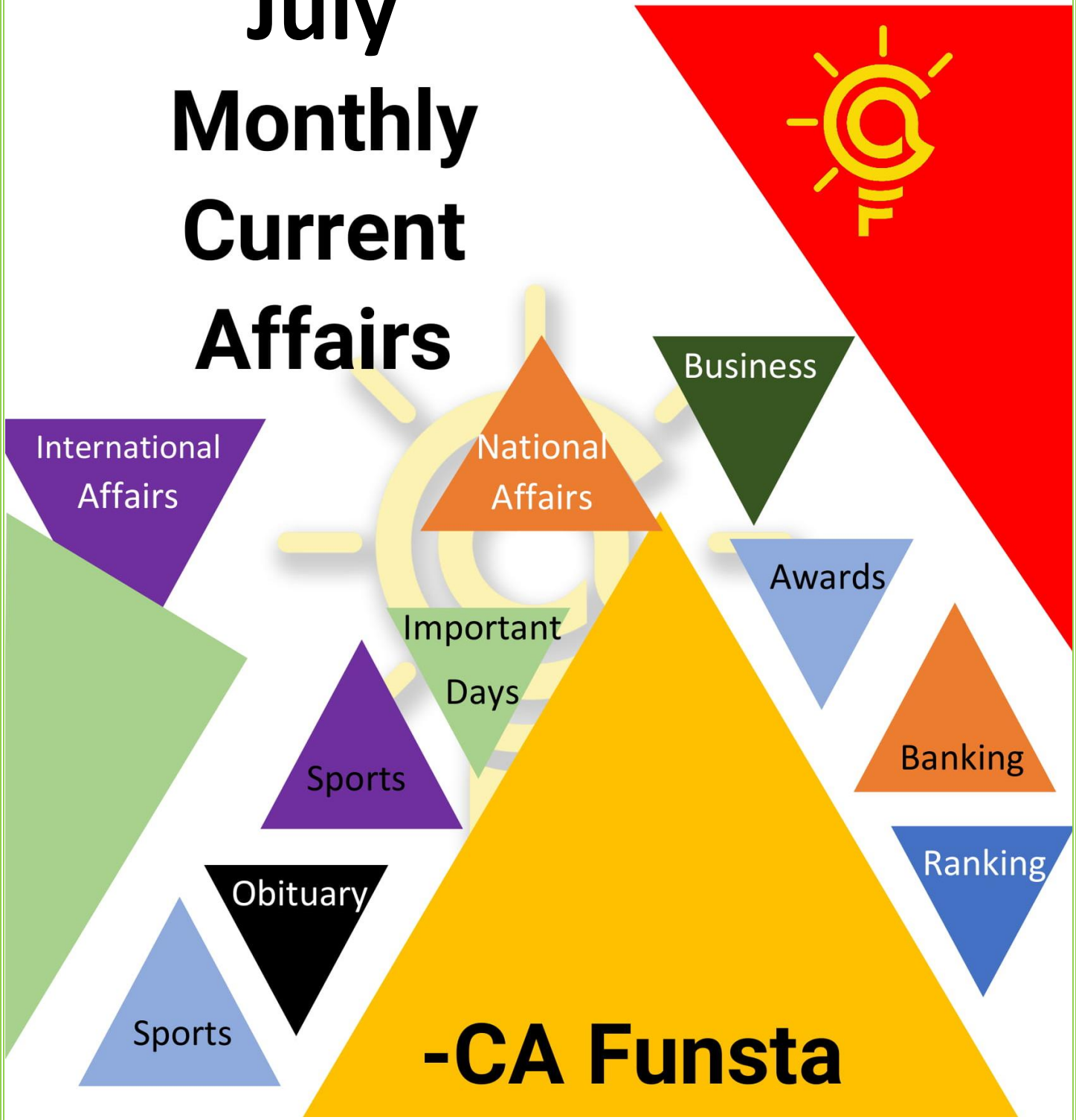


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**IMPORTANT DAYS**  
**NATIONAL IMPORTANT DAYS**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Theme</u>
July 1	National Doctors' Day	"Save the saviours"
	Chartered Accountants'(CA) Day	-
July 10	National Fish Farmers Day	-
July 16	93 edition of Foundation Day of Indian Council of Agriculture Research	-
July 22 (Fourth Thursday in July)	National Refreshment Day	-
July 23	National Broadcasting Day	-
July 24	Income Tax Day	-
July 25(Fourth Sunday of July)	National Parents' Day	-
July 26	22nd Anniversary of Kargil Vijay Diwas	-
July 27	83rd Raising Day of CRPF	-

**INTERNATIONAL IMPORTANT DAYS**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Theme</u>
July 2	World Sports Journalists Day	-
	World UFO Day	-
July 3	International Plastic Bag Free Day	-
July 3(first Saturday of July)	International Day of Cooperatives	Rebuild better together
July 6	World Zoonoses Day	-
July 11	World Population Day	The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on fertility
July 12	Malala day	-
July 15	World Youth Skills Day	Reimagining youth skills post pandemic
	World Plastic Surgery Day	-
July 17	International Justice Day	Social Justice in the Digital Economy
	World Emoji Day	-
July 18	Nelson Mandela International day	One Hand Can Feed Another
July 20	World Chess Day	-
July 22	World Brain Day	Stop Multiple Sclerosis
July 25	World IVF Day	-
July 26	International Day for the Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystem	-
	Mangrove's day	-





July 28	World Hepatitis Day	Hepatitis Can't Wait
	World Nature Conservation Day	Forests and Livelihoods: Sustaining People and Planet
July 29	International Tiger Day	Their survival is in our hands
July 30	World Day Against Trafficking	Victims' Voices Lead the Way
July 31	World Ranger Day	Rangers well being

## **SPORTS**

### **RETIREMENT**

#### **Football**

- Toni Kroos - Germany's World Cup-winning midfielder announced retirement from international football.

#### **Cricket**

- Pankaj Singh – Rajasthan pacer retires from all forms of cricket
- Isuru Udana – Sri Lanka all-rounder retires from international cricket.

### **BANNED OR SUSPENDED**

#### **Wrestling**

- Sumit Malik – Ban for 2 years by UWW after his B sample also returned positive for a prohibited stimulant.

#### **Cricket**

- Ashfaq Ahmed + Amir Hayat - United Arab Emirates (UAE) batsman and pace bowler have each been handed eight-year bans for breaching the anti-corruption code of the International Cricket Council (ICC)

#### **Athlete**

- Sha'Carri Richardson – Ban 1 month for testing positive for cannabis during her U.S. trials victory in June.
- Blessing Okagbare – Nigerian Olympic sprinter suspended for doping.

#### **Equestrian**

- Jamie Kermond – Australian rider provisionally banned from Tokyo Olympics

### **GRAND PRIX**

#### **Austrian Grand Prix**

Rank	Person	Country (Team)	Car
1st	Max Emilian Verstappen	Netherlands	Red Bull Racing
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Valtteri Viktor Bottas	Finland	Mercedes
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lando Norris	UK	Formula One

#### **British Grand Prix**

Rank	Name	Country	Company
1	Lewis Hamilton	UK	Mercedes
2	Charles Leclerc	Monaco	Mercedes
3	Valtteri Bottas	Finland	Mercedes

#### **Others**



**Cricket**

- CoinDCX – Title sponsor of the T20I Series between India and Sri Lanka
- Mithali Raj – Surpass Edwards to become highest run-getter in women's cricket across formats
- The Syed Mushtaq Ali T20 Trophy – First event of the men's competitions and will be played from October 20 to November 12.
- Devon Conway and Sophie Ecclestone - the ICC Players of the Month for June
- Women's Cricket – England beat India by 8 wickets in 3rd T20 to clinch series 2-1.
- Shikhar Dhawan – 10th Indian batsman to score 6000 ODI runs.
- The International Cricket Council - 3 countries as the newest member countries at its 78th Annual General Meeting

**Athlete**

- MP Jabir – Qualify for Tokyo Olympics in 400m hurdles; He would be first Indian male to participate in 400m hurdles in Olympics
- Mariyappan Thangavelu – Rio gold medallist named flag-bearer for Tokyo Paralympics.

**Tennis**

- Novak Djokovic – The first singles player to qualify for 2021 ATP Finals.
- Kevin Anderson – Hall of Fame Open title; beating Jenson Brooksby.
- Sumit Nagal – Only the third Indian to win a men's singles match at an Olympics edition and the first in 25 years.

**Gymnastics**

- Deepak Kabra – First Indian gymnastics judge at Olympics

**Swimming**

- India's Maana Patel - the first female and only the third swimmer from the country to punch her Tokyo Olympics 2021 ticket

**Football**

- Mumbai + Pune – AFC Women's Asian Cup 2022
- Bala Devi – The AIFF Women's 'Footballer of the Year'; Manisha winning the 'Emerging Player' award for the 2020-21
- Sandesh Jhingan – AIFF men's Footballer of the Year; Suresh Singh Wangjam was picked as the Emerging Player for 2020-21 season.

**Wrestling**

- Tannu – 43kg title in Cadet World Championship.
- Priya Malik – Gold at the World Cadet Wrestling Championships

**Weightlifting**

- Mirabai Chanu (49kg) – First Indian weightlifter to win silver medal in Olympics.

**Boxing**

- Nivedita Karki - gold at Youth National Boxing Championships

**Hockey**

- International Hockey Federation - Malaysia and Chile as the host countries for the 2023 men's and women's Junior World Cups

**Chess**

- Nihal Sarin – Serbia Open
- IM Neelash Saha + WIM Arpita Mukherjee – The National Junior Open Chess Championship in Boys and Girls Tournaments.

**Golf**



- Indian Open Golf - cancel for the second straight year running owing to the COVID-19 pandemic

### **Sports Events**

- 2022 Commonwealth shooting and archery in India - cancel due to COVID threat
- Mary Kom + Manpreet Singh – India's flag bearers at Tokyo Games opening ceremony
- Vietnam – Southeast Asian Games 2021 postponed to 2022.
- India – Host 2026 badminton world championship
- Haryana – Organize Khelo India Youth Games in Feb 2022.
- Karnataka – Host 2nd edition of Khelo India University Games from Mar 5, 2022.
- The Indian Olympic Association – SFA as another sponsor for Indian contingent at Tokyo Olympics.
- The Asian Football Confederation (AFC) + the Local Organising Committee (LOC) – Logo unveiled for 2022 AFC Women's Asian Cup.
- Olympics-Australia's Brisbane named host of 2032 summer Games
- Other Sport Related news
- UNPA + IOC – Series of stamps to commemorate the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020.
- IOA – Adani Group as sponsor for Indian contingent at Tokyo Olympics
- Pramod Bhagat – Differently Abled Sportsman of the Year at Indian Sports Honour for 2019.

### **OBITUARY**

#### **Actor**

- Mohammed Yusuf Khan – Known as Dilip Kumar was an Indian actor and film producer
- Surekha Sikri – National Award-winner, Veteran film and TV actor
- Jayanthi – Veteran Kannada actor

#### **Singer**

- Fakir Alamgir – Bangladeshi folk music legend

#### **Film Maker/ Producer**

- Richard Donner – 'Superman' director

#### **Writer/Author**

- Danish Siddiqui – Pulitzer Prize-winning Indian Photojournalist.

#### **Politician**

- Poondi K. Ayyaru Vandaiyar – Former Minister
- Virbhadra Singh – Former Himachal Pradesh chief minister and senior Congress leader.
- Mamnoon Hussain – Former Pakistan president.
- Made Gowda – Gandhian and former MP.
- T Kikon – Former Nagaland minister.
- Ganpatrao Deshmukh – Maharashtra's 11-term MLA and former minister

#### **Sports**

- M Prasannan – Former International Footballer
- Keshav Datt – Olympic gold-winning hockey legend.
- Yashpal Sharma – India's 1983 World Cup hero, Cricket
- Nandu Natekar – Indian badminton great
- Man Kaur – Centenarian sprinter and veteran athlete.

#### **Others**

- Sudhindra Haldodderi - Former Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) scientist and science writer`
- Dr P K Warriar – Doyen of Ayurveda medicine.



- Steven Weinberg – Groundbreaking Nobelist in Physics.

## **BANKING AND FINANCE**

### **BANKING**

#### **RBI**

- RBI – Extend interest subsidy scheme for exporters till September
- Reserve Bank – RBI Retail Direct facility to facilitate investment in Government Securities by individual investors.
- Reserve Bank of India – Extend the timeline for implementation of cassette swap in all ATMs till March 31, 2022.
- RBI – Bar Mastercard from issuing new cards from July 22.
- RBI – Quarterly Industrial Outlook Survey (IOS) to assess the performance of the manufacturing sector.
- RBI – Revise personal loan limit to board directors to ₹5 crore.
- RBI – Cancel licence of Madgaum Urban Co-operative Bank Ltd, Margao.

#### **Penalty**

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Penalty in which Organisation/Bank</b>	<b>Reason</b>
RBI	Rs 25 lakh	Punjab and Sind Bank	Non-compliance with certain provisions of directions on 'Cyber Security Framework in Banks
NHB	Rs 4.75 lakh	HDFC	Technical non-compliance
RBI	Rs 2 crore	Bank of Baroda	-
RBI	Rs 1 crore	Bandhan Bank, Bank of Maharashtra, Central Bank of India, Credit Suisse AG, Indian Bank, IndusInd Bank, Karnataka Bank, Karur Vysya Bank, Punjab and Sind Bank, South Indian Bank, The Jammu & Kashmir Bank, and Utkarsh Small Finance Bank	-
RBI	Rs 50 lakh	State Bank of India	-



RBI	Rs 1 lakh	Melur Co-operative Urban Bank, Madurai	Contravention of certain provisions concerning board of directors
RBI	Rs 5 crore	Axis Bank	Contravention of certain provisions of directions issued by the RBI, including on cybersecurity framework

**PUBLIC BANKS**

**State Bank of India**

- Dedicated counters for Current Account customers

**Punjab National Bank**

- Best PSB by NABARD for Agrifinance, Micro-finance & Financial inclusion performance.

**Canara Bank**

- An awareness campaign on Cybersecurity aiming to educate people about various kinds of online frauds
- 'MSME Sulabh' to exclusively handle the MSME credit proposals

**Indian Bank**

- Indian Bank + IIT Guwahati Technology Incubation Centre (TIC) – Financing Start-ups.

**Bank of Baroda**

- Bank of Baroda + Software Technology Parks of India – Support startups
- U GRO Capital – Pratham, a MSME co-lending program with Bank of Baroda.

**Bank of Maharashtra**

- Maruti Suzuki India + Bank of Maharashtra – Offer inventory financing to dealer partners.
- Bank of Maharashtra + National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development – Boost ongoing developmental initiatives linked to priority sector lending in Maharashtra.

**PRIVATE BANKS**

**Axis Bank**

- Mastercard + Mumbai Metro + Axis Bank – 'One Mumbai Metro Card' to ensure a seamless commute for Mumbaikars.
- Axis Bank + Indian Army – Offering a defence service salary package under its "Power Salute" initiative.

**Dhanlaxmi Bank**

- Dhanlaxmi Bank + SMC Global Securities Limited – Offering online trading services to customers.

**Federal Bank**

- AI-powered virtual assistant for customers

**HDFC Bank**

- HDFC Bank Ltd + Creditas Solutions – Offer a guided and customized debt management solution for its loan and credit card customers







- Covid Crisis Support Scholarship for students who have been impacted by Covid19
- HDFC Bank + CSC – Overdraft scheme for small retailers

#### **ICICI Bank**

- The launch of the country's most comprehensive banking solution for medical doctors
- ICICI Bank + HPCL – 'ICICI Bank HPCL Super Saver' co-branded Credit Card.

#### **IDBI Bank**

- LIC CSL – Co-branded RuPay Credit Cards powered by IDBI Bank 'Lumine' & 'Eclat'.

#### **IndusInd Bank**

- IndusInd Bank + TP Central Odisha Distribution Ltd (TPCODL) - introduce a digital network for facilitating electricity bill payments across 300 semi-urban and rural regions in the state
- Tata Motors + IndusInd Bank – Offer finance solutions for passenger vehicles
- Paytm Payments Bank + IndusInd Bank – Enable its customers to open fixed deposits.

#### **Kotak Mahindra Bank**

- Kotak Mahindra Bank + Indian Navy – Salary accounts.
- Kotak Mahindra Bank – Emergency personal loans for Covid treatment

#### **Yes Bank**

- Yes Bank + Indiabulls Housing Finance – Give home loans under co-lending model.

#### **RBL Bank**

- RBL Bank + Visa – Issuing credit cards.

#### **INSURANCE**

- The Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) – Its Saral Pension, an Individual Immediate Annuity Plan, with effect from July 1, 2021.
- SBI General Insurance – "Arogya Supreme" a comprehensive Health Insurance plan
- Max Bupa Health Insurance + Axis Bank – Enter into a Bancassurance partnership.
- HDFC ERGO General Insurance - the launch of Optima Secure, a new health indemnity health insurance product that seeks to redefine the value customers can get from their insurance plan
- The Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) – a benefit-based health insurance policy, Arogya Rakshak

#### **PAYMENTS BANK**

- Patym - Postpaid Mini, an extension of its Buy Now, Pay Later service, driving affordability amongst those new to credit
- Airtel Payments Bank – 'Pay to Contacts' for UPI payments
- Multilink + NSDL payments bank – Build 4,000+ business correspondent agent network in India.
- Fino Payments Bank - facilitating person-to-merchant (P2M) payments through QR code-based unified payments interface (UPI) solution
- Paytm Payments Bank - the first bank in the country to achieve the milestone of issuing 1 crore FASTags



**WORLD BANK**

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
USD 4 billion	COVID-19 vaccines to 51 countries
USD 485 million	Rebuilding Gaza after the latest devastating war between Israel and the territory's militant Hamas rulers
\$125 million	Support Resilient Kerala Program

**ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK**

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
\$150million	Sri Lanka to purchase COVID-19 vaccines
\$165million	Nepal to purchase safe and effective vaccines against the coronavirus disease (COVID-19)

**IMF**

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
\$650 billion	Expansion to fight pandemic

**EXIM Bank**

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
USD 35.26 million	Power transmission project being executed by Kalpataru Power Transmission in Senegal

**NABARD**

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Rs 388 crore	Drinking water, road projects in Odisha
Rs 2891.15 lakh	RIDF scheme to Goa Govt
Rs 446 cr	Punjab for drinking water projects

**OTHERS**

- GIFT City + BRTSIF – Accelerate fintech innovation
- Haptik +SETU – Bring seamless WhatsApp Payments to users
- PhonePe + Flipkart – Digitise cash-on-delivery payments
- Razorpay + Mastercard – Launch 'MandateHQ' – A payment interface that will help card-issuing banks to enable recurring payments for its customers
- FREO + HDB Financial Services - offer a credit line and high-ticket personal loans to customers across multiple cities in India
- India – Score 90.32 % in UNESCAP's latest Global Survey on Digital & Sustainable Trade Facilitation.
- IFC – USD 250 mn to HDFC to promote affordable Green Housing Finance
- Indel Money – Special gold loan scheme for vaccinated citizens
- Kotak Securities – "Kona Kona Shiksha" To Promote Financial Literacy Among Youth.



## **BUSINESS AND ECONOMY**

### **FLIPKART**

- Flipkart – Shopsy, a digital platform focused on boosting local entrepreneurship.

### **AMAZON**

- Amazon – IP Accelerator programme in India to help businesses secure trademark
- Amazon India - the launch of the 'Spotlight North East' storefront on its marketplace

### **AIRTEL**

- Bharti Airtel + Intel - 5G network development by leveraging virtual and open radio access network technologies and making indigenous solutions

### **OTHERS**

- Kolkata port – First coal export consignment to Bangladesh
- RBI – Forex reserves rise by USD 5 bn to lifetime high of USD 609 bn
- Maruti Suzuki India – Digital platform to provide car financing solutions to customers.
- Coal India – Accenture for digitalisation of mines
- Tata Power + HPCL – Provide end-to-end EV charging stations.
- Microsoft + SEEDS – 2nd Phase Of AI Model To Predict Heat Waves Risks In India.
- Google Cloud – Open new region in Melbourne
- Intel – 'AI for All' initiative in partnership with CBSE.
- NASSCOM + UK Government + UK India Business Council – Address digital skills gap in UK.
- CESL + HPCL – Setting Up Of EV Charging Points In Metro Cities Across India

## **BOOKS AND AUTHORS**

<b><u>Book</u></b>	<b><u>Author</u></b>	<b><u>Published</u></b>	<b><u>Released by</u></b>
I Will Not Bear You Sons	Usha Akella	Spinifex Press	-
The Day of the Jackal	Frederick Forsyth	-	-
The Fourth Lion: Essays for Gopalkrishna Gandhi	Venu Madhav Govindu & Srinath Raghavan	Aleph Book Company	-
Doom: The Politics of Catastrophe	Niall Ferguson	-	-
JALLIANWALA BAGH	VN Datta and Nonica Datta	Penguin	-
Operation Khukri: The untold story of Indian Army's bravest peacekeeping mission abroad	Major General Rajpal Punia Coauthor - Damini Punia	Penguin Random House India	-
Urdu Poets and Writers – Gems of Deccan	Shri J.S. Ifthekhar	-	-
Endlessly Green	Savita Hiremath	Simon & Schuster	-
Space. Life. Matter: The Coming of Age of Indian Science	Hari Pulakkat	Hachette India	-





## APPOINTMENTS

### NATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Designation</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Replaced</u>	
K N Bhattacharjee	Lokayukta	Tripura	-	
Pushkar Singh Dhami	eleventh Chief Minister	Uttarakhand	Tirath Singh Rawat	
K Krishna Moorthy	President and CEO	IESA (India Electronics and Semiconductor Association)	-	
Thaawarchand Gehlot	Governor	Karnataka	Vajubhai Vala	
Hari Babu Kambhampati		Mizoram	P S Sreedharan Pillai	
Mangubhai Chaganbhai Patel		Madhya Pradesh	Anandiben Patel	
Rajendran Vishwanath Arlekar		Himachal Pradesh	Bandaru Dattatreya	
Ramesh Bais		Jharkhand	Draupadi Murmu	
PS Sreedharan Pillai		Goa	Bhagat singh koshyari	
Satyadev Narayan Arya		Tripura	Ramesh Bais	
Bandaru Dattatraya		Haryana	Satyadev Narayan Arya	
Sukhvir Singh Sandhu		Chief Secretary	Uttarakhand	-
Nirmala Sitharaman		New addition – the Department of Public Enterprises (DPE)	-	-
Piyush Goyal	the leader	Rajya Sabha	-	
Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi	Deputy Leader	Rajya Sabha	-	
Shiv Nadar	Chairman	Emeritus	-	
C Vijayakumar	president and CEO	HCL Technologies	-	
Rasmi Ranjan Das	Among 25 global tax experts appointed to UN tax committee	-	-	
Nasir Kamal	Director-General	Bureau of Civil Aviation Security	-	
Mirabai Chanu	Additional Superintendent of Police (Sports)	Manipur	-	
Basavaraj Bommai	Chief Minister	Karnataka	B S Yediyurappa	
Surjeet Singh Deswal	Director-General	Border Security Force	Rakesh Asthana	
Sanjay Agarwal	Secretary	Ministry of Cooperation	-	
Vice Admiral Ghormade	Vice Chief	Indian Navy	G Ashok Kumar	



**INTERNATIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Designation</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Replaced</u>
Louis Mapou	President	New Caledonia	-
Abiy Ahmed	Prime Minister	Ethiopia	-
Sher Bahadur Deuba	Prime Minister	Nepal	-
Bashar Assad	President	Syria	-
Ariel Henry	Prime Minister	Haiti	-
Najib Mikati	Prime Minister	Lebanon	-
Natalia Gavrilita	Prime Minister	Moldova	-

**AMBASSADORS/HIGH COMMISSIONERS**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Designation</u>	<u>Country/ Organization</u>
Atul Keshap	United States' new envoy	India
Binaya Srikanta Pradhan	High Commissioner of India	Tanzania

**BRAND AMBASSADORS**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organisation</u>
A R Rahman	Sheenlac

**BANKING APPOINTMENTS**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Designation</u>	<u>Bank</u>	<u>Replaced</u>
Shyam Srinivasan	MD & CEO	Federal Bank	-



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**COMMITTEE**

<u>Person name</u>	<u>Committee</u>	<u>Board</u>	<u>Members</u>
Puneet Dalmia	25	Government	Development Council For Cement Industry
-	7	BCCI	Look after domestic cricket
Jyotiraditya Scindia	Three advisory groups (Airlines, Airport Operators and MRO (Maintenance, Repair and Operations) Cargo Carriers, FTOs and Ground Handling companies)	The Ministry of Civil Aviation	-

**AWARDS**

**NATIONAL AWARDS**

<u>Person</u>	<u>Award Name</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Given by</u>	<u>Details</u>
Invest India	The world's most innovative Investment Promotion Agency 2021	-	-	-
9 Grand Awards and 8 Special Awards	Team India 2021	-	-	Regeneron International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF).
Radio Vishwas 90.8 Community Radio	two awards in the National Award	-	-	present by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
Kempegowda International Airport	Airports Council International (ACI) Director General's Roll of Excellence for the year 2020	-	-	-
Frshr Technologies	National level Winner of DRDO's Dare to Dream 2.0 contest	-	-	-
Kajal Chakraborty	Norman Borlaug National Award	-	-	Excellence in Agricultural Research



Vinay Badhwar	Alexander Dalrymple award	-	-	British government in recognition of his works in areas of hydrography and nautical cartography
Sunil Kumar Singh	The National Award for Ocean Sciences	-	-	Recognition of his outstanding research contribution in the field of Ocean Sciences
Goa Shipyard Limited	Three prestigious awards(Research and Innovation, CSR Commitment and HR Excellence)	-	-	the 8th Governance Now PSU Awards ceremony

**INTERNATIONAL AWARDS**

<u>Person</u>	<u>Award Name</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Given by</u>	<u>Details</u>
Emilio Flores Marquez	World's oldest living man at an age of 112 years and 326 days old	-	-	He was related to Puerto Rico
Korean Air	Oscar in aviation industry, 'Coping COVID-19 excellently'	-	-	-
Italy's Padua	Inclusion on UNESCO's list of World Heritage sites	-	-	-
Anand Radhakrishnan	Will Eisner Comic Industry Award	-	-	-

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### IIT IN NEWS

#### IIT KANPUR

- Prasar Bharati + IIT-Kanpur – Collaborate on NextGen broadcasting technology.

#### IIT GUWAHATI

- IIT Guwahati + Mizoram University – Strengthen collaboration in teaching, research

#### IIT ROPAR

- IIT Ropar – First-of-its-kind Oxygen rationing device – AMLEX.

### OTHERS NEWS IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

#### SPACE NEWS

- SpaceX - 88 satellites as part of the firm's second in-house "ride-share" mission from Florida
- OneWeb – 36 satellites successfully, to start full satellite broadband service in India by May 2022
- Sirisha Bandla – Become the second Indian-born woman to fly into space
- China – New meteorological satellite to improve weather forecast, monitor sea temperature
- Karnataka govt school – Become 1st in country to develop a satellite.
- ISRO – Hold hot test of liquid propellant Vikas engine for 'Gaganyaan'.
- Jeff Bezos – Back on earth after 10-min flight to space on Blue Origin's New Shepard spacecraft.
- Russia – successfully launch a long-delayed lab module for the International Space Station
- NASA – \$178 million Jupiter moon mission contract to Elon Musk's SpaceX
- ISRO – Merchandiser programme, theme-based T-shirts, toys etc available
- Eutelsat Quantum – World's first commercial fully re-programmable satellite lifted off from French Guiana on board an Ariane 5 rocket.

#### Others

- Grene Robotics has - an indigenous autonomous drone defence dome called Indrajaal
- Russia – New Sukhoi stealth fighter jet to compete with F-35s.

## INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

### Bhutan

- Indigenous mobile payment App BHIM (Bharat Interface for Money)

### Afghanistan

- Afghanistan's Herat – Be Listed as UNESCO World Heritage Site

### USA

- India – Receive first two MH-60 Romeo multirole choppers for Navy in America.
- US + India – Agree to expand multilateral security partnership
- US – USD 25 million aid to support India's COVID-19 vaccination process.
- India + US – Virtually co-host Indo-Pacific Business Forum in October

### Italy

- Indian naval ship Tabar – Conduct military exercise with Italian Navy.

### Gambia

- India + Gambia – Sign an MoU for strengthening and promoting bilateral cooperation between the two countries in Personnel Administration and Governance Reforms.





**Japan**

- India + Japan – Promote and strengthen cooperation in the matter of Competition Law and Policy.

**Spain**

- INS Tabar – Indian warship carries out drills with Spanish Navy in Cape Trafalgar.
- UNESCO – World heritage status to Madrid's Paseo del Prado and Retiro Park

**Nepal**

- India + Nepal – Exchange pact to increase efficiency, cost-competitiveness in rail freight segment

**Georgia**

- EAM Jaishankar- A statue of Mahatma Gandhi in Georgia

**Singapore**

- Singapore – One of world's largest floating solar panel farms

**Russia**

- Cabinet – Approve MoU on coking coal with Russian Energy Ministry
- Pakistan + Russia – Sign pact for 1,100-km gas pipeline from Karachi to Lahore.
- Tsirkon (Zircon) hypersonic cruise missile, hitting a ground target off the coast of the Barents Sea
- the MAKS International Air Show, Russia - The Sarang Helicopter Display Team of the Indian Air Force is all set to perform for the first time
- INDRA 2021 – Indo-Russia joint military Exercise to be held from 01 to 13 Aug.
- The 12th edition of exercise INDRA NAVY - a biennial bilateral maritime exercise between Indian Navy and Russian Navy was held in the Baltic Sea from 28 to 29 July 2021.

**Netherlands**

- Amsterdam – World's first 3D-printed steel footbridge.

**France**

- France – Three more Rafale jets arrive in India.

**UK**

- India + UK – Conduct Konkan exercise in Bay of Bengal.
- North Wales' slate landscapes – UNESCO World Heritage site.

**Maldives**

- India + Maldives – Community projects

**Sri Lanka**

- India + Sri Lanka + Maldives – Conduct trilateral table top exercise on maritime security.

**Bangladesh**

- Develop a social media platform named 'Jogajog' as an alternative to Facebook

**Summits**

- Ghana's capital Accra – 2nd India-Ghana Foreign Office Consultations
- India + Singapore – Held meeting on the subject of "Personnel Management and Public Administration".
- UK + India – First financial markets dialogue
- S Jaishankar- Attend SCO foreign Minister meeting in Dushanbe, Tajikistan.
- External Affairs Minister – 16th CII-Exim Bank Digital Conclave on India-Africa Project Partnership.
- India – 2021 BRICS meeting of Contact Group on Economic and Trade Issues.
- India – Sixth meeting of BRICS Counter-Terrorism Working Group.



**Others**

- India – Joined the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and G20 Inclusive Framework tax deal of global corporate tax.
- BRICS members – Agree on science, tech led innovation cooperation
- G20 Finance Ministers Meeting- Set to global corporate tax at 15 per cent
- Boeing – 10th anti-submarine warfare aircraft P-8I to Indian Navy.
- India – 5th largest foreign exchange reserves holder in world after China, Japan, Switzerland, Russia.
- INS Talwar – Participate in Exercise Cutlass Express 2021 in Mombasa.
- India – Take over as President of UNSC on August 1.

**NATIONAL AFFAIRS****Previous Ministers****Defence - Rajnath Singh**

- Defence Ministry – SPARSH, web-based integrated system for sanction and disbursement of defence pension

**Home Affairs- Amit Shah**

- Amit Shah – CoE for Research & Analysis of National Forensic Science University in Ahmedabad.

**Road Transport and Highways and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises - Nitin Gadkari**

- Brand Ambassador of Khadi Prakritik Paint
- the country's First Private LNG (Liquefied Natural Gas) plant in Nagpur

**Finance and Corporate Affairs - Nirmala Sitharaman**

- The fourth monthly installment of post devolution revenue deficit grant of Rs 9,871 crore to 17 states

**Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj and Food Processing Industries - Narendra Singh Tomar**

- Narendra Singh Tomar – Awareness campaign during Crop Insurance Week

**Education - Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank**

- Report on UDISE 2019-20 for School Education
- National Initiative for Proficiency in Reading with Understanding and Numeracy – NIPUN Bharat

**Tribal Affairs - Arjun Munda**

- Foundation stone of 5 Eklavya Model Residential Schools in Jharkhand

**Health and Family Welfare, Science and Technology; and Earth Sciences - Dr Harsha Vardhan**

- Ministry of Health and Family Welfare + ShareChat – Spread awareness about COVID-19 vaccination



**Environment, Forest and Climate Change and Information and Broadcasting - Prakash Javadekar**

- The Environment, Forest and Climate Change Ministry + Tribal Affairs Ministry – A Joint Communication to provide more powers to tribal communities in managing the forest resources
- the virtual 'India Pavilion' at 74th Cannes Film Festival

**Heavy Industries and Public Enterprise - Prakash Javadekar**

- Six Technology Innovation Platforms that will focus on development of technologies for the globally competitive manufacturing in India

**Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries - Giriraj Singh**

- Mobile app 'Matsya Setu' for aqua farmers - developed by the ICAR-Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture (ICAR-CIFA), Bhubaneswar, with the funding support of the National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB).

**Labour and Employment - Santosh Kumar Gangwar**

- Mega survey on migrant workers in the country

**Youth Affairs & Sports, AYUSH - Kiren Rijju**

- Grant recognition to WAKO India Kickboxing Federation as National Sports Federation
- Ayurveda dataset on Clinical Trials Registry- India CTRI Portal

**Culture and Tourism - Prahalad Singh Patel**

- Ministry of Tourism + YATRA.COM – Strengthen Hospitality & Tourism Industry of India

**New Ministers****Prime Minister and also in-charge of Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Department of Atomic Energy, Department of Space, All important policy issues and All other portfolios not allocated to any Minister – Narendra Modi**

- Prime Minister – International Cooperation and Convention Centre – Rudrakash.
- Narendra Modi – SAFAL assessment framework for CBSE students

**Defence - Rajnath Singh**

- Rajnath Singh – Artificial Intelligence-Based Grievance Analysis App
- issue Request of Proposal (RFP) for the first acquisition programme under the Strategic Partnership Model for construction of six AIP fitted Conventional Submarines named Project 75(India) for the Indian Navy
- Statue of Lalji Tandon on his first death anniversary - 12-foot-tall statue of Tandon in Hazratganj
- Indian Army Skiing Expedition, ARMEX-21, in New Delhi

**Home Affairs and Cooperation - Amit Shah**

- Assam Rifles' Green Sohra Plantation Drive in Shillong
- the Green Sohra Afforestation Campaign at Sohra (Cherrapunji) on the second day of his Meghalaya visit





#### Finance & Corporate Affairs - Nirmala Sitharaman

- Union Cabinet cleared the amendment to the Deposit Insurance Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC) Bill 2021

#### Women and Child Development - Smriti Zubin Irani

- Web based portal to facilitate submission of applications, identification of children eligible to receive support under the 'PM CARES for Children' scheme
- Nation-Wide 24/7 Helpline for Women Affected by Violence

#### Education and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship - Dharmendra Pradhan

- Dharmendra Pradhan + Arjun Munda – "School Innovation Ambassador Training Program" for 50,000 school teachers.
- the 'Nadi ko Jano' app during an online webinar organised by the Bharatiya Shikshan Mandal on the occasion of Vyaas Pooja Mahotsav

#### Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises - Narayan Tatu Rane

- Two new Khadi Products- Khadi Babywear and Unique Handmade Paper Use and Throw Slippers in New Delhi

#### Social Justice and Empowerment - Dr. Virendra Kumar

- The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment – A scheme covering comprehensive measures for welfare of beggars.

#### Civil Aviation - Jyotiraditya M. Scindia

- Reorganize – The Drone Rules, 2021 for public consultation

#### Railways , Communications and Electronics and Information Technology - Ashwini Vaishnav

- Map services in UMANG App through MOU with MapmyIndia.

#### Jal Shakti - Gajendra Singh Shekhawat

- The ODF Plus Manuals under Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) Phase – 2 in New Delhi

#### Health and Family Welfare & Chemicals and Fertilizers - Mansukh Mandaviya

- Health Ministry + UNICEF – Communication awareness workshop with Community Radio Stations from 16 States.

#### Information and Broadcasting & Youth Affairs and Sports - Anurag Singh Thakur

- The 'Cheer4India' song of the country's Olympic contingent



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**MINISTERS OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)**

**Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Science and Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Earth Sciences; Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office; Minister of State in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Minister of State in the Department of Atomic Energy; and Minister of State in the Department of Space**

**- Dr. Jitendra Singh**

- Set up a first-of-its-kind "Centre of Excellence" in the Northeast
- "Biotech-PRIDE (Promotion of Research and Innovation through Data Exchange) Guidelines" developed by Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Ministry of Science and Technology

**STATES****Andhra Pradesh**

- Andhra Pradesh – Sign MoU with 14 companies under YSR Cheyuta scheme.
- The 'Retail Parks Policy 2016-2021' with the objective of catalyzing growth and providing thrust to development of the retail sector in the state
- Launch a flagship startup promotion scheme Accelerate Startups in AP (ASAP) for early stage startups to offer plug-and-play office space and access to a network of investors and mentors
- Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy – Rs.490.86 crore under 'YSR Kapu Nestham' scheme.
- Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy – 693 Cr. to 10.97 lakh students under Jagananna Vidya Deevena scheme.

**Arunachal Pradesh**

- Arunachal Pradesh + IIM Shillong – Better financial & policy management

**Assam**

- Dihing Patkai formally inaugurated as National Park
- Incentive scheme to boost orthodox, speciality tea production bill for protecting cattle
- 'CM Covid-19 Widows support scheme'- Rs 2.5 lakh.

**Bihar**

- The E-Sambandhan portal for facilitating the online accreditation process for private schools offering primary education in the state

**Goa**

- A scheme under which one-time financial assistance will be provided to the family members of those who lost their lives due to COVID-19
- Goa – 52nd IFFI to be held from 20th -28th November 2021
- A scheme for providing one-time financial assistance to workers from unorganised sectors who had lost their livelihood due to Covid 19 pandemic





### Gujarat

- Institute of Teaching and Research in Ayurveda + Gujarat – Strengthen education system in Ayurveda.
- Harappan-era city Dholavira – Inscribe on UNESCO World Heritage List.
- March 2022 – Next DefExpo to be held in Gandhinagar

### Haryana

- The first-of-its-kind 'Demand Side Management-AC Scheme' in the state for the domestic consumers of urban and rural areas to promote energy saving
- 'Mukhyamantri Shehri Nikay Swamitva Yojana' portal.
- Centralized emergency response and support system (CSERC) 'Dial 112'.
- Gurugram – India's first 'Grain ATM'.
- In-principle approval from the central government to set up a 'Cultural Centre'
- 'Meri Fasal Mera Byora' portal to facilitate farmers.
- Financial aid scheme for children who lost parents to Covid.
- Portal for villagers to lodge complaints, suggestions
- Haryana govt – Increase dearness allowance from 17 pc to 28 pc.

### Himachal Pradesh

- Shimla Police – 'Veerangana on Wheels' initiative to check crime against women

### Karnataka

- Yediyurappa – 'Karnataka Electric Bike Taxi Scheme – 2021'.
- Karnataka + Unacademy – Facilitate placement for Kannadigas.
- A scholarship programme for farmers' children to encourage them to continue education

### Kerala

- Kerala police – 'Pink Protection' for safety of women.
- Kerala govt – "Let's Go Digital" project for higher edu institutions

### Madhya Pradesh

- Implement first of its kind disaster management model for better preparedness
- Madhya Pradesh – Ayush-based economic upgradation scheme – Devaranya Yojana.

### Maharashtra

- Pune – India's first Agriculture Export Facilitation Centre launched.
- Maharashtra govt – Maharashtra Electric Vehicle (EV) Policy-2021.
- the Adventure Tourism Policy for the State
- Maharashtra – First state in country to issue educational documents using blockchain technology.
- Supriya Sule – 'Jivlag' scheme to help children orphaned due to Corona virus pandemic.



**Manipur**

- Chief Minister's COVID-19 affected livelihood support scheme
- various welfare schemes implemented under NABARD (National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development) through video conferencing

**Meghalaya**

- Face recognition Mobile App for pensioners.
- Meghalaya Cabinet – Proposed Meghalaya Youth Policy 2021.
- the Case Inventory Database portal (CID) which will be exclusively for the purpose of supervising and monitoring of criminal cases registered throughout the State
- Meghalaya + Invest India – Promotion trade & industries.

**Odisha**

- 'Drink-from-Tap' project in Puri to provide 24 hour quality drinking water
- Naveen Patnaik – 'One Nation-One Ration Card' scheme in Odisha

**Punjab**

- Punjab – Rename 17 govt schools after freedom fighters, soldiers who died for the country
- 'anaemia mukt Punjab' campaign to free the adolescent girls, pregnant and lactating women of anemia in the state.
- AABR system for effective screening of hearing loss among children.

**Rajasthan**

- Jaipur – World's third largest cricket stadium to be constructed
- KVIC – Project to Bamboo-based economy in Rajasthan, tribals income
- Ramgarh Vishdhari Sanctuary in Bundi district into the fourth tiger reserve in the state
- The draft of Mukhyamantri Kisan Mitra Bijli Yojana to provide relief to farmers.
- 'Mission Nirayatak Bano' to foster exports from state

**Sikkim**

- Programme known as 'Padhna Likhna Abhiyan' to educate the population above the age of 15 years of age

**Tamil Nadu**

- ESR India + Tamil Nadu - develop two industrial parks with an estimated investment of Rs 550 crore
- Tamil Nadu - 1.3 gigawatt (GW) solar module manufacturing facility of clean energy firm Vikram Solar

**Telangana**

- Logistics policy for state to boost e-commerce.
- Launch Dalita Bandhu scheme from bypoll-bound Huzurabad.
- 'WINGS INDIA 2022' – the flagship biennial exhibition on civil aviation – will be organised from March 24 – 27, 2022
- Telangana's historic Ramappa Temple – UNESCO World Heritage site status.



**Uttar Pradesh**

- The state's Population Policy 2021-2030 on the occasion of World Population Day
- New solar energy policy
- Noida, Uttar Pradesh – Govt to set up Indian Institute of Heritage.
- The 'Mukhyamantri Bal Seva Yojana' for 4,050 children orphaned by the Covid-19 pandemic
- The 'MyGovUP' portal, a platform aimed at increasing people's participation in governance by seeking their opinion on the state government's schemes

**Uttarakhand**

- Uttarakhand's Dehradun district - India's first cryptogamic garden

**UT****Chandigarh**

- Parvaish scheme for children affected and orphaned due to covid-19.

**Delhi**

- Financial assistance scheme named 'Mukhyamantri COVID-19 Pariwar Aarthik Sahayata Yojana' for families of Covid victims
- Delhi Metro – India's first UPI-based cashless parking at this station
- New Delhi - Google Cloud announced the launch of its new Cloud Region
- Delhi – Free bus service to boost vaccination drive.

**Lakshadweep**

- Launch Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY)

**Jammu and Kashmir**

- Web portal of Electrical Inspection Wing of Jammu
- J&K – First real-time air-monitoring station at Srinagar.
- Mahamaya-Peerkho ropeway project to the people of this winter capital
- Jammu Mission Youth – Tejaswini Livelihood scheme for women entrepreneurs.
- President – Wreath at Dagger War Memorial in J&K.
- Jammu and Kashmir govt – Craft mela to uplift handicraft, handloom sector.

**Ladakh**

- Ladakh + HFRI – Sign MoU for forest cover development in region
- the first Union Territory to achieve 100% first dose coverage to all residents
- NTPC REL – Set up country's first green Hydrogen Mobility project in Ladakh.
- Ladakh + Sikkim – Turn the UT into organic entity
- APEDA + Ladakh – Boosting unique agricultural produce which would boost farmers' income in the region.





**FESTVALS****Bonalu festival – Telangana**

- Harela – Uttarakhand's folk festival

**SUMMITS**

- The seventh edition of the Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS) – Host by the French Navy at La Reunion in Italy.
- Dr. Harsh Vardhan – 4th Fit India Conclave 2021 on National Doctors Day
- Dr. Harsh Vardhan - 17th World Congress for Cervical Pathology and Colposcopy
- Vice President – The 19th Meeting Of The Governing Council And 20th Meeting Of Governing Body Of Indian Council Of World Affairs (ICWA).
- CII – Organise 1st edition of Indo Pacific Business Summit in partnership with External Affairs Ministry.
- Nirmala Sitharaman – Participate virtually in G20 High-Level Tax Symposium on tax policy and Climate Change
- ISRO + CII – To organise international conference on space from Sept 13-Oct 4.
- Nirmala Sitharaman – G20 Finance Ministers meeting the global economic risks in view of emerging Covid19 variants.
- Narendra Singh Tomar – address a webinar on 40th foundation day of National Bank for Agriculture And Rural Development (NABARD)
- G Kishan Reddy - BRICS Tourism Ministers' meeting as part of India's BRICS chairship
- Vice-President of India & Union Minister of Education – World Universities Summit 2021.
- Union Agriculture Minister – Address the Pre-Summit of United Nations Food Systems Summit 2021.
- Shri Rajnath Singh – Address SCO Defence Ministers' meeting in Dushanbe, Tajikistan.
- Prime Minister – The education community to mark the first anniversary of National Education Policy 2020.
- Meenakshi Lekhi – India's perspective in G20 Cultural Ministers' Meeting

**Government Related News**

- Cabinet – Approve extension of ABRY deadline till Mar 2022.
- The government - extend the superannuation age of IPO-bound LIC Chairman to up to 62 years by making amendment to the Life Insurance Corporation of India (Staff) Regulations of 1960
- Govt – Ministry of Co-operation for strengthening of cooperatives
- The Union Cabinet – Approve a new scheme 'India COVID-19 Emergency Response & Health System Preparedness Package: Phase-II' amounting to Rs. 23,123 crore for FY 2021-22.
- Centre – 8 new routes to boost regional aerial connectivity from Madhya Pradesh to Maharashtra, Gujarat.
- Government – Include Retail and Wholesale Trades as MSMEs.
- Cabinet – Rs 6,322-cr PLI scheme for specialty steel.
- Cabinet – Establishment of Integrated Multi-purpose Corporation for Ladakh
- Govt – Set up National Research Foundation to boost research ecosystem
- Govt – Set up National Centre of Excellence for Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming & Comics.





- Govt – Rs 8257.88 cr to States, UTs towards India Covid-19 Emergency Response and Health System Preparedness Package in 2020-21.

#### DRDO

- DRDO - The first production lot of 12 Short Span Bridging System (SSBS)-10 m has been inducted into the Indian Army
- Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL) - sign a contract worth about Rs 499 Crore with the Ministry of Defence for manufacture and supply of Akash Missiles to the Indian Air Force
- DRDO – High Strength Metastable Beta Titanium Alloy
- Defence Research & Development Organisation - flight tested indigenously developed low weight, fire & forget Man-Portable Anti-Tank Guided Missile (MPATGM).
- DRDO - flight-test surface-to-air missile Akash-NG
- DRDO - a successful flight test of the New Generation Akash (Akash-NG) missile from Integrated Test Range, Chandipur off the coast of Odisha

#### Rename

- Chhattisgarh – Renamed the State Police Academy Chandkhuri as “Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose State Police Academy” Chandkhuri.

#### Niti Aayog

- T-Hub + AIM – Launch cohort for healthtech start-ups.
- NSE Foundation + NITI Aayog + UNICEF – A program to spread awareness on COVID-19 vaccination in India.
- NITI AAYOG +TRIFED – Successful implementation of Van DhanYojana in Tribal Clusters of Aspirational Districts of India.
- Atal Innovation Mission – Successfully complete two-month long, one of its kind ‘ATL Tinkerpreneur Bootcamp’ across country.

#### OTHERS

- CBSE – Financial Literacy Textbook for Class 6 students curated by NPCI.
- INS Tabar – Undertake drills with Greek Navy ship in Mediterranean sea
- Bengaluru station – Railways’ first movable freshwater tunnel aquarium.
- The Arun Jaitley National Institute of Financial Management (AJNIFM) + Microsoft – Sign MoU to build an AI and emerging technologies CoE
- NDMC+ CSC – Join hands to boost municipal services under ‘Digital India’.
- Cochin International Airport - ‘Operation Paravaah’, a multifaceted infrastructure development programme
- INS Sarvekshak – Complete survey assistance of ill-fated MV X-Press Pearl
- DPIIT – Initiate project on Open Network for Digital Commerce
- NCDEX – Agri sectoral indices GUAREX, SOYDEX.
- Rs 92,849 crore – Gross GST revenue collected in June’21
- Atal Innovation Mission – First fintech cohort of ‘AIM-iLEAP’ as major step to accelerate Tech Start-ups across India.
- APEDA+ NAFED – Strengthening export linkage of Farmer Cooperatives & FPOs
- IFFCO Kisan Sanchar – Setting up 17 FPOs in Gujarat in tie-up with NABARD, NCDC.





- NTPC – Govt nod to set up country's single largest solar park in Gujarat.
- INS Hansa, Goa – Second P-8I aircraft arrive.
- CESL + WRI India – Sign pact to build strategy for renewable energy sector.
- Zurich airport + NIAL – Development of Noida airport
- Ordnance Factory Tiruchirappalli – 12.7 mm M2 NATO Stabilized Remote Control Gun to Indian Navy, Indian Coast Guard.
- IOC – Build India's first green hydrogen plant.
- BDL - First Missile of the first firing unit of MRSAM (Medium Range Surface to Air Missile) for delivery to Indian Air Force
- 2025 – Stand Up India Scheme extended up to the year.
- Bengaluru airport – Sign 10-year partnership with IBM for digital & IT transformation.
- Total number of 15445 beneficiaries – Assist under Honey Mission programme.
- Shripad Naik – 2nd Senior National Sqay Championship at Chandigarh University.
- KVIC & BSF – Project BOLD in Jaisalmer to Prevent Desertification and Support Rural Economy.
- NSDC & Amity University Online – Collaborate to skill young learners professionally.
- Cochin Shipyard – 5 vessels at one go in Kochi.
- India's 14 Tiger Reserves – Global CA/TS recognition for good Tiger Conservation.
- APEDA – Orientation programme for start-ups for boosting agricultural products exports from Rajasthan.



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