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The Most Important Current Affairs September 2021

Tokyo Paralympics 2020: India Finishes 24th with Record 19 Medals

India finished their campaign at the Tokyo Paralympics 2020 with an all-time high of 19 medals which includes five gold, eight silver, and six bronze. This is the best medal tally for India a single edition of the Paralympic Games. India is placed at 24th position in the overall medal tally out of a total of 162 nations.

Indian Flag Bearers:

- Javelin thrower **Tek Chand** was the flag bearer at the opening ceremony of the Tokyo Paralympics.
- Shooter **Avani Lekhara** was India's flag-bearer at the closing ceremony.

India at Paralympics 2020:

- India sent its biggest ever contingent of 54 para-athletes at Tokyo Paralympics to compete across as many as 9 sporting disciplines at the Games.
- Prior to this, India had won a total of 12 Paralympics medals, since making its first appearance at the Paralympics in 1968, till the 2016 Rio.
- The Indian theme song of Paralympics 2020 "Kar de kamaal tu". The composer and singer of the song is **Sanjeev Singh**, a Divyang cricket player from Lucknow.

List of Indian medallists winners of Tokyo Paralympics 2020:

Gold

- Athletics: **Sumit Antil** (Men's Javelin Throw)
- Badminton: **Pramod Bhagat** (Men's Singles)
- Badminton: **Krishna Nagar** (Men's Singles)
- Shooting: **Manish Narwal** (Mixed 50m Pistol)
- Shooting: **Avani Lekhara** (Women's 10m Air Rifle Standing)

Silver

- Athletics: **Yogesh Kathuniya** (Men's Discus Throw)
- Athletics: **Nishad Kumar** (Men's High Jump)
- Athletics: **Mariyappan Thangavelu** (Men's High Jump)
- Athletics: **Praveen Kumar** (Men's High Jump)
- Athletics: **Devendra Jhajharia** (Men's Javelin Throw)

- Badminton: **Suhas Yathiraj** (Men's Singles)
- Shooting: **Singhraj Adhana** (Mixed 50m Pistol)
- Table Tennis: **Bhavina Patel** (Women's Singles)

Bronze

- Archery: **Harvinder Singh** (Men's Individual Recurve)
- Athletics: **Sharad Kumar** (Men's High Jump)
- Athletics: **Sundar Singh Gurjar** (Men's Javelin Throw)
- Badminton: **Manoj Sarkar** (Men's Singles)
- Shooting: **Singhraj Adhana** (Men's 10m Air Pistol)
- Shooting: **Avani Lekhara** (Women's 50m Rifle 3 Positions)

Important takeaways from Tokyo Paralympics:

- Tokyo Paralympics was the 16th Summer Paralympic Games, held in Tokyo, Japan from August 24, to September 05, 2021.
- **Badminton and Taekwondo** were inducted for the first time in Tokyo Paralympics.
- Team **China** topped the final medal tally at Tokyo Paralympic Games. The country won a total of 207 medals (96 golds, 60 silvers and 51 bronzes). **United Kingdom (124)** gets the second position followed by the **USA(104)**.
- This is the fifth consecutive time **China** dominated Paralympic Games in both gold medal tally and overall medal tally.
- The closing ceremony was entitled 'Harmonious Cacophony' and involved both able-bodied actors and others with disabilities. The theme was described by organizers as a 'world inspired by the Paralympics, one where differences shine'.



2021 Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar winners announced

Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize for science and technology 2021, were announced during the **80th** foundation day of the **Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)**. Every year, CSIR presents this award to scientists below 45 years of age for their contributions in biology, chemistry, mathematics, physics, medicine, engineering and earth, atmosphere, ocean and planetary sciences. The award comprises a cash prize of **Rs 5 lakh**. During the ceremony, vice president **M Venkaiah Naidu** advised CSIR to reinvent itself and turn futuristic while pursuing the science of the highest order.

Here is the list of 11 scientists awardees:

Biological Sciences category:

- **Dr Amit Singh**, department of microbiology and cell biology, Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru.
- **Dr Arun Kumar Shukla**, department of biological sciences and bioengineering, Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur.

Chemical sciences category:

- Two researchers from the Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research, Bengaluru, **Dr Kanishka Biswas** from the International Centre of Materials Science and **Dr T Govindaraju**, from the Bio-organic Chemistry Laboratory, announced as recipients.

Earth, Atmosphere, Ocean and Planetary Sciences category:

- **Dr Binoy Kumar Saikia** from Coal and Energy Research Group, CSIR North East Institute of Science and Technology, Jorhat, was named recipient.

Engineering sciences category:

- **Dr Debdeep Mukhopadhyay**, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur, received the award under the engineering sciences category.

Mathematical sciences category:

- **Dr Anish Ghosh**, school of mathematics, Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Mumbai.
- **Dr Saket Saurabh**, The Institute of Mathematical Sciences, Chennai, were announced winners.

Medical sciences:

- **Dr Jeemon Panniyammakal**, Achutha Menon Centre for Health Science Studies, Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology, Thiruvananthapuram.
- **Dr Rohit Srivastava**, department of biosciences and bioengineering, Indian Institute of Technology Bombay.

Physical sciences:

- **Dr Kanak Saha**, from Pune's Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics, received the award for physical sciences.

About the Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize:

The Prize is bestowed on a person who, in the opinion of CSIR, has made conspicuously important and outstanding contributions to human knowledge and progress fundamental and applied, in the particular field of endeavour, which is his/her specialization.

9 new Supreme Court judges, including 3 women, takes oath

Nine new judges, including three women, have been administered the oath of office as **judges** of the Supreme Court by Chief Justice of India (CJI) **NV Ramana**. The strength of the Supreme Court would go up to **33**, including the CJI, out of the sanctioned strength of **34**, after the swearing-in of the nine new judges. Three out of these nine new judges – **Justice Vikram Nath and Justice BV Nagarathna and Justice PS Narasimha** – are in line to become the chief justice of India.

This is the first time that nine judges were sworn in together in the history of the top court. Traditionally, new judges take the oath of office in the CJI's courtroom, but due to that Covid pandemic, the swearing-in ceremony would be held in the auditorium of the Supreme Court's additional building complex.

Here are the names of nine new judges of the Supreme Court:

1. **Justice Vikram Nath:** Justice Nath, who was the chief justice of the Gujarat High Court, is in line to become the CJI upon the retirement of sitting top court judge Justice Surya Kant in February 2027.
2. **Justice BV Nagarathna:** Justice Nagarathna was a judge of the Karnataka High Court. Justice Nagarathna is in line to become the first woman CJI in September 2027.

3. **Justice PS Narasimha:** Justice Narasimha was a senior advocate and former additional solicitor general. Justice Narasimha would succeed Justice Nagarathna as the CJI and would have a tenure of over six months.
4. **Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka:** Justice Oka was the chief justice of the Karnataka High Court).
5. **Justice Jitendra Kumar Maheshwari:** Justice Maheshwari was the chief justice of the Sikkim High Court.
6. **Justice Hima Kohli:** Justice Kohli was the chief justice of the Telangana High Court
7. **Justice CT Ravikumar:** Justice Ravikumar was a judge of the Kerala High Court
8. **Justice MM Sundresh:** Justice Sundresh was a judge of the Madras High Court
9. **Justice Bela M Trivedi:** Justice Trivedi was a judge of the Gujarat High Court

Ramon Magsaysay Award 2021 names announced

Ramon Magsaysay Award 2021 awardees have been announced, the winners will be formally awarded the Magsaysay Award during the November 28 event at the **Ramon Magsaysay Centre in Manila**. Among the awardees is **Dr Firdousi Qadri** of Bangladesh and **Muhammad Amjad Saqib** of Pakistan, as well as Philippine fisheries and community environmentalist **Roberto Ballon**, American citizen **Steven Mungsi**, who works for humanitarian work and help refugees, and Indonesian **WatchDoc** for investigative journalism.

List of awardees of Ramon Magsaysay Awards 2021:

- **Muhammad Amjad Saqib:** A visionary who founded one of the largest microfinance institutions in Pakistan, servicing millions of families.
- **Firdausi Qadri:** A Bangladeshi scientist who has been instrumental in discovering vaccines that have saved millions of lives.
- **Steven Muncy:** A humanitarian who has been helping the displaced refugees of Southeast Asia rebuild their lives.

- **WatchDoc:** A production house that ingeniously combines documentary filmmaking and alternative platforms to highlight underreported issues in Indonesia.
- **Roberto Ballon:** A fisherman from Southern Philippines who has led a community in restoring their rich aquatic resources and their primary source of livelihood.

About the Ramon Magsaysay Award:

The Ramon Magsaysay Award is Asia's highest honor and is widely regarded as the region's equivalent of the Nobel Prize. It celebrates the memory and leadership example of the third Philippine president after whom the award is named, and is given every year to individuals or organizations in Asia who manifest the same selfless service that ruled the life of the late and beloved Filipino leader.

Govt Introduces "Bharat Series (BH-series)" Registration

Ministry of Road Transport & Highways has introduced a new registration mark for new vehicles i.e. "**Bharat series (BH-series)**". The vehicles bearing the BH-series mark will not have to require the assignment of a new registration mark when the owner of the vehicle shifts from one State to another.

Earlier, under **section 47 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988**, if a person moves from one state to another, a person is allowed to keep the vehicle for not more than 12 months in any state other than the state where the vehicle is registered, but a new registration with the new state- registering authority has to be made within the stipulated time of 12 months.

Who can apply for "BH-Series"?

This facility is available on a voluntary basis to **Defense personnel, employees of Central Government/ State Government/ Central/ State Public Sector Undertakings** and private sector companies/organizations, which have their offices in **four or more States/Union territories**.

Format of Bharat series (BH-series) Registration Mark:

- YY – Year of first registration
- BH- Code for Bharat Series
- ####- 0000 to 9999 (randomized)
- XX- Alphabets (AA to ZZ)

- The motor vehicle tax will be levied for two years or in multiple of two. This scheme will facilitate the free movement of personal vehicles across States/UTs of India upon relocation to a new State/UT. After completion of the fourteenth year, the motor vehicle tax shall be levied annually which shall be half of the amount which was charged earlier for that vehicle.

University of Oxford tops Times World University Rankings 2022

The Times Higher Education (THE) **World University Rankings 2022** has been announced. The **University of Oxford** is at the top of the list, followed by the **California Institute of Technology** and **Harvard University** at the second and third positions, respectively. The Indian Institute of Science (IISc), **Bengaluru**, is placed between the 301-350 position. Incidentally, it is also the only university in the top 350 rankings.

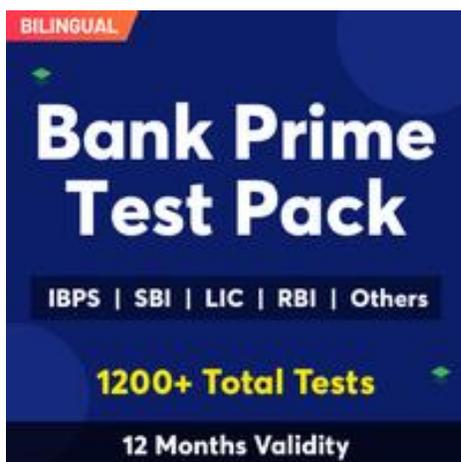
The Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2022 includes record 1,662 universities from 99 countries and territories. The ranking is based on 13 balanced performance indicators.

Three Indian educational institutes have found a place in the top 400 list:

- IISc Bangalore – 301-350 bracket
- Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Ropar – 351-400 bracket.
- IIT Indore – 401-500 bracket.

Top Five Universities in the world:

- University of Oxford, UK
- California Institute of Technology, US
- Harvard University, US
- Stanford University, US
- University of Cambridge, UK



PM Modi, Mamata Banerjee among TIME's 100 Most Influential People list

TIME magazine has unveiled its annual list of '**The 100 Most Influential People of 2021**'. Prime Minister **Narendra Modi**, West Bengal Chief Minister **Mamata Banerjee** and Serum Institute of India CEO **Adar Poonawalla** have been named among the world's 100 most influential people of 2021 by TIME magazine. The list is divided into six categories – **Icons, Pioneers, Titans, Artists, Leaders and Innovators**.

A global list that includes:

- US President Joe Biden,
- US Vice President Kamala Harris,
- Chinese President Xi Jinping,
- Duke and Duchess of Sussex Prince Harry and Meghan,
- Former US President Donald Trump and
- Co-founder of the Taliban Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar.

The list also includes tennis player Naomi Osaka, Russian opposition activist Alexei Navalny, music icon Britney Spears, executive director of the Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council Manjusha P. Kulkarni, Apple CEO Tim Cook, actor Kate Winslet and the first African and first woman to lead the World Trade Organization Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala.

US Open 2021 Concludes: Complete List of Winners

In the men's category, **Daniil Medvedev** has lifted his first Grand Slam trophy after defeating **Novak Djokovic** 6-4, 6-4, 6-4 in the US Open men's singles final at the Arthur Ashe Stadium in New York. In the women's category, Great Britain's tennis player **Emma Raducanu** defeated Canada's **Leylah Annie Fernandez** to win the 2021 US Open women's singles final title.

The total prize money for the 2021 US Open is **USD 57.5 million**, which is slightly more than the USD 57.2 million in 2019. The 2020 edition had total prize money of USD 53.4 million because of revenues lost due to no fans.

Here is the Complete List of Winners in Different Categories:

S. No	Category	Winner	Runner Up
1.	Men's Singles	Daniil Medvedev	Novak Djokovic
2.	Women's Singles	Emma Raducanu	Leylah Annie Fernandez
3.	Men's Doubles	Ram/Salisbury	Jamie Murray/Bruno Soares
4.	Women's Doubles	Stosur/Zhang	Coco Gauff/McNally
5.	Mixed Doubles	Krawczyk/Salisbury	Giuliana Olmos/Marcelo Arevalo

Joe Root, Eimear Richardson named ICC Players of the Month for August

England Test skipper **Joe Root** and Ireland's **Eimear Richardson** have been voted as the winners of the **ICC Players of the Month for August 2021**. Root was voted the ICC Men's Player of the Month for August for his consistent performances in the Test series against India that was part of the next cycle of the ICC World Test Championship (WTC).

In women's cricket, Ireland's **Eimear Richardson** has had a sensational August as well and was adjudged the ICC Women's Player of the Month for August 2021. During the ICC Women's T20 World Cup Europe qualifier, Richardson won the Player of the Tournament award for her superb performance with the bat and the ball, starting off against Germany, she returned figures of 2/6, as the Irish cruised home to a comfortable 164-run victory.

Hindi Diwas celebrated on 14 September

Hindi Diwas or Hindi Day is observed every year on **14 September** to mark the popularity of Hindi as an official language of India. The language was adopted under **Article 343** of the Indian Constitution. The first Hindi day was celebrated on **14th September 1953**.

History of Hindi Diwas:

- Later, **Pt Jawaharlal Nehru** announced this day to be celebrated as Hindi Diwas in the country.
- There are 22 Scheduled languages of India, of which, two are officially used at the Union government of India level: Hindi and English.
- Hindi is the fourth most spoken language in the world.
- Hindi Diwas is celebrated on 14 September because, on this day in **1949**, the Constituent Assembly of India had adopted Hindi written in Devanagari script as the official language of the Republic of India.

IIT Madras Retains Top Spot in Overall Category of NIRF India Ranking 2021

The Union Minister of Education, **Dharmendra Pradhan** released the **NIRF India Rankings 2021**, on September 09, 2021, through video conferencing. The NIRF India Rankings 2021 is the sixth edition of the annual list which ranks higher educational institutions in the country based on objective criteria to promote competitive excellence. In Overall Winner: **The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras** has retained the top spot in the overall category.

List of Winners:

- Overall: Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras)
- University: Indian Institute of Science, (IISc) Bengaluru
- Management: Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Ahmedabad
- College: Miranda House, Delhi
- Pharmacy: Jamia Hamdard, New Delhi
- Medical: All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Delhi
- Engineering: Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras
- Architecture: Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee
- Dental: Manipal College of Dental Sciences, Udupi
- Law: National Law School of India University (NLSUI), Bengaluru
- Research Institutions: Indian Institute of Science, (IISc) Bangalore

Uttarakhand, Punjab, Tamil Nadu get new governors

President **Ram Nath Kovind** has appointed **Lt Gen Gurmit Singh**, who retired as the deputy chief of Army, governor of Uttarakhand, a post which fell vacant after **Baby Rani Maurya** tendered her resignation. According to a Rashtrapati Bhavan communique, President Ram Nath Kovind accepted the resignation of Maurya and appointed Singh as the governor of the state.

Shuffling of governors:

- The President also appointed **Banwarilal Purohit**, currently the Governor of Tamil Nadu, as the Governor of **Punjab**.
- **R.N.Ravi**, presently the Governor of Nagaland, has been made the Governor of **Tamil Nadu**.
- Professor **Jagdish Mukhi**, Governor of Assam is appointed to discharge the functions of the Governor of **Nagaland** in addition to his own duties until regular arrangements are made.
- The President's office, in an official release, mentioned that the new appointments will take effect from the dates they assume charge of their respective offices.

73rd Emmy award 2021 announced

The **73rd Primetime Emmy Awards** ceremony was held on September 19, 2021, in **Los Angeles, California**. The award honoured the best in U.S. prime time television programming from June 1, 2020, until May 31, 2021, as chosen by the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences. The 73rd edition of the Television Academy's top honours is being hosted by **Cedric the Entertainer** on CBS.

Here are the winners for the 2021 Emmy Awards:

- **Outstanding Drama Series:** The Crown
- **Outstanding Comedy Series:** Ted Lasso
- **Outstanding Variety Talk Show:** Last Week Tonight with John Oliver
- **Outstanding Limited Series:** The Queen's Gambit

- **Outstanding Actor-Comedy:** Jason Sudeikis (Ted Lasso)
- **Outstanding Actor-Drama:** Josh O'Connor
- **Outstanding Actor-Limited Series or Movie:** Ewan McGregor (Halston)
- **Outstanding Actress-Comedy:** Jean Smart (Hacks)
- **Outstanding Actress-Drama:** Olivia Colman (The Crown)
- **Outstanding Actress-Limited Series or Movie:** Kate Winslet (Mare of Easttown)
- **Outstanding Supporting Actor-Comedy:** Brett Goldstein (Ted Lasso)
- **Outstanding Supporting Actor-Drama:** Tobias Menzies (The Crown)
- **Outstanding Supporting Actor-Limited Series or Movie:** Evan Peters (Mare of Easttown)
- **Outstanding Supporting Actress-Comedy:** Hannah Waddingham (Ted Lasso)
- **Outstanding Supporting Actress-Drama:** Gillian Anderson (The Crown)
- **Outstanding Supporting Actress-Limited Series or Movie:** Julianne Nicholson (Mare of Easttown)
- **Outstanding Director-Comedy:** Lucia Aniello (Hacks)
- **Outstanding Director-Drama:** Jessica Hobbs (The Crown)
- **Outstanding Director-Limited Series, Movie or Dramatic Special:** Scott Frank (The Queen's Gambit)
- **Outstanding Writing-Comedy:** Lucia Aniello, Paul W Downs and Jen Statsky (Hacks)
- **Outstanding Writing-Drama:** Peter Morgan (The Crown)
- **Outstanding Writing-Limited Series, Movie Or Dramatic Special:** Michaela Coel (I May Destroy You)

About Emmy Award:

An Emmy Award, or simply Emmy, is an American award that recognizes excellence in the television industry. It is presented at numerous annual events held throughout the calendar year, each honouring one of the various sectors of the television industry.

Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka bags Global Goalkeeper Award 2021

The **Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation** announced its annual Goalkeepers ‘**Global Goals Awards**’ 2021, as part of its annual Goalkeepers campaign. Goalkeepers is the foundation’s campaign to accelerate progress towards the **Sustainable Development Goals (Global Goals)**. By sharing stories and data behind the Global Goals through an annual report, we hope to inspire a new generation of leaders—Goalkeepers who raise awareness of progress, hold their leaders accountable, and drive action to achieve the Global Goals.

The award were given in following categories:

The 2021 Global Goalkeeper Award:

Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, former United Nations under-secretary-general and executive director of UN Women. She has been honoured for fighting for gender equality and her continued advocacy to address the Covid-19 pandemic’s disproportionate impact on women and girls. This award recognises a leader who has driven progress on a global scale toward achieving sustainable development goals (SDGs).

The 2021 Progress Award :

Jenifer Colpas from Colombia, for her work which centres around improving access to clean water and sanitation. Colpas is the co-founder and executive director of Tierra Grata, a social enterprise that develops low-cost, easy-to-install solutions providing access to clean energy, safe water, and sanitation services to rural communities in Colombia. This award celebrates an individual who supports progress using science, technology, or business.

The 2021 Campaign Award :

Satta Sheriff of Liberia, for her work promoting gender equality. Sheriff is the founder and executive director of Action for Justice and Human Rights (AJHR), a youth-led NGO which ensure access to justice and respect for human rights in Liberia, with a focus on women and girls. This award celebrates a campaign that has raised awareness or built a community by inspiring action and creating change.

India ranks 46th in Global Innovation Index 2021

India has been ranked at **46th place** in the **Global Innovation Index 2021** released by **World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)**. India has jumped 2 spots from last year’s ranking. Under the Lower middle-income category group, India has been ranked at the second spot after Vietnam. The Global Innovation Index 2021 captures the innovation ecosystem performance of 132 economies and tracks the most recent global innovation trends.

Top 5 countries in Global Innovation Index 2021 rankings:

Rank	Country	Score
1st	Switzerland	65.5
2nd	Sweden	63.1
3rd	United States of America	61.3
4th	United Kingdom	59.8
5th	Republic of Korea	59.3
46th	India	36.4

About the Global Innovation Index (GII):

The Global Innovation Index (GII) provides detailed metrics about the innovation performance of 132 countries and economies around the world. Its 80 indicators explore a broad vision of innovation, including political environment, education, infrastructure and business sophistication.

FSSAI’s 3rd State Food Safety Index 2021 released

Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, **Mansukh Mandaviya** has released the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)’s **3rd State Food Safety Index (SFSI)** to measure the performance of States across five parameters of food safety. The Minister felicitated nine leading States/UTs based on the ranking for the year 2020-21 for their impressive performance.

Minister also flagged off **19 Mobile Food Testing Vans** (Food Safety on Wheels) to supplement the food safety ecosystem across the country taking the total number of such mobile testing vans to 109.

Here is the list of nine leading States/UTs in the Index:

Larger States:

- Gujarat
- Kerala
- Tamil Nadu

Smaller States:

- Goa
- Meghalaya
- Manipur

Among UTs:

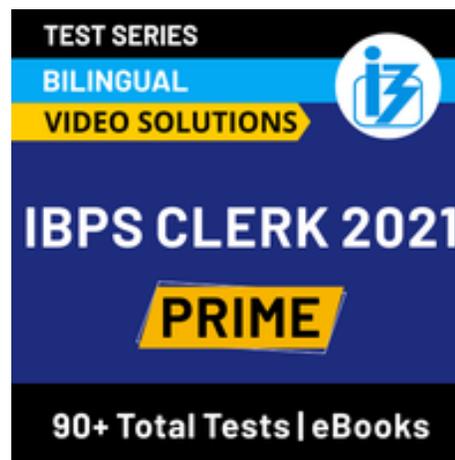
- Jammu and Kashmir
- Andaman and Nicobar Islands
- New Delhi

Banking and Financial Current Affairs

- The **Reserve Bank of India** has increased the limit of fund transfer under the **Indo-Nepal Remittance Facility Scheme** from **Rs 50,000** per transaction to **Rs 2 lakh** per transaction. Earlier there was a ceiling limit of 12 transactions in a year. Now, this limit has also been removed. However, for cash-based transfers under the Indo-Nepal Remittance Facility, the per transaction limit of Rs 50,000 will still be present with a maximum number of transfers in a year allowed at 12.
- **State Bank of India** has opened a **floating ATM** on a **Houseboat at Dal Lake in Jammu and Kashmir's Srinagar** for the convenience of locals and tourists. The floating ATM was inaugurated by SBI Chairman **Dinesh Khare**. This is not the first time that SBI has launched a floating ATM as back in **2004**, the bank took this initiative in **Kerala**.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has imposed a monetary penalty of **Rs 25 lakh** on **Axis Bank** for violating certain provisions of know your customer (KYC) norms, on September 01, 2021. RBI had carried out scrutiny during February 2020 and March 2020 in a customer account maintained with the bank, where it was observed that the bank failed to comply with the KYC norms.
- **HDFC Life** has announced to acquire a **100 per cent** stake in Exide Life Insurance Company in a stock and cash deal, for **Rs 6,887 crore**. Subsequently,

Exide Life will be merged with HDFC Life, subject to regulatory approvals. Exide Life is a wholly-owned subsidiary of battery maker Exide Industries. This acquisition will mark one of the first and the largest acquisitions in the life insurance space.

- **DBS Bank** has launched real-time online tracking for cross-border payments for its corporate clients, in partnership with **SWIFT Global Payments Innovation (GPI)**. The service can be availed using the bank's corporate online banking platform '**DBS IDEAL**'. DBS is the first bank in India and Asia-Pacific to offer this service to corporate clients, at no additional cost.
- **Paytm Payments Bank Ltd (PPBL)** has launched India's first FASTag-based metro parking facility, at the **Kashmere Gate metro station** in partnership with **Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC)**. Paytm Payments Bank will be the acquiring bank to facilitate the processing of all FASTag-based transactions for cars having a valid FASTag sticker, thus eliminating the hassle of stopping and paying cash at the counter.
- The **Reserve Bank of India** has announced the theme for the **Third Cohort under the Regulatory Sandbox (RS)** as '**MSME Lending**'. The application for the Third Cohort will be kept open from **October 01, 2021 to November 14, 2021**. Regulatory Sandbox (RS) refers to live testing of new products or services in a controlled/test regulatory environment for which regulators may (or may not) permit certain regulatory relaxations for the limited purpose of the testing.



- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** imposed a monetary penalty of **Rs 1 lakh** on **Jila Sahakari Kendriya Bank Maryadit** of Madhya Pradesh for violation of directions issued by the central bank on Know Your Customer (KYC). This action is based on deficiencies in regulatory compliance and is not intended to pronounce upon the validity of any transaction of the bank.
- The **Reserve Bank** has imposed a penalty of **Rs. 2.44 lakh** on Spice Money Limited for contravention of certain norms. Spice Money is one of the largest Rural Fintech Companies in India. The RBI also imposed a fine of **Rs 5 lakh** on **The Kuppam Co-operative Town Bank, Kuppam, Chittoor district (Andhra Pradesh)** for deficiencies in regulatory compliance.
- The **Karnataka Bank** has launched an all-in-one Point-of-Sales (POS) swiping machine dubbed as **'WisePOSGo'**, for its merchant customers to process business payments. The private sector lender has rolled out this POS device in collaboration with **Mswipe Technologies Pvt Ltd**. The introduction of **'WisePOSGo'** is yet another step in the direction of expanding the digital payment infrastructure in the country and promote a cashless economy.
- **Reserve Bank of India** has taken public sector lender **UCO Bank** out of the **Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) framework** on improvement in financial and credit profile. This decision gives the bank more freedom for lending, especially to corporations and grow the network, subject to prescribed norms. The Kolkata-based lender was placed under PCA in May 2017 on account of high **Net Net-Performing Assets (NPAs)** and negative **Return on Assets (RoAs)**.
- **Bank of Baroda** has announced the launch of its digital banking platform named **'bob World'**. The aim of the platform is to provide all banking services under one roof. The pilot test of the platform began on August 23, 2021. Over 220 services will be converged into one single app, covering nearly 95 per cent of all retail banking services, which can be accessed by customers domestically and globally.
- **Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)** has bought **3.9 per cent (15,90,07,791 shares)** of the **Bank of India** through open market acquisition. Before this acquisition, LIC held about **3.17 per cent** stake in the Bank of India. After this acquisition, LIC now has **7.05 per cent**, equivalent to **28,92,87,324 shares of Bank of India**.
- **PhonePe** has launched a platform named **PhonePe Pulse**. Pulse is India's first interactive platform with data insights and trends on digital payments. The platform shows more than **2000 crore digital transactions** by customers on an interactive map of India.
- **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** and the **Government of India** have signed a **USD 112 million loan** to develop water supply infrastructure and strengthen capacities of **urban local bodies (ULBs)** for improved service delivery in four towns in the state of **Jharkhand**. This is the first project of ADB in the state of **Jharkhand**.
- The **government of India** and the **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** have signed a **USD 300 million loan** as additional financing to scale up the improvement of rural connectivity to help boost the rural economy in the state of **Maharashtra**. This is in addition to USD 200 million financings, approved by **ADB in August 2019**.
- **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)** in partnership with **Fiserv Inc.** to launch the plug-and-play RuPay credit card stack, **'nFiNi'**. nFiNi is a ready stack of services required for fintechs and banks to issue RuPay credit cards and will enable fintech to co-create bank-sponsored credit cards. It is a **BaaS (banking-as-a-service) programme**.
- The **Reserve Bank of India** has allowed **lenders/banks to transfer of loans** that have been classified as fraud by these lenders to **Asset Reconstruction Companies (ARCs)**. Stressed loans including fraud loans that are in default for more than **60 days** or classified as NPA are permitted to be transferred to ARCs. This comes in the wake of banks reporting frauds aggregating **Rs 3.95-lakh crore** between FY19 and FY21.

- The **Reserve Bank of India** has issued guidelines regarding the **Securitisation of Standard Assets**. As per the guidelines, the minimum ticket size for the issuance of securitization notes will be **Rs. 1 crore**. Securitisation involves transactions where credit risk in assets are redistributed by repackaging them into tradeable securities with different risk profiles which may give investors of various classes access to exposures which they otherwise might be unable to access directly.
- **Yes Bank** has partnered with Visa to offer credit cards to its customers, following the regulatory ban on Mastercard by RBI. The Visa co-branded cards come with nine credit card variants covering all segments, consumer cards, business cards, and corporate cards across **YES First, YES Premia and YES Prosperity**.
- **Federal Bank** has announced a tie-up with **OneCard** for a mobile-first credit card that targets the country's young, tech-savvy population. The launch comes ahead of the festive season as Federal Bank aims to cash in on consumer credit demand, which is expected to peak around the festive season on the back of economic revival.
- The government has set up an asset management company (AMC) named **India Debt Resolution Company Ltd (IDRCL)** with a paid-up capital of **Rs. 80.5 lakh** on an authorized capital of **Rs 50 crore**. IDRCL will work in tandem with the **National Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd (NARCL)** to clean up bad loans.
- **Reserve Bank of India** will conduct open market purchase of Government Securities under the **G-Sec Acquisition Programme (G-SAP 2.0)** for **Rs 15000 crore**. RBI will also sale Government Securities under **Open Market Operations (OMO)** for Rs 15000 crore. RBI has asked eligible participants to submit their bids/offers in electronic format on E-Kuber system.
- The **Reserve bank of India** has set the limit for **Ways and Means Advances (WMA)** for the second half of the financial year 2021-22 i.e **October 2021 to March 2022** at **Rs. 50,000 crore**. The Reserve Bank may trigger fresh floatation of market loans when the Government of India utilises **75 per cent** of the WMA limit.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has imposed a penalty of **Rs 2 crore** on **RBL Bank** for non-compliance with provisions of the **Banking Regulation Act, 1949**. RBI said the penalty has been imposed in exercise of powers vested in it under the provisions of **section 47 A (1) (c) read with section 46 (4) (i) of the Act**.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has fined the **Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) State Co-operative Bank, Srinagar** with an **Rs 11 lakh penalty** for inadequacy in regulatory adherence. According to the report, contravention of section 23 read with section 56 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 as the J&K State Co-operative Bank had opened branches without getting a prior nod from RBI.
- **Reserve Bank of India** has announced the removal of **Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) restrictions** on **Indian Overseas Bank (IOB)**. This decision gives the bank more freedom for lending, especially to corporations and grow the network, subject to prescribed norms. IOB was placed under PCA in 2015.

Economy Current Affairs

- The **Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)** has increased the entry age for the **National Pension System (NPS)** from **65 years to 70 years**. Earlier the eligible age to invest in NPS was 18-65 years which has now been revised to **18-70 years**.
- **Moody's** Investors Service has retained India's growth forecast for the calendar year (CY) 2021 at **9.6 per cent**, in its August update to '**Global Macro Outlook 2021-22**' report. The GDP growth forecast for calendar year **2022** is retained at **7 percent**. In India, economic activity is picking up alongside a gradual easing of restrictions that were implemented in response to the second wave. And there is further upside to growth as economies around the world progressively reopen.
- America based Investment Bank, **Morgan Stanley** has maintained the GDP growth forecast of India at **10.5 per cent** for the financial year **2021-22 (FY2022)**. GDP growth is expected to move into positive territory on a two-year CAGR basis from **QE September**.

- **GST revenue** remained above **Rs 1 trillion marks** for the second straight month in **August** at over **Rs 1.12 trillion**, 30 per cent higher than the collection in the year-ago period. The mop-up in August is, however, lower than **Rs 1.16 trillion collected in July 2021**.
- India's economy grew by **20.1%** during the **April-June quarter** of this financial year, as against a **24.4%** contraction seen during the same period last year. The massive growth seen in the first quarter has made India the fastest-growing major economy across the globe. In the previous quarter, India's economy had grown by **1.6%**. For the full financial year 2020-21, India's GDP contracted by **7.3%**.
- Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs Smt. **Nirmala Sitharaman** has chaired the **24th** meeting of the **Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC)**. Finance Minister is the chairperson of FSDC. It must be noted that FSDC Sub-Committee is chaired by the Governor, RBI. Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC) is the apex level forum set up by the Government of India for strengthening and institutionalizing the mechanism for maintaining financial stability, enhancing inter-regulatory coordination and promoting financial sector development.
- **S&P Global Ratings** has revised India's growth forecast and now expects the economy to grow **9.5 per cent** in 2021-22 (FY22) and **7.0 per cent** in 2022-23 (FY23). India's external position is very strong and this is quite supportive of India's sovereign rating despite the fact that we have had this deterioration in fiscal position concurrently.
- **ICRA** has revised up the **gross domestic product (GDP)** growth rate of India for the financial year **2021-22 (FY22)** to **9 per cent**. Earlier this rate was **8.5%**. It can be noted that after the **7.3 per cent** contraction in 2020-21, there were expectations of a higher growth number in 2021-22.
- The **crypto industry in India** has the potential to add **\$184 billion** of economic value, in the form of investments and cost savings, by **2030**, according to a report. The report, entitled "**Crypto Industry in India**," was published by the **National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM)** in conjunction with Binance-owned crypto exchange **WazirX**.
- The **Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)** has marginally lowered India's growth projection for the ongoing fiscal to **9.7%**, a reduction of 20 basis points (bps). For FY23, OECD reduced India's growth projection by 30 basis points to **7.9%**.
- The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** has revised downwards India's economic growth forecast for the current fiscal, 2021-22 (FY22) to **10 per cent**. Earlier this was projected at **11 per cent**. The Manila-based multilateral funding agency ADB has predicted the GDP growth for fiscal 2022-23 (FY23) to **7.5 per cent**.
- **PAN-Aadhaar** linking deadline has yet again been extended by the Central Government. The deadline to link PAN with Aadhaar has been extended by six months to **March 31, 2022** from the current deadline of Sept 30, 2021. There are 2 ways in which you can link your PAN with your Aadhaar card. One way is to do it via SMS & the other is to do it through the Income-Tax dept. portal.
- The **Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA)** has once again extended the tenure of the **Company Law Committee** by one year until **September 16, 2022**. Corporate affairs secretary Rajesh Verma is the present chairperson of the committee. The committee was constituted in 2019 and has a total of 11 members.

Business Current Affairs

- **Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)** has launched a new mobile app '**PRAGATI**' for the exclusive use of its Development Officers. PRAGATI stands for "**Performance Review Application, Growth And Trend Indicator**". LIC has been taking a lot of customer-centric and digital initiatives for ease of operations for its customers and field force.
- The **Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)** has launched the mobile application of its digital paperless solution, "**ANANDA**" for LIC agents. ANANDA stands for **Atma Nirbhar Agents New Business Digital Application**. The ANANDA mobile app was launched by LIC Chairperson MR Kumar, through Video Conferencing. With Mobile App in place, the usage level of ANANDA among the Agents / Intermediaries will go up and help LIC to take the New Business fortunes to bigger heights.

- Flipkart-owned digital payments platform **PhonePe** has received an insurance broking licence from the **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)**. This means that with the new 'direct broking' licence, PhonePe can now distribute insurance products from all insurance companies in India, on its platform.
- **RuPay** has launched a strategic campaign titled – **#FollowPaymentDistancing** to promote and encourage contactless payments among customers. Due to COVID-19, customers have been following several norms and measures to stay safe by following healthy habits, self-care routines, and social distancing. RuPay's **#FollowPaymentDistancing** campaign encourages consumers to start '**payment distancing**' and switch to contactless digital payments with RuPay Contactless Cards which is safe as well as time-conserving.
- Netherlands-based **Prosus NV** has announced to acquire the Indian digital payments provider **BillDesk** and merge it with its own fintech service business **PayU**. The size of the deal is **\$4.7 billion**. This acquisition will make the combined entity of PayU and BillDesk as the leading online payment providers globally and in India by **total payment volume (TPV)**.
- The leading power sector NBFC, **Power Finance Corporation Ltd (PFC)**, successfully issued its maiden **Euro Green Bond**. The 7-year Euro 300 million Bond has been priced at 1.841 per cent. This Euro Green Bond is the **first-ever** Euro denominated Green bond issuance from India. It is also the first-ever Euro issuance by an Indian NBFC. With the issuance, PFC has also forayed into the European market for its international fundraising.
- The **United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)** has pegged India's economic growth rate to hit a four-year high of **7.2 per cent for 2021** against a contraction of **7 per cent in 2020**. At this rate, India would be the fastest-growing economy after China, which is projected to grow by **8.3 per cent**. Calculations are based on GDP at constant dollars in 2015.
- **Flipkart**, India's leading e-commerce platform, has unveiled the introduction of '**Flipkart Boost**,' an integrated initiative designed to help new era digital-first consumer companies to expand their growth to the next level. Flipkart Boost would develop Made in India brands with end-to-end support, including planning, advertising, cataloguing, logistics, quality control, etc.
- The government of India has appointed **10 merchant bankers** for managing the Initial Public Offering of **Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)**. The IPO of LIC is likely to be launched in the January-March quarter of 2022. The name of these merchant bankers are- Goldman Sachs (India) Securities, Citigroup Global Markets India, Nomura Financial Advisory and Securities India, SBI Capital Market, JM Financial, Axis Capital, BofA Securities, JP Morgan India, ICICI Securities, and Kotak Mahindra Capital Co Ltd.
- According to **Asiamoney 2021 Poll**, **HDFC Bank** has received the most votes among listed companies in India, leading to the bank being awarded the '**Overall Most Outstanding Company in India**. This is in addition to the bank being voted '**Most Outstanding Company in India - Banking Sector**,' for the 4th consecutive year, since the inception of the poll in 2018.
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International Current Affairs

- **Sri Lanka** has declared a **state of emergency** as the **food crisis** worsened after private banks ran out of foreign exchange to finance imports. With the country suffering a hard-hitting economic crisis, President **Gotabaya Rajapaksa** said he ordered emergency regulations to counter the hoarding of sugar, rice and other essential foods. The Sri Lankan rupee has fallen by **7.5%** against the US dollar this year.
 - The Shanghai-based **New Development Bank (NDB)** has approved the **United Arab Emirates, Uruguay and Bangladesh** as its new member countries. In 2020, the NDB Board of Governors initiated the negotiation to expand its membership. As a result UAE, Uruguay and Bangladesh have been admitted as the first new member countries of the NDB.
 - **Aziz Akhannouch** has been appointed as the new **Prime Minister of Morocco** by the country's King **Mohammed VI**. Akhannouch's **National Rally of Independents (RNI) party** secured 102 out of the 395 seats in the parliament election, held on September 10, 2021. Prior to this appointment, the 60-year-old was the Minister of Agriculture from 2007 to 2021.
 - **United States, United Kingdom and Australia** have announced the new partnership "**AUKUS**" a new trilateral security partnership for the **Indo-Pacific region**. The trilateral grouping was formally announced by British Prime Minister **Boris Johnson**, his Australian counterpart **Scott Morrison** and US President **Joe Biden** with a vision for a safer and more secure Indo-Pacific.
 - **China** launched the **24th Gaofen-series Earth-observation satellite** in a bid to monitor environmental protection efforts and boost its natural resources surveillance. The satellite was launched from the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center in Shanxi province on a Long March 4C carrier rocket. The Gaofen programme was launched by Beijing in 2010.
 - Japanese Prime Minister **Yoshihide Suga** would step down, setting the stage for a new premier after a one-year tenure marred by an unpopular COVID-19 response and rapidly dwindling public support.
- Suga, who took over after **Shinzo Abe** resigned last September, citing ill health, has seen his support ratings sink to below 30% as the nation struggles with its worst wave of COVID-19 infections ahead of a general election this year. Suga's decision to not run in a ruling **Liberal Democratic Party (LDP)** election in September means the party will choose a new leader, who will become prime minister.
- **Cuba** became the **first country** in the world to vaccinate children from the age of two against **COVID-19**, using home-grown jabs not recognised by the **World Health Organisation**. The communist island of **11.2 million people** aims to inoculate all its children before reopening schools that have been closed for the most part since **March 2020**.
 - **China** successfully launched a new Earth observation satellite, **Gaofen-5 02**, into space, aboard a **Long March-4C rocket**, from the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Centre in north China's Shanxi Province. The Gaofen-5 02 satellite is the 24th in the series of Gaofen Earth-observation satellites of China, to monitor environmental protection efforts and boost its natural resources surveillance.
 - **El Salvador** has become the first country in the world to accept **Bitcoin** as legal tender. The government of El Salvador claimed that the move will give many citizens of the country access to bank services for the first time.
 - **Iran** was officially admitted as a full member of the **Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO)**. The decision to admit **Iran** as a full member was declared in the **21st summit** of the SCO leaders in **Dushanbe, Tajikistan**.
 - **Canada** Prime Minister **Justin Trudeau** has won the third term to serve as the PM of the country, after his party won the 2021 parliamentary elections on September 20, 2021. However, the Liberal Party of the 49-year-old Justin Trudeau could only manage to win minority seats in the election. Justin Trudeau is in power since 2015.
 - Guinness World Records has certified two Japanese sisters as the world's oldest living identical twins at **107**. **Umeno Sumiyama and Koume Kodama** were born the third and fourth of 11 siblings on Shodoshima island in western Japan on Nov. 5, 1913.

- Prime Minister **Sheikh Hasina** has been conferred with the **SDG Progress award for Bangladesh's steady progress** in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by the UN-sponsored Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN). Prime Minister Hasina is currently visiting the US to attend the 76th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA).
- **Hungary** has unveiled the statue of **Bitcoin** founder **Satoshi Nakamoto**. The imposing bronze statue was unveiled in Hungary's capital, **Budapest**. This is the first such statue across the world to pay homage to the creator of Bitcoin digital currency. It has been constructed in a business park near the **Danube River in Budapest**.
- The **World Health Organisation (WHO)** has announced a tight revision in its **air quality guidelines (AQG)**. This is the first revision in the global air quality by WHO since **2005**. In the new guidelines, WHO has lowered the acceptable exposure levels to key pollutants, including ozone, nitrogen dioxide, sulfur dioxide, carbon monoxide and particulate matter (PM).
- **North Korea** successfully tested a new hypersonic missile called **Hwasong-8**, in a bid to increase the nation's capabilities for self-defence. The missile was one of the five most important new weapons systems laid out by North Korea in the five-year military development plan.
- **Japan's** former Foreign Minister, **Fumio Kishida** has won the ruling party's leadership election, virtually ensuring that he will become the country's next prime minister. Kishida won **257 votes** in a runoff to defeat **Taro Kono**, a popular vaccines minister who previously held the positions of defence and foreign minister.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has dedicated to the nation the renovated complex of **Jallianwala Bagh Smarak** in Punjab's Amritsar, to mark 102 years of the **Jallianwala Bagh massacre**. The historic garden is a memorial of national importance, preserved in the memory of countless revolutionaries, sacrificers, fighters, who were killed in the Jallianwala Bagh Massacre, which occurred on the festival of Baisakhi on **13 April 1919**.
- The Union AYUSH Minister, **Sarbananda Sonowal** has launched '**Y Break**' **Yoga protocol mobile application** in New Delhi. The app has been developed by **Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY)**. The app was launched as a part of the week-long activities and campaigns organised by the Ministry of Ayush to commemorate Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav from August 30 to September 5, 2021.
- The Union Minister for Women and Child Development, **Smriti Zubin Irani** inaugurated **NUTRI GARDEN** to mark the beginning of **Poshan Maah - 2021** at **All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA)**. Plantation of Shigru (Sahijan) and Amla saplings were also carried out. AIIA, New Delhi under the direction of the Ministry of Ayush initiated the celebration of Poshan Maah - 2021.
- The **Ministry of Information and Broadcasting** has decided to form a committee to review the existing guidelines of the **Journalist Welfare Scheme (JWS)**. The 12-member committee, with **Ashok Kumar Tandon**, Member, Prasar Bharati Board, as its chairperson, will revise the quantum of ex-gratia payment in case of death as well as in other cases under the scheme.
- The **International Monetary Fund (IMF)** has made an allocation of **Special Drawing Rights (SDR) 12.57 billion** to India. (approx USD 17.86 billion). With this, the total SDR holding of India has gone upto SDR 13.66 billion (equivalent to around USD 19.41 billion).
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has inaugurated the **Sardardham Bhavan** in **Ahmedabad**, Gujarat, via video conferencing. He also performed the "Bhoomi Pujan" of the Sardardham Phase-II Kanya Chhatralaya (girls' hostel) project. Both these establishments are dedicated to the "Iron Man of India," **Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel**. The project is developed by the **Vishwa Patidar Samaj**.

National Current Affairs

- Raksha Mantri, **Rajnath Singh** visited the **Army Sports Institute (ASI), Pune** and named the Army Sports Institute stadium as "**Neeraj Chopra Stadium**". The focus of the Indian Army (in the field of sports) is to identify and train promising sportspersons in 11 disciplines.

- India's largest open-air fernery has been inaugurated in **Ranikhet of Uttarakhand**. The new centre will serve the dual objective of '**conservation of fern species**' as well as 'create awareness about their ecological role and promote further research.
- Union Minister for Road Transport, **Nitin Gadkari** launched '**iRASTE**', an Artificial Intelligence-powered project. The project aims to help reduce road accidents, understand the factors responsible for these events and come up with solutions to mitigate them. iRASTE stands for **Intelligent Solutions for Road Safety through Technology and Engineering**.
- **Niti Aayog** in collaboration with US-based **Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI)** and **RMI India**, has launched a campaign named **Shoonya**, to promote zero-pollution delivery vehicles by working with consumers and industry. The campaign will promote the adoption of electric vehicles (EVs) in the urban deliveries segment and create consumer awareness about the health, environmental and economic benefits of electric vehicles.
- The **Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC)** has declared **Kushinagar Airport** as a **Customs notified airport**. This would also facilitate international passenger movements including that of Buddhist pilgrims.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** launched **Sansad TV**, which has been created by merging **Lok Sabha TV and Rajya Sabha TV**, jointly with Vice President **M Venkaiah Naidu** and Lok Sabha Speaker **Om Birla**.
- The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has approved a number of structural and process reforms in the **Telecom sector**, to provide relief to ailing telecom service providers, struggling with high levels of debt. A total of 9 structural and 5 process reforms have been approved by the Union Cabinet. The relief package is expected to protect and generate employment opportunities, promote healthy competition, protect the interests of consumers, infuse liquidity, encourage investment and reduce the regulatory burden on **Telecom Service Providers (TSPs)**.
- **India** has become the **first country in Asia** to launch a **Plastics Pact**, a new platform to promote a circular system for plastics. The India Plastic Pact platform was launched on September 03, 2021, by the British High Commissioner to India, **Alexander Ellis**, at the **16th Sustainability Summit** hosted by the **Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)**.
- As a part of the **Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav** celebration, the Ministry of AYUSH has launched a campaign titled '**AYUSH AAPKE DWAR**', which aims to distribute medicinal plant saplings to **75 lakh** households in one year. The campaign was inaugurated by the Union Minister of **AYUSH Sarbananda Sonowal** from Mumbai, during which he distributed medicinal plant saplings to citizens.
- **Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED)** in collaboration with the **Ministry of External Affairs**, is setting up an **Atmanirbhar Bharat corner** in 75 Indian Missions/ Embassies across the world in the next 3 months. The first such Atma Nirbhar Bharat corner was successfully inaugurated at Indian Embassy in **Bangkok, Thailand** on August 15, 2021. Apart from this, TRIFED will also be establishing Atmanirbhar corners in 75 embassies of foreign countries set up in India.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has inaugurated the "**Shikshak Parv-2021**" and addressed the inaugural conclave through a video conference. The theme of 'Shikshak Parv-2021' is "**Quality and Sustainable Schools: Learnings from Schools in India**". The event was organised by the **Ministry of Education**, will continue to be celebrated from September 07 to 17, 2021.



- Union Minister of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change, **Bhupender Yadav** launched a portal named **PRANA**, for the regulation of air pollution in 132 cities across the country. PRANA stands for **Portal for Regulation of Air pollution in Non-Attainment cities**. The portal (prana.cpcb.gov.in) will support tracking of physical as well as the financial status of city air action plan implementation and disseminate information on air quality to the public.
- Union Defence Minister, **Rajnath Singh** and Union Highways Minister, **Nitin Gadkari** inaugurated the **Emergency Landing Facility** on a National Highway in **Rajasthan**. This emergency landing facility has been constructed on the **Satta-Gandhav stretch of National Highway (NH) 925A in Barmer, Rajasthan**. This is the first time that a national highway (NH-925) will be used for the emergency landing of IAF aircraft. The project will cost **₹765.52 crores** under the Bharatmala Pariyojana.
- Department of Justice under the **Ministry of Law and Justice** has launched the **“Ek Pahal”** campaign to encourage mass registration under Tele-Law. The Ek Pahal campaign will run across the country from 17th September till 2nd October. The “Ek Pahal” campaign will cover 51,434 Common Service Centres in 50,000 Gram Panchayats in 633 districts across 34 States and UTs.
- The Union Minister for Commerce and Industry, **Piyush Goyal** has launched the **‘National Single Window System (NSWS)’**, for investors and businesses. NSWS is a single-window portal that will act as a one-stop shop for investors or entrepreneurs, to get approvals and clearances needed from Government. It shall give freedom from the legacy of running to government offices for approvals and registrations needed by investors, entrepreneurs, and businesses in India.
- The **Commerce Ministry** has decided to celebrate **‘Vanijya Saptah’** from **20 to 26 September**. In this Saptah, many programmes and events will be organized to showcase India’s rising economic force across the country. Five national seminars will be organized by the **Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT)** in five regions of the country.
- **Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)** will observe **October 01, 2021** as the **National Pension System Diwas (NPS Diwas)**. This campaign has been started by PFRDA under the ‘Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav’ to promote pension and retirement planning for a carefree ‘azad’ retirement. PFRDA is promoting this campaign on its social media platforms with #npsdiwas.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** will announce the nationwide roll-out of the **National Digital Health Mission (NDHM)**, which has been renamed as Pradhan Mantri Digital Health Mission (PM-DHM), on **September 27**. Under this, a unique digital health ID will be provided to the people, which will contain all the health records of the person. The id will be created using details such as Aadhaar and the user’s mobile number.
- **Supreme Court of India** has approved an electronic system named **FASTER (Fast and Secured Transmission of Electronic Records)**. The FASTER system will be used for transferring **e-authenticated copies from courts to prisons**. A three-judge bench of Chief Justice **N.V. Ramana**, Justice **Nageswara Rao** and Justice **Surya Kant** has instructed state governments, Union territories, prison departments and other authorities concerned to make arrangements at prisons to accept e-authenticated copies.
- Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister, **Hardeep Singh Puri** has launched the **7th edition of Swachh Survekshan 2022**. The seventh edition of the annual cleanliness survey in the urban areas, under which district rankings have been introduced for the first time. The voice of senior citizens and young adults will also be given priority.
- **Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment** has launched India’s first Pan-India helpline for senior citizens named **‘Elder Line’** for which the toll-free number is **14567**. The platform will allow senior citizens to connect and share their concerns, get information and guidance on problems that they face on a day-to-day basis.
- **Ministry of defence and union government** has decided to increase the income limit of disabled dependents for family pension to **children/siblings suffering from mental or physical disability**. The

child/sibling will be eligible for family pension for life if his/her overall income from sources other than a family pension is less than 30% of the last pay drawn by the deceased government servant/pensioner concerned plus the dearness relief admissible thereon.

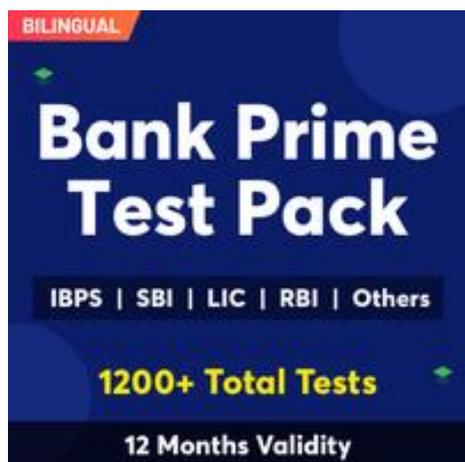
States Current Affairs

- **Maharashtra government** launched a special mission called “**Mission Vatsalya**” in order to help women who lost their husbands to **COVID-19**. Mission Vatsalya will provide several services and some 18 benefits under one roof to those women. It been designed for widows, with a special focus on widows coming from rural areas, poor backgrounds and deprived sections. Under this mission, schemes like **Sanjay Gandhi Niradhar Yojana and Gharkul Yojana will benefit those for women**.
- The **Punjab Cabinet** gave a nod to a new scheme that will help the unemployed youth in the state to hone their skills and increase their chances of getting a job. These youngsters will be given short-term skill training free of cost under the “**Mera Kaam Mera Maan**” scheme of the state government. A target of 30,000 beneficiaries has been proposed, at a cost of ₹ **90 crores**.
- In Tripura, Union Finance Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** has inaugurated a project called ‘**My Pad, My Right**’ initiated by **NABARD and NABFOUNDATION** at Killa village in Gomati district on the second and concluding day of her visit to the state. The project aims to bring livelihood and menstrual hygiene closer to rural women by way of grant, wage support and capital equipment.
- The **Assam cabinet** has decided to remove the name of former Prime Minister **Rajiv Gandhi** from the **Orang National Park**. Since the name Orang is associated with the sentiments of the Adivasi and tea-tribe community, the cabinet has decided to rename the Rajiv Gandhi Orang National Park as Orang National Park.
- The **Maharashtra Government** has decided to set up a world-class science city at **Pimpri-Chinchwad** near Pune to develop a scientific outlook among the students and prepare them to become students in future. To be named as ‘**Bharat Ratna Rajiv Gandhi**

Science Innovation City’, a science Centre will be developed on one acre area in an eight-acre complex in the PCMC area. The Centre has granted an assistance of **Rs 191 crore** to build the Science city in the PCMC area.

- **Bhupendra Patel** has been chosen as the new **Chief Minister of Gujarat** at the BJP legislature meeting. He is a BJP MLA from the Ghatlodia assembly seat in Ahmedabad. This comes after the resignation of **Vijay Rupani** from the post of CM of Gujarat.
- **Nuakhai Juhar**, the agrarian festival of **Western Odisha**, was celebrated with religious fervour and tradition. It is celebrated 1 day after the celebration of **Ganesh Chaturthi**. Nuakhai is a crop festival celebrated by people of Western Odisha and Southern Chhattisgarh, to welcome the new rice of the season. **Nua means new and khai means food**. So, the festival of nuakhai is a festival to celebrate newly harvested food by the farmers.
- **Haryana** has topped among all other states of the country in terms of installation of off-grid solar pumps under **Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha Evam Utthan Mahaabhiyaan (PM-KUSUM)**, as per the data by the Union Ministry of New and Renewable Energy. Haryana has installed 14,418 pumps against 15,000 sanctioned pumps for the year 2020-21. Haryana was given a target of 15,000 pumps for the year 2020-21 with a total cost of Rs 520 crore.
- **Chhattisgarh** Chief Minister **Bhupesh Baghel** has announced the launch of ‘**Millet Mission**’, which aims to provide proper price rates to farmers for minor cereal crops. The initiative is also a step towards the Chief Minister’s vision for the state to become **India’s millet hub**. To implement the mission, the state government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the **Indian Institute of Millet Research (IIMR), Hyderabad** and the collectors of 14 districts of the state.
- Civil aviation minister **Jyotiraditya Scindia** has launched a first of its kind “**Medicine from the Sky**” project in **Telangana**. The project has aimed at transporting vaccines and other essential products to remote areas using drones. The Medicine from the Sky project will be taken up on a pilot basis in 16 green zones in Telangana and later scaled up on the national level based on data.

- Nagaland's first and India's 61st **Software Technology Park of India (STPI) centre** was inaugurated at **Kohima**. The inauguration of the STPI centre in Kohima is a fulfilment of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of creating a technology ecosystem in the northeast to create opportunities for future generations in the region.
- **Tamil Nadu** state government has announced to set up **India's first dugong conservation reserve** at the northern part of the **Palk Bay**. Dugong are commonly known as sea cows. According to Wildlife Institute of India (WII) estimates, only **200-250 Dugongs** are left in the wild, of which 150 are found in the Palk Bay and Gulf of Mannar in Tamil Nadu.
- **Uttarakhand** Governor **Baby Rani Maurya** has announced her resignation from the position on September 08, 2021, almost two years before completing her term, citing personal reasons. The 64-year-old Baby Rani Maurya was appointed as the Governor of Uttarakhand in August 2018, succeeding **Krishan Kant Paul**.
- The **Government of Gujarat** announced, that it plans on undertaking public welfare projects worth Rs. 1,000 crores jointly with non-resident Gujaratis by December 2022. The projects will be under the state government's '**Vatan Prem Yojana**'. The Yojana was launched in Gujarat focusing on rural development through public and state contributions.
- The **Andhra Pradesh government** has appointed **Rajnish Kumar** as its **economic advisor**. A former SBI chairman, Rajnish Kumar's tenure in the cabinet rank position is for two years. Rajnish Kumar who had retired as SBI chairman in October 2020, is an independent non-executive director at the **Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation**. He joined SBI as a Probationary officer in 1980.
- The Congress party has elected **Charanjit Singh Channi**, the outgoing technical education minister, as the new chief minister of Punjab after Captain **Amarinder Singh** resigned from the post. He has been elected as the leader of the Punjab Congress Legislative Party (CLP). He is an MLA from the **Chamkaur Sahib assembly constituency**. He will become Punjab's first Dalit chief minister.
- Two famous products of Manipur, **Hathei chilli**, which is found in Manipur's Ukhrul district and is known for its unique flavour, and **Tamenglong mandarin orange** have been granted the **Geographical Indication (GI) tag**. This is a historic milestone in the history of Manipur and it will increase the income of farmers in Manipur.
- The **Government of Sikkim** has declared '**Cooper Mahseer**' locally named as '**Katley**' as the state fish. **Neolissochilus hexagonolepis** is the scientific name of the Cooper Mahseer.
- The **Yogi Adityanath** led **Uttar Pradesh government** has cleared a proposal to develop an '**Electronic Park**', along the **Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YEIDA)** area, near Noida, to promote the electronics industry. The park is proposed to be developed in an area of 250 acres of the YEIDA near Jewar Airport.
- **Assam** is setting up a tea Park at **Chayygaon in Kamrup District**. This tea garden will have rail and port connectivity, cargo and warehouse amenities, processing facilities like tea grinding, blending, packaging and other utility services under one roof.
- The world's highest **electric vehicle charging station** has been inaugurated in **Kaza village** of Lahaul and Spiti district in **Himachal Pradesh**. The electric vehicle charging station is set up at a height of **500 ft**.
- Nagaland's "**sweet cucumber**" was awarded a **geographical identification (GI) tag** as an agricultural product under provisions of **The Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999**.
- The **government of India** has started work for the development of '**Parshuram Kund**', a Hindu pilgrimage site on the **Brahmputra plateau** in the lower reaches of the **Lohit river** in **Arunachal Pradesh**. The project costing **Rs 37.88 crore** was sanctioned under the **Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) Scheme** of the Ministry of Tourism.



Schemes/Committees

- In **Jammu and Kashmir**, Lieutenant Governor **Manoj Sinha** has launched a Rural Enterprises Acceleration Programme titled '**Saath**' for Self Help Group (SHG) women. The programme aims to transform the lives of women and make them independent and strong in social and financial aspects, by mentoring the women associated with SHGs and create market linkages of products created by these women.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** will set up a committee to scrutinize applications and give recommendations on **New Umbrella Entity (NUE) licenses**. The 5 member committee will be headed by **Shri. P. Vasudevan**. The committee will be responsible for looking into several aspects of NUE, from the macroeconomic impact of such a step to the security risks. The committee's recommendations will be taken into consideration before doling out the licences.
- The **Ministry of Defence** has constituted a High-Level Expert Committee, for a comprehensive review of the **National Cadet Corps (NCC)**. Former Member of Parliament (MP) **Baijayant Panda** will be the Chairperson of the Committee. The 15-member committee will also include Cricketer **MS Dhoni** and Mahindra Group Chairman **Anand Mahindra** as members.
- In Jammu and Kashmir, Lieutenant Governor **Manoj Sinha** has launched a new mission called '**One Gram Panchayat-One DIGI-Pay Sakhi**'. The mission was launched at Jammu & Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute, Pampore. He outlined that DIGI-Pay Sakhi has introduced financial inclusion within the **UT's Self Help Group (SHG)** ecosystem, creating much needed financial access points with greater transparency even in the remotest of the areas.
- The Union Cabinet has approved a **production linked incentive (PLI)** scheme for **auto, auto-components and drone industries** to enhance India's manufacturing capabilities. The PLI scheme will incentivise the emergence of advanced automotive technologies' global supply chain in India. Incentives worth **Rs. 26,058 crore** will be provided to industry over five years, the minister told reporters after the Cabinet meeting. From the total budget of Rs 26,058 crores, an amount of Rs 25,938 crores has been sanctioned for the automobile industry and Rs 120 crores for the drone industry.
- Union Minister for Panchayati Raj and Rural Development **Giriraj Singh** inaugurated a national meet on **SVAMITVA Scheme: A Stepping-Stone Towards Upliftment of Rural Economy in New Delhi**. SVAMITVA is aimed to provide an integrated property validation solution for rural India leveraging property as a financial asset by the citizens with accurate land records for rural planning. States to complete the implementation of SVAMITVA scheme well before the deadline 2024.
- **Samajik Adhikarita Shivir** for distribution of aids & assistive devices to **Divyangjan** under ADIP Scheme and to Senior Citizens under **Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana of Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment**, will be organized by ALIMCO which is a Public Sector Enterprise under Administrative control of Department of Empowerment of Person with Disabilities (Divyangjan) in Kanpur.
- The **Union education ministry** has formed a **12-member committee** to develop new curriculums for school, early childhood, teacher and adult education. The panel tasked with developing four national curriculum frameworks (NCFs) will be headed by National Education Policy-2020 (NEP-2020) drafting committee chairperson **K Kasturirangan**. The committee will discuss "position papers" finalised by national focus groups on different aspects of the four areas drawing inputs from state curriculum frameworks. The NCFs serve as a guideline for syllabus, textbook and teaching practices for schools in India.
- The Speaker of Lok Sabha, **Om Birla** has inaugurated the **NIDHI 2.0 (National Integrated Database of Hospitality Industry) scheme**, during an event organised by the Ministry of Tourism, on the occasion of **2021 World Tourism Day**. The NIDHI 2.0 database will have more inclusivity, by not only including accommodation units, but also travel agents, tour operators, & others.

- As a part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, Union Minister **Dr Jitendra Singh** (Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology) launched the “**AmritGrand Challenge Program**” titled “**जनCARE**”. The Grand Challenge aims to identify 75 Start-Up and entrepreneurs, who come out with Innovative Ideas and Solutions for India’s healthcare challenges, that can work in Low Resource Settings, for strengthening Healthcare Delivery in India.

Agreement/Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

- **Axis Bank** has partnered with **BharatPe** for the point of sale (PoS) business of **BharatPe** named **BharatSwipe**. Under the partnership, Axis Bank will be the acquiring bank for BharatSwipe and will provide acceptance of credit and debit cards for merchants associated with BharatPe. The partnership will help BharatPe to expand its merchant acquiring business in India.
- **Jana Small Finance Bank**, a Bengaluru-based small finance bank, has inked an MoU with **HCBL Co-operative Bank**, Lucknow & **Mysore Merchants Co-operative Bank** in a bid to provide digital infrastructure and payments services to the respective banks under the bank sponsorship programme of the Reserve Bank of India.
- As part of **Azadi Ka Amrit Mahostav**, Atul Chaturvedi, Secretary, Department of Animal husbandry and Dairying, and Department of Rural Development signed an MoU between DAHD and MoRD for Leveraging SHG platform for rural economic growth through convergence of DAHD, MoFAHD and National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM), MoRD.
- **National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG)** signed an MoU with **South Asian Institute for Advanced Research and Development (SAIARD)** to create an academic platform to engage young students as well as develop a research and capacity building hub to support regional development in the eastern region. Both NMCG and SAIARD will focus on geospatial technology in riverine ecosystems.
- **Satellite narrowband Internet of Things (NB-IoT)** solution **Skylo** launched ‘**Fish Catch Report**’ for the fishermen community to help initiate the selling process even before they dock boats on the shore. The Fish Catch Report is a mobile communications solution and leverages the Skylo network, offered in partnership with the state-run **BSNL** and Britain’s **Inmarsat** to provide safety.
- **Bank of India** has entered into a co-lending arrangement with **MAS Financial Services for MSME loans**. The tie-up comes on the occasion of the bank’s **116th Foundation Day** (‘**Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav**’). Co-lending was introduced by the RBI to increase the credit flow to the unserved & underserved sector by utilising nimble-footed NBFC coverage to the informal sector.
- **Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL)** has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the **National Highway Authority of India (NHAI)** represented by the **National Highways Logistics Management Limited (NHLML)**. The MoU has been signed to develop Multi-Modal Logistics Parks (MMLPs) across the country under the **Bharatmala Pariyojana** programme.
- The **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)**, **HDFC Bank** and the **Greater Noida Industrial Development Authority (GNIDA)** on inked a pact to set up a facility to manage up to 300 metric tonnes of dry waste in the city every month. The material recovery facility (MRF) in Greater Noida will come up at a cost of Rs 3 crore and will be funded by the HDFC bank.
- The **Ministry of Defence, the Government of India** and **US Department of Defence** have signed a Project Agreement (PA) for **Air-Launched Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (ALUAV)**. This agreement is signed under the Joint Working Group Air Systems in the **Defence Technology and Trade Initiative (DTTI)**. Under the collaboration, the two countries will work towards the design, development, demonstration, testing and evaluation of systems to co-develop an ALUAV Prototype.

- **HDFC Bank** has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the **National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC)** for providing credit support to the micro, small and medium enterprise (MSME) sector. The branches of HDFC bank will extend support to the MSME projects in the areas they are located in and to other important industrial sectors across the country. Under this, the country's largest private sector bank will also provide MSMEs with a set of specially-tailored schemes to enhance their competitiveness.
- **NPCI International Payments Ltd (NIPL)** has partnered with **Liquid Group Pte. Ltd.** (Liquid Group) to enable **UPI QR-based payments** acceptance in 10 markets across **North Asia and Southeast Asia**. This partnership will help BHIM App users to make UPI QR-based payments in the 10 markets of **Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Philippines, Vietnam, Cambodia, Hong Kong, Taiwan, South Korea, and Japan**, from early 2022.
- **Niti Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission** in collaboration with **ISRO** and **CBSE** has launched '**Space Challenge**' for school students across India. This challenge has been designed for all the school students, mentors and teachers across the country who not only are associated with schools having **Atal Tinkering Labs (ATL) labs** but for all the non-ATL schools as well.
- **HDFC Bank** has announced its partnership with leading payments company **Paytm**, to offer co-branded credit cards on the Visa platform to businesspersons, millennials and merchants. The collaboration between HDFC Bank and Paytm is part of the strategies of the HDFC Bank to regain its lost market share in the credit card space due to the ban imposed on it by RBI for eight months as a penalty, following several outages in its digital offerings.
- The Board of Directors of **ZEE Entertainment Enterprises Limited (ZEEL)** has unanimously approved the merger of the company with **Sony Pictures Networks India (SPNI)**. As a part of the merger, shareholders of SPNI will also infuse growth capital into SPNI, which will make them the majority stakeholder in the merged entity. The merged entity will be listed on the Indian stock exchanges. Zee Entertainment will hold **47.07 per cent** stake, while Sony India will hold a **52.93 per cent** stake in the combined company. **Puneet Goenka**, the CEO of Zee Entertainment, will be the MD and CEO of the merged entity for a period of 5 years.
- **Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL)** and **SBI Card** have joined hands to launch the '**BPCL SBI Card co-branded RuPay Contactless Credit Card**', offering fuel and other benefits. The card will provide rewarding fuel savings and other benefits to the customers. Cardholders will also get accelerated savings on other categories of spends, which include groceries, departmental stores, dining, and movies.
- **Government of India** and **Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation** have signed a multi-year MoU to work together on sustainably improving India's livestock sector to support the nation's food and nutritional security, and protect the economic wellbeing of small-scale livestock producers. The event was organized as a part of ongoing celebrations of '**AzadiKaAmritMahotsav**'.
- **India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)** announced a strategic alliance with **Tata AIG General Insurance Co. Ltd.** for distribution of non-life insurance products across the country. As part of the alliance, IPPB will strive to make available affordable insurance products through its robust network of 650 branches and over 136,000 banking access points to citizens at large.
- The **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)** has partnered with private sector lender **YES Bank** to launch first-of-its-kind '**RuPay On-the-Go**' contactless payments solutions. The RuPay On-the-Go contactless solution is mainly a wearable payment solution, launched to enable customers to make small and large value transactions from accessories that they wear every day.

Appointments/Resignations (National & International)

- The former State Bank of India (SBI) chairman, **Rajnish Kumar** has been appointed as an **independent director** of the **Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (HSBC)** Asia entity on August 30, 2021. He has also been appointed as a member of the **Audit Committee and Risk Committee of the company**.

- **Dorje Angchuk**, an Engineer in charge at the **Indian Astronomical Observatory of the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA)** at Hanle in the Ladakh region, has been admitted as an Honorary Member of the **International Astronomical Union (IAU)**. Angchuk is the first and only Indian to bag the position in the prestigious body.
- Tamil Nadu Governor **Banwarilal Purohit** has been given the additional charge of **Punjab and the Union Territory of Chandigarh**. Earlier, **V P Singh Badnore** was the Governor of Punjab and the Administrator of Chandigarh. The President has also appointed Purohit as the Administrator of Chandigarh, in addition to his duties as the Governor of Punjab. Traditionally, Punjab Governor has functioned as the Administrator of Chandigarh.
- **Adidas** has roped in Tokyo Olympic Silver-medalist **Mirabai Chanu** as the face of its **“Stay in Play”** campaign for its latest product innovation designed to keep more menstruating women in sports. The new TechFit Period Proof tights, featuring an absorbent layer to help protect against leaks when worn with a tampon or pad.
- IRS officer **JB Mohapatra** was appointed as the chairman of the **Central Board of Direct Taxes**. His appointment was approved today by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC). He has already served as the acting chairman of the CBDT.
- **Pankaj Kumar Singh**, a 1988-batch IPS officer from the Rajasthan cadre, has taken charge as the new **Director General (DG) of the Border Security Force (BSF)**. Prior to this, he was serving as the special DG at the BSF headquarters in Delhi.
- Apart from this, **Sanjay Arora**, a 1988-batch IPS officers from Tamil Nadu cadre, has taken over as the new DG of the **Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)**.
- Rajya Sabha Chairman, **M Venkaiah Naidu** has appointed **Dr PPK Ramacharyulu**, who is the secretary in the **Rajya Sabha Secretariat** since 2018, as the **secretary general**.
- **Atul Bhatt** has been appointed as chairman and managing director (CMD) of disinvestment-owned steel company **Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd (RINL)**. He was the CMD of state-owned consultancy firm **MECON**, which offers a full range of services required to set up a project from concept to commissioning including turnkey execution. **PK Rath** retired as CMD RINL on May 31, after serving the company for 38 years.
- **Vartika Shukla** took charge as the **first woman Chairperson and Managing Director** of public sector enterprise **Engineers India Ltd**. She spearheaded the company's innovative energy programmes, including biofuels, coal gasification, waste to fuel and hydrogen energy, among others.
- The web service provider, **Yahoo** has named **Jim Lanzone** as its new chief executive officer (CEO). He was currently serving as the CEO of the **Dating app Tinder**. Jim Lanzone will replace **Guru Gowrappan**, to the post of Yahoo CEO. As for Tinder, **Renate Nyborg** has been appointed as the new CEO of the dating app to replace Lanzone.
- Former Union Minister, **Vijay Goel** has been appointed as the **Vice-Chairman of Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti (GSDS)**. It is the site of the Martyrdom of Mahatma Gandhi, the Father of the Nation. Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti (GSDS) was formed in September **1984** as an autonomous body.
- Former managing director of Mahindra & Mahindra **Pawan Kumar Goenka** has been appointed as the chairperson of the **Indian National Space Promotion Authorization Centre (In-SPACE)**. During his R&D tenure in M&M, he led the development of the Scorpio SUV. IN-SPACE functions as an independent nodal agency under the Department of Space, Government of India.



- US tech giant **Adobe** has announced the appointment of **Prativa Mohapatra** as vice president and managing director for Adobe India. In this role, Mohapatra will lead Adobe's India business across Adobe Experience Cloud, Adobe Creative Cloud and Adobe Document Cloud, reporting to **Simon Tate**, Adobe's president for the Asia Pacific (APAC).
- Justice **M. Venugopal** has been named as the new **Acting Chairperson** of the appellate tribunal, **National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT)**. This is the third time in a row that an Acting Chairperson is at the helm of the NCLAT, after the retirement of permanent Chairperson Justice **S J . Mukhopadhaya** on March 14, 2020.
- India's **Raja Randhir Singh** has taken over as acting president of the **Olympic Council of Asia** as **Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah** appeals a guilty verdict in a Swiss forgery trial. A five-time Olympic shooter and an Asian Games gold medallist in 1978, Singh was promoted to the role from his position as an honorary life vice president.
- Former Supreme Court judge, Justice (Retired) **Indu Malhotra** will be the new **Ombudsman cum Ethics Officer of Delhi and Districts Cricket Association (DDCA)** for a period of one year was made. The DDCA's general body, headed by its president **Rohan Jaitley**, decided on 65-year-old Justice (Retd) Malhotra's appointment.
- Global Deputy CTO of State Bank of India, **Amit Saxena** has joined **RBI Innovation Hub** as the **Chief Technology Officer (CTO)**. The Reserve Bank announced that it would set up **Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH)** to promote innovation across the financial sector by leveraging on technology and creating an environment that would facilitate and foster innovation.
- **Alka Nangia Arora** has been appointed as the **Chairman cum Managing Director (CMD)** of the **National Small Industries Corporation Ltd. (NSIC)**. She has taken the additional charge of the post on September 14, 2021. She is a Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises.
- **Squash Rackets Federation of India (SRFI)** Secretary-General, **Cyrus Poncha** has been unanimously elected as **Vice-President** of the **Asian Squash Federation (ASF)**, during the 41st annual general meeting of ASF. The **Dronacharya Awardee** has been elected for a period of the four-year term.
- **Equitas Small Finance Bank (ESFB)** has roped in Indian women hockey player, **Rani Rampal** and cricketer **Smriti Mandhana** as the brand ambassadors of the company. The announcement was made during the **5th anniversary** of the ESFB on September 5, 2021.
- The **central government** has selected **S.L.Tripathy** as the **Chairman-cum-Managing Director** of **United India Insurance Company Limited**. He is currently General Manager and Director at The New India Assurance Company Limited. He is appointed as CMD of United India from the date of assumption of charge of the office and up to the date of attaining the age of superannuation.
- The government has appointed **Harsha Bhupendra Bangari** as the new **Managing Director (MD)** of the **Export-Import Bank of India (EXIM Bank)**. Before this Bangari was posted as deputy managing director at EXIM Bank. She has been appointed for a period of three years or until further orders of the government. He will replace the incumbent **MD David Rasquinha**, who was appointed for five years on July 20, 2014.
- Ashoka Buildcon **Managing Director** and promoter **Satish Parekh** has taken over as the president of the India Chapter of the **International Road Federation (IRF)**. The governing council of the International Road Federation unanimously endorsed Satish Parakh as President, IRF-IC. He takes over from **Subhmay Gangopadhyay**, former director of Central Road Research Institute. The Geneva-based global road safety body IRF is working for better and safer roads worldwide.
- **Tata AIA Life Insurance** has announced the signing of a multi-year brand partnership with Indian athlete and Olympic gold medallist **Neeraj Chopra**, as its brand ambassador. This association also marks the very first brand partnership to be signed with the champion javelin thrower, post his historic win at the recent **Tokyo Olympics**.
- The **Central Government** has appointed **G.S. Pannu** as President of the **Income Tax Appellate Tribunal**. G. S. Pannu is presently a Vice-President, ITAT, New Delhi and will be Officiating President of ITAT with effect from September 6, 2021, till the appointment of regular President.

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has granted its approval for the re-appointment of **V. Vaidyanathan** as the Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer ('MD & CEO') of the **IDFC First Bank**. Vaidyanathan has been appointed for a further period of three years, which will be effective from December 19, 2021. He first took charge as the MD & CEO of IDFC FIRST Bank in December 2018, after the merger of IDFC Bank and Capital First.
- State-owned fertiliser firm **National Fertilizers Ltd (NFL)** has **Nirlep Singh Rai** has been appointed as **Chairman and Managing Director** of the company. In a regulatory filing, NFL informed that Nirlep Singh Rai, Director (Technical), has been appointed as Chairman & Managing Director, on the Board of the company with effect from the date of his assumption of charge.
- The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India, **GC Murmu** was elected as the chairman of the assembly of the **Asian Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (ASOSAI)** for a period of three years from **2024 to 2027**. Murmu was elected by the **56th** governing board of ASOSAI and approval for the same was conveyed by the **15th** assembly of ASOSAI. India will host the **16th assembly of ASOSAI in 2024**.
- Former IPS officer **Iqbal Singh Lalpura** has been appointed chairman of the **National Commission for Minorities**. He hails from Punjab and has authored several books on Sikh philosophy. He has also won several awards such as the president's police medal, police medal for meritorious services, Shiromani Sikh Sahitkar Award and Sikh scholar award.
- **Fino Payments Bank (FPBL)** has appointed Indian actor **Pankaj Tripathi** as its first brand ambassador, for a period of two-year. Pankaj Tripathi will be the face of Fino Payments Bank's marketing campaigns across various platforms, to promote its products and services.
- Vice Chief of the Indian Air Force Air Marshal, **Vivek Ram Chaudhari** has been appointed the next **Chief of Air Staff**. The current Chief of Air Staff Air Chief Marshal **RKS Bhaduria** is set to retire on September 30. Chaudhari had taken over as the vice chief on July 1 this year, after Air Marshal HS Arora retired. He is a recipient of the **Param Vishisht Seva Medal, Ati Vishisht Seva Medal and the Vayu Sena Medals**.
- **Facebook India** has appointed former IAS officer **Rajiv Aggarwal** as the Director of Public Policy. He succeeds **Ankhi Das**, who quit the company in October last year. She was embroiled in a controversy for opposing the enforcement of hate-speech rules against right-wing leaders in the country.
- Nobel Peace Laureate **Kailash Satyarthi** has been appointed by UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres as a **Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Advocate** in the 76th UN General Assembly. Guterres appointed Satyarthi, STEM activist **Valentina Munoz Rabanal**, Microsoft President **Brad Smith** and K-pop superstars **BLACKPINK** as new SDG Advocates. With this, the UN now has total of 16 SDG Advocates.
- **Rajiv Bansal** appointed as Secretary in the **Ministry of Civil Aviation**. Bansal is currently Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of **Air India**.
- The government of India accepts **RN Ravi's** resignation as **interlocutor for Naga peace talks**. Ravi has negotiated for several years with key insurgent groups for the signing of the **Naga Peace Accord**. Recently, R N Ravi has been appointed as governor of Tamil Nadu.
- The **WHO** announced the appointment of **The Rt Hon Gordon Brown**, former Prime Minister of the **United Kingdom**, as WHO Ambassador for **Global Health Financing**.
- **Raninder Singh** was re-elected as the **President of the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI)** - the governing body for the sport of shooting in the country at the elections held within the premises of Punjab Cricket Association.
- The chief marketing officer of United Breweries, **Debabrata Mukherjee**, was unanimously elected chairman of the **Audit Bureau of Circulations (ABC) for 2021-2022**. Mukherjee, who has over 27 years of experience, was responsible for managing brands such as Kingfisher, Heineken and Amstel.
- The financial services company, **Mastercard Inc.** has named **Magnus Carlsen**, the highest-rated chess player of all time, as its global brand ambassador. This step is part of a move by Mastercard for adding chess in its coveted list of sports sponsorship.

- Lieutenant General **Gurbirpal Singh** has taken charge as the **34th Director-General** of the **National Cadet Corps (NCC)**. He succeeds **Lt Gen Tarun Kumar Aich**. He was commissioned into the **PARACHUTE REGIMENT** in 1987.
- India's comptroller and auditor general **GC Murmu** was selected as the external auditor of **International Atomic Energy Agency** and the ministry of external affairs (MEA).
- Chairman & managing director CavinKare Pvt Ltd, **CK Ranganathan** has been appointed president of **All India Management Association (AIMA)** for a period of one year till the National Management Convention is held in **September 2022**.
- **Aveek Sarkar**, the Editor Emeritus and Vice Chairman of the Ananda Bazar Group of Publications, was re-elected **Chairman of Press Trust of India (PTI)**, the country's largest premier news agency.
- **Shanghai Ranking Consultancy** has released the **Academic Ranking of World University 2021**. **IISc Bangalore** has been ranked as the best university in the country while **Calcutta University** has been ranked second in the 2021 ARWU ranking. The 2021 ARWU released by Shanghai Ranking Consultancy is one of the premier & globally recognized rankings of higher educational institutions. Banaras Hindu University has been ranked third this time.
- **NITI Aayog** has launched a report titled '**Reforms in Urban Planning Capacity in India**' which presents measures to ramp up urban planning capacity in India. The report was released on September 16, 2021, jointly by NITI Aayog Vice-Chairman Dr Rajiv Kumar, CEO Shri **Amitabh Kant** and Special Secretary **Dr K. Rajeswara Rao**. The report suggests that every city must aspire to become a '**Healthy City for All**' by **2030**. The report has also recommended a Central Sector Scheme named '**500 Healthy Cities Programme**', for a period of 5 years. Under this priority cities and towns would be selected jointly by the states and local bodies.
- **Bank of Baroda**, announced that the bank has Ranked #1 with a total of **86% marks** on the scorecard issued by the **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)** for the month of February and March 2021. The scorecard ranks 44 banks (Public Sector Banks, Private Banks, Foreign Banks, Payments Banks, Small Finance Banks) on various parameters on the digital business. In the same period last year, BOB was rated "Average" by Meity, which has now been upgraded as "Good".
- The **World Bank Group** has decided to discontinue publication of its '**Doing Business**' rankings of country business climates after a review of data irregularities in the **2018 and 2020 reports**. The decision was taken by the Board of Executive Directors, World Bank Group management after data irregularities on Doing Business 2018 and 2020 were reported.
- **India** could become the **world's third-largest importer by 2050**, according to a report released by the UK's Department of International Trade. With a **5.9 per cent** share of global imports by 2050, the country will become the third-largest importer, following China and the United States.

Ranks and Reports

- **Amul**, Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF) has dropped two places to rank **18th** in **Rabobank's 2021 Global Top 20 Dairy Companies list**. Amul was placed at **16th** spot in 2020. Amul has achieved an annual turnover of **\$5.3 billion**. French-based dairy company **Lactalis** has topped the list as the world's largest dairy company with a turnover of **US \$23.0 billion**. It has unseated Switzerland-based global behemoth **Nestle**, which dominated the list for decades.
- **Hurun Research Institute** has released the **Hurun India Future Unicorn List 2021**, as per which **India** is the **third-largest Unicorn/startup** ecosystem in the world. The **USA** is on top followed by **China** on second. India has 51 unicorns according to the list. The USA has 396 and China has 277 unicorns. **Zilingo** is the top unicorn in the ranking in India with funding of **USD 310**. The headquarters of Zilingo is in Singapore. **Bengaluru** is the top Indian city in terms of the number of Unicorns headquartered in a city.

Sports Current Affairs

- In **table tennis**, Indian paddler **Bhavinaben Patel** has claimed the historic **silver medal** at the **2020 Paralympic Games** at Tokyo, in the women's singles summit clash. The 34-year-old Patel lost to Chinese paddler **Ying Zhou**, 0-3, in her maiden Paralympic Games. This is the first medal for India at the ongoing Tokyo Paralympic Games.
- **Max Verstappen** (Red Bull - Netherlands) has been declared the winner of the **Belgian Grand Prix 2021**. The Belgian Grand Prix was stopped due to rain and only two laps were completed. The winner was decided based on progress made in these two laps. **George Russell Williams** came second and **Lewis Hamilton**, Mercedes came third.
- Shooter **Avani Lekhara** has scripted history as she became the **first Indian woman** to win a **gold medal** at the Paralympics, firing her way to the top of the podium in the R-2 women's **10m Air Rifle Standing SH1** event.
- India's **Nishad Kumar** has clinched a **silver medal** in the men's **high jump T47 event** at the **Tokyo Paralympics 2020**. This is the second medal for India at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympics. The 23-year-old Nishad made a jump of 2.06m, and in doing so created an Asian record. He also equalled his jump with USA's Dallas Wise, who also took home silver.
- In Chess, Indian Grandmaster **S P Sethuraman** has won the **2021 Barcelona Open chess tournament title**, remaining unbeaten through the nine rounds, winning six matches and drawing three.
- India's **Sumit Antil** has won the gold medal in the **men's javelin throw F64 final** event at the Tokyo Paralympics, and in the process set a new world record throw of **68.55m**. The 23-year-old Sumit hails from Sonapat in Haryana. **Michal Burian** of Australia won the silver medal (66.29m), while Sri Lanka's **Dulan Kodithuwakku** won the bronze medal.
- Indian all-rounder cricketer, **Stuart Binny** has announced his retirement from all forms of cricket on August 30, 2021. He had represented Team India in six Tests, 14 ODIs and three T20Is, scoring a total of **459 runs and 24 wickets**. Binny is the son of **Roger Binny**, a former India selector who was part of the 1983 world cup winning squad.
- At the ongoing **Tokyo Paralympics 2020**, India's greatest paralympian, **Devendra Jhajharia** won the silver medal in the **men's javelin throw - F46** final event on August 30, 2021. The 40-year-old Devendra performed his best throw of **64.35**, for the silver.
- India's discus thrower **Yogesh Kathuniya** has clinched the **silver medal** at the ongoing Tokyo Paralympics in the **men's Discus Throw F56** final event. Yogesh claimed the second spot with a throw of 44.38m. **Batista dos Santos** from Brazil won gold, setting a Paralympic record with a throw of 45.59m. **L. Diaz Aldana** from Cuba bagged bronze.
- **South African** cricketer **Dale Steyn** has announced his retirement from all forms of cricket with immediate effect on August 31, 2021, ending his 20 years long cricket journey. The 38-year-old Proteas (South Africa national cricket team) pacer last played for **South Africa** in T20 vs Australia in February 2020. He had also played for **Royal Challengers Bangalore** (RCB) in the Indian Premier League (IPL).
- At the ongoing **Tokyo Paralympics 2020**, Indian shooter **Singhraj Adana** has won the **bronze medal** in the P1 Men's **10m Air Pistol SH1** final on August 31, 2021. Adana shot a total of 216.8 to finish at third place. China dominated the finals with defending champion **Chao Yang** (237.9 - Paralympic record) and **Huang Xing** (237.5) winning the gold and silver medals respectively.
- India's **Mariyappan Thangavelu** has won the silver medal in the **men's high jump (T63)** at the **Tokyo Paralympics**. He cleared the **1.86m mark** to take home silver. In the same event, Sharad Kumar won the bronze medal, clearing **1.83m mark**.



- **Praveen Kumar** became **India's fourth medallist** in men's high jump and **11th medallist overall** at the Tokyo Paralympics 2020 as he won silver with an Asian record jump of **2.07m**. Praveen cleared the Asian record with a 2.07m jump, finishing behind Great Britain's Jonathan Broom-Edwards, who managed the best jump of 2.10m on a rain-soaked track at the Olympic Stadium.
- **Avani Lekhara** won the **bronze medal** in the **women's 50m rifle 3 positions SH1** event with a score of 445.9 to become the **first Indian woman** to win two medals at the Paralympics. Lekhara had also won gold in the 10m air rifle standing SH1 event.
- In **Paralympics 2020**, India's ace archer **Harvinder Singh** has won the bronze medal in the men's individual recurve open. The 31-year old has become India's first-ever archer to win a medal in the Paralympics. With this win, India's medal haul at the ongoing Paralympics Games in Tokyo has reached 13 [2G,6S,5B].
- **Daniel Ricciardo** (McLaren, Australian-Italian) has won the Formula One **Italian Grand Prix 2021 title** held at Autodromo Nazionale Monza track, Italy. This is the first victory for McLaren in 9 years. **Lando Norris** came second while **Valtteri Bottas** came third in the F1 race. Lewis Hamilton and Max Verstappen crash out of Italian Grand Prix 2021 due to collision.
- Star Indian golfer **Jeev Milkha Singh** has become the first professional golfer in the world to receive the prestigious **10-year Dubai Golden Visa** in recognition of his outstanding achievements in the sport. The 49-year-old Jeev has had a long association with Dubai, having featured in several tournaments and making many friends in the city.
- **BCCI** announced that the former India captain **MS Dhoni** will mentor the team for the tournament, which will be played in **UAE and Oman** in October and November. He announced his retirement from international limited-overs cricket on August 15, 2020.
- **North Korea** was formally suspended from the **2022 Beijing Winter Olympics** by the **International Olympic Committee (IOC)** on 10th Sept as punishment for refusing to send a team to the Tokyo Games citing the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **Lasith Malinga** has announced his retirement from **T20 cricket** after 295 matches where he picked 390 wickets. He had already retired from **Tests in 2011** and from **ODIs in 2019**. The Sri Lanka pacer had also announced his retirement from franchise cricket in January this year after being released by Mumbai Indians.
- Former Zimbabwe skipper and wicket-keeper batsman, **Brendan Taylor** has announced his retirement from international cricket. He made the announcement while playing the third final ODI match on September 13, 2021, against Ireland. The 34-year batsman made his ODI debut for Zimbabwe in **2004** against Sri Lanka. He has scored 6677 runs from 204 ODI matches in his 17-year ODI career.
- **Max Verstappen (Red Bull - Netherlands)** has won the formula one **Dutch Grand Prix 2021**. **Lewis Hamilton** (Mercedes-Great Britain) came second while **Valtteri Bottas** (Mercedes-Finland) came third. The Red Bull driver's leading seventh win of the season and 17th of his career moved him three points ahead of the defending champion, who finished second but softened the blow with a bonus point for fastest lap.
- Former Australia pacer **Shaun Tait** has been roped in as the bowling coach of the **Puducherry** cricket team, sources in the **Cricket Association of Pondicherry**. Tait joins a coaching team that includes head coach **Dishant Yagnik** and manager and strength and conditioning coach **Kalpendra Jha**. The former Australia player had recently been appointed bowling coach of the **Afghanistan** team for a period of five months.
- The **130th edition** of the **Durand Cup** kicked off at the **Vivekananda Yubabharati Krirangan in Kolkata**. West Bengal CM **Mamata Banerjee** kicked the ball and inaugurated the tournament. 16 teams are playing in this edition of the oldest club football tournament in Asia while two clubs **East Bengal and Mohun Bagan** are not participating. The final match will be held on **3rd October**.
- Portuguese captain **Cristiano Ronaldo** has broken the world record for most goals scored in men's international football. Ronaldo surpassed Iranian striker **Ali Daei's** long-held record of **109 international goals** by scoring a brace against **Ireland** in a World Cup Qualifier. Ronaldo at 36 years of age is now a Guinness world record holder of most international goals of all time with **111 goals**.

- India's **Pankaj Advani** won the **Asian Snooker Championship 2021** by defeating Amir Sarkhosh. He has won this title for a second consecutive time. He is the winner of the last Asian Snooker Championship held in 2019.
- **Harmilan Kaur Bains** of Punjab has created a new national record in the **women's 1500m race** by clocking **4:05.39** to bag the gold at the **60th National Open Athletics Championships** in the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Hanamkonda in Telangana.
- India's **R Raja Rithvik** became chess Grandmaster after he crossed the ELO Rating of 2500. The 17-year-old achieved this GM title in **Vezerkepzo Grandmaster Chess Tournament** at Budapest, Hungary. He thus became the **70th** Grandmaster from the country.
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- India's **D Gukesh** won his second consecutive tournament of this month, the **Norway Chess Open 2021 Masters section**. Gukesh scored an unbeaten 8.5/10 and finished a full point ahead of the competition to win the tournament.
- The **Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics** unveiled its official motto, **"Together for a Shared Future"**, during a ceremony at the city's Capital Museum. The motto was chosen after a lengthy process that included a total of 79 different proposals. This motto embodies the Olympic spirit, the Chinese way of revealing the Olympic spirit.
- Star Indian cueist **Pankaj Advani** has grabbed his **24th World title** when he triumphed at the IBSF 6-Red Snooker World Cup with a victory over Pakistan's **Babar Masih** in the final. Advani, who won his 11th Asian title last week, started the final with a comfortable 42-13 win in the opening frame.
- **Lewis Hamilton** (Mercedes-Great Britain), has won the **F1 Russian Grand Prix 2021**. This is his 100th Grand Prix win. It was Hamilton's fifth win of the season and his first since the British Grand Prix in July.
- **England** cricket all-rounder **Moeen Ali** has announced his retirement from the Test match career. The 34-year-old Ali made his debut in Test cricket in **2014** and represented England in 64 Test matches.
- The team **India** archers settled for **three silver medals** at the 2021 World Archery Championships, held in Yankton, South Dakota, United States. Women's Compound Individual: Jyothi Surekha Vennam; Women's Compound Team: Jyothi Surekha Vennam, Muskar Kirar and Priya Gurjar; Compound Mixed Team: Abhishek Verma and Jyothi Surekha Vennam.
- India's **Sania Mirza** and her Chinese partner **Zhang Shuai** won the women's doubles title in the **women's doubles final** at the **Ostrava Open** in Ostrava, Czech Republic.
- The **United States** has clinched the **2021 Ryder Cup** after rookie **Collin Morikawa** secured the final half-point to get to a **19-9 victory**, which is the largest margin of victory in Ryder Cup history since the 28-point format came about. The Americans lost in 2018 in France and seven of the last 10 Ryder Cups against **Europe**, so a dominant 2021 victory could change the tide in the rivalry.
- **Rohit Sharma** became the first batter in the **Indian Premier League (IPL)** history to score 1000 runs against a single team during **Mumbai Indians' (MI)** contest against **Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR)** at the **Sheikh Zayed Stadium, Abu Dhabi**.
- The **International Cricket Council** has launched the official anthem of the upcoming **T20 World Cup** along with a campaign film featuring 'avatars' of Indian batting maestro **Virat Kohli** and West Indies skipper **Kieron Pollard**.

Summits and Conferences

- **India** hosted the **8th Meeting of Agriculture Experts of Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC)** Countries through video conferencing. The meeting was chaired by Dr **Trilochan Mohapatra**, Secretary, Department of Agricultural Research & Education & Director General of ICAR. BIMSTEC comprise of seven Member States including five from South Asia (Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Sri Lanka), and two from Southeast Asia, including Myanmar and Thailand.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** virtually addressed the plenary session of the **6th Eastern Economic Forum (EEF)**, organised in **Vladivostok, Russia**. An Indian delegation led by Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas, **Hardeep Singh Puri** and comprising leading Indian oil and gas companies are participating in the EEF Summit 2021 in Russia.
- **India** is all set to host a key conference as part of the **International Climate Summit (ICS) 2020-21** to build a dialogue for India's transition to clean energy. Policymakers, regulators, industry leaders, experts, and scientists from across the globe are going to be a part of the climate summit.
- **India and Australia** are undertaking their first-ever **2+2 ministerial dialogue** at the **Hyderabad House in New Delhi**. The high-level foreign and defence ministerial-level dialogue will further ramp up the overall defence and strategic cooperation between the two countries, including in the Indo-Pacific cooperation amid China's increasing military assertiveness in the region.
- **India and the United States of America (USA)** have launched the "**Climate Action and Finance Mobilization Dialogue (CAFMD)**". It will strengthen India-US bilateral cooperation on climate and environment. The dialogue was launched by Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate **Bhupender Yadav** and Mr **John Kerry**, U.S. Special Presidential Envoy for Climate (SPEC) in New Delhi.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** is set to attend the first-ever in-person **QUAD (Quadrilateral Security Dialogue) Leaders' Summit** at the **White House**, in Washington D.C. on **September 24, 2021**. Quad nation comprises of **India, Japan, the US and Australia**. PM Modi will also address the **United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)** in New York on September 25, 2021.
- The Government of India has proposed to institutionalise the **India-Africa Defence Dialogue**, as a regular event, to be held on the sidelines of the biennial **DefExpo military exhibition**. The first India-Africa Defence Ministers Conclave (IADMC) was held at DefExpo in February 2020 in **Lucknow**. The theme of the 2nd India Africa Defence Dialogue will be '**India - Africa: Adopting Strategy for Synergizing and Strengthening Defence and Security Cooperation**'.
- **India** is set to host the first-ever **Global Buddhist Conference** on **November 19 and 20, 2021**, in Nava Nalanda Mahavihara campus, in **Nalanda, Bihar**. The academic conference, being organised by **Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR)**, will become an annual feature. Four regional conferences in India (**Telangana, Saranath, Gangtok and Dharamshala**) and abroad (**Japan, South Korea, Thailand and Cambodia**) will be organised, in the run-up to the conference. The reports of these regional conferences will be presented at the inaugural Global Buddhist Conference.
- The **21st Meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Council of Heads of State** was held in hybrid format on **September 17, 2021**, in **Dushanbe, Tajikistan**. The meeting was held under the Chairmanship of the President of Tajikistan, **Emomali Rahmon**. This was the first SCO Summit held in a hybrid format and the fourth Summit in which India participated as a full-fledged member of SCO.
- **India** will hold the **G20 presidency** from December 1, 2022, and will convene the G20 leaders' summit in **2023** for the first time. **Piyush Goyal**, Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Minister has been appointed as **India's Sherpa for the G20 in 2023 (18th edition)**. A sherpa is a diplomat who undertakes preparatory work prior to a summit conference. The 2021 edition of the G20 meet will be held in **Rome, Italy**. The 2022 G20 meet will be held in **Bali, Indonesia**.
- Prime Minister of India, **Narendra Modi** has chaired the **13th BRICS Summit**, through video conferencing. The theme of the India-led Summit was "**BRICS@15: Intra-BRICS Cooperation for Continuity, Consolidation and Consensus**." The theme chosen by India reflects the fifteenth

anniversary of BRICS, being observed in 2021. PM Modi called for enhanced BRICS cooperation under the motto of '**Build-back Resiliently, Innovatively, Credibly and Sustainably**'.

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has embarked on a three-day visit to the **United States**. He is accompanied by a high-level delegation consisting of National Security Advisor **Ajit Doval** and senior officials including **Harsh Vardhan Shringla**. This is Prime Minister Modi's first visit abroad beyond the neighbourhood since the Covid-19 pandemic outbreak. PM Modi will address the General Debate of the High-Level Segment of **76th Session of UN General Assembly (UNGA)** on September 25 in New York.
- The **government of India** has hosted the first **India-United Kingdom Consular Dialogue** in the virtual medium. Joint Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs, **Devesh Uttam** led the Indian delegation while the UK delegation was led by **Jennifer Anderson**. Both sides discussed the ways to strengthen people-to-people contacts as part of the India-UK 2030 roadmap.
- Prime Minister of India **Narendra Modi** has addressed the **76th session** of the **United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)**, in New York. He is the first world leader scheduled to address the UN General Assembly at **6.30 PM IST**. Prior to this, PM Modi had addressed UN General Assembly in **2019**. The theme of the 2021 UN General Assembly session was 'building resilience through hope - to recover from Covid-19, rebuild sustainably, respond to the needs of the planet, respect the rights of people, and revitalise the United Nations.
- Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, **Amit Shah** has inaugurated and addressed the first-ever **National Cooperative Conference (Sehkarita Sammelan)** at the **Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium in New Delhi**. The minister outlined the government's vision and roadmap for the development of the Cooperative sector.
- Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare **Dr Bharati Pravin Pawar** has led the Indian delegation at the **4th Indo-US Health Dialogue**, held in **New Delhi**. The two-day Dialogue will be leveraged as a platform to deliberate upon multiple ongoing collaborations in the health sector between the two countries.

Awards & Recognition

- Odisha-born neurosurgeon **Dr Basant Kumar Misra** has been conferred the prestigious American Association of Neurological Surgeons' '**International Lifetime Achievement Award in Neurosurgery**'. Misra is the first Indian physician to receive the AANS honor which was conferred on him at a virtual ceremony during the **AANS Annual Scientific Meeting 2021** held in Orlando, Florida. He was the world's first surgeon to perform Computer-Guided Aneurysm surgery.
- Mexican photographer **Alejandro Prieto** has emerged as the winner of the **Bird Photographer of the Year (BPOTY) 2021**. He has won for capturing a photograph of a greater roadrunner staring up at the barbed-wire-clad border wall between the **USA and Mexico**, with what almost looks like a sense of bewilderment.
- **Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID)**, a Maharatna CPSU under Ministry of Power, Government of India has been awarded the coveted "**Association for Talent Development (ATD) 2021 BEST Award**". POWERGRID securing **8th** rank among the 71 organizations from around the globe, thus becoming the only PSU to win this award and one of the only two companies of India in the Top 20.
- Author **Susanna Clarke** won the **Women's Prize for Fiction 2021** for her novel '**Piranesi**'. Novelist and Booker-winner Bernardine Evaristo chaired the Women's Prize judging panel this year.
- Hyderabad-based **International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT)** has been awarded the **Africa Food Prize for 2021** for improving food security in sub-Saharan Africa. The Tropical Legumes Project developed 266 varieties of improved legumes and half a million tons of seeds for a range of legume crops, including cowpeas, pigeon peas, chickpea, common bean, groundnut, and soybean.
- Mathematician **Anand Kumar** was conferred with the **Swami Brahmanand Award 2021** for his contribution in the field of education through his '**Super 30**' initiative, which prepares underprivileged students for the IIT entrance exam. He received the award from professor Roop Kishore Shastri, the vice-chancellor of Haridwar's **Gurukula Kangri** deemed university, at a function in the Rath area of Hamirpur district of Uttar Pradesh.

- **National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS)**, run by the education ministry, has bagged global recognition from **UNESCO** for its innovative approach towards education. The recognition is for educating differently-abled people through technology-enabled inclusive learning material. The NIOS move has a specific focus on Indian sign language-based content.
- The **Florence Nightingale Award** will be given to a nurse, **Bhanumati Gheewala**, from **Sir Sayajirao General Hospital, Gujarat**. She has been in charge of COVID-19 positive pregnant women's deliveries as well as infant care. She worked in the gynaecology department as well in the paediatric ward. In 2019, when the wards of the hospital were waterlogged due to flood. She carried her duty in the gynaecology department and the pediatric ward.
- A 12-year-old environmental activist from Mumbai, Maharashtra, **Ayaan Shankta** has been named as "**2021 International Young Eco-Hero**". He won the 3rd prize under the Age Group: 8-14 for his project "**Conservation and Rehabilitation of Powai Lake**" and became one of the 25 global winners of the Young Eco-Hero Award 2021.
- **National Teachers' Award 2021** was awarded by **President Ram Nath Kovind, September 5, 2021**. President Kovind gave the awards to 44 finest teachers in the country for their dedicated contribution. The award is contributed to those who improve the quality of education for students and also inspire, enrich their lives. The award was also bestowed upon **Pramod Kumar Shukla** of **Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS), Chhattisgarh**. It is the second award in a row for an EMRS established under the **Ministry of Tribal Affairs**.
- **Writer Namita Gokhale** has been chosen as the recipient of the seventh **Yamin Hazarika Woman of Substance Award**. She was conferred upon the honour recently in a virtual ceremony. She is a co-founder and co-director of the Jaipur Literature Festival, Gokhale also mentors Himalayan Echoes and the Kumaon Festival of Literature and the Arts.
- Indian biologist **Shailendra Singh** has been awarded the **Behler Turtle Conservation Award** for bringing three critically endangered turtle conservation species back from the brink of extinction. Shailendra Singh was named to lead the **Turtle Survival Alliance (TSA)/ Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) India turtle programme**.
- Indian advertising doyen **Ramesh Narayan** will be inducted into the **Asian Federation of Advertising Associations (AFAA) Hall of Fame at AdAsia 2021**. The AFAA Hall of Fame sets out to recognise the best of the very best. It's for those who've defined a generation of advertising.
- **The Golden Rock Railway Workshop (GOC), Tiruchchirappalli** has bagged **22nd National Award for Excellence in Energy Management** from the **Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)** for having adopted and implemented various energy conservation measures. GOC Workshop is the only workshop of Indian Railways to have received the award this year.
- Brigadier **SV Sarasvati**, the Deputy Director-General of Military Nursing Service has been honoured with the **National Florence Nightingale Award 2020**. The National Florence Nightingale Award, the highest national distinction a nurse can achieve. President Ram Nath Kovind conferred the award in a virtual ceremony on Brig Saraswati for her contribution as a nurse administrator.
- **Fairooz Faizah Beether** of Bangladesh has been chosen for the **2021 Changemaker Award** for her work promoting good health and well-being by the **Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation**. The award celebrates an individual who has inspired change using personal experience or from a position of leadership.



- **OP Jindal Global University** has established the **Soli J Sorabjee endowment award and scholarship**. This award and scholarship will be awarded annually to a deserving student in the field of human rights law and theory, offered as part of the undergraduate programmes at the Jindal Global Law School. The award will be announced on March 9 every year (Birth anniversary of Soji).
- The **National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Hyderabad** under the auspices of the Ministry of Rural Development presented **Hunarbaaz Awards** to 75 differently-abled candidates from **15 states**.
- A **humanitarian organization from Yemen** has been declared as the winner of the **2021 UNHCR Nansen Refugee Award**. The organisation named "**Jeel Albena Association for Humanitarian Development**", founded in 2017 by **Ameen Jubran** has won the prestigious honour to support and provide a lifeline to tens of thousands of Yemenis people displaced by the country's conflict.
- **International Day for South-South Cooperation** is observed globally on **12th September** every year. The day celebrates the economic, social and political developments made in recent years by regions and countries in the south. It also highlights the UN's efforts to work on technical cooperation among developing countries.
- **World First Aid Day** is observed on the second **Saturday of September** every year. In 2021 the day is being observed on **September 11, 2021**. The theme for World First Aid Day 2021 is '**First aid and road safety**', according to the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC).
- The **World Lymphoma Awareness Day (WLAD)** is observed globally on **September 15** every year. The day is dedicated to raising awareness about lymphoma and the particular emotional and psychosocial challenges facing patients and caregivers suffering from different forms of lymphoma.
- In India, **Engineer's Day** is celebrated on **September 15** every year. The day is celebrated to recognise the contribution of engineers in the development of the nation. The day marks the birth anniversary of the engineering pioneer of India, **Sir Mokshagundam Vishweshwaraya**, (popularly known as Sir MV). He was awarded '**Bharat Ratna**' for his exceptional contribution to the building of India in 1955. He has also conferred the **British knighthood** and served as Diwan of Mysore from 1912 to 1918.
- **International Day of Democracy** is observed globally on **15th September** every year. It was established through a resolution passed by the **UN General Assembly in 2007**, for promoting and upholding the principles of democracy and provide an opportunity to review the state of democracy in the world. The theme for 2021 International Day of Democracy is "**Strengthening democratic resilience in the face of future crises**".
- The **International Day for the preservation for the Ozone layer (World Ozone Day)** is observed annually on **September 16** to spread awareness of the depletion of the Ozone Layer and search for solutions to preserve it. The theme for 2021 World Ozone Day: '**Montreal Protocol - keeping us, our food and vaccines cool.**'

Important Days

- **World Coconut Day** is observed on **September 02** every year since **2009**. It is observed for promoting this tropical fruit and bringing awareness regarding its health benefits. The theme of World Coconut Day 2021 is '**Building a Safe Inclusive Resilient and Sustainable Coconut Community Amid COVID-19 Pandemic & Beyond**'. The WCD also commemorates the formation of the Asian Pacific Coconut Community (APCC), which aims to promote, coordinate and harmonize all activities of the coconut industry.
- In **Madhya Pradesh, Indore** has become the **first district in the entire country** with a population of more than 10 lakh to inoculate 100% eligible population with the first dose of Covid19 vaccine. The target of Indore district was to vaccinate 28 lakh, 7 thousand ,559 people. Surpassing the target, a total of 28, lakh 08, thousand 212 persons have been vaccinate.
- **India** has added 557 new species to its fauna, which includes 407 new species and 150 new records, reveals **Animal Discoveries 2020**, a document published recently by the **Zoological Survey of India**.

- **World Patient Safety Day** is observed on **September 17** to create a global awareness for patient safety and urge people to show their commitment to making healthcare safer. The Day brings together patients, families, caregivers, communities, health workers, health care leaders and policy-makers to show their commitment to patient safety. The theme for 2021 WPSD is '**Safe maternal and newborn care**'.
- **World Bamboo Day** is observed every year on **18 September** to raise awareness of the benefits of bamboo and to promote its use in everyday products. Bamboos are used for various purposes mainly in East and Southeast Asia. Bamboo is a tall, tree-like grass of the family Poaceae. It comprises more than 115 genera and 1,400 species.
- **International Equal Pay Day** is celebrated on **18 September**. The inaugural edition of the day was observed in the year **2020**. The day aims to achieve equal pay for work of equal value and break the walls against all forms of discrimination, including discrimination against women and girls.
- The **World Water Monitoring Day** is observed every year on **September 18** since **2003** to increase public awareness and involvement in water monitoring and protecting water resources around the world. The theme of World Water Day 2021 is **valuing water**.
- The **International Coastal Cleanup Day** is traditionally held on the **third Saturday** in **September**. In 2021, the day is being held on **18 September**. The theme of International Coastal Clean-Up Day 2021: "**Keep trash in the bin and not in the ocean**". Coastal Cleanup Day was established by the Ocean Conservancy, an organization that works to help protect the ocean from the challenges it faces every year.
- The **International Red Panda Day (IRPD)** is celebrated on the **third Saturday** of September every year to raise public awareness and support for red panda conservation issues. In 2021, the IRPD is being observed on **18 September 2021**. The day was launched by the Red Panda Network in **2010**. The first international red Panda day was celebrated on **18th September 2010**.
- The **5th of September** is celebrated as teacher's day all over India. This day is celebrated as the teacher's day to mark the birthday of Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan who was the former president of our country. He was a philosopher, a scholar, and the Bharat Ratna Awardee. He was the **second President of India (1962 to 1967)** and the **first Vice President of India (1952-1962)**.
- The **International Day of Charity** is observed annually on **September 05**. It was declared by the United Nations General Assembly in **2012**. September 5 was chosen in order to commemorate the death anniversary of **Mother Teresa**, who had always been engaged in charitable work. Mother Teresa received the **Nobel Peace Prize in 1979** for "work undertaken in the struggle to overcome poverty and distress, which also constitute a threat to peace."
- The **International Day of Clean Air for blue skies** is observed globally on **September 07** to promote and facilitate actions to improve air quality. The 2021 theme for the International Day of Clean Air for blue skies is "**Healthy Air, Healthy Planet**" which emphasizes the health aspects of air pollution, especially considering the COVID-19 pandemic.
- To commemorate **75 years** of India's independence, the Government of India is celebrating the '**Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav**.' As a part of the celebration, the **Ministry of Food Processing Industries** is observing '**Food Processing Week**' from **6th to 12th September 2021**, under which, the Ministry is organizing various programs.
- **International Literacy Day** is observed globally on **8th September** every year. The day spread awareness about the importance of literacy for individuals, communities, and societies and the need for intensified efforts towards more literate societies. The theme of 55th International Literacy Day is **Literacy for a human-centred recovery: Narrowing the digital divide**.
- **International Day to Protect Education from Attack** is observed globally on **9th September**. In proclaiming the International Day to Protect Education from Attack to be celebrated for the first time in **2020**. The purpose of the day is to raise awareness regarding the importance of safeguarding schools as places of protection and safety for students and educators and the need to keep education at the top of the public agenda.

- International Association for Suicide Prevention (IASP) observes **World Suicide Prevention Day (WSPD)** on **10 September** every year. The purpose of this day is to raise awareness around the globe that suicide can be prevented. The theme for the 2021 World Suicide Prevention Day is **“Creating hope through action”**.
- **World EV Day** is observed on **September 9** every year. The day marks the celebration of **e-mobility**. Special awareness campaigns are organised globally to educate people about the benefits of electric vehicles. World EV Day was an initiative created by the sustainability media company **GreenTV**.
- The National Mission for Clean Ganga organized **Himalayan Diwas** on **September 09, 2021**, in association with Naula Foundation. This year's theme is **‘Contribution of Himalayas and our responsibilities’**. The event was part of the ongoing celebration of **‘Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav’**.
- Each year the **International Day of Peace** is observed around the world on **21 September**. The UN General Assembly has declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, through observing 24 hours of non-violence and cease-fire. The 2021 theme for the International Day of Peace is **“Recovering Better for an Equitable and Sustainable World.”**
- Every year, the full week ending on the last Sunday of **September** is observed as the **International Week of the Deaf (IWD)**. In 2021, IWD is being observed from **September 20 to 26, 2021**. The last Sunday of the month of September is celebrated as the World Day of Deaf or International Day of the Deaf (**September 26, 2021**). The theme of 2021 IWD is **“Celebrating Thriving Deaf Communities”**.
- **World Alzheimer’s Day** is observed globally on **September 21** every year. The day aims to raise awareness about the stigma that runs around Alzheimer disease and related dementia. World Alzheimer’s Day was launched at the opening of ADI’s annual conference in Edinburgh on **21 September 1994 to celebrate our 10th anniversary**. The theme for World Alzheimer Day 2021 is **“Know Dementia, Know Alzheimer’s”**.
- **World Rhino Day** is observed globally on **22 September** every year. This day provides the opportunity for cause-related organizations, NGOs, zoos, and members of the public to celebrate rhinos in their own unique ways.
- The **International Day of Sign Languages (IDSL)** is celebrated annually across the world on **23 September**. This day is celebrated to raise awareness of sign languages and strengthen the status of sign languages. The theme for the 2021 International Day of Sign Languages is **“We Sign For Human Rights”**.
- **World Pharmacist Day** is observed globally on **25th September** every year. This day is celebrated to create awareness about the role of a pharmacist in improving health. The day was an initiative of the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) along with the council of this organization. This year’s theme is **“Pharmacy: Always trusted for your health”**.
- In India, the **Antyodaya Diwas** is observed every year on **September 25**, to mark the birth anniversary of **Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya**. Antyodaya means **“uplifting the poorest of the poor”** or **“rise of the last person”**. The day was declared by the Modi Government on **September 25, 2014**, and officially celebrated since **2015**.
- **World Tourism Day** is observed globally on **27th September** every year. The purpose of this day is to raise awareness on the role of tourism within the international community and to demonstrate how it affects social, cultural, political and economic values worldwide. The theme for World Tourism Day 2021 is **“Tourism for Inclusive Growth”**. UNWTO has designated it as an opportunity to look beyond tourism statistics and acknowledge that, behind every number, there is a person.
- The **United Nations** observes **26 September** every year as the **International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons**. The aim of the day is to enhance public awareness about the threat posed to humanity by nuclear weapons and the necessity for their total elimination.
- The **International Federation of Environmental Health (IFEH)** declared to observe **World Environmental Health Day** on **26 September** every year. The theme for the 2021 World Environmental Health Day: **Prioritizing Environmental Health for healthier communities in the global recovery**.

- **World Rivers Day** is celebrated every year on the **"Fourth Sunday of September"** since **2005**, to raise global awareness of the need to support, protect and preserve the rivers around the world. In 2021, World Rivers Day is being celebrated on **26 September**. The theme for World Rivers Day 2021 is **"Waterways in our communities"** with a specific emphasis on the need to conserve and repair urban waterways, which are frequently under stress.
- **World Rabies Day** is celebrated annually on **September 28** to raise awareness about the impact of rabies on humans and animals, provide information and advice on how to prevent the disease and take efforts to control rabies. 2021 is the **15th** edition of World Rabies Day. The theme for the WRD in 2021 is **'Rabies: Facts, not Fear'**.
- The **International Day for the Universal Access to Information** (commonly known as Access to Information Day) is observed globally on **28th September** every year. Furthermore, the global discussions on **"building back better"** remain context-adaptive to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste** is celebrated on **September 29**, since 2020, to promote and implement global efforts to resolve the issue of food wastage. The theme for 2021 is **Stop food loss and waste. For the people. For the planet.**
- **World Heart Day** is celebrated on **29 September** annually to draw people's attention to heart illness and the range of associated health issues. This year, the theme of World Heart Day is **"Use Heart to Connect"**.
- Every year, **International Translation Day** is marked on **30 September**. The International Federation of Translators (FIT) organise the day ever since it was set up in **1953**. International Translation Day 2021 theme: **"United in translation"**.
- **World Maritime Day 2021** is observed globally on **30th September**. The exact date of celebrating World Maritime Day is left to the individual governments but is usually celebrated during the last week in September. The theme of World Maritime Day 2020 is **"Seafarers at the core of shipping's future"**.

Defence Current Affairs

- Raksha Mantri **Rajnath Singh** has dedicated to the nation, the indigenously built Coast Guard Ship **'Vigraha'** in **Chennai, Tamil Nadu**. According to the defence ministry, the 98-meter vessel will be based in **Andhra Pradesh's Visakhapatnam (Vizag)** and will be operated by a company of 11 officers and 110 sailors. The ship has been designed and built indigenously by Larsen & Toubro Ship Building Limited. With the joining of this ship, the Indian Coast Guard now have 157 Ships and 66 Aircraft in its inventory.
- **The Indian Navy and the German Navy** carried out a joint exercise in the **Gulf of Aden** near Yemen, in the Indian Ocean leg of Indo-Pacific Deployment 2021. The Indian Navy was represented by frigate **"Trikanth"** while the German Navy was represented by frigate **"Bayern"**.
- The Indian Naval Ship, **INS Tabar**, is on her goodwill visit to the number of ports in **Africa and Europe** since June 2021 till September 2021. As a part of this visit, INS Tabar took part in the Maiden Maritime Partnership Exercise with **Algerian Navy**, off the Algerian coast, in the **Mediterranean Sea**. The Algerian Naval Ship **ANS Ezzadjer** participated in the exercise.
- **Indian Army** will participate in **Exercise ZAPAD 2021**, a Multi Nation exercise being held at **Nizhniy in Russia** from 3-16 September. ZAPAD 2021 is one of the theatre level exercises of the Russian Armed Forces and will focus primarily on operations against terrorists. Over a dozen countries from the Eurasian and South Asian Regions will participate in this signature event.



- The next **Defence Expo** will be hosted by **Gujarat in 2022**. This was announced by chief minister **Vijay Rupani**. The Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between the Department of Defence Production and the Gujarat Government in this regard. About 100 countries are expected to participate in this biannual event. Defence Expo-2022 will be held in **Gandhinagar** from 10th to 13th March next year.
- India's first nuclear-missile tracking ship, named **INS Dhruv**, has been commissioned from Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh. The 10,00 tonnes satellite and ballistic missile tracking ship has been built by the **Hindustan Shipyard Limited** in collaboration with the **DRDO and National Technical Research Organisation (NTRO)**.
- The **Indian military** contingent comprising of an all arms combined force of 200 personnel is participating in the **Exercise PEACEFUL MISSION - 2021**, a Joint Counter Terrorism Exercise between **Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)** member states.
- The **8th edition** of the **Indian Army Chief's Conclave**, a gathering of serving and former Chiefs of Army Staff of the Indian Army, organised at **New Delhi** from September 16-18. The highlight of the three-day event will be the invite extended to former Chiefs of the Nepali Army, who were also Chiefs of the Indian Army.
- The **15th edition** of **Indo-Nepal Joint Military Training Exercise Surya Kiran** will be held from September 20, 2021, at **Pithoragarh** in Uttarakhand. The previous edition of the Exercise Surya Kiran was conducted in Nepal in 2019. The exercise was called off in 2020, due to the Covid-19 pandemic.
- The 28th edition of the **Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX)** took place from September 02 to 04, 2021. The SIMBEX-2021 annual bilateral maritime exercise was hosted by the **Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN)** in the southern fringes of the South China Sea.
- The **4th** edition of **AUSINDEX**, a bilateral navy exercise between the **Indian Navy** and the **Royal Australian Navy** has begun from **September 06, 2021**, and will continue up to September 10, 2021. Indian Navy Task Group comprises **INS Shivalik** and **INS Kadmatt**. This edition of AUSINDEX includes complex surface, sub-surface and air operations between ships, submarines, helicopters and Long Range Maritime Patrol Aircraft of the participating Navies.
- Air Chief Marshal **RKS Bhadauria** attended a three-day-long **Pacific Air Chiefs Symposium 2021** at Joint Base **Pearl Harbor-Hickam in Hawaii**. The event themed "**Enduring Cooperation towards Regional Stability**" was attended by air chiefs from countries in the Indo-Pacific region. Bhadauria was nominated as the Dean for the symposium.
- President **Ram Nath Kovind** has awarded the **President's Colour** to the **Indian Naval Aviation** at a ceremonial parade held at the INS Hansa base near Panjim in Goa. The president was given the guard of honour by the Indian Navy on the occasion. The President's Colour is the highest honour bestowed on a military unit in recognition of its exceptional service to the nation.
- The **3rd edition** of Bilateral Exercise '**Samudra Shakti**' is scheduled from **September 20 to Sep 22**. Indian Naval Ships **Shivalik** and **Kadmatt** had already arrived in **Jakarta, Indonesia** in the preparedness of this one of a kind exercise aimed at improving bilateral ties between India and Indonesia. The Indian navy will be participating in **Samudra Shakti** with the Indonesian navy to enhance mutual understanding and interoperability in maritime operations between the two navies.
- **Indian Army** will organize "**Bijoya Sanskritik Mahotsav**" from **26 to 29 September** in **Kolkata**. This Mahotsav will be observed to mark the golden jubilee of the **India-Pak war 1971**. The event will be inaugurated by Lieutenant General Manoj Pande, Army Commander, Eastern Command.
- **Ministry of Defence** will procure 118 Main Battle Tanks, MBTs **Arjun Mk-1A** for the Indian Army. The order was worth **Rs 7,523 crore** with Heavy Vehicles Factory, Avadi to sharpen the army's combat edge. It will support the **Make in India** initiative in the defence sector and it will help in achieving the goal of **Aatmanirbhar Bharat**.
- The **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** has carried a successful maiden test flight of a new version of the **Akash Missile** named '**Akash Prime**' from Integrated Test Range (ITR), **Chandipur, Odisha**.

Science and Technology

- The **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras** is working on developing an innovative digital model to address the problem of **e-waste (electronic wastes)**. The digital platform, named as 'e-Source,' will act as an exchange platform, to serve as an online marketplace for **Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE)**.
- **Indian Institutes of Technology (IIT), Ropar and Kanpur** and Faculty of Management Studies of Delhi University have jointly launched a living-plant based air purifier named "**Ubreathe Life**". This air purifier will boost the air purification process in indoor spaces, such as hospitals, schools, offices and Homes. It is the world's first, state-of-the-art 'Smart Bio-Filter' that can make breathing fresh.
- **Facebook** is launching its open beta for **Horizon Workrooms**, a way for people to work together remotely in groups with Oculus Quest 2 virtual reality headsets or other ways of connecting. Workers can use the avatar creation system (built for the Facebook Horizon virtual play platform) to create cartoon-like characters in **3D-animated work spaces**.
- A Hyderabad-based Space technology startup, **Skyroot Aerospace** has become the first private company to formally enter into an agreement with the **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)**. The Framework MoU will allow the company to undertake multiple tests and access facilities at various ISRO centres and avail the technical expertise of ISRO for testing and qualifying their space launch vehicle systems and subsystems.
- The **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay** has launched '**Project Udaan**', a language translator, to break the language barrier in education, which hampers the flow of messages. The Project Udaan, a donation-based project, is an end-to-end ecosystem, which can translate scientific and technical content from English to Hindi and all other Indian languages.
- The crew of the **Inspiration4**, the first-ever orbital flight crewed entirely by tourists, is now officially in orbit, according to a Livestream from **SpaceX**. The SpaceX rocket blasted off from **NASA's Kennedy Space Center**. The passengers will now spend three days aboard their 13-foot-wide **Crew Dragon capsule** in orbit at a 350-mile altitude.

- **Infosys**, a global leader in next-generation digital services and consulting, launched **Infosys Equinox** to help enterprises securely deliver hyper-segmented, personalized omnichannel commerce experiences for **B2B and B2C buyers**. The platform's future-ready architecture offers unprecedented flexibility for enterprises to pick and choose out-of-the-box microservices and pre-built experiences to build curated digital journeys that enhance their digital commerce or launch it grounds-up in a matter of weeks.
- The **International Astronomical Union** has named a crater at the Moon's south pole after the Arctic explorer **Matthew Henson**, a Black man who in 1909 was one of the first people to stand at the very top of the world. The proposal to name the crater after Henson was put forward by **Jordan Bretzfelder** who is an Exploration Science summer intern with **Lunar & Planetary Institute, in Houston**.
- Apple's co-creator **Steve Wozniak** has launched a new space start-up called **Privateer Space**, bringing potential competition to a field dominated by billionaires **Elon Musk, Jeff Bezos and Richard Branson**. Privateer will be represented at the Advanced Maui Optical and Space Surveillance Technologies Conference, scheduled to run from September 14-17 in Hawaii.

Books & Authors

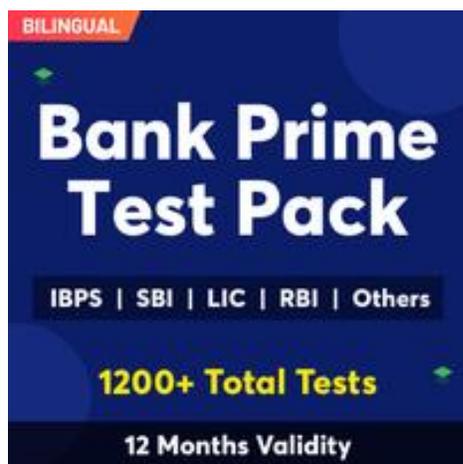
- A Book Titled **Know Your Rights: and Claim Them** Jointly written by **Angelina Jolie and Amnesty International with Geraldine Van Bueren QC**. The book is a guide for every child and young person who believes in **liberty, equality**. The Book deals with from gender and racial equality, to the rights to free expression, health, a clean climate and a sustainable environment.
- Information and Broadcasting Minister **Anurag Thakur** presented the **first copy** of the book titled **Reflecting, Recollecting, Reconnecting** to the Vice President **M Venkaiah Naidu**. The book chronicles Venkaiah Naidu's **fourth year** in office as the Vice President of India.

- A New Book Titled **An Invitation to Die: A Colonel Acharya Mystery** authored by **Tanushree Podder**. The Book is the story of **murder mystery, investigation by Colonel Acharya**. Tanushree Podder is a well known **travel writer and novelist**.
- A book has titled **'Human Rights and Terrorism in India'** authored by BJP MP **Subramanian Swamy**. He has come out with a book "Human Rights and Terrorism in India" which traces how the combating of terrorism can be harmonised with human and fundamental rights within reasonable restrictions that are permitted by the Constitution and upheld by the Supreme Court.
- The Pulitzer Prize-winning noted fiction writer, **Jhumpa Lahiri**, is set to launch her new book titled **'Translating Myself and Others'**, which will highlight her work as a translator. The new book is planned to be out in Spring 2022.
- Actress **Tamannaah Bhatia** launched her book **'Back to the Roots'**. She has co-authored the book with celebrity lifestyle coach **Luke Coutinho**. The book is based on intensive research and mentions India's ancient secrets of health and wellness. All the chapters in 'Back To the Roots' are complete with tried-and-tested secrets that have served generations of this country."
- Union Minister of Culture Shri **Kishan Reddy Gangapuram** has launched a book titled **"Gita Govinda: Jaydeva's Divine Odyssey"** authored by **Dr Utpal K. Banerjee**. The book is the first-ever fully-rhymed translation of the book **GeetaGovindam** by great 12th-century poet **Jayadeva**.
- A new book has titled **"Bullets Over Bombay: Satya and the Hindi Film Gangster"** authored by **Uday Bhatia**. The Book deals with the testimonies from **Ram Gopal Varma, Anurag Kashyap, Manoj Bajpayee, Vishal Bhardwaj, Saurabh Shukla**.
- Haryana Chief Minister, **Manohar Lal** released the book **'Haryana Environment and Pollution Code'** compiled by former IAS officer and famous poet **Smt. Dheera Khandelwal**. The book will prove useful to the entrepreneurs, who were deprived of complete knowledge of laws and regulations related to the environment for setting up new ventures. Students, law researchers and practitioners will also benefit from this book.
- The Union Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** has released a book titled **'Shining Sikh Youth of India'** in New Delhi, as a part of the commemoration of the **400th** birth anniversary of **Guru Tegh Bahadur**, the ninth Guru of Sikhs. The book has been authored by **Dr Prabhleen Singh**, administrative officer at the Punjabi University, Patiala.
- A book has titled **"The Three Khans: And the Emergence of New India"** authored by **Kaveree Bamzai**. In the book, senior journalist, Kaveree Bamzai has juxtaposed the careers of the 3 Khans, **Aamir, Shah Rukh, & Salman**, with the most tumultuous times in the history of the republic.
- **Chetan Bhagat** will release his new novel titled **'400 Days'** on October 08, 2021. He has released the cover for the same. It is the third novel in the **Keshav-Saurabh** series, after **'The Girl in Room 105'** and **'One Arranged Murder'**. The novel is a tale of suspense, human relationships, love, friendship, the crazy world we live in and, above all, a mother's determination to never give up.
- **Amitav Ghosh's "Jungle Nama"** has now been released as an audiobook with music and voice of US-based **Ali Sethi**. **Jungle Nama** evokes the wonder of the **Sundarban** through its poetry, accompanied by stunning artwork by the renowned artist **Salman Toor**. This is an illuminated edition of a fabulous folk tale that every book lover will want to possess.
- A book titled **"The Long Game: How the Chinese Negotiate with India"** authored by **Vijay Gokhale**. In this new book, former foreign secretary of India, **Vijay Gokhale**, unpacks the dynamics of India-China relations through the prism of six historical and recent events.
- A book titled **"The Fractured Himalaya: How the Past Shadows the Present in India-China Relations"**, authored by **Nirupama Rao**. The book traces how the origins of the dispute between India and China form part of a living history that shapes their fractious relationship today.
- A new book has titled **"The Battle of Rezang La"** written by **Kulpreet Yadav**. A new book tells the story of 120 Indian soldiers who put up a valiant fight against the 5,000-strong Chinese military troops in the 1962 Indo-China war, preventing a possible occupation of the entire Ladakh region.

- In her book, **My Life in Full: Work, Family and our Future**, Indra Nooyi focuses on the importance that organisational support plays in working women's lives. For instance, she lists the offer of three months of paid leave by BCG to take care of her father in India when he was diagnosed with cancer.

Miscellaneous Current Affairs

- The **world's highest movie theatre** has recently been inaugurated in **Ladakh**, which got its first-ever mobile digital movie theatre in the **Paldan area of Leh**, at an altitude of **11,562 feet**. The inflatable theatre can operate in **-28 degrees** Celcius. The initiative aims to bring cinema watching experience to most remotest areas of India. It must be noted that four such theatres will be established in Leh in the coming period.
- The **Union Territory of Ladakh** has declared **snow leopard (Panther unica)** as the new state animal and **black-necked crane (Grus nicricollis)** as the new state bird. The notification in this regard was released by Shri Radha Krishna Mathur, Lieutenant Governor of Union Territory of Ladakh on August 31, 2021.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** virtually unveiled a special commemorative coin of **Rs 125** to mark the **125th birth anniversary of ISKCON** founder **Sri Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada**. In July 1966, Prabhupada founded the **International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON)** commonly known as the '**Hare Krishna movement**'. The spiritual leader was born as Abhay Charan De on September 1, 1896, in Calcutta and later came to be known by the honorific **A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada**.



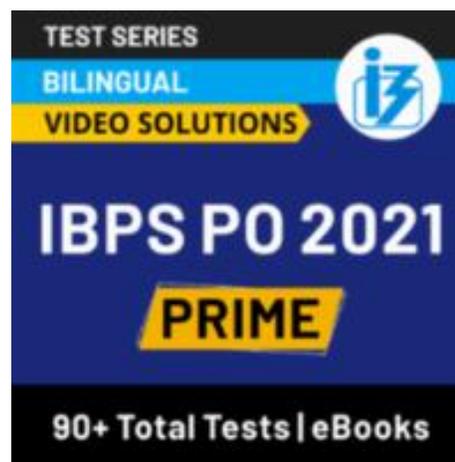
- The **Canadian city of Burnaby** has declared **September 5** as "**Gauri Lankesh Day**", as a tribute to the dead journalist on her death anniversary, her sister **Kavitha Lankesh**. Gauri Lankesh, a left-leaning journalist who brought out a magazine "**Gauri Lankesh Patrike**", was shot dead by two assailants on September 5, 2017 evening just outside her house in Bengaluru allegedly for her anti-Hindutva stand.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has laid the foundation stone of **Raja Mahendra Pratap Singh State University** at Aligarh, in **Uttar Pradesh**. The Uttar Pradesh government is establishing the university in memory and honour of noted Jat figure, Raja Mahendra Pratap Singh, the great freedom fighter, educationist and social reformer.
- **Tata Steel** has commissioned India's first carbon capture plant that extracts **CO2** directly from the blast furnace gas, at its **Jamshedpur Works**. With this achievement, Tata Steel has become the country's first steel company to adopt such a carbon capture technology. The CCU plant was inaugurated by **T.V. Narendran**, CEO and MD, Tata Steel, in the presence of company officials and other dignitaries.
- **Ford Motor Co.** will stop making cars in India and record roughly **\$2 billion** in restructuring charges, scaling back significantly in a country that past management saw becoming one of its three biggest markets. Ford will wind down an assembly plant in **Gujarat** by the fourth quarter, as well as vehicle and engine manufacturing plants in **Chennai** by the second quarter of next year.
- The **Chandigarh Railway Station(CRS)** was awarded a **5 star 'Eat Right Station' certification** for providing high-quality, nutritious food to passengers. The certification was awarded by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) upon the conclusion of the FSSAI-empowered third-party audit agency. CRS was selected to upgrade on the pattern of the **World Class Railway Station**.
- India's tallest air purification tower has been inaugurated in the **Union Territory of Chandigarh**. The tower has been installed at the initiative of the **Chandigarh Pollution Control Committee (CPCC)** at Transport Chowk, Sector 26, by Pious Air Pvt Limited.

- India's first indigenously Designed **High Ash Coal Gasification Based Methanol Production Plant at Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) Research and Development Centre, Hyderabad** was inaugurated. The project was funded by the Department of Science and Technology, which provided a Rs 10 crore grant, at the initiative of NITI Aayog, PMO-India and the Ministry of Coal.
- The **world's largest plant** designed to capture **carbon dioxide** out of the air began its operations in **Iceland**. The plant is named **Orca**, which means 'Energy' in Icelandic word. It will suck out up to **4,000 tons of CO2 per year**.
- **India's first building made of bio-bricks** from agro-waste has been inaugurated at **IIT Hyderabad**. The sample building is made up of bio-bricks supported by a metal framework. The roof is also made of bio-bricks over PVC sheets to reduce heat. It is part of the **Bold Unique Idea Lead Development (BUILD)** project to demonstrate the strength and versatility of the material.
- The **Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC)** has joined hands and signed the agreement with **Cordelia Cruises** being operated by **M/s Waterways Leisure Tourism Pvt. Ltd** for promotion and marketing of the first indigenous luxury cruise in India. This is another incredible luxury travel offering under IRCTC's umbrella of tourism services to the public.
- CISF official **Geeta Samota** became the "**fastest Indian**" to summit two peaks located in **Africa and Russia**. Earlier this month, Sub Inspector Geeta Samota had scaled Mount Elbrus in Russia, the highest peak in Europe. While Mt Elbrus (5,642 mts) is in Russia, the Kilimanjaro peak (5,895 mts) is located in Tanzania and is Africa's highest peak.
- The first edition of '**The Himalayan Film Festival-2021**' (THFF) will begin from **24 to 28 September** at Leh, Ladakh. The film festival is being organised by the Administration of Union Territory of Ladakh in collaboration with the Directorate of Film Festivals, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India.
- Two more beaches in India have been awarded "**Blue Flag**" certification, an international eco-level tag, taking the total number of such beaches in the country to 10. The two beaches to receive the certification this year are **Kovalam in Tamil Nadu** and **Eden in Puducherry**.
- The **India Meteorological Department (IMD)** has issued a red alert for Odisha and Andhra Pradesh after the '**Cyclone Gulab**' made landfall over Northwest and adjoining West-central Bay of Bengal. Cyclone Gulab was named by **Pakistan**.
- **Dr MG Ramachandran Central (DRM) or Chennai Central railway station** will get 100 per cent of energy through **Solar Energy**. The Chennai Central railway station comes under the South Central Railway (SCR) zone and which is going to become the world's largest green railway network.
- **Judima**, homemade rice wine from **Assam** and **Sojat Mehndi (Henna)** from **Rajasthan**, has been awarded the **geographical indication (GI) tag**. A GI tag is awarded to products associated with a specific geographical origin. Award of a GI sign not only helps in tracing the origins of products but also helps in confirming authenticity and marketing of indigenous specialities.

Obituaries

- Eminent Bengali writer **Buddhadeb Guha**, has passed away. He was the author of many notable works such as "Madhukari" (Honey Gatherer), "Koeler Kachhe" (Near the Koel bird) and "Sobinoy Nibedon" (Humble Offering). He also won several awards including **Ananda Purashkar in 1976, Shiroman Purashkar and Sharat Puraskar**.
- Former India cricketer and coach, **Vasoo Paranjape** has passed away. He was considered a mentor of stalwarts like **Sunil Gavaskar, Dilip Vengsarkar, Rahul Dravid, Sachin Tendulkar and Rohit Sharma** to name a few. He also gave Gavaskar the nickname '**Sunny**'.
- Bigg Boss 13 winner actor **Sidharth Shukla** has passed away. He has been a part of films like Humpty Sharma Ke Dulhania. The actor's last screen outing was Ekta Kapoor's popular show '**Broken But Beautiful 3**' in which he played the role of Agastya.

- Veteran Kashmiri separatist leader and former chief of the **All Parties Hurriyat Conference (APHC)**, **Syed Ali Shah Geelani** passed away. He was 91 years old. Syed Ali Gilani was born on September 29, 1929, to Syed Peer Shah Gilani of Zoori Munz village in Tehsil Bandipora. Gilani received his early education at Sopore and finished his studies at the Oriental College, Lahore Pakistan.
- Former Rajya Sabha MP and senior journalist **Chandan Mitra** has passed away. He was the **Editor and Managing Director of The Pioneer newspaper** in New Delhi. Mitra was nominated as a member of the **Rajya Sabha from August 2003 to 2009**.
- Veteran **Rajya Sabha** MP and former Union minister **Oscar Fernandes** has passed away. The senior Congress leader had served as the **Union Cabinet Minister for Transport, Road and Highways and Labour and Employment**, in Manmohan Singh's UPA government.
- Noted writer and former secretary of Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages **Aziz Hajini** passed away. Hajini, born as **Abdul Aziz Parray** in north Kashmir's Bandipora, was appointed Secretary J&K Academy of Art Culture and Languages in **2015**. He has over twenty books in Kashmiri to his credit including poetry and criticism.
- Double Olympic hammer throw gold medallist **Yuriy Sedykh**, a Ukrainian track and field athlete who represented the **Soviet Union until 1991**, has passed away. He set the world record for the hammer throw with a throw of 86.74 metres at the European Championships in Stuttgart in 1986 which is still not broken.
- Former India footballer and Mohun Bagan captain, **Bhabani Roy** passed away. He was joined Bagan in 1966 and played for the club till **1972**. He represented India in the **1969 Merdeka Cup** and played in three matches. Bhabani Roy helped Mohun Bagan win the **Rovers Cup** in **1968, 1970, 1971 and 1972 (Joint Winner)**.
- Former President of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), **Jacques Rogge** has passed away. He had spent 12 years as president of IOC, from 2001 to 2013, overseeing three summer Games and three winter Games, as well as creating the Youth Olympics. He was then succeeded by **Thomas Bach**. He was the **8th** President of IOC.
- Former France footballer **Jean-Pierre Adams**, who had been in a coma for 39 years, has passed away. In 1982, Adams slipped into a coma following a medical error, during his routine knee surgery. He made a total of 22 appearances for the **France National Football Team** from 1972-1976. At club level, Adams played as a defender for Paris Saint-Germain, Nîmes and Nice.
- Former Union health secretary **Keshav Desiraju** has passed away, due to "acute coronary syndrome". Desiraju was the grandson of former president **Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan**. He was the 1978 batch IAS officer from the Uttarakhand cadre.
- **Rajni Kaul** who was the **first News Broadcaster for BBC Hindi** passed away in Faridabad, Haryana. She was 93. She was not only the first woman to join BBC Hindi as a staff member but she also became the first woman to read a news bulletin in Hindi on the network in 1961. She was well-known for her programme **Indradhanush**.
- Eminent Odia litterateur, social worker and journalist **Manorama Mohapatra** passed away. She was a former editor of Odia daily '**The Samaja**'. She had won the Sahitya Academy Award in 1984, Soviet Nehru Award in 1988, Critic Circle of India Award in 1990, Iswar Chandra Vidyasagar Samman in 1991 and Rupambara Award in 1994.
- Renowned Theoretical physicist and cosmologist Professor **Thanu Padmanabhan** passed away. He was a distinguished professor at the **Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics (IUCAA)**.



- **Jimmy Greaves**, one of England's most prolific strikers and Tottenham Hotspur's record goalscorer, passed away. He scored 266 goals for Tottenham between 1961-1970 & his 37 league goals in the 1962-63 season remains a club record.
- President of the Akhil Bharatiya Akhara Parishad, **Mahant Narendra Giri** has passed away. It was in 2016 that Giri first took over as chief of the **Akhara Parishad**. It was during his tenure that the Parishad released a list of allegedly "**fake saints**". In 2019, Giri was elected chief of the Parishad for a second time.
- Former Governor of Arunachal Pradesh and Commissioner of Delhi Police, **Yudhvir Singh Dadwal**, has passed away. Dadwal, a 1974-batch IPS officer, was the **16th police commissioner of Delhi** from July 2007 to November 2010. In **2016**, Dadwal was appointed as the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh.
- Women's rights activist and noted author, **Kamla Bhasin**, has passed away battling cancer. She started working on developmental issues in the **1970s** and her work focused on gender, education, human development and the media.
- The Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA) is an autonomous institute of the Department of Science & Technology (DST), Govt. of India, headquartered in Bengaluru;
- The International Astronomical Union (IAU) headquarters: Paris, France.
- Central Board of Direct Taxes Established: 1924;
- Central Board of Direct Taxes Headquarters: New Delhi.
- BSF was formed on December 1, 1965;
- BSF Headquarters: New Delhi;
- ITBP Founded: 24 October 1962;
- ITBP Headquarters: New Delhi, India.
- Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd Founded: 18 February 1982;
- Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd Headquarters: Visakhapatnam.
- Rajya Sabha Founded: 3 April 1952;
- Rajya Sabha Term limits: 6 years.
- Adidas Founder: Adolf Dassler;
- Adidas Founded: 18 August 1949;
- Adidas Headquarters: Herzogenaurach, Germany;
- Algeria Capital: Algiers;
- Algeria Currency: Algerian dinar;
- POWERGRID Founded: 23 October 1989;
- POWERGRID Headquarters: Gurgaon, India.
- ISKCON Founded: 13 July 1966, New York, United States;
- ISKCON Headquarters: Mayapur, West Bengal.
- IMF Headquarters: Washington, D.C. U.S.;
- HDFC Life Headquarters: Mumbai;
- HDFC Life Founded: 2000.
- Engineers India Ltd Founded: 1965.
- NITI Aayog Formed: 1 January 2015;
- NITI Aayog Headquarters: New Delhi;
- Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs Founded: 1 January 1964.
- Morocco Capital: Rabat;
- Morocco Currency: Moroccan dirham;
- Morocco Continent: Africa.
- DBS Bank India Limited Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- DBS Bank India Limited Established: 2014.
- Paytm Payments Bank Ltd Headquarters: Noida, Uttar Pradesh.

Static Takeaways

- Sri Lanka Capitals: Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte; Currency: Sri Lankan rupee.
- Sri Lanka Prime Minister: Mahinda Rajapaksa; Sri Lanka President: Gotabaya Rajapaksa.
- New Development Bank Headquarter: Shanghai, China;
- New Development Bank Founder: BRICS;
- New Development Bank Founded: 15 July 2014.
- Axis Bank Headquarters: Mumbai;
- Axis Bank Founded: 3 December 1993, Ahmedabad.
- SBI Headquarters: Mumbai.
- SBI Founded: 1 July 1955.
- LIC Headquarters: Mumbai;
- LIC Founded: 1 September 1956;
- Headquarters location of Phonepe: Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- PayU Founded: 2006;
- BillDesk Headquarters: Mumbai;
- BillDesk Founded: 29 March 2000.
- HSBC Founded: March 1865.

- Power Finance Corporation Ltd Headquarters: New Delhi;
- Power Finance Corporation Ltd Founded: 16 July 1986;
- Adobe Founded: December 1982;
- Adobe Headquarters: California, United States.
- Olympic Council of Asia Headquarters: Kuwait City, Kuwait;
- Olympic Council of Asia Founded: 16 November 1982.
- UNESCO headquarters: Paris, France.
- UNESCO Founded: 16 November 1945.
- Headquarters of BCCI: Mumbai, Maharashtra; Founded: December 1928.
- International Olympic Committee Headquarters: Lausanne, Switzerland.
- International Olympic Committee Founded: 23 June 1894 (Paris, France).
- Tata Steel Founded: 25 August 1907, Jamshedpur;
- Tata Steel Headquarters: Mumbai.
- Ford Motor Co Founded: 16 June 1903;
- Ford Motor Co Headquarters: Michigan, United States.
- NCC Founded: 16 April 1948;
- NCC Headquarters: New Delhi.
- ISRO Headquarters: Bengaluru, Karnataka;
- ISRO established: 15 August 1969.
- Headquarters of NASA: Washington D.C., United States.
- NASA Founded: 1 October 1958.
- SpaceX Founded: 2002.
- SpaceX Headquarters: California, United States of America.
- Infosys Founded: 7 July 1981;
- Infosys Headquarters: Bengaluru.
- World Bamboo Organization Headquarters: Antwerp, Belgium.
- World Bamboo Organization Founded: 2005.
- Red Panda Network Headquarters: Eugene, Oregon.
- TRIFED was established on the 6th of August 1987.
- Japan Capital: Tokyo;
- Japan Currency: Japanese yen;
- Karnataka Bank Headquarters: Mangalore;
- Karnataka Bank Founded: 18 February 1924.
- UCO Bank Headquarters: Kolkata;
- UCO Bank Founded: 6 January 1943.
- Bank Of Baroda Headquarters: Vadodara, Gujarat, India;
- Headquarters location of Phonepe: Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- Asian Squash Federation Headquarters: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia;
- Asian Squash Federation Founded: 1980.
- Equitas Small Finance Bank (ESFB) headquarters: Chennai;
- United India Insurance Company Limited Headquarters: Chennai;
- United India Insurance Company Limited Founded: 18 February 1938;
- Export-Import Bank of India Founded: 1 January 1982;
- Export-Import Bank of India Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- International Road Federation Founded: 1948;
- International Road Federation Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland.
- India's Income Tax Appellate Tribunal was set up on 25 January 1941.
- IDFC First Bank Headquarters: Mumbai;
- IDFC First Bank Founded: October 2015.
- National Fertilizers Ltd Headquarters: Noida;
- National Fertilizers Ltd Founded: 1 September 1979.
- Australia Prime minister: Scott Morrison;
- Australia Capital: Canberra;
- Australia Currency: Australian dollar.
- UNICEF Founded: 11 December 1946.
- UNICEF Headquarters: New York, United States.
- China Capital: Beijing;
- China Currency: Renminbi;
- China President: Xi Jinping.
- Iceland Capital: Reykjavik;
- Iceland Currency: Icelandic króna;
- Iceland Continent: Europe.
- El Salvador Capital: San Salvador;
- El Salvador President: Nayib Bukele.
- SCO Headquarters: Beijing, China
- SCO Founded: 15 June 2001
- SCO Permanent Members: China, Russia, Tajikistan, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan India, Pakistan and Iran.

- Canada Capital: Ottawa; Currency: Canadian dollar.
- Prime Minister of Bangladesh: Sheikh Hasina; Capital: Dhaka; Currency: Taka.
- President of Bangladesh: Abdul Hamid.
- Paytm HQ: Noida, Uttar Pradesh;
- Paytm Founded: 2009.
- Sony Pictures Networks India Headquarters: Mumbai;
- Sony Pictures Networks India Founded: 30 September 1995.
- Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd Headquarters: Mumbai;
- Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd Founded: 1952.
- SBI Card Founded: October 1998;
- SBI Card Headquarters: Gurugram, Haryana.
- YES bank HQ: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- Federal Bank Headquarters: Aluva, Kerala;
- Federal Bank Founded: 23 April 1931.
- Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development Headquarters: Paris, France
- Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development Founded: 30 September 1961.
- President of ADB: Masatsugu Asakawa; Headquarters: Manila, Philippines.
- Indian Airforce founded: 8 October 1932;
- Indian Airforce Headquarters: New Delhi.
- Facebook Founded: February 2004;
- Facebook Headquarters: California, United States.
- World Bank Headquarters: Washington, D.C., United States.
- World Bank Formation: July 1944.
- WIPO Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland;
- WIPO Founded: 14 July 1967;
- WIPO Membership: 193 member states;
- World Federation of the Deaf Founded: 23 September 1951, Rome, Italy;
- World Federation of the Deaf Headquarters location: Helsinki, Finland.
- International Pharmaceutical Federation Headquarters location: The Hague, Netherlands.
- International Pharmaceutical Federation Founded: 25 September 1912.
- Headquarters of WHO: Geneva, Switzerland.
- WHO founded: 7 April 1948.
- United Nations World Tourism Organization Headquarters location: Madrid, Spain.
- United Nations World Tourism Organization Founded: 1 November 1974.
- The International Federation of Environmental Health was established in 1986 and is based in London, England.
- Supreme Court of India Established: 26 January 1950.
- Audit Bureau of Circulations Founded: 1948;
- Audit Bureau of Circulations Headquarters: Mumbai.
- Global Alliance for Rabies Control Founded: 2007.
- Global Alliance for Rabies Control Headquarters: Manhattan, Kansas, United States.
- Mastercard Headquarters: New York, United States.
- ICRA Founded: 16 January 1991;
- ICRA CEO: N. Sivaraman.
- DRDO Headquarters: New Delhi.
- DRDO Established: 1958.
- NASSCOM Headquarters: New Delhi;
- NASSCOM Founded: 1 March 1988.
- World Heart Federation Founded: 2000.
- World Heart Federation Headquarters location: Geneva, Switzerland.
- International Atomic Energy Agency Headquarters: Vienna, Austria; International Atomic Energy Agency Founded: 29 July 1957.
- Press Trust of India Headquarters location: New Delhi. Press Trust of India Founded: 27 August 1947.
- RBL Bank Founded: August 1943;
- RBL Bank Headquarters: Mumbai;
- International Maritime Organization Headquarters location: London, United Kingdom.



- International Maritime Organization Founded: 17 March 1948.
- North Korea Capital: Pyongyang;
- North Korea Supreme leader: Kim Jong-un;
- North Korea Currency: North Korean won.
- National Payments Corporation of India MD & CEO: Dilip Asbe.
- National Payments Corporation of India Headquarters: Mumbai.
- National Payments Corporation of India Founded: 2008.
- Indian Overseas Bank Headquarters: Chennai;
- Indian Overseas Bank Founded: 10 February 1939.

• **States and their Chief Ministers & Governors:**

Sr. No.	State	Chief Minister	Governor
1.	Andhra Pradesh	YS Jagan Mohan Reddy	Biswa Bhusan Harichandan
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	Pema Khandu	Brig. (Dr.) B. D. Mishra
3.	Assam	Himanta Biswa Sarma	Prof. Jagdish Mukhi
4.	Bihar	Nitish Kumar	Phagu Chauhan
5.	Chhattisgarh	Bhupesh Baghel	Sushri Anusuiya Uikey
6.	Goa	Pramod Sawant	P.S. Sreedharan Pillai
7.	Gujarat	Bhupendra Patel	Acharya Dev Vrat
8.	Haryana	Manohar Lal Khattar	Bandaru Dattatraya
9.	Himachal Pradesh	Jairam Thakur	Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar
10.	Jharkhand	Hemant Soren	Ramesh Bais
11.	Karnataka	Basavaraj S Bommai	Thaawarchand Gehlot
12.	Kerala	Pinarayi Vijayan	Arif Mohammed Khan
13.	Madhya Pradesh	Shivraj Singh Chouhan	Mangubhai Chhaganbhai Patel
14.	Maharashtra	Uddhav Thackeray	Bhagat Singh Koshyari
15.	Manipur	N. Biren Singh	La. Ganesan
16.	Meghalaya	Conrad Kongkal Sangma	Satya Pal Malik
17.	Mizoram	Pu Zoramthanga	Dr. Kambhampati Haribabu
18.	Nagaland	Neiphiu Rio	Jagdish Mukhi
19.	Odisha	Naveen Patnaik	Prof. Ganeshi Lal
20.	Punjab	Charanjit Singh Channi	Banwarilal Purohit
21.	Rajasthan	Ashok Gehlot	Kalraj Mishra
22.	Sikkim	PS Golay	Ganga Prasad
23.	Tamil Nadu	MK Stalin	R. N. Ravi
24.	Telangana	K Chandrasekhar Rao	Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan
25.	Tripura	Biplab Kumar Deb	Satyadeo Narain Arya
26.	Uttar Pradesh	Yogi Aditya Nath	Smt. Anandiben Patel
27.	Uttarakhand	Pushkar Singh Dhami	Baby Rani Maurya
28.	West Bengal	Mamata Banerjee	Jagdeep Dhankhar

• Union Territories and their Chief Ministers & Lt. Governors:

Sr. No.	Union Territory	Chief Minister	Lt. Governors & Administrators
1.	Andaman and Nicobar Island		Admiral D K Joshi (Lieutenant Governor)
2.	Chandigarh		Banwarilal Purohit (Administrator)
3.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu		Shri Praful Patel (Administrator)
4.	Delhi	Arvind Kejriwal	Shri Anil Bajjal (Lieutenant Governor)
5.	Jammu and Kashmir		Shri Manoj Sinha (Lieutenant Governor)
6.	Lakshadweep		Shri Praful Patel (Administrator)
7.	Puducherry	N. Rangaswamy	Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan (Addl. Charge) (Lieutenant Governor)
8.	Ladakh		Shri Radha Krishna Mathur (Lieutenant Governor)

• Union Ministers in News in month of September 2021:

Sr No.	Ministry	Union Minister
1.	Minister of Information and Broadcasting	Anurag Singh Thakur
2.	Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways	Nitin Jairam Gadkari
3.	Minister of Communications	Ashwini Vaishnav
4.	Minister of Tribal Affairs	Arjun Munda
5.	Union Minister of Food Processing Industries	Pashupati Kumar Paras
6.	Minister of State for Food Processing Industries	Prahlad Singh Patel
7.	Union Minister of Law and Justice	Kiren Rijiju
8.	Minister of Education	Dharmendra Pradhan
9.	Minister of Corporate Affairs	Nirmala Sitharaman
10.	Union Minister of Education	Dharmendra Pradhan
11.	Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare	Mansukh Mandaviya
12.	Union AYUSH Minister	Sarbananda Sonowal
13.	Union Minister of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change	Bhupender Yadav
14.	Union Defence Minister	Rajnath Singh
15.	Union Minister for Commerce and Industry	Piyush Goyal
16.	Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister	Hardeep Singh Puri
17.	Civil aviation minister	Jyotiraditya Scindia
18.	Union Minister for Panchayati Raj and Rural Development	Giriraj Singh

• Heads of various organizations in News in month of September 2021 :

Sr No	Head of Organization	Name of Person
1.	New Development Bank President	Marcos Prado Troyjo
2.	Axis Bank CEO	Amitabh Chaudhry
3.	SBI Chairperson	Dinesh Kumar Khara
4.	LIC Chairman	M R Kumar
5.	CEO of Phonepe	Sameer Nigam
6.	PayU CEO	Laurent le Moal
7.	BillDesk Founder(s)	M N Srinivasu; Ajay Kaushal; Karthik Ganapathy
8.	HSBC CEO	Peter Wong
9.	HSBC Founder	Thomas Sutherland
10.	Rajya Sabha Chairperson	M Venkaiah Naidu
11.	Adidas CEO	Kasper Rorsted
12.	Algeria President	Abdelmadjid Tebboune
13.	IMF Managing Director and Chairman	Kristalina Georgieva
14.	IMF Chief Economist	Gita Gopinath
15.	HDFC Life CEO	Vibha Padalkar
16.	NITI Aayog Chairperson	Narendra Modi
17.	NITI Aayog CEO	Amitabh Kant
18.	Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs Chairperson	M Ajit Kumar
19.	Managing Director & CEO of DBS Bank India Ltd	Surojit Shome
20.	MD and CEO of Paytm Payments Bank Ltd	Satish Kumar Gupta
21.	Power Finance Corporation Ltd chairman and managing director	R S Dhillon
22.	Adobe CEO	Shantanu Narayen
23.	UNESCO Head	Audrey Azoulay
25.	Secretary of BCCI	Jay Shah
26.	President of BCCI	Sourav Ganguly
27.	International Olympic Committee President	Thomas Bach
28.	Tata Steel Founder	Jamsetji Tata
29.	Ford Motor Co CEO	Jim Farley
30.	Ford Motor Co Founder	Henry Ford
31.	ISRO Chairman	K Sivan
32.	NASA administrator	Bill Nelson
33.	SpaceX founder & CEO	Elon Musk
34.	Infosys CEO	Salil Parekh
35.	World Bamboo Organization Executive director	Susanne Lucas
36.	Red Panda Network Founder	Brian Williams
37.	Karnataka Bank CEO	Mahabaleshwara M S
38.	UCO Bank MD and CEO	Atul Kumar Goel
39.	UCO Bank Founder	Ghanshyam Das Birla

Sr No	Head of Organization	Name of Person
40.	Bank Of Baroda Chairman	Hasmukh Adhia
41.	Bank Of Baroda MD & CEO	Sanjiv Chadha
42.	CEO of Phonepe	Sameer Nigam
43.	Asian Squash Federation General Secretary	Duncan Chiu
44.	ESFB MD & CEO	Vasudevan P N
45.	United India Insurance Company Limited CEO	Shri Girish Radhakrishnan
46.	UNICEF Executive Director	Henrietta H Fore
47.	SCO Secretary-General	Vladimir Norov
48.	Paytm Founder & CEO	Vijay Shekhar Sharma
49.	CMD Of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd	Arun Kumar Singh
50.	SBI Card MD and CEO ;	Rama Mohan Rao Amara
51.	YES bank MD & CEO	Prashant Kumar
52.	Federal Bank MD and CEO	Shyam Srinivasan
53.	Federal Bank Founder	K P Hormis
54.	Facebook CEO	Mark Zuckerberg
55.	World Bank President	David Malpass
56.	WIPO Director General	Daren Tang
57.	World Federation of the Deaf President	Joseph Murray
58.	International Pharmaceutical Federation President	Dominique Jordan
59.	President of the World Health Organisation	Tedros Adhanom
60.	United Nations World Tourism Organization Head	Zurab Pololikashvili
61.	48th Chief Justice of India (CJI)	Nuthalapati Venkata Ramana
62.	Global Alliance for Rabies Executive Director	Louis Nel
63.	Mastercard President	Michael Miebach
64.	Chairman DRDO	Dr G Satheesh Reddy
65.	NASSCOM Chairperson	Rekha M Menon
66.	World Heart Federation Chairman	Rajeev Gupta
67.	RBL Bank MD & CEO	Vishwavir Ahuja
68.	International Federation of Translators President	Kevin Quirk
69.	International Federation of Translators Secretary-General	Real Paquette
70.	International Maritime Organization Secretary-General	Kitack Lim
71.	Indian Overseas Bank CEO	Partha Pratim Sengupta