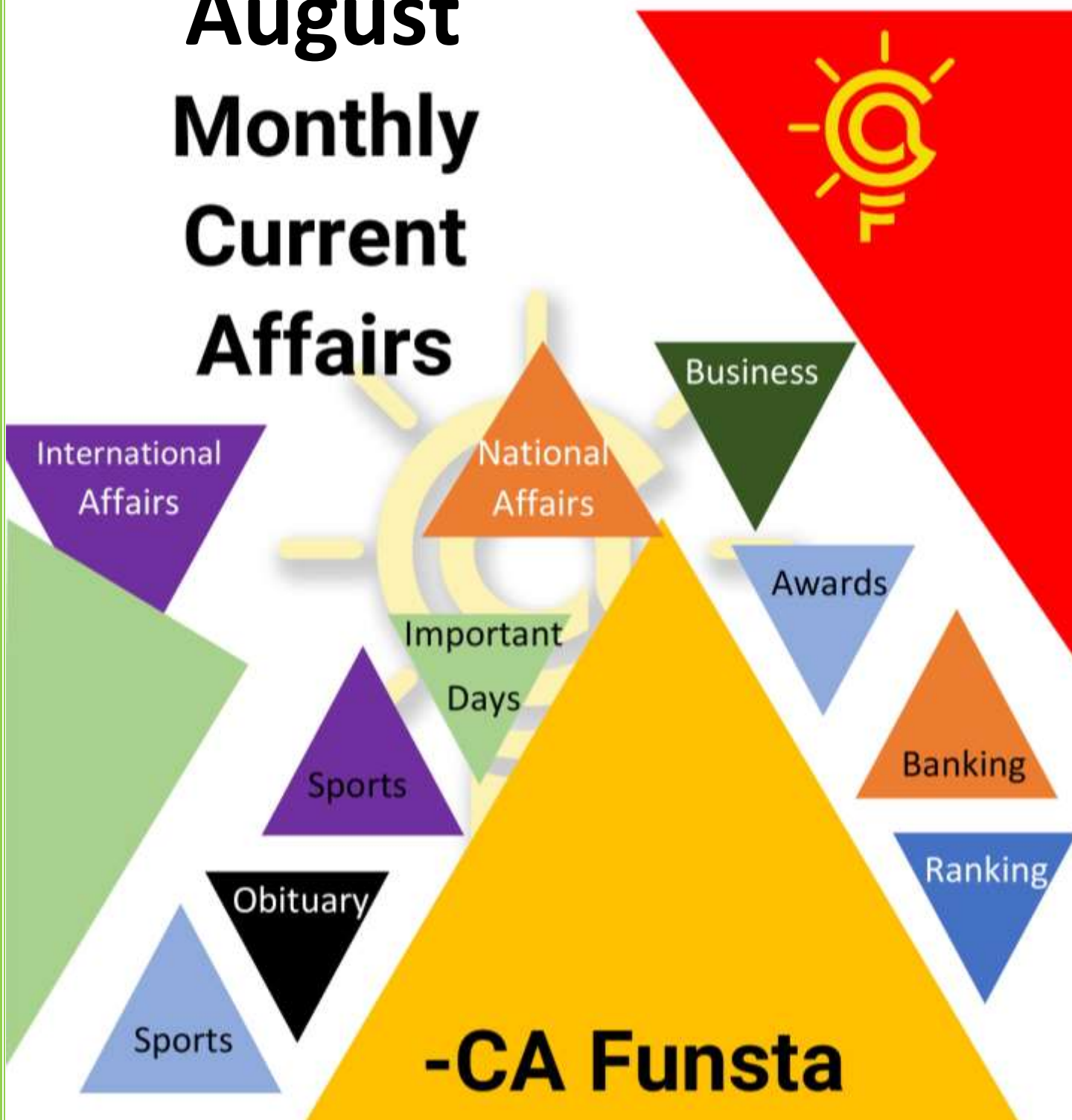


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IMPORTANT DAYS

NATIONAL IMPORTANT DAYS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Theme</u>
August 1	Muslim Women Rights Day	-
August 6	34 edition Foundation Day of TRIFED	-
August 7	National Handloom Day	-
	Javelin Throw Day	-
August 8	79nd Quit India Movement Day	-
August 14	Partition Horrors Remembrance Day	-
August 15	75th Independence Day of India	-
August 16	Puducherry celebrates its De Jure Transfer Day	-
August 20	Sadbhavna Diwas	-
August 19 to August 25	Sanskrit Week	-

INTERNATIONAL IMPORTANT DAYS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Theme</u>
August 1 – August 7	World Breastfeeding Week	Protect Breastfeeding: A Shared Responsibility
August 1	World Lung Cancer Day	-
August 4	International Owl Awareness Day	-
August 6	Hiroshima Day	-
August 8	International Cat Day	Be cat curious
August 9	International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples	-
	76th Nagasaki Day	-
August 10	World Lion day	-
	World Biofuel Day	Promotion of biofuels for a better environment
August 12	International Youth Day	Transforming Food Systems: Youth Innovation for Human and Planetary Health
	World Elephant Day	Haathi Hamara Saathi
August 13	World Organ Donation Day	-
	International Lefthanders Day	-
August 19	World Photography Day	-
	World Humanitarian Day	#TheHumanRace



Date	Day	Theme
August 20	World Mosquito Day	-
August 21	World Senior Citizen Day	-
	International Day of Remembrance of and Tribute to victims of terrorism	-
August 22	World Sanskrit Day (also known as Sanskrit Diwas)	-
	International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief	-
August 23 - 29	'Iconic Week'	-
August 23	International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and Its Abolition	-
August 23-27	World Water Week	Building Resilience Faster
August 26	International Dog Day	-
	Women's Equality Day	-
August 29	National Sports Day	-
	The International Day against Nuclear Tests	-
August 30	International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances	-

SPORTS

RETIREMENT

Cricket

- Paras Khadka – Former Nepal captain announces retirement from international cricket.
- Unmukt Chand – India's 2012 U19 World Cup-winning captain, retires at the age of 28.
- Stuart Binny – Retirement from international and first-class cricket. – India
- Dale Steyn – Retire from all forms of cricket - South Africa

Motorcycling

- Motorcycling – Italian great Valentino Rossi to retire from MotoGP

BANNED OR SUSPENDED

Athlete

- Chijindu Ujah – Britain's Olympic 4x100m relay silver medallist has been provisionally suspended for allegedly breaching anti-doping rules at the Tokyo Games.
- El Hassan El Abbassi - suspended after returning an adverse analytical finding for a homologous blood transfusion following a test at the Tokyo Olympics

Cricket

- ICC – Suspend Zimbabwe spinner Roy Kaia from bowling in int'l cricket.

GRAND PRIX

Hungarian Grand Prix

Rank	Name	Country	Team
1	Esteban Ocon	France	Alpine
2	Sebastian Vettel	Germany	Aston Martin
3	Lewis Hamilton	UK	Mercedes

Belgian Grand Prix

Rank	Name	Car Company	Country
1	Max Verstappen	Red Bull Racing	Netherlands
2	George Russell Williams	Mercedes	United Kingdom
3	Lewis Hamilton	Mercedes	United Kingdom

COMPETITION

Badminton

- Shuttler P V Sindhu – Bronze medal in Tokyo Olympics, becomes the first Indian woman to win two Olympic medals

Boxing

- Lovlina Borgohain - bronze medal in 69 kg category in Tokyo games

Hockey

- The Indian men's hockey team - an Olympic medal after 41 years after beating Germany to claim the bronze in a thrilling play-off match in the ongoing Tokyo Games 2020

Wrestling

- Ravi Kumar Dahiya - an Olympic silver medal after losing his 57 kg final to Russian two-time defending world champion Zaur Uguev.
- Bajrang Punia – A bronze medal in the men's freestyle 65kg category in the ongoing Tokyo Olympics after defeating Kazakhstan's Daulet Niyazbekov.

Athlete

- Neeraj Chopra - India's 100-year wait for an Olympic medal in athletics, wins gold
- Indian mixed 4x400m relay team – Bronze in U-20 World Athletics Championships.
- Amit Khatri – Silver in 10,000m race walk at World U-20 Athletics C'ships.
- Shaili Singh – Silver medal in the women's long jump with a 6.59m effort at the World Athletics U20 Championships.
- Tokyo Paralympics – Javelin thrower Tek Chand named new flag bearer of India for opening ceremony

Cricket

- Shakib Al Hasan + Stafanie Taylor – Winners of the ICC Player of the Month for July 2021.
- Cricket – Syed Mushtaq Ali T20 from October, Ranji Trophy returns in January 2022.
- The 2021 ICC men's T20 World Cup - to be held in UAE and Oman, will get underway from October 17 and final to be played on November 14.

Chess

- India's Raunak Sadhwani – Spilimbergo Open chess tourney.
- Indian GM S L Narayanan - second in Riga Open chess tourney
- Arjun Erigaisi - victorious in the II Terras de Trás-os-Montes Chess Open while his compatriot D Gukesh finished second
- G Sathiyam – Win over Yevhen Pryshchepa of Ukraine to claim the men's singles title at the ITTF Czech International Open.
- Indian GM Iniyam – Noisiel International Open chess tournament.

Tennis

- India's Manika Batra and G Sathiyam – beat Hungary's Dora Madarasz and Nandor Ecseki 3-1 to win the mixed doubles title at the WTT Contender Budapest.
- Western & Southern Open – Ash Barty, Alexander Zverev notch efficient wins in finals.

Boxing

- The World Boxing Council (WBC) - the formation of its India committee in collaboration with the Indian Boxing Council

Archery

- World Archery Youth Championship – India win gold in compound mixed and men's team event.
- Komalika Bari – New under-21 recurve world champion at Youth World Championships.

Table Tennis

- Jiban Ballav Samal – Officiate as Umpire in the upcoming XXXII Paralympics 2020, TOKYO.

Events

- Nairobi, Kenya – 2021 edition of World Athletics U20 Championships.
- Zimbabwe – Host 2022 Women's Cricket World Cup qualifiers.
- The U-25 (State A) One dayers – Held from November 9 to December 10.

Tokyo Para Olympics Winners

- Paddler Bhavinaben Patel – Historic silver at Tokyo Paralympics
- Nishad Kumar - silver medal in T47 high jump event, creates Asian Record
- Shooter Avani Lekhara – First Indian woman to win gold at Paralympics.
- Devendra Jhajharia - silver in javelin throw F46
- Sundar Singh Gurjar- Bronze in javelin throw F46
- Yogesh Kathuniya - silver in men's discus throw F56 event
- Shooter Singhraj Adana - bronze in 10m Air Pistol SH1.
- Mariyappan Thangavelu - silver in men's High Jump (T63), Sharad Kumar bags bronze
- Cyclist Paige Greco of Australia – First gold medal of the Tokyo Paralympic Games.

OBITUARY

Singer

- Kalyani Menon – Renowned playback singer of yesteryear.

Writer/Author

- Padma Sachdev – Padma Shri awardee Dogri writer.

Politician

- Sudarshan Roy Chowdhury- Former West Bengal Higher Education Minister.
- Kalyan Singh – Former Uttar Pradesh chief minister.

Sports

Cricket

- Ted Dexter – Former England test captain.

Football

- Krishnaji Rao – Former midfielder footballer
- SS Babu Narayan – Former India goalkeeper who was part of the team which played in the 1956 and 1960 Olympics.
- SS Hakim – 1960 Rome Olympian and former national football coach.
- Chandrasekharan – Former Indian Footballer.

Athlete

- OM Nambiar – India's first Dronacharya awardee and PT Usha's coach.

Others

- Dr Balaji Tambe – Ayurveda practitioner and proponent of Yoga.
- Bottikere Purushotham Poonja – Veteran Yakshagana artiste.
- Japan's Maki Kaji – 'Godfather of Sudoku'.
- Mangala Samaraweera – Sri Lanka's Former Foreign Minister.
- B V Nimbkar – Noted agricultural scientist and recipient of Padma Shri award.
- Gouri Ghosh – Noted elocutionist of West Bengal.
- Jacques Rogge – Former International Olympic Committee (IOC) President.

RANKING

NATIONAL RANKING

the list of aspirational districts ranked by government think tank Niti Aayog for the month of June

Rank	City
1	Chandel (Manipur)
2	Dhubri (Assam)
3	Kiphire (Nagaland)

Quality of Life for Elderly Index as 'aged' – with an elderly population of more than 5 million

Rank	State
1	Rajasthan
2	Maharashtra
3	Bihar

- **Calcutta University** - 2nd rank among the best universities across India in the Academic Ranking of World Universities

Transparency Index

- Released by Centre for Science and Environment (CSE).

Rank	State Pollution Control Board
1	Telangana & Odisha
2	Tamil Nadu
3	Madhya Pradesh



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INTERNATIONAL RANKING**QS Best Student Cities Ranking 2022 - the best cities for students in India**

Rank	City	Country
1	London	UK
2	Munich	Germany
3	Seoul	South Korea
3	Tokyo	Japan
106	Mumbai	India
110	Bangalore	India

2021 Fortune Global 500 list

Rank	Company
1	Walmart
2	State Grid
3	Amazon
15	Reliance Industries Ltd

- 32 – rank of India in finding innovative solutions to fight Covid-19

Forbes Real-Time Billionaires List

Rank	Person	Company
1	Bernard Arnault	LVMH
2	Jeff Bezos	Amazon
3	Elon Musk	SpaceX
12	Mukesh Ambani	Reliance Industries Limited

Global Youth Development Index

Released By: **Commonwealth Secretariat in London.**

- Countries: 181

Rank	Country
1	Singapore
2	Slovenia
3	Norway
122	India

The most polluted country across the world in 2020 prepared by British company HouseFresh

Rank	Country
1	Bangladesh
2	Pakistan
3	India

Rank	City
1	Hotan , China
2	Ghaziabad , Uttar Pradesh
3	Manikganj, Bangladesh

Crypto adoption globally amid a crypto bull run 2021

- Total – 154 countries
- Released by – Chainalysis

Rank	Country
1	Vietnam
2	India
3	Pakistan



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Hurun Global 500 for 2021

Rank	Company	Market Cap
1	Apple	\$ 2.4 Trillion
2	Microsoft	\$ 2.1 Trillion
3	Amazon	\$ 1.8 Trillion
4	Google	\$ 1.7 Trillion
57	Reliance Industries Ltd	\$ 188 billion
74	Tata Consultancy Services Ltd	\$164 billion
124	HDFC Bank	\$ 113 Billion
163	Infosys	\$ 88.5 Billion
268	ICICI Bank	\$62 Billion
301	HDFC	\$56.7 Billion

Chainalysis's 2021 Global Crypto Adoption Index

Rank	Country
1	Vietnam
2	India
3	Pakistan

Cushman & Wakefield - list of most attractive manufacturing hub globally

Rank	Country
1	China
2	India
3	United States

Economist Intelligence Unit-the list of safest city in the world

Rank	City
1	Copenhagen
2	Toronto
3	Singapore
4	Sydney
5	Tokyo
48	New Delhi
50	Mumbai



Most cameras installed per square miles - Forbes list

Rank	City
1	Delhi, India
2	London, UK
3	Chennai, India
18	Mumbai, India

BANKING AND FINANCE**BANKING****RBI**

- RBI – Banks 3 more months to comply with new rules on opening current accounts.
- RBI – Hike collateral free loans to SHGs under DAY-NRLM to Rs 20 lakh.
- RBI – GDP growth projection for 2021-22 at 9.5 pc.
- RBI - On Tap TLTRO deadline till 31st December 2021
- RBI – Penalise banks for non-availability of cash in ATMs from October 1.
- The Reserve Bank - cancel the licence of Karnala Nagari Sahakari Bank, Panvel in Maharashtra for not having adequate capital
- RBI – Composite FI-Index to capture extent of financial inclusion across country.
- Reserve Bank – Allow HDFC Bank to sell new credit cards.
- RBI – Scope of Tokenisation To Laptops, Wearable Devices.
- RBI - buy govt bonds worth ₹25,000 crore under G-SAP 2.0

Penalty

Organisation	Amount	Penalty Organisation
RBI	Rs 50.35 lakh	Nashik-based Janalaxmi Co-operative Bank
RBI	Rs 10 lakh	Gadhinglaj Urban Co-operative Bank
RBI	Rs 20 lakh	NE & EC Railway Employees' Multi-State Primary Co-op Bank
RBI	Rs 27.5 lakh	Dhanlaxmi Bank
RBI	Rs 15 lakh	Baghat Urban Co-operative Bank, Solan
RBI	Rs 1 lakh	Delhi Nagrik Sehkari Bank Limited, New Delhi
SEBI	Rs 6 lakh	Capital First



PUBLIC BANKS

State Bank of India

- State Bank of India - a new and enhanced security feature – 'SIM Binding' in YONO and YONO Lite
- NABARD + SBI + J&K Grameen Bank – JLG financing.
- a 100 percent waiver on processing fees for its car loan customers across all channels
- Mahindra + SBI – Finance scheme for its PickUps and Small Commercial Vehicles.
- SBI - SBI Global Ed-Vantage education loan

Punjab National Bank

- NFDB + PNB – Extend financial assistance to Fisheries sector.
- Punjab National Bank – sanctioned letter of Rs 5100 crores to the Uttar Pradesh government for the project

Canara Bank

- Honda Cars + Canara Bank – Offer finance options to customers

Indian Bank

- Indian Bank + Society for Innovation And Entrepreneurship – Funding Start-Ups And MSMEs.
- Indian Bank + Paralympic Committee of India (PCI) – One of the banking partners of the Paralympic Games scheduled to commence from August 24 in Tokyo, Japan.
- Indian Bank – MSME mentoring programme in West Bengal.

Union Bank of India

- Union Bank of India – Newly-launched e-Rupi for vaccination drive.

Bank of Baroda

- Bank of Baroda – Support Andhra Pradesh government in setting up 100 aqua hubs.

Bank of Maharashtra

- Bank of Maharashtra – Retain Bonanza-Monsoon Dhamaka.
- Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) – Top performer among public sector lenders in terms of loan and savings deposit growth during the first quarter of the current financial year.

Central Bank of India

- Central Bank of India (CBol) + Dhanvarsha Finvest Ltd (DFL) – Offer loans against gold ornaments under priority sector to MSME borrowers at competitive rates.

PRIVATE BANKS

Axis Bank

- Axis Bank + BharatPe – Expand its merchant acquiring business.

Federal Bank

- Federal Bank – ISO 22301:2019 certification for its Business Continuity Management System (BCMS)

HDFC Bank

- Paytm + HDFC Bank – Develop payment products for new online ventures.
- HDFC Bank – First Indian Bank to exclusively list USD 1 Billion AT1 dollar bonds in IFSC.

IDFC First Bank

- IDFC FIRST Bank + Indian Navy – Offer Honour FIRST banking solutions.

IndusInd Bank

- IndusInd Bank - impaneled by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to act as an 'Agency Bank' to facilitate transactions related to government businesses
- Honda Cars + IndusInd Bank – Vehicle financing.

RBL Bank

- RBL Bank – Select AWS to accelerate AI efforts.
- RBL Bank - empanel by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) as an 'Agency Bank' to conduct banking business for the Central and State Governments

Karnataka Bank

- Karnataka Bank – Empanelled as 'Agency Bank' for government business
- Karnataka Bank – KBL FASTag for seamless toll deduction.

DCB Bank

- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) – Empanelled Private sector lender DCB Bank as an 'Agency Bank' to facilitate banking and payment transactions for Centre and the state governments.

Kotak Mahindra Bank

- Khushi ka Season 3.0 to celebrate Independence Day
- USAID + DFC + Kotak Bank – USD 50 mn loan guarantee for women, small biz in India.

South Indian Bank

- South Indian Bank - empanelled as an 'Agency Bank' by Reserve Bank of India to undertake general banking businesses of Central and State government on behalf of the RBI

Yes Bank

- Yes Bank + WheelsEMI – Co-lending partnership, aim 1 lakh two-wheelers financing in 1st leg.

Foreign Banks

- Mashreq Bank + NPCI International Payments Ltd – Offer UPI in the UAE.
- LoanTap + SBM bank & Rupay – First LIMITLESS Prepaid Cards.
- Standard Bank – TCS BaNCS™ Cloud for Digital Claims Transformation in Short Term Insurance.
- Citibank – First US bank to set up unit in IFSC at GIFT City.

INSURANCE

- ICICI Prudential Life Insurance + National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) – Provide Unified Payments Interface (UPI) Autopay facility to its customers.
- Niva Bupa Health Insurance - standalone personal accident plan to financially secure policy owners and their family members in case of death, partial, temporary, or permanent disability
- Punjab Government – SBI General Insurance To Handle Ayushman Bharat Sarbat Sehamat Bima Yojana.
- LIC – Campaign for policyholders to revive lapsed policies.

SMALL FINANCE BANK

- Suryoday Small Finance Bank – 'Health and Wellness Savings Account'.
- Decimal Technologies + Ujjivan Small Finance Bank – Digitise loan origination with Saarathi.
- Freo + Equitas Small Finance Bank – Launch zero-balance savings account that will offer a 7% interest rate on a minimum balance of ₹1 lakh.
- Jana Small Finance Bank + HCBL Co-operative Bank + Mysore Merchants Co-operative Bank – Provide its digital infrastructure and payments services under the bank sponsorship program.



Regional Rural Banks

- Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank (KVGB) + Karnataka government – 'Farmer Registration and Unified Beneficiary Information System' (FRUITS) portal.

World Bank

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
\$105 Million	project to strengthen urban services in Punjab

- WORLD BANK - announced the launch of a new Cybersecurity Multi-Donor Trust Fund under the broader Digital Development Partnership (DDP) umbrella program
- World Bank's IFC – Extend over Rs 550 crore debt support to IndoSpace logistics fund.

Asian Development Bank

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
\$112 Million	Finance water supply infrastructure in Jharkhand
USD 300 million	Additional financing for the ongoing Maharashtra Rural Connectivity Improvement Project that is upgrading rural roads and connecting remote areas with markets
\$1 million	IIFL Home Finance deal to promote green housing in India
\$235 million	Upgrade National Highway in Pakistan
USD 500 million	Expand metro rail network in Bengaluru

Exim Bank

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
USD 100 million	Mauritius for procuring defence items
USD 210.73 million	Guinea to support various projects in the African country

NABARD

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Rs 217.72 crore	Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) assistance to Goa government

SIDBI

- supporting MSMEs through its focused cluster development initiatives such as support for technology upgradation/modernisation, skilling/re-skilling/up-skilling and market linkages
- SIDBI – First approval under SCDF to TN Government
- SIDBI + FCDO UK – Swavalamban Challenge Fund to promote entrepreneurship culture.

PhonePe

- PhonePe – UPI-based AutoPay functionality for mutual fund SIP investments.
- PhonePe – IRDAI license to serve as direct insurance broker.
- PhonePe – Green Signal from RBI to operate as an Account Aggregator.

OTHERS

- RapiPay – Aadhaar-enabled payment service, micro ATMs in Kashmir
- SBI Payments + Hitachi Payment – Services partner for e-RUPI.
- U GRO Capital – Become first FinTech Lending platform to be listed on both stock exchanges starting Aug 11.
- NSE International Exchange – BSO as its 1st official global connectivity provider.
- The Department of Posts - General Insurance Services (Motor & Bike Insurance) on India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) platform.
- ICICI Home Finance – On-the-spot home loan for workers having no ITR.
- HDFC - green and sustainable deposits with an aim to safeguard the environment from climate change
- Spice Money – Set up 1 lakh micro-ATMs in rural India.
- Capital Float + Razorpay - extend its BNPL (Buy Now Pay Later) solution – Walnut 369 – to all Razorpay-enabled online merchants
- Facebook + Indifi – Give loans to small bizs.
- PayPal – Crypto buying and selling in the UK.
- Poonawalla Fincorp + Institute of Company Secretaries of India – Special Term Loans to Its Members.
- MeitY Start-up Hub + Paytm – Support deep-tech start-ups.
- Google + Setu – To allow its users to book fixed deposits (FDs) through Google Pay.
- Aceware Fintech – Acemoney UPI/QR code payments in Kerala.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

FLIPKART

- Flipkart + Himachal Pradesh – Local artisans, weavers
- Flipkart + IIM Sambalpur - support small businesses and artisans

OTHERS

- GST collections – Over Rs 1.16 lakh cr in July.
- T-Hub + HCL Technologies - explore emerging technologies like Quantum Computing, DeepTech and accelerate its adoption
- Tata Steel BSL – World's first UV Oxidation Plant in the steel industry in Odisha.
- UNICEF + Facebook – Online safety for adolescents and children.
- Sonu Sood – Rural B2B travel tech platform Travel Union.
- Tata Motors + CSC – Strengthen CV sales in rural areas
- WHO + Facebook + Praekelt.Org – Provide COVID-19 information to vulnerable people.
- SAP India + Microsoft – Joint skilling programme 'TeckSaksham'.
- AMNS India + NSDC – Train 800 people in various areas
- HCL Foundation – 'My e-Haat' portal to empower artisans.
- NCDEX – Futures contract on NCDEX GUAREX.
- Women's World Banking + Bank of Baroda -The report titled 'The Power of Jan Dhan: Making Finance Work for Women in India'
- NTPC Ltd - India's largest floating solar photo voltaic (PV) project of 25 megawatt (MW) on the water reservoir of its 2 gigawatt (GW) Simhadri project at Visakhapatnam
- Microsoft + Invest India – Support tech startups
- Tata Steel + Mitsui OSK Lines – Develop eco-friendly shipping line
- Amazon India – Karigar Mela in partnership with Tribes India



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BOOKS AND AUTHORS

Book	Author	Published	Released by
Nehru, Tibet and China	Avtar Singh Bhasin	-	-
History of ITBP		-	Rajnish Singh
The Alphabets of Latin America	Diplomat Abhay K	-	-
'Back To The Roots'	Luke Coutinho and actor Tamannaah	Penguin Random House India	-
Monk in a Merc	Dr. Ashok Panagariya	-	-
An Invitation to Die: A Colonel Acharya Mystery	Tanushree Podder	HarperCollins	-
Stargazing: The Players in My Life	Ravi Shastri	HarperCollins India	-
Bullets Over Bombay	Uday Bhatia	HarperCollins	-
The Parsi Kitchen: A Memoir of Food and Family	Anahita Dhondy	HarperCollins	-
Elephant In The Womb	Kalki Koechlin	Penguin Random House India	-
Prayagraj Kumbh	-	Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSR).	Yogi Adityanath
Creating Value in Health Care	Dr Ellangovan	-	Pinarayi Vijayan
Accelerating India: 7 Years of Modi Government	K J Alphons	-	-
Be Water, My Friend: The True Teachings of Bruce Lee	Shannon Lee	-	-

APPOINTMENTS

NATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Name	Designation	Organization	Replaced
Abhay Kumar Singh	joint secretary	Ministry of Cooperation	-
Aditya Puri	chairperson	Solara	-
Ajay Kumar Bhalla	Secretary	Home	-
Anand Mahindra	Non-executive chairman	Mahindra & Mahindra	-
Arvind Kumar	Managing Director	Chennai Petroleum Corporation Limited	-
B. D. Mishra	Governor	Mizoram	Hari Babu Kambhampati
Deepak Das	Controller General of Accounts (CGA)	-	-
Dhriti Banerjee	1st woman director	Zoological Survey of India	-
Gajendra Singh + Anjani Kumar Tiwari	Member	Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB)	-
Ganga Prasad	Governor	Manipur	Najma Heptulla
La Ganesan	Governor	Manipur	Najma Heptulla
Mansukh Mandaviya	Chairman	Stop TB Partnership Board	
Nadir Godrej	CMD	Godrej Industries Limited	Adi Godrej
Nakul Chopra	CEO	Broadcast Audience Research Council	Sunil Lulla
Pankaj Kumar Singh	Director general	BSF	S S Deswal
Rajiv Gauba	Cabinet Secretary	-	-
Ram Subhag Singh	Chief secretary	Himachal Pradesh	Anil Kumar Khachi

<u>Name</u>	<u>Designation</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Replaced</u>
Rekha Sharma	Chairperson	National Commission for Women (NCW)	-
Sanjay Arora	Director general	The Indo-Tibetan Border Police	S.S. Deswal
Suhanjana Gopinath	Female Odhuvar	Chennai's Dhenupureeswarar Temple	-
T M Bhasin	chairman of the Advisory Board for Banking and Financial Frauds (ABBFF)	Central Vigilance Commission	-

INTERNATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Designation</u>	<u>Organization/Country</u>	<u>Replaced</u>
Abdul Qayyum Niazi	Prime Minister	Pakistan-occupied Kashmir	-
Ebrahim Raisi	president	Iran	-
Hakaide Hichilema	President	Zambia	-
Ismail Sabri Yaakob	Prime Minister	Malaysia	Muhyiddin Yassin
Min Aung Hlaing	Prime Minister	Myanmar	-
Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar	President	Afghanistan	Ashraf Ghani
Nikol Pashinyan	Prime Minister	Armenia	-
Sultan Mahmood	President	Pakistan-occupied Kashmir	-

AMBASSADORS/HIGH COMMISSIONERS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Designation</u>	<u>Country/ Organization</u>
Akhilesh Mishra	High Commissioner of India	Ireland
B Nagabhushana Reddy	High Commissioner of India	Malaysia
Harish Parvathaneni	India's next Ambassador	Germany
Manpreet Vohra	High Commissioner of India	Nauru



BRAND AMBASSADORS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organisation</u>
Sonu Sood	Zandu Balm
Vandana Kataria	Uttar Pradesh's Department of Women Empowerment and Child Development
Narain Karthikeyan	JK Tyre
Neeraj Chopra	RBI awareness campaign
Rajkummar Rao	Cashify
MS Dhoni	Unacademy
Mirabai Chanu	Amway India
Mahendra Singh Dhoni	Kauvery Group of Hospitals.
Alia Bhatt	Samsung India
Lovlina Borgohain & Manpreet Singh	Shyam Steel
Mirabai Chanu	Adidas 'Stay in Play' campaign

BANKING APPOINTMENTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Designation</u>	<u>Bank</u>	<u>Replaced</u>
A S Rajeev	MD & CEO	Bank of Maharashtra	-
Ajay Kumar	Executive Director	RBI	-
Ajay Kumar + A.K. Choudhary + Deepak Kumar	Executive Director	RBI	-
Atul Kumar Goel	MD & CEO	UCO Bank	-
Carol Furtado	Interim CEO	Ujjivan Small Finance Bank.	-
Hitendra Dave	MD & CEO	HSBC India	-
Mini Ipe	Managing Director	Life Insurance Corporation of India	-
Nipun Jain	CEO	RapiPay	-
Prakash Chandra	Non-Executive Chairman	RBL Bank	-
Rajnish Kumar	Director	HSBC Asia	-
S S Mallikarjuna Rao	MD & CEO	Punjab National Bank	-
Sandeep Bakhshi	MD & CEO	ICICI Bank	-
Shanti Lal Jain	Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer	Indian Bank	Ms. Padmaja Chundru



COMMITTEE

Person name	Committee	Board	Members
Shri Anil Kumar Jain	India Internet Governance Forum	Government	12

AWARDS**NATIONAL AWARDS**

Person	Award Name	Category	Given by	Details
152 Police personnel	Union Home Minister's Medal for Excellence in Investigation	-	-	-
22	National Youth Awards 2017-18 and 2018-19	-	-	-
44 Persons	National Teachers Awards 2021	-	-	released by Education Ministry
69 Persons	the Prime Minister's Shram Awards (PMSA) for the year 2018	-	-	-
78 social Impact leaders and changemakers	Mahatma Award 2020	-	-	-
Dr Deepak Abrol	CME Excellence Dronacharya Award	-	-	-



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<u>Person</u>	<u>Award Name</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Given by</u>	<u>Details</u>
Haryana	Energy Environment Foundation Global Innovation in Water Technology Award 2021	-	-	Energy and Environment Foundation in association with Union Ministry of Jal Shakti.
IIT Kanpur	prestigious Best Entrepreneurial Skill Training Project award	-	-	'Tech for Tribal' program
IndiGo	3 awards (Contact Centre Unique Innovations & Transformation and Customer Experience Excellence in Aviation)	-	-	the 2nd edition of Future of Contact Center Summit and Awards 2021.
Jagdish Bhagwati and C Rangarajan	Prof CR Rao Centenary Gold Medal (CGM)	-	-	-
Kempegowda International Airport	'Best Airport Staff in India & Central Asia'	-	-	Skytrax World Airport Awards 2021
Kites Foundation	Kalam Awards'	-	-	recognise young volunteers, social communities and projects focussing on social development.

<u>Person</u>	<u>Award Name</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Given by</u>	<u>Details</u>
Mr Abhay Chhajlani	The Life Time Achievement Award for the year 2020 of Madhya Pradesh	-	-	-
Nagaland	7 national awards in Van Dhan Vikas Yojana.	-	-	-
NTPC, Ramagundam	Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Energy Leader Award-2021	-	-	-
Omcherry N.N. Pillai	Sahitya Akademi award in Malayalam	-	-	-
Rajiv Gandhi International Airport	Best Regional Airport in India & Central Asia by Skytrax	-	-	-
Sai Life Sciences	Golden Peacock National Training Award 2021	-	-	-
Tech5	PayAuth Challenge	-	-	developing an alternative solution for authorising UPI payments
Telangana	AI Gamechanger Award	-	-	Xperience-AI Summit 2021 organised by NASSCOM

Person	Award Name	Category	Given by	Details
West Bengal	Four SKOCH awards	-	-	schemes under Ease of Doing Business initiative
Yashodhara Mishra	Sahitya Akademi award in Odia	-	-	-

INTERNATIONAL AWARDS

Person	Award Name	Category	Given by	Details
'Fire In The Mountains'	'Best Indie Film'	-	-	12th Indian Film Festival of Melbourne (IFFM)
Ajay Dilwari	Order of British Columbia in Canada	-	-	-
Cyrus Poonawalla	Lokmanya Tilak National Award for 2021	-	-	-
Hamad International Airport	"#1 Best Airport in the World" at the 2021 Skytrax World Airport Awards.	-	-	-
Matheran toy train	Nominate for UNESCO award	-	-	-



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IIT IN NEWS

IIT Madras

- IIT-Madras – India's first consortium for virtual reality.
- IIT Madras + Road Transport Ministry – Pavement engineering. intelligent transportation systems
- IIT-Madras – Develop indigenous motorised wheelchair vehicle.
- IBM + IIT Madras – Enhance industry relevant skills.

IIT Kanpur

- IIT Kanpur – 'Sanjeevani' oxygen concentrator.

IIT Delhi

- National Health Authority + IIT Delhi – Strengthen India's response to COVID-19 crisis.
- IFFCO + IIT-Delhi - research on agri-tech projects

IIT Bombay

- IIT Bombay – Novel method using infra-red technology to predict patients more likely to be severely ill from COVID.
- IIT-Bombay – First-ever indigenous semiconductor memory technology.
- Indian Institute of Technology-Bombay – App that will alert when Covid vaccination slots are available.

IIT Roorkee

- IIT Roorkee + NDMA – Develop app that predicts natural disasters

IIT Mandi

- IIT Mandi – Develop smart road monitoring system to prevent crashes, enhance traffic management.

Covid-19 Kits

- Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology – Multiplex RT-PCR kit for Covid-19 detection.

Space News

- ISRO – Study to upgrade service quality of Indian hospitals.
- ISRO's GSLV-F10 – Lift off successfully from Sriharikota, But later failed to fire fully.



- OneWeb - the launch of 34 satellites by Arianespace from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in southern Kazakhstan
- SpaceX – Shipment of ants, avocados, robot to space station

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

USA

- US – Sale of Harpoon Joint Common Test Sets to India worth \$82 million.

Germany

- Germany – 5th country to sign International Solar Alliance Framework Agreement.

Bangladesh

- India + Bangladesh – Cooperation in the field of Disaster Management, Resilience and Mitigation.

Australia

- Navies of India + Australia – Document for boosting cooperation in Indo-Pacific.

Russia

- Russia – Indian Army contingent to participate in International Army Games – 2021.
- Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) + Institute of Professional Accountants of Russia (IPAR) – Strengthen cooperation in matters of accountancy profession.
- India + Russia – Form permanent channel for consultations on Afghan crisis.

Saudi Arabia

- 'Al-Mohed Al – Hindi' – 3-day long maiden bilateral exercise between Indian Navy, Royal Saudi Naval Force commenced off the coast of Al Jubail.

Canada

- Canada - the Coalition on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI), an initiative that was launched by India in 2019

UAE

- Dubai – World's largest and tallest observation wheel.



Pakistan

- Pakistan – Test launches indigenously developed rocket system.

Zimbabwe

- India – USD 1Million to Zimbabwe to help tackle climate shocks.

Maldives

- Afcons – \$530-million infra project in Maldives.

Exercise

- Indian Navy - Bilateral Maritime Exercise With Vietnam People's Navy in The South China Sea
- Indian Navy – Bilateral exercise 'Zayed Talwar 2021' with UAE Navy.
- INS Talwar – Participate in post conclusion of Exercise Cutlass Express 2021 in Mombasa.
- INS Kochi – Participate in 4-day Maritime Partnership Exercise in Bahrain.
- Indian frigate INS Tabar – Take part in exercises with Royal Navy.
- Australia + India + Japan + USA – Indian Navy ships Shivalik, Kadmatt arrive at Guam for MALABAR-21.
- The navies of India + Philippines – Maritime Partnership Exercise in the West Philippine Sea.
- Aisha Bibi, Kazakhstan – Indo- Kazakhstan Joint Training Exercise KAZIND-21 to be conducted.
- INS Trikand – Maritime partnership exercise with German Navy ship.
- Indian + Algerian navies – Carry out maiden exercise

Summit

- Joe Biden – Host democracy summit virtually in December
- India – IBSA (India, Brazil and South Africa) Tourism Ministers' virtual meet.
- India – BRICS working group on agriculture
- India + Sri Lanka + Maldives – Hold first deputy NSA level meet.

Others

- India – 'e-Emergency X-Misc Visa' in view of current situation in Afghanistan.
- India + UN – Sign MoU for technology partnership in peacekeeping mission
- Saptavarṇā – A monthly Sanskrit magazine for kids, launches in India.
- India – Chair key Counter-Terrorism Committee of Security Council 2022

- India + BRICS – Implementing SARS-CoV-2 NGS-BRICS consortium.
- “Operation Devi Shakti” – India’s evacuation mission from Afghanistan.
- Karanvir Singh – Represent India at Eastern Economic Forum in Russia

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

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

- Narendra Modi – e-RUPI, a cashless and contactless instrument for digital payment through video conferencing.
- Narendra Modi – Transferred about Rs 19,500 crore to over 9.75 crore beneficiaries farmers under the government’s PM-KISAN scheme.
- Narendra Modi - a ₹11,000 crore National Edible Oil Mission-Oil Palm (NMEO-OP) to make India self-reliant in edible oils
- Narendra Modi – Ujjwala 2.0 by handing over LPG connections at Mahoba
- Narendra Modi - the Khel Ratna award will be called the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award.
- Narendra Modi – ‘Atmanirbhar Narishakti se Samvad’ and interacted with women SHG members/community resource persons promoted under DAY-NRLM via video conferencing.
- Narendra Modi – Vehicle scrappage policy
- Narendra Modi – Rs 100 lakh crore infra development programme ‘Gatishakti’.
- Hydrogen Mission, self-reliance in energy by 2047
- establishment of e-commerce platforms for products made by self help groups
- 75 Vande Bharat trains to connect different part of India
- Prime Minister – Renovated complex of Jallianwala Bagh memorial
- PM Modi – High-level group to monitor evolving situation in Afghanistan

Home Affairs and Cooperation -Amit Shah

- Amit Shah – Web portal for registrations of units for industrial development in J-K.
- Amit Shah - nutritious ‘Laddu Distribution Scheme’ for pregnant women

Defence – Raj Nath Singh

- Defence Minister – Hand over first batch of new indigenous hand grenades.

Road Transport and Highways - Nitin Jairam Gadkari

- Mah CM Thackeray + Nitin Gadkari – Metro's Zero Mile Freedom Park Station.

Finance & Corporate Affairs - Nirmala Sitharaman

- Ministry of Finance – Post Devolution Revenue Deficit Grant instalment of Rs. 9,871Cr released to States
- The Finance Ministry – Rs 686 crore to four states to provide grants to urban local bodies (ULBs).
- Nirmala Sitharaman – New fund for MSMEs
- Nirmala Sitharaman – Rs 6-lakh-crore National Monetisation pipeline.
- Finance Minister – 4th edition of Public Sector Bank Reforms Agenda – EASE 4.0 in Mumbai.
- Deadline for making payments under Vivad se Vishwas scheme till Sept 30.
- Nirmala Sitharaman – 132/33/11 kV Mohanpur Sub-station in Tripura.

Women and Child Development - Smriti Zubin Irani

- Smt. Smriti Irani – 2nd Phase of SAMVAD To Ensure Holistic Psychosocial Well-Being of Children & Adolescents

Commerce and Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution and Textiles - Piyush Goyal

- Piyush Goyal – Design resource centre at Kancheepuram, weavers service centre at Raigarh.

Education and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship - Dharmendra Pradhan

- A National Webinar on 'Indian Knowledge System, Languages, Art & Culture.
- Dharmendra Pradhan – Centre for Research & Innovation in Artificial Intelligence set up at IIT-Hyderabad.

Social Justice and Empowerment - Dr. Virendra Kumar

- PM-DAKSH' Portal and 'PM-DAKSH' Mobile App, developed by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, in collaboration with NeGD
- Dr. Virendra Kumar – An online portal TAPAS (Training for Augmenting Productivity and Services).
- Dr. Virendra Kumar – 'Operation Blue Freedom' to create a World Record at Siachen Glacier.

Civil Aviation - Jyotiraditya M. Scindia

- Aviation Ministry – Permission to use drones to 10 organisations
- Aviation ministry + Adani group – Providing services at three airports.

Railways, Communications and Electronics and Information Technology - Ashwini Vaishnav

- IT Minister – 'Amrit Mahotsav Shri Shakti Challenge 2021'.
- an integrated one-stop solution – Rail Madad' – in which the national transporter has merged a number of existing helplines that were used for various purposes into one

Jal Shakti - Gajendra Singh Shekhawat

- Jal Shakti Ministry – SUJALAM, a 100 days campaign as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations.

Power and New and Renewable Energy - Raj Kumar Singh

- MNRE + UNIDO + GEF – The loan interest subvention scheme for demonstration of innovative industrial organic waste to energy biomethanation projects and business models.

Petroleum and Natural Gas and Housing and Urban Affairs - Hardeep Singh Puri

- Shri Hardeep Singh Puri – Western Extension of Bengaluru Metro Project Phase-2.

Health and Family Welfare & Chemicals and Fertilizers - Mansukh Mandaviya

- Mansukh Mandaviya – Arogya Dhara 2.0 to increase reach of Ayushman Bharat.

Environment, Forest and Climate Change and Labour and Employment - Bhupender Yadav

- Bhupendra Yadav – e-Shram portal for unorganised sector workers.

Culture, Tourism and Development of North Eastern Region - G. Kishan Reddy

- Unique programme to celebrate Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav on Independence Day 2021
- Tourism Ministry + MakeMyTrip + Ibibo Group – Ongoing efforts to strengthen the Hospitality & Tourism Industry.



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

- Anurag Thakur – Theme song for Tokyo Paralympics.
- Anurag Thakur - the nationwide program of "Fit India Freedom Run 2.0" to celebrate 75 years of India's Independence
- Anurag Thakur + Gajendra Singh Sekhawat + Prahlad Singh Patel – Season-2 of 'Rag Rag Mein Ganga.
- Sports Minister – Fit India Mobile App on National Sports Day.
- Ayush Ministry – 5-minute yoga protocol for professionals, develops 'Y-Break' app.

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

- Dr Jitendra Singh – Deep Ocean Mission to be implemented at total budget of Rs. 4077 Cr for 5 years.
- Jitendra Singh – Release 'IndiGau' SNP based chip for conservation of cattle breeds.

STATES

Arunachal Pradesh

- ArSWAN will provide secure digital connectivity to all district headquarters and local administrative centres across the state
- Arunachal Pradesh + NEEPCO – Development of two hydropower projects.
- credit-linked schemes to boost agriculture, horticulture
- Arunachal Pradesh – Month-long campaign under 'Jal Jeevan Mission'.

Assam

- Assam + NABARD + Assam Infrastructure Financing Authority (AIFA) – Boost the execution of development projects in the state.
- TRIFED + State of Assam – Establish a comprehensive network of Van Dhan Kendra clusters and 5 TRIFOOD Tribal Food Parks in the State.
- Assam govt + microfinance firms – Waive loans of women borrowers.



Bihar

- Bihar – Sixth state in country to introduce ration card facility in 'Digilocker' app.

Chhattisgarh

- Bhupesh Baghel – First tribal atlas of Chhattisgarh.
- Chhattisgarh – 4 new districts, 18 tehsils on Independence Day Celebrations
- Chhattisgarh – Scheme to provide Rs 6,000 annually to 12 lakh landless labourers.

Goa

- "Know Your Scheme" services under online with the aim of less government and more governance in assisting the public in providing government benefits at their door steps
- Pramod Sawant – Start-up conclave 'Antha Prerna' in Panaji.

Gujarat

- Gujarat – eNagar mobile application and portal.
- Tata Motors + Gujarat govt – Set up vehicle scrapping centre.

Haryana

- 'Har Hith' store scheme to promote sale of quality products of daily needs
- the app and web portal of Mukhyamantri Antyodaya Parivar Utthan Yojana (MMAPUY)
- Haryana + Walmart Vridhhi - Haqdarshak - creating a pathway for the MSMEs products to the move towards International market
- Manohar Lal Khattar – Haryana's first waste to energy project in Murthal.
- bans use of term 'Gorakh Dhanda' after community takes offence in it

Karnataka

- First state to issue order to implement New Education Policy 2020 from current academic session.
- Karnataka – 1st state in country to officially implement National Education Policy 2020.
- Karnataka – Amrith Health Infrastructure Upgradation Programme at the Survarna Vidhana Soudha.

Kerala

- Educational Empowerment Fund to bridge digital divide among students.
- Kerala Financial Corporation – Scheme for start-ups.
- an efficient and meticulous Bio-bubble system to insulate tourists from the viral infection to the maximum
- new online system for Covid-19 death info to ensure transparency
- Kerala – Doorstep assistance scheme for aged, disabled and destitute persons.
- Kerala Police - country's first Drone Forensic Lab & Research Centre
- a 'drive-in' vaccination campaign in which a vehicle equipped with manpower and other resources pulls in at a specific location to administer the Covid-19 vaccine

Madhya Pradesh

- Madhya Pradesh Govt – Comprehensive Talent Search Campaign in field of sports
- Madhya Pradesh – Implement National Education Policy-2020.

Maharashtra

- Maharashtra – 1% quota for Covid orphans in education, govt jobs.
- Maharashtra – e-crop survey initiative; to be effective from Aug 15.
- reasonable housing scheme to honour Covid-19 warriors of the state for their commendable duty during the pandemic
- Maharashtra – 'Nandurbar pattern', a campaign to identify malnourished children and treat them, across the state.
- Maharashtra – Mission Vatsalya for women who lost their husbands to COVID-19.

Manipur

- Prahlad Singh Patel – 7 indigenous Manipuri food items as part of Make in India.
- Covid-19 Affected Livelihood Support Scheme to provide assistance to those who had been severely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic in the State

Meghalaya

- The Mendipathar Facilitation Centre at Mendipathar Railway Station in North Garo Hills district



Nagaland

- Reckitt + Govt. of Nagaland – Launch 'The Birds and the Bees' programme for adolescents.

Odisha

- Bhubaneswar – First city in country to achieve 100% vaccination against covid-19.
- Odisha – Smart Health Cards to 3.5 crore people.
- Odisha – IRAD mobile, Web application project
- distribution of Smart Health Cards under Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana
- Odisha + Pvt entity – Enhance capacity of SHGs for waste management

Punjab

- 'Rangla Punjab' web channel to promote hidden talent
- Punjab – Jallianwala Bagh memorial park in Amritsar.
- Rs 520 cr debt relief scheme for farm labourers, landless farmers
- "Unified State Helpline Number 1100" to provide citizen-centric services and redressing grievances
- Punjab – Launch 'Mera Kaam Mera Maan' scheme to help unemployed youth enhance skills & employability
- Punjab – 'Care Companion' programme: Kin of patients to get training in basic medical skills.

Rajasthan

- a scheme to provide interest-free loan up to ₹50,000 to street vendors
- Rajasthan – Draft of scheme to provide financial support to youngsters in urban areas.

Tamil Nadu

- Tamil Nadu – In India's first, new scheme to deliver medical services at people's doorstep.
- Tamil Nadu – Tamil Archanai scheme at Kapaleeswarar Temple.
- MK Stalin - memorial for late Tamil Nadu Chief Minister and DMK leader M Karunanidhi will be built near Anna Memorial on the Marina Beach at a cost of ₹39 crore
- Anamalai Tiger Reserve + Mudumalai Tiger Reserve – Earned a global elite tag in tiger conservation.



Telangana

- New scheme – Dalit Bandhu – in Vasalamarri village in Nalgonda district
- Telangana Governor – 35th Hyderabad Sailing Week in Hyderabad.
- Telangana + Marut drones – Launch drone-based afforestation under 'Hara Bahara' campaign.

Uttar Pradesh

- Uttar Pradesh – 3rd phase of "Mission Shakti".

Uttarakhand

- Uttarakhand - India's first earthquake early warning mobile app developed by IIT-Roorkee
- Uttarakhand – Country's highest herbal park inaugurated near Indo-China border.

West Bengal

- West Bengal – Online facility to provide necessary clearances for three services required to start a venture.

UT

Chandigarh

- Chandigarh – Public bike-sharing project for its residents.

Delhi

- Delhi – Initiative to make Delhi global city by 2047.
- the Medical Oxygen Production Promotion Policy 2021 along with the provision for incentives for medical oxygen production and storage
- North Delhi Municipal Corporation - 'Cleancity' app to improve sanitation
- Delhi – 'Deshbhakti Curriculum' in Delhi govt schools from Sept 27.
- Delhi – 33 faceless services of transport department.
- Arvind Kejriwal – India's first smog tower in Delhi.

Lakshadweep

- Lakshadweep – In a first, water villas at cost of Rs 800 cr to be set up.
- BSNL – Satellite-based connectivity in Lakshadweep for better telecom services.

Jammu and Kashmir

- LG Manoj Sinha – Sports week to celebrate 75 years of Independence in Srinagar.
- a run for 'polythene-free Srinagar' from the city's historic Lal Chowk
- Manoj Sinha – 'PROOF' app to monitor timely completion of projects
- J&K – 'Karkhandar' scheme to revive traditional crafts.

Ladakh

- The Union Territory of Ladakh – A month-long campaign- 'Pani Maah' (Water Month) to increase the pace of implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission in the UT.
- KVIC – First-ever initiative to develop green cover over barren lands in the Himalayan terrains of Leh-Ladakh.
- Centre + Union Territory Ladakh – Organizing a mega-tourism event "Ladakh: New Start, New Goals".

DRDO

- DRDO – State-of-art platforms and weapon systems and sensors to improve combat capabilities and technological edge to armed forces.
- India – Successfully tests DRDO-developed Indigenous Technology Cruise Missile.

Niti Aayog

- NITI Aayog + RMI + RMI India – The report, titled Turning Around the Power Distribution Sector.
- NITI Aayog – Handbook for EV Charging Infrastructure Implementation.
- AIM + La Fondation Dassault Systemes – Student Entrepreneurship Program 3.0.
- NITI Aayog + World Resources Institute India – Launch 'Forum for Decarbonizing Transport' in India.
- Niti Aayog + Cisco – Next Phase Of Women Entrepreneurship Platform.
- NITI Aayog - North Eastern Region District SDGIndex and Dashboard 2021–22




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- Govt – Target of achieving 175 Giga Watt of Renewable Energy capacity excluding large hydro by December 2022.

Rename

- Maharashtra – Award named after former PM Rajiv Gandhi for firms excelling in IT sector.
- Pune stadium – Named after Gold medalist Neeraj Chopra
- Punjab – 10 govt schools after Olympic medalist hockey team players
- Uttar Pradesh - one road each in six districts, including Lucknow and Ayodhya, will be named after former chief minister Kalyan Singh.
- The Tamil Nadu government - the State Development Policy Council as the State Planning Commission.

Festivals

- Hyderabad – Bonalu traditional festival.
- Tamil Nadu - Aadi Pooram
- Kerala – 'Atham' festival.

Government related news

- Cabinet – Samagra Shiksha Scheme for school education for another 5 yrs.
- The Cabinet - continuation of Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Fast Track Special Courts for further two years till 31st March 2023.
- Centre – Rs 1253 cr to fund UDAN scheme.
- Govt – Set up 'Indian Institute of Heritage' at Noida.
- Govt – Construction of 16,488 more houses in urban areas under PMAY
- Centre – Rs 1,300 crore package for Northeast to tackle COVID-19.
- CCEA – Rs 77.45 cr for revival of north eastern agri-marketing corp.
- Cabinet – National Mission on Edible Oils with outlay of Rs 11,040 cr.
- Govt – Rs. 421 crore scheme for development of Jabalpur airport
- Government – New portal launched to facilitate geospatial planning of MGNREGA assets.
- CCEA - Rs 15,000-cr FDI proposal of Anchorage Infrastructure Investment Holding
- Cabinet - increases sugarcane FRP by Rs 5 to Rs 290/qtl for 2021-22
- Cabinet - FDI proposal of Rs 15K cr in Anchorage Infrastructure
- Govt – SAMRIDH Scheme to help startups in the early stage



- Centre – IBA's proposal to increase family pension to 30% of last salary drawn.
- The central government – Rs 13,385.70 crore as grant-in-aid to rural local bodies (RLBs) in 25 states.

Summits

- PM Modi – Chair UN Security Council open debate on maritime security.
- Ashwini Vaishnaw – G20 Digital Ministers' Meeting hosted by Italy.
- Shri Subhas Sarkar – Address the G20 Research Ministers' Meeting virtually
- Amit Shah – 36th meeting of Parliamentary Committee on Official Language.
- Shri Narendra Modi – Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Annual Meeting 2021 via video conferencing.
- CEC – 11th Annual Meeting of the Forum of the Election Management Bodies of South Asia (FEMBoSA) for 2021.
- Government e-Marketplace (GeM) – 5th edition of National Public Procurement Conclave.
- Piyush Goyal – 5th meeting of BRICS Industry Ministers.
- S Jaishankar - set to chair high-level meetings at the United Nations Security Council (UNSC)
- Anupriya Patel – India-ASEAN Engineering Partnership Summit.
- Ajit Doval – 11th Meeting of BRICS High Representatives Responsible for National Security.
- Nityanand Rai – UNESCAP Regional Conversation Series 2021: Ministerial Panel on Disaster, Climate and Health Resilience.
- PM Modi – 37th PRAGATI meeting.
- Ajit Doval – Inaugural meeting of IBSA National Security Advisers.
- Nirmala Sitharaman – 2nd BRICS Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting.
- Foreign Secretary – Chair UNSC meeting on Middle East.

Others

- Ram Nath Kovind – portrait of former Chief Minister M Karunanidhi in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly chamber.
- Defence Secretary – Website on 75th Independence Day celebrations.
- APEDA + University of Agricultural Science Bangalore – Boost agri-exports
- Kochi – India's first indigenous aircraft carrier begins sea trials.
- INS Khanjar – First Indian Navy ship to call at heritage coastal port of Gopalpur.

- Prof. K. Vijay Raghavan – Decentralized Biomedical Waste Incinerator inaugurated in Buxar, Bihar to Government of India and Buxar District Administration.
- IAC Vikrant – Successfully complete five-day maiden sea voyage.
- KVIC – Two new products – Khadi babywear and handmade paper 'Use and Throw' Slippers.
- Chandigarh University – First University of India to have record number of 309 International Tie-ups with foreign universities.
- MEITY Startup Hub + India Accelerator – Backing deep-tech start-ups.
- Italy – India's lightest and Pune's first metro trainset unveiled
- Shri Venkaiah Naidu – Postage Stamp on Mananiya Chaman Lal.
- Durga Shanker Mishra – 'SonChiraiya' – (A brand and logo)- for marketing of urban Self-Help Group (SHG) products.
- IndianOil – Parivartan initiative; to give sports coaching to prison inmates
- Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)'s aircraft named Hindustan-228 - successfully carried out a Ground Run and Low-Speed Taxi Trials (LSTT) for DGCA 'Type Certification' in Kanpur
- SIDBI – 750 Swavalamban Silai Schools in third phase in 20 districts across ten states.
- Indian Oil + Railway's CRIS – Digital Integration to monitor rake movement.
- BDL + MBDA – Set up facility for Air-to-Air Missile in Telangana
- HAL - Rs 5,375-crore contract with GE Aviation for supply of engines for Tejas
- DST – 3 applications to make purchasing geospatial mapping products easy (Survey of India (SOI) GEO Spatial Data Dissemination Portal, SOI's SARTHI: WEB GIS application, and MANCHITRAN Enterprise Geoportal of National Atlas & Thematic Mapping Organisation (NATMO))
- BRICS – Cooperation in remote sensing satellite data sharing.
- ICAI - an innovative initiative called 'Train, Earn and Learn' (TAIL) to provide employment and experience to students while developing their skills in studying Chartered Accountant
- BPCL - Urja, a virtual assistant with AI/NLP (Artificial Intelligence/Natural Language Processing) capabilities and trained on more than 600 use cases
- NHB – Over Rs 30,000 crore in interest subsidy under PMAY.
- CCI – Impose Rs 200 cr penalty on Maruti Suzuki over dealer discount policy.
- Rajeev Chandrasekhar – Amrit Mahotsav App Innovation Challenge 2021 for Indian entrepreneurs and start-ups.
- 9 cities – Awarded 'Water Plus' certification Tag in the country.
- India University of Technology + The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) – Set up by an Act of Parliament.



- NMCG – Session on 'Developing River Sensitive Cities'.
- DGCA – Ban on Boeing 737 Max aircraft after two-and-half years.
- Education Ministry's innovation cell + AICTE + BPRD – Launch MANTHAN 2021.
- One Nation One Ration Card scheme – Successfully running in 34 States, UTs after becoming operational in Delhi & West Bengal.

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