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National News

December 2021

- Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) approved the emergency use of two new COVID-19 vaccines Covovax & Corbevax. CDSCO also approved the anti-viral drug Molnupiravir. CORBEVAX vaccine is India's 1st indigenously developed RBD protein sub-unit vaccine against #COVID19, Made by Hyderabad-based firm Biological-E.
- Niti Aayog released "Healthy States, Progressive India" report which also included the fourth edition of state health index for 2019-20. Kerala retained its top position in the index among the larger states while Uttar Pradesh was at the bottom of the index. Mizoram topped the health index among smaller states while Nagaland was ranked at the bottom.
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah released the Good Governance Index 2021 on December 25. Gujarat and Delhi bagged the top spot in the composite rankings while Uttar Pradesh showed the highest improvement of 8.9% in the index indicators.
- Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) approved the emergency use of Bharat Biotech's Covaxin for use on children above 12 years with certain conditions on December 25.
- Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully tested indigenously developed High-speed Expendable Aerial Target (HEAT) Abhyas from Integrated Test Range (ITR) at Chandipur off the coast, Odisha on December 23. HEAT Abhyas can travel at a high subsonic speed trajectory at a very low altitude.
- Prohibition of Child Marriage (Amendment) Bill, 2021 was sent to the Lok Sabha standing committee. The bill seek to amend the minimum age of marriage to 21 for girls as par with boys. The bill was introduced by Union Women and Child Development Minister Smriti Irani on December 23.
- Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), on December 22, 2021, conducted the maiden flight test of indigenously developed surface-to-surface missile 'Pralay' from Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the coast of Odisha. It has the ability to change its path after covering certain range mid-air.
- Foundational Literacy and Numeracy Index was released by the Economic Advisory Council to Prime Minister of India. Index in an indicator of literacy rate among children below the age of 10 years. West Bengal topped the index among the larger states.
- The Election Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2021 was passed by the Parliament on December 21, 2021 after it was given a go ahead in the Rajya Sabha. The bill was passed in the Lok Sabha on December 20, 2021. The bill seeks to make amendments to the Representation of the People Act and allow electoral registration officers to seek the Aadhaar number of those who want to register as voters to establish their entity.

- Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, on December 13, 2021, launched a National Helpline against atrocities on SCs and STs. National Helpline number for SCs, STs is 14566
- Defence Research and Development Organisation and Indian Air Force flight tested the indigenously developed and designed Stand-Off Anti-tank (SANT) Missile from Pokhran Range on December 11, 2021.
- Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) in Dibrugarh, Assam has designed a new testing kit that will be able to detect Omicron COVID variant in two hours.
- Farmer's suspend their 15-month protest after three farm laws were repealed on the first day of the winter session of Parliament as promised by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi. They announced that they will vacate the protest site from December 11.
- Chief of Defence Staff General Bipin Rawat with his wife Madhulika and other 14 passengers were died in Indian Air Force's helicopter Mi-17V5 helicopter crash in the Nilgiri hills of Tamil Nadu on December 8. Group Captain Varun Singh was the lone survivor who later died in the hospital.
- National Commission for Women (NCW) launched pan-India capacity building programme 'She is a Changemaker' on December 7. The main objective of the programme will be to undertake capacity building of women political leaders.
- Lok Sabha passed the Assisted Reproductive Technology Bill, 2021 on December 1, 2021. The bill proposes to establish a national board and the state boards for the regulation and supervision of ART clinics and banks for the ethical and safe practice of ART services.

November 2021

- India's first privately built cryogenic rocket engine, built by Skyroot Aerospace, test-fired as Dhawan-1. The cryogenic rocket engine is 100 per cent 3D printed and fully made in India. It was named after Satish Dhawan, the third chairman of ISRO.
- Parliament of India passed the Farm Laws Repeal Bill, 2021 on November 29. It was passed on the first day of the winter session. The Farm Laws Repeal Bill, 2021 was passed to repeal the three farm laws namely,
 1. Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Act, 2020
 2. Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Act, 2020
 3. Essential Commodities (Amendment) Act, 2020.
- Union Government of India extended the "Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) for four months on November 24. PMGKAY was extended from December 2021 till March 2022 as a part of Phase 5 of this scheme.
- The results of the National Family Health Survey 5 (NFHS5) were published on November 24, 2021. In Uttar Pradesh, only 1.5% of women between the ages of 30

and 49 undergo a lifetime screening for cervical cancer, according to key findings reports. Many health indicators have improved in the state. There are few reports of domestic violence against women. According to NFHS5, 1.1% of women in urban areas and 1.7% of women in rural areas were screened. For example, rural women were better at recognizing and screening for cervical cancer. Only 0.4% of women (3,049 years old) had a breast test for cancer in both rural and urban areas. The number of women undergoing oral examination for cancer was only 0.6% in both rural and urban areas.

- Indian Navy commissioned indigenously built INS Vela, on November 25, 2021. It is the fourth stealth Scorpene class submarine built under Project 75. The project 75 was undertaken to build 6 Scorpene class submarines. The other three already commissioned submarines are Karanj, Kalvari, Khanderi.
- NITI Aayog has launched the “Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Urban Index and Dashboard 2021-22” on November 23, 2021. In the index, the hilly capital Shimla has topped the list of cities by scoring highest on the index.
- Indian Navy commissioned INS Visakhapatnam at the Naval Dockyard in Mumbai on November 21. The ship is equipped with the sophisticated state-of-the-art weapons like Surface-to-Surface missile and Surface-to-Air missiles.
- Union minister of consumer affairs, food & public distribution, Piyush Goyal, inaugurated India’s first Food Security Museum on November 15, 2021. The food security museum was established by the Food Corporation of India in Thanjavur.
- India launched the 41st Scientific Expedition to Antarctica, recently. First batch of Indian contingent arrived at the southern continent. The first batch of scientist reached the Indian Antarctic station Maitri.
- Union Civil Aviation Ministry, on November 10, declared Shirdi Airport as a major airport under Airports Economic Regulatory Authority Act, 2008.
- Government of India, on November 10, launched the electric vehicle awareness web portal called “e-Amrit Portal. e-AMRIT portal stands for “Accelerated e-Mobility Revolution for India’s Transportation”.
- Government of India restored the Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLAD) scheme on November 10, 2021. The scheme was suspended in 2020-21 in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic across the nation.
- Government of India is set to launch sample-based National Achievement Survey (NAS) for Classes 3, 5, 8, and 10 with a cycle period of three years. The earlier edition of NAS was launched in 2017.
- Ayushman Bharat-Digital Mission was launched by the Union Ministry to register all the medical facilities. The mission was launched on September 27, 2021.
- Srinagar Airport was declared as the ‘Major Airport’ by the Union Ministry of Civil Aviation on November 6, 2021. There are 17 international operational airports in India.

- Harm Reduction Consortium released the Global Drug Policy Index on November 7. Norway topped the index. India was ranked 18th in the index because of the low score of overall score of 46/100.
- Union Ministry of Commerce & Industry released the Logistics Ease Across Different States (LEADS) 2021 Index. This was the third report published by the ministry. Gujarat topped the index followed by Haryana and Punjab.
- As a part of Namami Ganga, Ganga Mashaal started its journey from Rishikesh and Haridwar in Uttarakhand on November 8, 2021. It was initiated to increase awareness of people residing on the banks of Ganga.

October 2021

- Dr Jitendra Singh, Minister of State (Independent Charge), launched India's first manned ocean mission Samudrayaan at the National Institute of Ocean Technology in Chennai on October 29. India became the sixth country after US, Russia, France, Japan, and China to launch such mission.
- INS Tushil was launched on October 28, 2021 at Yantar Shipyard, Kaliningrad, Russia by Datla Vidya Varma in the presence of Ambassador of India (Moscow). It is the seventh Indian Navy Frigate of P1135.6 class. 'Tushil' which is a Sanskrit word meaning 'Protector Shield'. It will be inducted in Indian Navy later.
- Union Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia launched Krishi Udan 2.0 scheme on October 27, 2021. The scheme will focus on optimizing and incentivizing air transportation of agricultural produce from hilly areas, north-eastern states, and tribal regions across India.
- India test fired the surface to surface ballistic missile Agni-5 on October 27, 2021 from APJ Abdul Kalam Island, in Odisha. Range of the missile is 5,000 Km.
- Union Government of India planned to start a mega vaccination campaign called 'Har Ghar Dastak' to boost COVID-19 vaccination efforts in the poor-performing districts.
- Supreme Court ordered to constitute a three-member expert committee to probe targeted surveillance of journalists, politicians using Pegasus spyware. The order came on October 27. The apex court said that Centre did not specifically deny the issue, thus it has no option but to accept the submissions of petitioner prima facie.
- Union Minister for Power (Independent Charge) RK Singh launched the Green-Day-Ahead Market (GDAM) On October 24, in a bid to further strengthen the electricity trade in India.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on October 25, launched 'PM Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission'. PM also inaugurated various other projects.
- Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully flight tested the indigenously-developed High-Speed Expendable Aerial Target (HEAT), ABHYAS, from the Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur off the coast of the Bay of Bengal in Odisha. On October 22.

- India ranked at 71st place out of 113 countries with a score of 57.2 points in the Global Food Security Index (GFSI) 2021. Ireland, Australia, the UK, Finland, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Canada, Japan, France and the US stood first in the index. GFS Index was designed and constructed by London-based Economist Impact.
- Sarbananda Sonowal, Union Minister for Ministry of AYUSH, inaugurated the Ayush Van in Gandhidham area of Kutch in Gujarat on October 19.
- Union Government of India had decided to rename Mount Harriet as Mount Manipur to pay tribute to the freedom fighters of Manipur. Mount Harriet is an island peak in Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
- A Geographic Information System (GIS)-based Energy Map of India was launched by NITI Aayog on October 18, 2021. It is a joint initiative of Government of India and ISRO.
- India ranked at 101st place in the Global Hunger Index (GHI) released on October 14. Total number of countries in the index in 116 only. In the 2020 edition, India was at 94th rank out of 107 countries. India has also been identified among the 31 countries where hunger has been identified as a serious threat.
- India's first 'One Health' Consortium was virtually launched by Dr Renu Swarup, Secretary, Department of Biotechnology on October 14. The newly launched consortium envisages carrying out the surveillance of important viral, bacterial and parasitic infections of the zoonotic as well as the transboundary pathogens.
- India was ranked at 90th place in Henley Passport Index 2021. The index was topped by Japan and Singapore. The ranking in the index is decided by the number of countries that allow visa-free travel to the holders of these passports.
- Union Ministry of Home Affairs, through a notification, expanded the jurisdiction of the Border Security Force's (BSF) jurisdiction from 15 km to 50 km inside the international border along Punjab, West Bengal and Assam. The Ministry issued a gazette notification on October 11.
- India ranked at third position in the 58th edition of EY's Renewable Energy Country Attractiveness Index' (RECAI). The United States has been ranked first, China has been placed at second place on the RECAI index.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched PM GatiShakti- National Master Plan for multi-modal connectivity worth Rs. 100 lakh crores on October 13 in New Delhi.
- Indian COVID-19 vaccine Covaxin was recommended for the emergency use for children aged between 2-18 years by the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO). The vaccine is made by Bharat Biotech.
- India was invited to become a full time member of the International Energy Agency (IEA) by its Executive Director Fatih Birol.
- Union Minister Union Minister (MoS) said that the Union Government will set up 75 Science Technology & Innovation Hubs across the country exclusively for Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs).
- Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) launched the Multilingual Dementia Research and Assessment (MUDRA) Toolbox for undertaking uniform, standardized

dementia research in the country. The toolbox was released in five Indian languages - Hindi, Bengali, Telugu, Kannada and Malayalam.

- Union Cabinet approved the setting-up of 7 Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel (PM-MITRA) Parks in coming five years. PM-MITRA Parks were proposed in the Union Budget 2021-22.

September 2021

- Bhupendra Yadav, Union Labour and Employment Minister, launched DigiSaksham in collaboration with Microsoft on September 30. It is a digital skills programme that aims at enhancing the employability of youth.
- Union Minister for Panchayati Raj, Giriraj Singh launched People's Plan Campaign 2021- Sabki Yojana Sabka Vikas on September 30, 2021.
- Union Government renamed the National Mid-Day Meal Scheme to PM-POSHAN (POshan SHakti Nirman) Scheme on September 30. It will also cover the students of balvatikas or pre-primary classes. Under the scheme, one hot cooked meal will be provided in school to the children from 2021-22 to 2025-26.
- GARDASIL-9 vaccine, the first gender-neutral Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine, was launched on September 29. It is the only US Food and Drug Administration (USFDA) approved HPV vaccine that will help in reducing HPV-related diseases and cancers in India. It was first launched in the US in 2015.
- Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment launched the toll free Elder Line number 14567 for senior citizens. The Elder line will provide free information and guidance on pension and legal issues, intervene in cases of abuse, and extend emotional support.
- Union Government dissolve the Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) into seven new corporate entities to infuse more independence and accountability. All the 41 factories will be divided into these seven entities.
- Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) successfully tested a new version of the Akash Missile known as Akash Prime from Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur, Odisha, on September 28. Akash Prime missile intercepted and destroyed an unmanned aerial target.
- Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Singh Puri released the Swachh Survekshan 2022 on September 27. Under this survey district rankings will be introduced for the first time. The theme of Swachh Survekshan 2022 will be 'People First'.
- Narendra Modi virtually launched the Ayushman Bharat Digital Health Mission on September 27, 2021. One of the important component of the missions is the Digital Health ID card. This card will be provided to all the people of the nation.
- Union Government of India released India's first airspace map for drone operations on September 24, 2021.

- International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) and World Food Programme (WFP) signed a MoU on September 23 to partner a joint programme and research to strengthen food, nutrition security, and livelihoods in India.
- Defence Ministry signed a historic deal of INR 20,000 Crore with Airbus Defence and Space of Spain for the supply of 56 C-295 military transport aircraft to India.
- First ever Himalayan Film Festival began at Leh and Ladakh region on September 24. The festival started with the movie 'Shershaah'. The festival ended on September 28.
- Government of India issued is all set to amend archaic rule to allow IPS, IAS and IFoS officers to retain the gifts received from foreign dignitaries while being the member of the Indian delegation.
- India ranked at 46 in the Global Innovation Index Rankings 2021. The index is created by the World Intellectual Property Organization. In 2015, India was on 81st rank. Switzerland topped the index followed by Sweden. USA was at third place.
- Union Government of India will provide the 16 digit unique ID number to each of the farmer of the nation. It will be a part of Digital Agriculture Mission to create a unified Farmers Service Interface. Till date the national Farmers Database of 5.5 crores farmers of 11 states has been prepared.
- India set a world record by administering 2.5 Crore COVID-19 vaccine doses on September 17. It was the 71st birthday of Narendra Modi.
- Union Minister Nitin Gadkari announced that Delhi-Mumbai Express Highway will be the longest highway in the world. It would be completed by March 2023. The first phase of this highway from Delhi-Jaipur (Dausa)-Lalsot and Vadodara-Ankleshwar is expected to be open to traffic by March 2022.
- Union Minister of Railways Ashwini Vaishnaw launched Rail Kaushal Vikas Yojana on September 17. This is a sub-programme under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana. Under Rail Kaushal Vikas Yojana, entry-level training will be provided to the youth in industry-relevant skills through Railway Training Institutes
- The merged version of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha TV – Sansad TV was jointly launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu and Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on September 15, coincidentally on the International Day of Democracy.
- President appointed Governors in four states. The list of the newly appointed Governors is given below.
 - Uttarakhand - Lieutenant General (retd) Gurmit Singh
 - Punjab - Banwarilal Purohit
 - Tamil Nadu - RN Ravi
 - Nagaland Governor - Governor of Assam Prof. Jagdish Mukhi will be discharging the functions of the Governor of Nagaland in addition to his own duties until regular arrangements are made.
- Arjun Munda, the Union Tribal Affairs Minister, announced that the Government of India will start Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojna covering 36 thousand villages

across the country. The villages with 50 percent tribal population will be given priority under the rural development programme.

- Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, Dr. Bharati Parvin Pawar on inaugurated a 'Digital Population Clock' at the Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi.
- Indian Air Force inducted the medium-range surface-to-air-missile (MRSAM) -Barak-8 missile system on September 9. The system is capable of knocking out aerial threats such as enemy fighter jets, missiles, unmanned aerial vehicles, and helicopters at a range of 70 km.
- Government of India approved the 'Eyes in Sky' Project to build 6 indigenous 'early-warning' aircraft crucial to the Indian Defence. The cost of the project will be around INR 10,990 crores. The project will require to build and operate six Airborne Early Warning and Control (AEW&C) aircrafts.
- Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Union Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari on inaugurated the Emergency Landing Facility on the Satta-Gandhav stretch of National Highway (NH) 925A in Barmer in Rajasthan September 9, 2021.
- Swachh Survekshan Grameen 2021 was launched under the Swachh Bharat Mission Phase -2 on September 9, 2021, as a part of the 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav'. Know all details here.
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh approved the Delegation of Financial Powers to Defence Services (DFPDS) 2021 on September 7, 2021. The DFPDS aims to provide enhanced delegation of revenue procurement powers to the Armed Forces, informed the Defence ministry.
- Chandrayaan-2 spacecraft has completed 9,000 orbits around the moon and in the process it discovered Chromium and Manganese through remote sensing.
- India became the first Asian country to launch the India Plastics Pact on September 3, 2021. The India Plastics Pact was launched by the British High Commissioner to India Alex at Confederation of India (CII)'s 16th Sustainability Summit. The Pact is a joint initiative between the CII and World Wide Fund for Nature – India (WWF India).
- Union Government of India informed the Supreme Court on September 8 that women will now be allowed to join the National Defence Academy (NDA).

August 2021

- Union Ministry of Road Transport & Highways Ministry has finally approved the Bharat (BH) series number plates or registration mark for vehicle registration from September 15. The new BH number plate series is being introduced to remove the need to change the registration when the owner moves from one Indian state to another.
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah launches a new web portals for the registration of industrial units in Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory.
- Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, Anurag Thakur launched Fit India Mobile Application at the Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium in Delhi on August 29. The mobile app was launched to commemorate the second anniversary of Fit India movement.

- Union Ministry for Women and Child Development announced on August 29 that the 4th POSHAN Maah will be celebrated as 'Thematic POSHAN Maah' across India throughout September 2021. The entire month of September will be sub-divided into weekly themes for a focused and assimilated approach towards improving Holistic Nutrition.
- Nine Judges including three women judges took oath of Office administered by Chief Justice of India (CJI) NV Ramana on August 31. It was the first time that nine judges took oath of office in one go. This made the total strength of the Supreme Court to 33 against the sanctioned strength of 34.
- NITI Aayog and Cisco jointly launched the next phase of the Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP) to build on their shared commitment to empower women entrepreneurs across India on August 26.
- Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) lifted its ban on Boeing 737 Max jets on August 26. India's aviation regulator DGCA lifted the ban on Boeing 737 Max jets approximately after two-and-half years
- Narendra Modi virtually dedicated renovated Jallianwala Bagh Smarak complex, museum galleries to nation on August 28.
- Union Ministry of Electronics and Information and Technology (MeitY) launched the Start-up Accelerators MeitY for Product Innovation, Development, and Growth (SAMRIDH) on August 25. The scheme aims to boost the start-up ecosystem in India and aid in creating a conducive platform for Indian Software Product start-ups to secure investments for scaling their products and business. The MeitY Start-up Hub (MSH) is implementing the SAMRIDH scheme.
- Union Labour Ministry, on August 26, launched e-Shram Portal-National Database for Unorganised Workers with a budget of INR 404 Crore. The portal has been launched for the overall welfare of crores of unorganized workers of the country after seven decades of independence. The e-Shram Portal will facilitate better implementation of various Social Security Schemes for the welfare of all unorganized workers of the country.
- The Apex Court of India, on August 25, ordered that the Governments should take the approval of the respective High Court before withdrawing criminal cases filed against MLAs/MPs. The Supreme Court stated that the High Court must examine the merit of the case before its withdrawal.
- Union Ministry of Jal Shakti launched the 'SUJALAM' campaign on August 25, 2021. It is a 100-day campaign aimed to create more and more open defecation-free (ODF) villages across the nation.
- Union Government of India termed the mission of getting Indians back from Afghanistan as 'Operation Devi Shakti'. The name was given on August 24. India has evacuated round 800 Indians from Afghanistan after Taliban's takeover.
- NTPC commissioned India's largest 25 MW floating solar PV project on August 21. It is located on the Simhadri thermal station in Vishakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
- India to ratify the Kigali Amendment. The decision was taken in the Cabinet meeting on August 18. Kigali Amendment to Montreal Protocol was made in 2016. Under the agreement, India is obliged to reduce the use of hydrofluorocarbons by 80 per cent by 2047.
- PM Narendra Modi on August 15, 2021, launched the National Hydrogen Mission on India's 75th Independence Day. The Mission aims to aid the government in meeting its climate targets and making India a green hydrogen hub.

- Narendra Singh Tomar, Union Agriculture Minister, inaugurated world's second-largest refurbished state-of-the-art National Gene Bank on August 16, at the National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources, New Delhi.
- Government of India decided to distribute fortified rice under all its government schemes by 2024. Rice fortification will help in achieving the nutritional security in India.
- Independence Day 2021 was celebrated with a theme of 'Nation First, Always First'. This year all the Olympians who won the medal in Tokyo Olympics 2020 were special invitees for the celebrations.
- GSLV-F10/EOS-03 satellite mission failed to reach orbit due to a technical setback in the Cryogenic Upper Stage ignition. Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) launched the Geo-Imaging Satellite (GISAT-1) 'EOS-03' on the Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle- F10 (GSLV-F10) on August 12 from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC) at Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh.
- Union Power and New and Renewable Energy Minister R K Singh informed the nation that the total installed Renewable Energy capacity (excluding large Hydro) has crossed 1,00,000 Megawatts or 100GW. India has set the target of achieving 450GW renewable energy by 2030.
- Parliament on August 11, 2021, passed the National Commission for Homoeopathy (Amendment) Bill, 2021. The Bill will be sent to the President for his assent.
- Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs chaired by PM Narendra Modi on June 16, 2021, approved the proposal of the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) on the 'Deep Ocean Mission', which aims to explore the deep ocean for resources and develop deep-sea technologies for sustainable use of ocean resources.
- Parliament passed 127th Constitution Amendment Act on August 11 restoring the power of the states to make and maintain their own Other Backward Class (OBC) list.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced a National Edible Oil Mission-Oil Palm (NMEO-OP) on August 9, 2021 to make India self-sufficient in cooking oils, including palm oil.
- Union Cabinet has approved the continuation of Samagra Shiksha Scheme for School Education for five years from April 1, 2021 till March 31, 2026.
- Youth Affairs and Sports Minister Anurag Thakur informed Rajya Sabha that Central Government has decided to set up 1,000 Khelo India Centers in India. He said that the athletes are being selected under the Khelo India Scheme and will be assisted with the annual financial assistance of Rs. 6.28 lakh per annum.
- Parliament passed the Essential Defence Services Bill, 2021, on August 5. The act will allow the Union Government to prohibit lockouts, strikes and layoffs in the units engaged in the essential defence services. The Essential Defence Services Bill, 2021, amends the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 to include the essential defence services under the public utility services.

June 2021

- India's first indigenously build aircraft carrier, INS Vikrant (IAC-1) will be inducted in the Indian Navy in 2022. The Union Defence Minister of India made this announcement in the last week of June while reviewing the Cochin Shipyard, Kochi where it will be built.

- Central Government of India launched the 'Atmanirbhar Krishi App' in order to provide farmers with actionable agricultural insights and weather alerts. The Principal Scientific Advisor to Government Vijay Raghavan launched the app on June 29, 2021.
- A team of researchers discovered a new spider species in the Thane-Kalyan region in Maharashtra. They decided to name it as Icius Tukarami after the name of assistant sub-inspector Tukaram Omble, who was martyred in capturing terrorist Ajmal Kasab during the 26/11 terror attacks.
- India was ranked at 10th position in the Global Security Index ahead of China (No. 33) and Pakistan (No. 79) in global cybersecurity ranking of countries. The global ranking was released by International Telecommunication Union of UN.
- Aadhaar Id card could now be used as the identification proof while appearing in the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) and Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). Before it, only passport was acceptable as the valid id proof of the candidate.
- Russia started construction of 1000 MW fifth nuclear power unit at Kudankulam in Tamil Nadu on June 29, 2021. It is going to be India's first light water reactor.
- Department of Justice, under the umbrella Ministry of Law and Justice, launched an "Enforcing Contracts Portal" on June 29, 2021. The portal was launched with the aim of promoting ease of doing business and improving 'Contract Enforcement Regime' across India.
- In an update on the Gaganyaan Mission, India Space Research Organisation (ISRO) told the media that it will be sending an unscrewed mission to Moon in December 2021. The first unmanned launch was scheduled for December 2020 but it was delayed because of the coronavirus pandemic.
- Agni Prime (Agni P), tested a new generation nuclear-capable ballistic missile, was successfully tested by DRDO on June 28. It is a new generation advanced variant of Agni class missiles that can hit the target upto range of 2000 Km.
- Union Ministry of Health on June 28, issued guidelines for administering COVID-19 vaccine to pregnant women. The Ministry said that pregnancy does not increase the risk of COVID-19 infection.
- Under the draft policy framework of National Space Transformation -2020, the private players will be allowed to establish and operate rocket launch sites within and outside the country.
- Union Minister of Law and Justice launched the 'e-dar' website and e-filing portal of the Income Tax Appellate Tribunal (ITAT) on June 25, 2021.
- Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi virtually inaugurated a Zen Garden and Kaizen Academy at Ahmedabad Management Association (AMA) in Ahmedabad on June 27, 2021.
- Shri Sanjay Dhotre, Union Minister of State for Education, launched a Rapid Antigen Test kit for COVID-19 developed by IIT Delhi. It was named as SENSIT Rapid COVID-19 Ag Testing Kit.
- Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi congratulated the Citizens of India for a record vaccination on June 21. The number of vaccination touched 80 lakh jabs in a day.
- India was ranked at 120th position in the 6th edition of the Sustainable Development Report (2021) released on June 14, 2021. India's score was 60.1. Finland topped the rankings with a score of 85.90 followed by Sweden with 85.61 and Denmark with 84.86, Germany at 82.48, and Belgium with 82.19.

- Narendra Modi virtually interacted with participants of Toycathon-2021. PM Modi stressed the importance of toys and game industry in Indian Economy. Toy and Game Industry was termed as 'Toyconomy' by him.
- Thaawarchand Gehlot, Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment, announced the setting up of 5 Divyangta Khel Kendras in various parts of the country on June 20. One such centre will be opened in Ahmedabad.
- Union Cabinet of India approved the Inland Vessel Bill 2021 that will streamline and regulate inland vessels running in the country. The bill was approved on June 16 and it will replace Inland Vessels Act, 1917.
- Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi launched the M-Yoga App on the occasion of 7th International Yoga Day on June 21, 2021.
- India was ranked on 43rd place in the World Competitiveness Index 2021. India maintained it's ranked. Switzerland topped the 2021 rankings, followed by Sweden at 2nd place. The Rankings List comprises a total of 64 nations.
- Modi government approved Pradhan Mantri Gareeb Kalyan Yojana (PMGKY) 4.0 to allocate more food grain for another period of five months from July 2021 to November 2021.
- The Union Government, on June 16, 2021, approved the Deep Ocean Mission to tap vast marine living and non-living resources, conduct research on climate variables, develop deep-sea technologies for sustainable use of ocean resources. The mission was announced in Union Budget for 2021-22.
- NITI Aayog in association with Piramal Foundation launched the Surakshit Hum Surakshit Tum Abhiyaan launched in 112 aspirational districts on June 8, 2021. It will provide assistance to the local administration in providing home-care support to asymptomatic COVID-19 patients.
- In an unprecedented event, the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) dropped the sport wear brand of China, Li Ning, from its official kit sponsor for the Tokyo Olympics. The decision was taken on June 8.
- National Institute of Immunology (NII) has received the ASPAGNIITM trademark for its SPAG9 antigen of tumor. The news came from the official statement released by the Union Department of Biotechnology on June 4.
- Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi announced that the Central government will provide free vaccination to all the citizens above 18 years of age. The vaccination will be provided from June 21 across the nation irrespective of the state. Narendra Modi said that all vaccines will now be procured by Govt of India and given to the states for free.
- Ramesh Pokhriyal, Union Education Minister, approved the Performance Grading Index (PGI) 2019-20 for States and Union Territories on June 6, 2021. The PGI 2019-20 was prepared with a set of 70 parameters to bring about change in school education. Kerala, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Chandigarh and Andaman and Nicobar Island secured the highest grades –Grade A++ in 2019-20.
- Narendra Singh Tomar, Union Agriculture Minister, launched a seed Mini-kit programme by distributing the high-yielding varieties of seeds of oilseeds and pulses to farmers. The programme was launched on June 2. The seed kits are funded by the Government of India and provided by Central agencies NAFED, National Seeds Corporation (NCS), and Gujarat State Seeds Corporation.

- Union Cabinet of India chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the signing and ratification of an Agreement on 'Cooperation in the field of Mass Media' between all the Member States of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) on June 2. The Agreement on 'Cooperation in the field of Mass Media' between all the Member States of Shanghai Cooperation Organization was signed in June 2019.
- Union Cabinet under the leadership of PM Modi approved the signing of the Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) on Sustainable Urban Development between India and Japan. It will supersede the earlier MoU signed in 2007.

May 2021

- Ajit Doval, the National Security Advisor commissioned the Goa Shipyard made Indian Coast Offshore Patrol Vessel Sajag. It will patrol around the Indian Waters.
- Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative (IFFCO) is all set to launch Nitrogen fertilizer-based Nano Urea in market in June 2021. The product will have the strength that the 500-ml Nano Urea will be equivalent to 45kg of normal urea. Nano Urea is produced with the help of nano-technology to improve the nutrients efficiency of the crops.
- Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi launched the PM-CARES for Children scheme for children orphaned due to COVID-19. As per official Government data, approximately 577 children have lost their parents till date. The scheme envisage to ensure free education and a corpus of Rs 10 lakh each such child. The corpus will be given to the child when he or she attain the age of 23.
- Government of India decided to support some of the public sector companies to boost covid-19 vaccine production. This support will be in the form of grants under the Mission COVID Suraksha
- Hyderabad Based Indian Immunological limited (IIL), under National Dairy Development Board is the front runner to get the grant to supply the raw material for the production of COVAXIN.
- Recently Bangalore observed a bright rainbow ring around sun for a few seconds. This was a rare optical and atmospheric phenomenon known as Kaleidoscopic Effect which is also known as "22-degree circular halo".
- Union Government of India invited Hindus, Sikhs, Jains, Buddhists, Parsis and Christians from Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Pakistan to apply for citizenship in India under the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019. The law was passed by the present government in 2019. And it saw a huge protest against it across the nation.
- In the pandemic, caused by the COVID-19 infections, it was very difficult for the candidates to join the NCC training and continue the zeal. To overcome this, the "DG NCC Mobile Training App 2.0" was launched by the Defence Secretary, Dr Ajay Kumar, launched to provide the basic information and training material to the NCC Cadet.
- Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi on May 28, 2021, visited West Bengal and Odisha to take stock of the impact of Cyclone Yaas. He conducted an aerial in the affected parts of both states from 12.15 pm to 2.15 pm.
- Prime Minister of India announced that the Unified Health Interface (UHI) will be launched across the nation soon. The decision was conveyed after the Narendra Modi chaired the review

meeting of National Digital Health Mission (NDHM). Prime Minister announced the launch of NDHM on 74th Independence Day.

- Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh launched SeHAT-OPD Portal on May 27, 2021. It is an online medical consultation service for the armed forces personnel and ex-servicemen to ensure hassle-free health services for them.
- Central Education Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank', approved proposal to provide Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) to the students benefitted under the Mid-Day Meal scheme.
- Union Minister of Transport released the NHAI guidelines for the Toll on the highways to reduce waiting time to 10 seconds per vehicle all-round the clock. As per the guidelines, a yellow line will be marked at the 100 metre of the toll and if the queue is beyond that yellow line, the front vehicles will pass without toll.
- Virtual Vesak Global Celebrations on Buddha Purnima was celebrated across the globe on May 26, 2021. The Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi addressed the celebrations.
- First phase of India's first mission mode e-governance project, MCA21 was launched on May 24, 2021 by Minister of State for Finance & Corporate Affairs, Anurag Thakur. This version of MCA21 is data analytics driven.
- Bihar's Shahi Litchi exported to UK by Air Route for the first time. India exported first consignment of GI-certified Shahi Litchi from Bihar to United Kingdom by air route on May 24, 2021.
- Union Government of India announced to set up a 'National Mission on use of Biomass' in coal based thermal power plants'. This decision was taken to address issue of air pollution caused due to farm stubble burning.
- African Cheetah will be reintroduced at the appropriate habitat in India. The decision will be implemented by November 2021. The African Cheetah will be reintroduced in Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh. The Kuno National Park is located in the Chambal Region of the state.
- Air India faced a cyber-attack where ten year's data of its customers were stolen from its database. The data include the credit card details, the passport numbers and other personal details shared with the government run airlines.
- Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) developed a Covid-19 antibody detection kit - Dipcovan on May 21, 2021. Dipcovan or DIPAS-VDx COVID 19 IgG Antibody Microwell ELISA is an antibody detection-based kit.
- The Government of India released Rs 5,968 Crore for Jal Jeevan Mission. The fund will be distributed to 15 states as per the requisition send by them. Out of the total, 93% are to be utilized for developing water supply infrastructure.
- The Union Ministry of Tribal Affairs and Microsoft signed a Memorandum of Understanding for the transformation of the schools in tribal areas. This joint initiative includes introduction of Ashram Schools and Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) in tribal areas.
- Indian Council of Medical Research dropped the plasma therapy for the list of emergency treatment of COVID-19. The decision was taken as the procedure was found to be ineffective.
- Nation's first Agriculture Export Facilitation Centre set up at Pune. The Maharashtra Chamber of Commerce Industries and Agriculture and NABARD (National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development) recently launched the first Agricultural Export Facilitation Centre.

- Breakthrough Infection are the cases where the COVID-19 infection occurred even after the two doses of corona vaccine. Recently, the cases of Breakthrough infections are increasing across the nation.
- Rajnath Singh, Union Defence Minister of India, released the Anti-Covid-19 Drug 2DG, developed by DRDO, on MAY 17, 2021. The drug is developed by DRDO's Institute of Nuclear Medicine and Allied Sciences (INMAS) in collaboration with Dr Reddy's Laboratories (DRL).
- On May 15, the Prime Minister of India ordered an Audit of the Ventilators supplied by the Union government of India to the states and Union Territories in the time of pandemic. The decision was taken after the allegations surfaced against the efficient use of such ventilators.
- As per the United Nations recent report, India may become the most populous country of the world by 2027 crossing China. The UN report, published in 2019, stated that India will remain the most populated country through the end of the current century.
- Indian Army inducted its first batch of 83 women soldiers in the military police on May 8, 2021. The Corps of Military Police Centre and School (CMP C&S) held a simple attestation parade of the women soldiers at the Dronacharya Parade Ground in Bengaluru.
- Union Cabinet of India chaired by PM Modi approved the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and the United Kingdom on the Migration and Mobility Partnership on May 5.
- Union Cabinet approved allocation of food grain to the NFSA beneficiaries under the government's Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (Phase III) on May 5. The additional food grain will be given for the period of 2 months- May and June 2021.
- Paleontologist identified the fossil bone of the long-necked dinosaurs, known as Sauropods from an area around West Khasi Hill Districts in Meghalaya. The fossil dates back to about 100-million years.
- Union Petroleum Minister Dharmendra Pradhan flagged off the first supply of Used Cooking Oil- UCO-based biodiesel blended diesel from the Tikrikalan Terminal of Indian Oil on May 4.
- The Petroleum Minister Dharmendra Pradhan on May 4, 2021, flagged off the first supply of Used Cooking Oil- UCO-based biodiesel blended diesel from the Tikrikalan Terminal of Indian Oil.
- Unique Identity for Person with Disability project was implemented in 2016. The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities recently made it mandatory for all states and Union Territories to issue a certificate of disability only using UDID portal only. It will create a central database.
- The UDID project is under implementation since 2016. The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities recently made it mandatory for all states and Union Territories to issue a certificate of disability only using UDID portal. This is to come into force from June 1, 2021.
- The Department of Telecommunications recently allowed mobile operators to conduct 5G trials. The Chinese companies, however, have been kept out of the trials in the first week of May.
- The Indian Army recently launched the first Green Solar Energy harnessing plant in Sikkim. It was launched to benefit the troops of the Indian army.

April 2021

- Government of India permitted the import of Oxygen Concentrators for the personal use in April 30. It will provide relief for the patient suffering from the COVID-19 patients and who can afford the import of equipment. The permission will remain valid till July 31, 2021.
- The National Commission for Women launched the WhatsApp helpline for pregnant women in India. The National WhatsApp helpline number was released on April 29, 2021. The helpline number is 9354954224. It is a “message only” helpline number.
- India ranked 49th in the Chandler Good Government Index (CGGI) 2021. There were 104 countries in the index. India’s index score stood at 0.516. The index is a measure for government capabilities and outcomes. Finland, with an index score of 0.848, ranked first on the CGGI list. The Chandler institute of Governance, headquartered in Singapore, releases the Chandler Good Government Index (CGGI).
- Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi permitted to buy one lakh portable oxygen concentrator from the Prime Minister Care Fund on April 28.
- India test-fired 5th generation air-to-air missile ‘Python’ on April 27. The trial was carried out from the Indian aircraft Tejas. The trial was conducted by Defence Research and Development Organisation. (DRDO).
- The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi on April 28, approved the agreement between the Government of India and the Government of the United Kingdom on Customs Cooperation and Mutual Administrative Assistance in Customs Matters.
- Australia approved a grant of 1.4 million AUD to India under Australian-India Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative Partnership (AIPOIP) grant program. The decision was conveyed by the Australian High Commissioner to India, Barry O’Farrell on April 19, 2021.
- The Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the distribution of E-Property Cards under the Svamitva Scheme. Around 4.09 lakh property cards were distributed.
- A Glacier Burst took place on April 23 in the Sumna, Neeti Valley. The valley is located at the Indo-China Border in Uttarakhand. Around 85 people were killed in the accident and thousands were rescued.
- The Government of India recently announce the “Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana”. Under the scheme, the Government will provide five kg food grains till June 2021. The free food grains are being provided to those entitled under the National Food Security Act, 2013.
- The estimated cost to vaccinate all the Indians of age 18 years and above will be around Rs 67,193 crores. These estimates were released by the India Rating and Research (Ind-Ra). The cost will be around 0.36% of the GDP of the country.
- India’s first oxygen express started on April 19, 2021. It departed from Central Railway's Kalamboli yard in Navi Mumbai to ferry liquid oxygen for Maharashtra from the Vishakhapatnam steel plant in Andhra Pradesh.
- Marathi film Puglya won the ‘Best Foreign Language Feature’ at the Moscow International Film Festival 2021. The movie is director by Vinod Sam Peter’s and it is about a pug and two boys.
- Italy would be developing a Megha Food Park in Gujarat. The letter of intent was signed virtually between the Fanidhar Mega Food Park and the ICE Office in Mumbai on April 17.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid his tribute and celebrated the 130th birth anniversary of Dr. B R Ambedkar on April 14. Besides he addressed the 95th Annual Meet of the Association of Indian Universities'. On this occasion he released four books as follows. All the books were written by Kishor Makwana:
 - Dr. Ambedkar Vyakti Darshan
 - Dr. Ambedkar Aayam Darshan
 - Dr. Ambedkar Jivan Darshan
 - Dr. Ambedkar Rashtra Darshan
- The government of United Kingdom approved the extradition of financial offender Nirav Modi on April 16. The UK's Home Secretary Priti Patel signed the papers.
- Union Minister of Health, Dr. Harsh Vardhan, launched 'Aahaar Kranti' on April 13, 2021. The initiative aims to spread awareness about a nutritionally balanced diet in India. The motto of the mission is 'Uttam Aahaar, Uttam Vichaar' that means 'Good Diet, Good Cognition'.
- Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi inaugurated the 6th edition of the Raisina Dialogue on April 13, 2021. The inaugural session of the dialogue was joined by Denmark's Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen, and the President of Rwanda, Paul Kagame.
- Piyush Goyal, the Union Commerce and Industry Minister, launched the e-SANTA platform for marine products on April 13, 2021. The e-commerce platform will help in empowering farmers enabling them to sell their products through this portal. The advanced platform will enable the farmers to do spot as well as forward sales.
- Indian Scientists from the Aryabhata Research Institute of observational Sciences (ARIES), along with researchers from other institutions, found the farthest gamma-ray emitting Narrow-Line Seyfert 1 (NSL1) galaxy known till date.
- On April 9, Supreme Court of India stated that any person above the age of 18 is free to choose his or her religion irrespective of birth.
- Supreme Court of India launched Supreme Court Portal for Assistance in Court's Efficiency (SUPACE) on April 06, 2021. It will be the first Artificial Intelligence-driven research portal.
- Central Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan along with Minister of Tribal Affairs Arjun Munda, on April 07, jointly launched the Tribal Health Collaborative 'Anamaya' through a video conference.
- Defence Research and Development Organisation has developed an Advanced Chaff technology for the protection of naval ships against missile attacks. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh congratulated the Indian Navy, DRDO, and the Industry for the achievement.
- The Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar launched Madhukranti Portal and NAFED's Honey Corners on April 7, 2021 to promote the honey mission in the country. Madhukranti Portal is an initiative of the National Bee Board under the National Beekeeping and Honey Mission.
- In a first, Defence Research and Development Organisation allowed the private entities to develop missile systems in India. It will be a new phenomenon for India because it will break the monopoly of Government in the missile development and production.
- Union Government of India declared that the Ambedkar Jayanti celebrated on April 14 will be a public holiday in all the Central government offices and the affiliated institutions. Ministry of Personnel released the notification on April 1 in this regard.

- Railway Minister Piyush Goyal informed the country that the West Central Railways has become the first fully electrified railway zone in India on March 30, 2021, after the CCRS inspection and the commissioning of electrification of the Kota-Chittaurgarh railway station (Srinagar-Jalindri) in Rajasthan. The west zonal railway now boasts a 3012 route km electrified network.
- India's First Indo-Korean Friendship Park was jointly inaugurated by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Minister of National Defence, Republic of Korea Suh Wook at Delhi Cantonment on March 26, 2021.

March 2021

- NITI Aayog's report "Investment Opportunities in India's Healthcare Sector" Released. As per the report, India's healthcare industry has been growing at a Compound Annual Growth Rate of around 22% since 2016.
- The three-member committee on Farm laws submitted its report to Supreme Court on March 19. The Committee was appointed by the Supreme Court of India on January 11, 2021 amid the farmers protest in Delhi and other areas. The committee comprise of three economists namely - Ashok Gulati, Pramod Joshi and Anil Ghanvat. The committee took input from 85 farmer unions.
- The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (Amendment) Act, 2021 got the Presidential Assent on March 28. The Act says that the opinion of LG should be obtained before making any executive decision based on decisions taken by the Cabinet or any minister. This Act will give the LG of NCT the overriding powers on the elected government of NCT.
- Dr. Harsh Vardhan, the Union Health Minister, launched the "Tribal TB Initiative" on March 26, 2021, to achieve a 'TB Mukht Bharat' by 2025. The Union Minister also launched a special edition of Tribal Ministry's Publication 'ALEKH' on TB.
- As per the India TB Report 2021 published recently, India reported a 24% fall in the year-on-year basis in registration of tuberculosis cases in 2020.
- Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), on March 25, 2021, launched a competency-based assessment framework for classes 6-10 for three subjects namely, English (reading), Science, and Maths. This framework is a part of "CBSE Competency Based Education Project".
- Union Ministry of Biotechnology launched the National Biopharma mission with an objective of strengthening emerging biotechnology enterprise across India. Mission is entitled as "Industry-Academia Collaborative Mission for Accelerating Discovery Research to Early Development for Biopharmaceuticals – Innovate in India (I3) Empowering biotech entrepreneurs & accelerating inclusive innovation". The mission will support small and medium enterprises.
- Union Minister R.K.Singh, Hon'ble Minister of State (IC) (Power, New & Renewable Energy), launched the Gram Ujala Scheme in Varanasi. This scheme offers world's cheapest LED bulbs across rural areas at rupees 10. This scheme is financed on the

basis of carbon credits claimed under the “United Nations’ Clean Development Mechanism (CDM)”.

- Union government decided to expand the COVID-19 vaccination scope to the citizens who are above 45 years of age. The government announced that all those above 45 years can get COVID-19 vaccine shot from April 1
- The Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment proposed to launch a “Poshan Abhiyan” for the Elderly people in India. It envisaged to provide nutrition support to the indigent elders who are mal-nourished and not staying in the Old Age Homes. It will focus on procuring locally available healthy food material and serving hot-cooked mid-day meals to the target groups.
- Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi launched ‘catch the rain’ campaign on the occasion of World Water Day i.e. on March 22. The Prime Minister said that the MNERGA funds will be used in making the infrastructure for the rain water conservation.
- The Supreme Court of India on March 19 stated that it found no harm in State Legislative Assemblies passing resolutions against Central laws like the controversial Citizenship Amendment Act or controversial new farm laws. The Chief justice of India Sharad Bobde led the bench. Chief justice said these resolutions are merely “opinions” of majority members of a Legislative Assembly and do not have the force of law.
- Amazon Web Services (AWS) partnered with Atal Innovation Mission and NITI Aayog to strengthen the innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem in India. AWS will strengthen the basic infrastructure of the schools at first building block of the initiative.
- The Indian consortium for building the Medium Range Surface to Air Missile (MRSAM) kits has delivered the first batch of MRSAM. The Indian consortium is the joint venture between Rafael Advanced Defence Systems of Israel and Kalyani Group of India.
- Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari introduced the Vehicle Scrapping Policy on March 18, 2021. Under the new scrapping policy, personal vehicles will have to undergo the fitness tests at the designated automated centres after 20 years. On the other hand, the commercial vehicles will have to undergo the fitness test after 15 years. If the vehicles failed to pass the fitness test for three times, the owner would not be able to drive it on the road.
- Parliament passed The Medical Termination of Pregnancy (Amendment) Bill, 2020 on March 16, 2021 that increased the upper limit for abortions from 20 to 24 weeks for certain categories of women, and removes limits in the case of substantial foetal abnormalities. The bill was already passed by the upper house.
- Union Cabinet of India under the leadership of Narendra Modi approved the closure of Handicrafts and Handlooms Export Corporation of India (HHEC), a government undertaking under the administrative control of the textile ministry. The corporation has been continuously incurring losses since 2015-16.

- The Union Government stated that it has approved financial assistance of 5 lakh rupees each in respect of death cases of journalists due to Covid-19 said. The decision was conveyed on March 15, 2021.
- As per the SIPRI report, India's import of arms decreased by 33 per cent between 2011-15 and 2016-20 and Russia was the most affected supplier, according to a report released on March 15, 2021 by Stockholm-based defence think-tank SIPRI.
- Shetrunjay Hills reserve forest area is situated in Gujarat. Recently. A heavy fire broke out in the habitat of Asiatic Lion. The fire was brought under control on March 18.
- President of India Ramnath Kovind addressed the tribal congregation Vanvasi Samagam in Sonbhadra district of Uttar Pradesh on March 14, 2021.
- Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) on March 12, 2021 launched the sounding rocket (RH-560) to study altitudinal variations in the neutral winds and plasma dynamics. The launch took place from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC), Sriharikota Range (SHAR).
- Narendra Modi flagged off the 'Padyatra' (Freedom March) from Sabarmati Ashram, Ahmedabad to re-enact Mahatma Gandhi's Dandi Yatra and inaugurated the curtain raiser activities of the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' (India@75) on March 12, 2021.
- The Apex Court, on March 12, pronounced that the Election Commissioners in any state must be independent persons and not appointed by the state government.
- Government of India launched 'Mera Ration' mobile app for the migrant beneficiaries. They can use this mobile for the identification purposes at the nearest fair price shop. It is also offering ration card portability service 'One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC)' in 32 states and union territories.
- On March 10, the Union Railway Minister, Piyush Goyal, declared that the Indian Railways has prepared a National Rail Plan (NRP) to establish a future ready Railway system by 2030.
- Union Cabinet has approved the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Nidhi (PMSSN) as a single non-lapsable reserve fund for share of health from the proceeds of health and education cess levied under Finance Act, 2007.
- Unemployment in urban areas rose to 20.9% in the April-June 2020 from 9.1% in January-March 2020, the period following the strict nationwide lockdown imposed in March to curb the Covid-19 pandemic, data released by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation in the quarterly bulletin of the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS).
- Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) jointly with NASA developed a Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) capable of producing extremely high-resolution images.
- All helpline numbers of Indian Railways are merged in the single window enquiry number Integrated Railway Madad 139.
- The Ministry of Women and Child Development has announced to classify all the major schemes of the ministry for their effective implementation and programmes

under the three Umbrella schemes namely, Mission Poshan 2.0, Mission Vatsalya and Mission Shakti.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated to the nation the 7,500th Jan Aushadhi Kendra at North Eastern Indira Gandhi Regional Institute of Health and Medical Sciences (NEIGRIHMS), Shillong on March 7, 2021.
- The government on March 5, 2021 set up a 259-member high-level national committee headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to commemorate 75 years of India's independence.
- The Supreme Court on March 4, 2021 held that reservation for Other Backward Classes in Maharashtra's local bodies should not exceed the aggregate 50% of the total seats reserved in favour of SCs/STs/OBCs taken together. The court quashed the notifications issued by the State Election Commission in 2018 and 2020, providing reservation exceeding 50% in local bodies of some districts.
- Government of India released the Municipal Performance Index (MPI) 2020 to rank the Municipal corporations working across the nation. In the Million+ category, Indore has emerged as the highest ranked municipality, followed by Surat and Bhopal.
- The Delimitation Commission for Jammu and Kashmir got one-year extension. The panel, headed by retired Supreme Court judge Ranjana Prakash Desai, came into existence on October, 2019.
- Science & Technology Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan launched the "CSIR Floriculture Mission" through virtual mode in New Delhi on March 4, 2021.
- The Union Cabinet on March 3, 2021 gave ex post facto approval to the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and France on renewable energy cooperation.
- Parliament has merged the Lok Sabha TV and Rajya Sabha TV channels into one single entity called "Sansad TV". Ravi Capoor, IAS, will be the CEO of the new joint entity for a period of one year. The services of Manoj Kumar Pandey, the CEO of Rajya Sabha TV, have been terminated."
- Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment Thaawar Chand Gehlot launched the 'Sugamya Bharat' App to ease accessibility issues faced by differently-abled in buildings and transport system. He also released a handbook titled 'Access – The Photo Digest' on March 2, 2021.
- The Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi, takes first dose of COVID-19 vaccine on March 1, 2021 at AIIMS, New Delhi. After vaccination, he appealed to those people who are eligible to get their vaccination done.
- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) launched the first satellite for the year 2021. The satellite called PSLV-C51 which also carried Amazonia-1 and 18 other satellites was launched from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh on February 28, 2021.

February 2021

- India Space Research Organisation (ISRO) launched the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) C-51 carrying the Brazil's Amazonia satellite and 18 other satellites. The launch took place from Sriharikota launch facility in Andhra Pradesh. Chennai based Space Kids India (SKI) also built a satellite engraving the picture of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- The task force on Interlinking of Rivers, under the leadership of Sriram Vedire, approved the Mahanadi-Godavari Link on February 25, 2021. The approval means the utilisation of allocated Godavari waters by Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.
- Union Government of India notified the new guidelines on social media (in India) on February 25, 2021. The guidelines was named as "Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules 2021". The main aim of the new guidelines was to regulate uncensored social media and OTT platforms in India.
- Union Cabinet under the leadership of Narendra Modi approved the President Rule in the Union Territory of Puducherry after the resignation of the elected government on February 23. The Chief Minister of Puducherry V. Narayanasamy lost the trust vote in the assembly.
- A new species of Alpine plant was discovered in the Tawang district of Arunachal Pradesh by a group of scientists. Biodiversitas: Journal of Biological Diversity published this report.
- Government of India launched the 'National Urban Digital Mission' on February 23, 2021. The mission was launched by the Union Housing & Urban Affairs Minister, Hardeep Singh Puri and Minister of Electronics & IT, Ravi Shankar Prasad.
- Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) launched two indigenously designed and developed Vertical Launch Short Range Surface to Air Missile (VL-SRSAM) on February 22, 2021. The test took place at Integrated Test Range, Chandipur off the Odisha Coast.
- The first National Toy Fair started from the February 27, 2021. The festival will be conducted till March 2 by the Centre for Creative Learning (CCL), IIT Gandhinagar.
- Dr Harsh Vardhan, Union Health Minister, launched the Intensified Mission Indradhanush (IMI) 3.0 on February 22. The scheme will be implemented in two rounds. The first phase will began from February 22, 2021 while the second phase will start from March 22, 2021.
- Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister of Road, Transport & Highways launched the 'Go Electric Campaign' on February 19, 2021 to spread awareness regarding the benefits of Electric Vehicles Charging Infrastructure. The campaign would also raise awareness regarding e-mobility and electric cooking across India.
- National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) achieved 100 percent cashless toll collection at the National Highway fee plazas in the entire country. All lanes across the fee plazas on National Highways have been declared as FASTag lanes in effect from February 16, 2021. In a single day, a total of 60 lakh transactions were done that resulted into the toll collection of Rs 95 crores through FASTag. FASTags were made mandatory on all public toll plazas across the nation from February 15.
- Union Cabinet under Prime Minister approved the amendments to the Juvenile Justice Care and Protection of Children Act, 2015 on February 17, 2021 to make the Child Protection Units, working in the districts, answerable to District Magistrate and Additional District Magistrates.

- The Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs launched a Pilot Pey Jal Survekshan (Survey) under the Jal Jeevan Mission- Urban (JJM-U). This survey will be conducted in cities to ensure the equitable distribution of water and reusing the wastewater. The Jal Jeevan Mission (Urban) was announced in the Union Budget 2021-22.
- The National Informatics Centre (NIC) launched a messaging app “Sandes”. This instant messaging platform is similar to WhatsApp. It can be used for any type of communications by anyone.
- Government of India liberalised the regulations on geospatial data starting from February 15, 2021. Now the government allowed the private companies to conduct surveying and mapping without getting government approvals in advance. Further, the geospatial data generating from government agencies like Survey of India and Indian Space Research Organisation will be made available to public and private companies.
- “Ramanujan Machine” is an Artificial Intelligence enable machine having potential to reveal the hidden relationships between numbers. Ramanujan machine comprises of the algorithms that seek out the mathematical conclusions.
- Indian space scientists detected one of the strongest optical flares in one of the oldest astronomical objects that is supermassive black hole or blazar called BL Lacertae.
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, virtually inaugurated 57,000 water structures on February 11, 2021 under the “Jalabhishekam Water Conservation Campaign”. These water structures were constructed in Madhya Pradesh.
- First ever diesel tractor that has been converted to Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) was launched in India on February 12. The CNG Tractor was formally launched by Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways, Nitin Gadkari.
- Supreme Court of India stayed the dismantling of the Indian Naval Ship (INS) Viraat decommissioned recently. This decision was taken in the backdrop to restore the everlasting glory of this legendary warship of the Indian Navy.
- The Rajya Sabha passed The Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation (Amendment) Bill, 2021 by voice vote on February 8, 2021. The bill seeks to replace the ordinance to merge the Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) cadre and the Arunachal Pradesh, Goa, Mizoram Union Territory (AGMUT) cadre of civil services officer.
- Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) framed new regulations to regulate the amount of trans-fatty acids (TFAs) in the food products. The regulation will come into force from year 2022.
- The Union Ministry of Education decided that the Schools and hostels under the Samagra Shiksha scheme will now be renamed after Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.
- Country’s first geothermal power project will be established at Puga village of eastern Ladakh. A tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish and implement the first phase was signed on February 6, 2021 between ONGC Energy; LAHDC, Leh and the Power Department of UT Ladakh. Puga village was identified as the hotspot of geothermal energy by the scientists. This geothermal project is known as Geothermal Field Development Project and will be commission by the end of 2022.
- National Horticulture Fair started on February 8, 2021. It was a five-day event organised at the Indian Institute of Horticultural Research (IIHR) campus, Bengaluru. The theme of the National Horticulture Fair 2021 will be: ‘Horticulture for Start-Up and Stand-Up India’.

- India has reported increased number of cases of Thunderstorm and lightening having adverse effects on human life. India has decided to establish its first thunderstorm research testbed in Balasore, Odisha.
- The Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MOHUA) and Zomato signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) under the Prime Minister Street Vendor's AtmaNibhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) Scheme. As per the provisions of MoU, it was decided to onboard the street food vendors on the food-tech platform of Zomato.
- Birth Centenary celebrations of legendary classical singer Pandit Bhimsen Joshi begun on February 04, 2020. The event to celebrate the Birth Centenary is named as "SwarBhaskar 100".
- Government of India announced that it will set up a new Centre for Wetland Conservation and Management (CWCM) in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. This Centre for Wetland Conservation and Management will be set in a bid to plug-in the knowledge gaps and specific research needs for the conservation and management of wetlands.
- Aero India 2021 show started from February 3, 2021 in Bengaluru. During the Aero show, a deal was signed worth Rs 48,000 crore to manufacture the 83 indigenous Teja Light Combat Aircraft (LCA)-73. The order for 83 LCA's will be completed by 2030.
- India's first amputee clinic was inaugurated in PGIMER, Chandigarh.
- M. Venkaiah Naidu, inaugurated the Aadi Mahotsav at Dilli Haat in New Delhi. It includes the display and sale of tribal art & craft, medicine, cuisine and folk performances.
- Smriti Irani, inaugurated the 8th India International Silk Fair on a Virtual Portal of Indian Silk Export Promotion Council.

January 2021

- President of India Ram Nath Kovind launched the nation-wide Pulse Polio Programme for 2021 on the Polio National Immunization Day (NID) January 30. 'Polio Ravivar' was observed on January 31.
- The 73rd death anniversary of the father of nation 'Mahatma Gandhi' was observed as Martyrs' Day on January 30, 2021.
- The Republic Day Parade Award 2021 were awarded on January 30 by the Union Minister of Sports, Kiren Rijiju. The first prize was awarded to the Tableaux of Uttar Pradesh. The theme of the tableau was "Ayodhya: Cultural Heritage of Uttar Pradesh".
- World Bank agreed for the financial aid for the Strengthening Teaching-Learning and Results for States Program (STARS) project. STARS project is a centrally sponsored scheme. The state covered under this agreement will be
 - Kerala
 - Maharashtra
 - Himachal Pradesh
 - Rajasthan
 - Madhya Pradesh
 - Odisha.

- India ranked at 86th position in the coronavirus performance index among the 98 countries. The Covid-19 Response Index was designed by Sydney-based Lowy Institute. The index was based on the number of key indicators such as confirmed cases, cases per million people, deaths and deaths per million people. New Zealand at the top and Brazil was at the bottom of the index.
- India's 'Vaccine Maitri Initiative' was extended to Srilanka. India provided 50000 vaccine doses of 'Covishield' to Srilanka.
- Bangladesh's Army Contingent also participated in the 72nd Republic Day Parade on Rajpath.
- India ranked seventh in the Global Climate Risk Index. The Index was released Germany based NGO – Germanwatch. India was among the top countries most affected by the climate change in 2019.
- Bharat Parv 2021 was celebrated virtually this year. The theme of the virtual celebration was Aatmanirbhar Bharat and Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat
- The Union Ministry of Agriculture proposed the National Mission for Edible Oil to increase the domestic availability of the edible oils. It would be a contributor to the Atmanirbhar Bharat campaign of the Prime Minister of India. The mission has been proposed for next five years in the span of 2020-21 to 2024-25.
- Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) on January 25 successfully test-fired the surface-to-air Akash-NG (New Generation) Missile off the Odisha coast. The missile can intercept the aerial threats.
- Padma Awards were conferred on the eve of Republic Day. The President approved 7 Padma Vibhushan, 10 Padma Bhushan and 102 Padma Shri Awards. In the list, there are 29 women awardees.
- **AMPHEX – 21** - Indian Armed forces conducted a large-scale tri-service joint amphibious exercise AMPHEX – 21 in Andaman and Nicobar group of islands in between 21 to 25 January 2021.
- Oxfam India published a report "The Inequality Virus". Oxfam finds that the COVID-19 pandemic has deepen the existing inequalities in India and across the world. India was ranked at sixth in the world following the US, China, Germany, Russia and France.
- Prime Minister of India awarded 32 children with the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar in the year 2021.
- The Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) published the "Birds of the Sundarban Biosphere Reserve" report highlighting that there are more than 428 species of birds having their habitat in the Indian Sundarbans.
- Election Commission of India (ECI) is all set to launch the Electronic Electoral Photo Identity Card (e-EPIC) programme on the occasion of National Voter's Day that is on January 24. It will provide a non-editable PDF version of the physical EPIC.

- Border Security Force (BSF) launched the operation Sard Hawa in the western border area of Rajasthan. The main purpose of the operation is to check the instances of infiltration due to dense fog in the region.
- Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) recently test fired the Smart Anti Airfield Weapon (SAAW) from Hawk aircraft successfully. SAAW is a long-range precision guided anti-airfield bomb. SAAW was developed by Defence Research Development Organisation (DRDO). SAAW is the first smart weapon fired from an Indian Hawk.
- The Indian Army will conduct a large scale joint military exercise Kavach in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal. The Joint Military Exercise Kavach will involve Indian Navy, Indian Army, Indian Air Force and Indian Coast.
- The Union Cabinet approved the Ratle Hydropower Project of 850 MW. It is a joint venture of Jammu and Kashmir State Power Development Corporation and National Hydroelectric Power Corporation located at River Chenab.
- Bharat Dynamics Limited, a Government of India enterprise, signed an agreement with Thales, a French Multinational Company to jointly work on STARStreak Air Defence System. STARStreak is a short-range surface-to-air missile which travel at a speed of 3 Mach. Its maximum range is 7 km.
- The Defence Research Development Organisation (DRDO) and the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) developed a bike ambulance called “Rakshita”. The ambulance was developed by INMAS (Institute of Nuclear and Allied Science) operating under DRDO.
- The Union Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas launched SAKSHAM awareness campaign to spread awareness about clean and green energy. Petroleum Conservation Research Association (PCRA) will launch the campaign on behalf of the ministry.
- Union Minister Piyush Goyal inaugurated the two day Prarambh summit for the startups. It was organised by Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal trade (DPIIT) and the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. It envisaged to disburse Rs 945 crore through the Startup India Seed Fund in next five years.
- Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) and the National Informatics Centre (NIC) jointly launched the CollabCAD software designed to provide engineering solution for students and Faculty of Engineering Graphics curriculum. The aim is to provide a good platform to the students of Atal tinkering labs across the country.
- Government of India launched Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana 3.0 on January 15. The third phase of the mission will be implemented by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship. Under this phase, 729 Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendra and 200 Industrial Training Institute (ITI) will be established.
- Khadi and Village Industries Commission developed a ‘Khadi Prakritik Paint’. The paint is made by the Cow dung. It is a non-toxic eco-friendly paint with anti-bacterial and anti-fungal properties.

- Geological Survey of India has found a concentrations of coal like stone Vanadium in the Tamang and Depo areas of Arunachal Pradesh. Vanadium mineralisation is geologically similar to the “Stone Coal” Vanadium deposits of China.
- Ministry of Health and Family Welfare presented the Kayakalp Awards for the year 2019-20. District Hospital Reasi of Jammu and Kashmir was awarded the first prize. AIIMS Bhubaneswar has received the best central government hospital under Category B of the Kayakalp Awards for cleanliness for the third consecutive time.
- Supreme Court of India on January 12, suspended the implementation of three farm laws to end the disagreement between the farmers and Government of India. The three farm laws that were recently enacted by the Union Government are as follows:
 - Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Act, 2020. This act creates a national framework for contract farming between farmer and buyer.
 - Farmers Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Act, 2020. The act permits inter-state and intra-state trade of farmers produce beyond the premises of Agricultural Produce Market Committee (APMC).
 - Essential Commodities (Amendment) Act, 2020.
- India ranked at 85th spot in the Henley Passport Index. The index was issued by International Air Transport Association. Around 227 different travel destinations are considered to launch the index.
- Management Effectiveness Evaluation Report of 146 National Parks and wildlife sanctuaries was released by the Union Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar. The report is first of its kind in the country. The top five national parks and wildlife sanctuaries in India are
 - Jaldapara National Park of West Bengal,
 - Raiganj wildlife sanctuary,
 - Tirthan wildlife sanctuary,
 - Sainj wildlife sanctuary of Himachal Pradesh
 - Great Himalayan National Park
- The second coastal Defence Exercise Sea Vigil-21 was conducted between January 12 and January 13, 2021. Sea Vigil-21 was undertaken along the 7,516 kilo metres coastline of India.
- India Space Research Organisation (ISRO) announce that it will adopt 100 Atal tinkering labs. The ISRO will provide coaching, mentorship and training about the latest cutting edge technologies.
- Pravasi Bharatiya Divas event was concluded on January 9. This year its theme was ‘Contributing to Atma Nirbhar Bharat’. This year it was celebrated by was celebrated by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. Along with the event, Youth Pravasi Bhartiya Diwas was also celebrated. Its theme was ‘Bringing together Young Achievers from India and Indian Diaspora’.

- Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi on January 6 dedicated the Rewari-Madar section of the Western Dedicated Freight Corridor to the nation. At the ceremony he also flagged off the world's first double stack long haul 1.5 km container train. The Rewari-Madar section is a 227 KM railway section which starts from Rewari Haryana and goes to Madar, Rajasthan crossing from Seekar and Jaipur.
- Narendra Modi flagged off the first double stack long-haul container train from New Ateli in Haryana to New Kishanganj in Rajasthan.
- The Union Government in the first week of January formed a committee to protect language, land, culture of Ladakh and ensure participation of citizens in the development of Union Territory. The Committee is to be headed by Minister of State for Home G Kishan Reddy. It will include elected representatives from Ladakh, central government and Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development.
- Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India will introduce standard products covering the risk of fire and allied perils to the house property of the individuals. The policy being introduced is to replace the Standard Fire and Special Perils Policy. It has three main components namely the Bharat Griha Raksha, Bharat Laghu Udyam Suraksha and Bharat Sookshma Udyam Suraksha.
- In the first week of January, Bird Flu was reported in various part of India. Bird Flu was reported in wild Geese in Himachal Pradesh, ducks in Kerala, crows in Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh.
- Supreme Court Allowed the Central Vista Project - Supreme Court of India (SC) allowed the Central Vista Project of Union Government. The Supreme Court bench pronounced the decision with the 2:1 majority. The SC pronounced the decision in a Public Interest Litigation.
- 40th Indian Scientific Expedition to Antarctica launched on January 5 - India launched its 40th edition of the scientific expedition to Antarctica. The Ministry of Earth Sciences is the nodal ministry of the expedition to Antarctica. Ice class vessel MV Vasiliy Golovin is deployed for the purpose and it will reach Antarctica after one month.

Economy News

December 2021

- Zee Entertainment Enterprises Ltd. (ZEEL) and Sony Pictures Networks India Private Limited (SPNI), on December 21, announced that they have signed a definitive merger agreements to combine their linear networks, digital assets, production operations and program libraries.
- Monetary Policy Committee of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) decided to keep the policy repo rate under the liquidity adjustment facility (LAF) unchanged at 4.0 percent based on the assessment of the evolving macroeconomic situation. This was decided after the RBI Monetary Policy Committee meeting, which was held from December 6-8, 2021, informed RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das.

November 2021

- RBI released new norms for the ownership pattern of Private Banks on November 26. The new norms were based on the recommendations of the internal working group headed by Prasanna Kumar Mohanty. As per the new norms, RBI allowed to increase the share of promoters of the bank from 15 per cent to 26 per cent. RBI accepted 21 out of 33 recommendations of the IWG.
- NITI Aayog released the “Multidimensional Poverty Index” (MPI) in November. As per the report, in year 2015-16, one in every four person in India was multi-dimensionally poor that is around 25 per cent population was poor I one or the other way. This report was prepared on the basis of National Family Health Survey (NFHS) for 2015-16.
- Ministry of Labour revised the base year of Wage Rate Index (WRI). New series of WRI with base 2016=100 is going to replace old series with base 1963-65. (WRI) is compiled and maintained by the Labour Bureau, under the Ministry of Labour.
- K V Kamath, the newly appointed chairman of National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NBFID), announced that the bank will soon start to finance the infrastructural projects. NFID has planned to finance 190-200 big infrastructure projects in roads, railways, and energy sector.
- Government of India and Asian Development Bank (ADB) signed a loan agreement of 300 million U.S. dollars to improve primary health care in urban areas. The focus state of this program will be 13 states including Assam, Andhra Pradesh, and Chhattisgarh.
- On November 23, “Bharat Gaurav Scheme” was launched by Indian Railways. Under the new scheme, the private players will be allowed to operate the trains on lease on any circuit of their choice. Private operators would have the autonomy to decide routes, fares and quality of services.

- Bhupender Yadav, Union Labour Minister, started India's first domestic workers survey on November 22, 2021. The survey of domestic workers is latest among a group of five national jobs enumeration campaigns, launched with the aim of discerning data on vast informal workforce in India. India's first survey of domestic workers is part of five other annual surveys conducted by Labour Bureau. These are:
 - All-India Survey of Migrant Workers.
 - All-India Survey of Domestic Workers.
 - All-India Survey of Employment Generated by Professionals.
 - All-India Survey of Employment Generated in the Transport Sector.
 - All-India Quarterly Establishment-based Employment Survey (AQEES).
- National Stock Exchange (NSE), Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) celebrated the globally popular event "World Investor Week 2021" from November 21 to 28 under the aegis of SEBI and International Organisation of Securities Commissions (IOSCO).
- The Economic Research Department of the State Bank of India (SBI) released the ECOWRAP report suggesting the five significant agricultural reforms against the backdrop of the repeal of the farm laws. The report suggested the following five reforms in the farm sector.
 - Quantity Guarantee Clause
 - Floor Price Auction
 - APMC infrastructure
 - Contract Farming Institution
 - Symmetric Procurement
- Wholesale Price Index (WPI) of October 2021 was released by Ministry of Commerce & Industry on November 15. WPI of October 2021 was raised to 12.54 per cent from 6.6 % in September 2021.
- Mobile wallet company MobiKwik launched MobiKwik RuPay Card in collaboration with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and Axis Bank. MobiKwik RuPay Prepaid Card can be used with more than 41 million merchants across 190 nations around the world.
- RBI Retail Direct Scheme and the Reserve Bank - Integrated Ombudsman Scheme was launched on November 12 by the Prime Minister of India. These two schemes will ease access to the government securities market for retail investors.
- SpaceX incorporated its wholly-owned subsidiary 'SSCPL - Starlink Satellite Communications Private Limited' in India on November 1, 2021. SpaceX is planning to launch the satellite based internet services in India. This subsidiary will apply for the license in India to launch its services. SpaceX is owned by world's richest person Elon Musk.

October 2021

- Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg on October 28, 2021 announced that the new name of the parent company will be 'Meta'. It will be in consonance with the vision of the company to form a metaverse.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed a monetary penalty of INR 1 crore on the Paytm Payments Bank Limited (PPBL) and INR 27.78 lakh on the Western Union Financial Services for non-compliance with certain directions.
- International Monetary Fund (IMF) projected that the Indian Economy will grow at 9.5 per cent in 2021 and 8.5 per cent in 2022.
- Power Finance Corporation (PFC) became the 11th Maharatna Company on October 12. The Union Government of India accorded the Maharatna status to the company after it confirm to all the eligibility conditions laid down for the Maharatna Companies. The list of Maharatna Companies is given below.

S. No.	Companies
1.	Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)
2.	Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL)
3.	Coal India Limited (CIL)
4.	Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL)
5.	Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL)
6.	Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL)
7.	National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC)
8.	Oil and Natural gas Corporation (ONGC)
9.	Power Grid Corporation of India
10.	Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL)
11.	Power Finance Corporation (PFC)

- Reliance New Energy Solar (RNESE) acquired 100 percent stake in Norway-based REC Solar Holdings AS (REC Group) from China National Bluestar (Group) Co Ltd. for a value of \$771 million.
- World Bank released its report titled 'Shifting Gears: Digitization and Services-Led Development' on October 7, 2021. In its report, it estimated that the Indian Economy is expected to grow at 8.3 per cent in FY2021-22.
- Reliance Industries Ltd. will open 7-Eleven's convenience stores in India. The announcement was made on October 7. The first 7-Eleven round-the-clock convenience store will be opened by Reliance Retail Ventures Ltd. in India's financial capital Mumbai on October 9.
- State Bank of India (SBI) and Indian Navy on October 4 together launched SBI's NAV-eCash card aboard country's largest naval aircraft carrier-INS Vikramaditya.

- Fumio Kishida sworn in as the new Prime Minister of Japan. He was elected as the leader of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party. He succeeded outgoing party leader Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga
- Finance Ministry stated that India's external debt jumped by 2.1 per cent year-on-year to USD 570 billion as at March-end 2021. India's external debt to GDP ratio jumped to 21.1 per cent at March-end 2021 from 20.6 per cent as at end-March 2020.

September 2021

- Union Cabinet has approved the listing of state-owned Export Credit Guarantee Corporation (ECGC) Ltd through the Initial Public Offer (IPO) on the Stock Exchange. Union Cabinet has also given its approval to INR 4,400 crores investment in ECGC Ltd in next 5 years starting from 2021-22.
- Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal launched the National Single Window System (NSWS) for investors and businesses on September 22.
- Zee Entertainment Enterprises Ltd and Sony Pictures Networks India (SPNI) will be merged soon. The Zee entertainment issued a press note stating that they both have unanimously given in-principle approval for the merger on a future date. Punit Goenka will continue to be the Managing Director (MD) and CEO of the merged ZEE-SONY
- Tuhin Kanta Pandey, Secretary, Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) announced that Tata Sons won the bid for Air India sale on October 8. Tata Sons and Spicejet were the frontrunners to buy the State owned airlines.
- Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman addressed the media on September 16, 2021 regarding a cabinet decision that had been taken a day earlier, when the Union Cabinet had approved Central Government guarantee up to Rs 30,600 crores to back Security Receipts to be issued by National Asset Reconstruction Company Limited.
- Reserve Bank of India and the Monetary Authority of Singapore started a joint initiative to link fast payment systems- Unified Payments Interface (UPI) and PayNow- of India and Singapore.
- India and Manila based Asian Development Bank sign loan worth \$112 million to improve water supply infrastructure in Jharkhand.
- Manila based Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved a \$150 million (approximately Rs 1,095 crores) loan on September 3 for a sustainable housing project for the urban poor in Tamil Nadu.

August 2021

- India ranked as second rank in the Cushman & Wakefield 2021 Global Manufacturing Risk Index. China was ranked one in the index and the United States of America was pushed to rank three by India.

- Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman launched National Monetisation Pipeline in Delhi on August 23, 2021. It will undertake the brownfield assets where investment is already being made, where there are assets either languishing or not fully monetized or under-utilized.
- Facebook India, on August 20, launched a new programme called “Small Business Loans Initiative” in partnership with online lending platform Indifi. Under the scheme, Facebook will provide small businesses loans to those entities that advertise with Facebook. These loans will have a predefined interest rate of 17-20% per annum.
- Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman launched INR 250 crore worth alternate investment fund (AIF) "Ubharte Sitaare" on August 21, 2021 for small and mid-sized export-oriented companies. Exim Bank of India and SIDBI will invest in the fund by way of equity and equity-like products in export-oriented units, in both manufacturing and services sectors.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) partially lifted the digital ban on HDFC Bank on August 18. The move has allowed the bank to start issuing new credit cards again.
- Consumer Affairs and Food and Public Distribution Minister Piyush Goyal informed the Lok Sabha that the Central Government has de-licensed the sugar industry to encourage the setting up of new sugar mills in the country.
- Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi virtually launched e-RUPI, an electronic voucher promoting digital payment solution on August 2. On the occasion he said that e-RUPI is an example of how India is moving forward & connecting people in the 21st century with the help of advanced technology. He said that he is glad that it has started in the year when India is celebrating its 75th year of Independence.

June 2021

- The Government of India decided to cut the import tax on the Palm oil from 15% to 10% to curb the rising prices of the edible oils in India. India is one of the largest importer of vegetable oils. The new rates will be applicable from June 30.
- MasterCard is all set for a strategic equity investment in Instamojo. The company conveyed the decision on June 28, 2021. Instamojo is India's largest full-stack digital solutions provider, and the investment is aimed at empowering MSMEs and gig workers.
- Taj Hotels were named as the strongest hotel brand across the Globe. Indian Hotels Company (IHCL), who owned the Taj hotels has been rated as the Strongest Hotel Brand across the World by Brand Finance.
- National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) Limited became the first energy company in India that declared its Energy Compact Goals as part of the UN High-level Dialogue on Energy (HLDE). The declaration was made on June 28, 2021.
- Union Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) revised the definition of small and medium sized companies (SMCs). As per revised definition, Small & Medium Companies is an unlisted company, a bank, an insurance or a financial institution with sales up to Rs 250 crore and borrowings up to Rs 50 crore. Now, SMCs are permitted to avail number of exemptions under Company (Accounting Standards) Rules 2021. It will reduce complexity of regulatory filings for smaller firms.
- Union Cabinet of India under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the merger of the Mini Ratna PSU Central Railside Warehouse Company (CRWC) with its holding

enterprise Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC). The decision was taken considering to improve efficiency and reduce expenditure.

- Bank for International Settlements (BIS) released a report stating that the Credit to GDP ratio of Indian banks are at five years high on 56%. It mentioned that the incremental credit growth has decreased to 59-year low at 5.56% in Financial Year 2021.
- Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry mentioned that India attracted a total Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) of USD 6.24 billion during April 2021. It was 38% higher from April 2020.
- Malaysia surpassed Indonesia to become India's biggest Crude Palm Oil (CPO) exporter in 2020-21. on June 22, 2021,
- Malaysia surpassed Indonesia to become India's biggest Crude Palm Oil (CPO) exporter in 2020-21. Malaysia's palm oil exports to India surged 238 per cent to 2.42 million tonnes making it India's biggest Crude Palm Oil Exporter.
- WhatsApp and National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) launched the Digital Skill Champions Programme on June 24, 2021. WhatsApp Digital Skills Academy, and Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendra (PMKK) and WhatsApp Business App Training sessions will be the focus areas of the programme.
- Reliance Industries will be entering the Clean Energy Business with a total investment of 75,000 Cr in different segment of the business. It announced to launch a new clean energy factory to make solar photovoltaic cells for next three years.
- Twitter partnered with Razorpay for its Tip Jar feature. Twitter's monetization feature was first announced in February, 2021. The collaboration will help twitter to achieve it.
- Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved a loan of a \$484 million loan (over Rs. 3,500 crores) to improve transport connectivity and to facilitate industrial development in the Chennai-Kanyakumari Industrial Corridor (CKIC) in Tamil Nadu.

May 2021

- The Public Sector Banks (PSBs) announced another support measures for the small scale entrepreneurs. The banks launched a new range of loan products to mitigate economic impact of Covid-19 pandemic. PSBs would provide unsecured loans of up to 5 lakh rupees to individuals. Loan can be utilized to meet their and family members' treatment cost.
- Security and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) will appoint the auditors in a bid to conduct forensic audits of financial statements of listed companies to strengthen its efforts towards curbing frauds.
- International Monetary Fund (IMF) said that the current economic crisis of the Emerging markets, due to coronavirus pandemic, can impact the growth and export of the developed countries. It said, crisis has "Ricochet impact" on the developed and advanced economies.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is considering to approve the merger of the District Central Co-operative Banks (DCCBs) with State Cooperative Banks (StCBs), if the concerned state government make such proposal. RBI had notified the guidelines for merging DCCBs with StCBs as two-tier Short-term Co-operative Credit Structure (STCCS).
- In a historic decision, Reserve Bank of India on May 21, 2021, decided to transfer a surplus of Rs. 99,122 crores to the Central Government. The decision of approving the transfer was

taken in the 589th meeting of the RBI's Central Board of Directors. Earlier, RBI's financial year was changed from July – June cycle to April to March.

- The Union government of India increased the fertilizer subsidies to Rs 1,200 per bag with a steep rise of 140%. Earlier, the subsidy was Rs 500 per bag. The fertiliser rates are increasing because of the rise in the prices of ammonia, phosphoric acid, etc used in its manufacturing.
- The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade released the Wholesale Price Index, (WPI) for April 2021. The base year for the index was 2011-12. As per the released data, the inflation across the nation was 10.49% in comparison to last year.
- US major Johnson and Johnson started working with Biological E Limited a Telangana-based pharma company in India, for manufacturing the COVID-19 vaccine. The information was shared by the official statement given by Johnson and Johnson.
- Indian PSE ONGC Videsh Limited (OVL) lost the operating rights in Iran's Farzad-B giant gas field to Iranian Petropars Group. The OVL invested around USD 400 million in the gas field.
- Asian Development Bank provided long term loans of USD 3.92 billion loan for 13 projects in India in 2020. The loan included the USD 1.8 billion in COVID-19 related projects.
- Union Cabinet of India under the leadership of Narendra Modi approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Qatar Financial Centre Authority (QFCA) and the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI).
- United Nations projected the growth of 10.1 % for Indian Economy in the current fiscal 2021-22.
- The e-commerce platform Snapdeal launched 'Sanjeevani' initiative to connect COVID-19 patients with potential plasma donors. Snapdeal is investing heavily in relaunching its brand.
- Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer Welfare approved Rs 2,250 crores for the Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture for the year 2021-22 in the first week of May.

April 2021

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) joined the Central Banks and Supervisors Network for Greening the Financial System (NGFS) as a member on April 23. NGFS was launched on the side-lines of Paris One Planet Summit on December 12, 2017. NGFS is a group of Central Banks who are willing to share the best practices related to the climate risk management.
- Time Magazine's 100 most influential companies featured the name of two Indian companies. Jio platform and e-learning app BYJU was featured among the top 100 most influential company in the list.
- RBI will be managing the yield curve in the open market through Operation Twist. Operation Twist is the simultaneously buying and selling market bonds under OMO (open market operations).
- India ranked at 87th position in the Energy Transition Index- ETI released by World Economic Forum. The index has 115 countries in which Norway ranks first and Zimbabwe ranked at the last. The World Economic Forum released the report on April 21, 2021.
- The Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal launched the Startup India Seed Fund Scheme on April 19, 2021 to provide financial assistance to the startups for prototype development, proof of development, market-entry, commercialization, and product trials. The scheme envisages to promote the domestic enterprises.

- Walmart Backed Flipkart on April 15 announced that it is planning to buy the ticket booking platform Cleartrip. Flipkart will acquire a 100 per cent stake in one of the oldest travel booking company in India, Cleartrip.

March 2021

- Rajya Sabha passed the “National Bank for Financing Infrastructure Bill, 2021” (NBFID Bill) on March 25, 2021. Lok Sabha had already passed the bill on March 24, 2021. The bill envisages to establish a National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development to support ‘infrastructure financing’ across the nation. It will be set up as a corporate statutory body.
- The Research team of SBI anticipated that the second wave of COVID-19 will last up to 100 days in India. The report was prepared by a team of economist under the leadership of Chief Economic Adviser of Bank, Soumya Kanti Ghosh.
- The Union Government of India is working towards a methodology to rank all the districts of the nation on the basis of their export competitiveness. The Union government wants to decentralise the exports and hence considering the scheme to develop the districts as export promotion hub.
- Parliament passed a bill approving the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the insurance sector from 49% to 74%. The bill was passed in the Lok Sabha on March 22. Rajya Sabha had already passed the bill.
- SBI was penalised by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) because the former failed to follow the regulations in payment of remuneration to its employees through the commissions.
- United States of America became the second biggest oil suppliers to India overtaking Saudi Arabia. This alteration comes after the refiners boosted cheaper U.S. crude purchases to a record levels in order to offset the OPEC+ supply cuts.
- Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) launched a vendor onboarding mobile app for its upcoming e-commerce portal ‘Bharat e Market’ on March 11. The app will enable businesses and service providers to register on the portal and create their own “e-dukaan”.
- The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) launched the first virtual trade fair on March 10, 2021. It will conclude on March 12, 2021.
- The Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY) has released the list of “Digital Payment Scorecard”. In the list, the State Bank of India (SBI) has topped for the third consecutive months.
- The Ministry of Finance has launched several schemes in past seven years which comprise of several special provisions that empowers the women. One such scheme is “Stand-up India scheme” under which 81% of the account holders are women.

- Amazon Web Services (AWS) on India's Digital skilled workforce report highlighted that, digital skills are becoming a significant component for employees in order to perform their jobs efficiently. The digitisation journey has further accelerated in the view of ongoing Covid-19 Pandemic to a certain extent for individuals and organisations.
- Singapore was the top source of foreign direct investment (FDI) into India in the first nine months of FY21 at \$15.7 billion, followed by the US at \$12.82 billion with Mauritius at the third position at \$3.47 billion. FDI equity inflows rose 40% year-on-year in the April-December of FY21 at \$51.47 billion compared to \$36.77 billion in the year ago period. Gujarat garnered the highest share of FDI in the period followed by Maharashtra.
- The first consignment of 'red rice' was flagged off on March 4, 2021 to the United States. This adds on to the India's rice exports potential. The rice was sourced by leading rice exporter called 'LT Foods'.

February 2021

- NSO released the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) Forecast on February 27. As per the NSO, the Indian economy will grow by 0.4% in the December quarter. Thus, with this, the Indian economy will do away with the recessionary trends.
- The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDAI) launched a standard personal accident cover called Saral Suraksha Bima. The insurance companies can create their own product conforming to this insurance cover.
- Union Finance Ministry allowed all the private sector banks to participate in government announced schemes such as small savings schemes, collection of taxes and pension payments. Presently, only some private banks are allowed to conduct government-related businesses.
- Government of India approved the Performance Linked Incentive Scheme (PLI) for the Information Technology (IT) hardware manufacturing to incentivise and motivate the domestic manufacturing of the IT Hardware.
- National Institution for Transforming India (NITI Aayog) published its draft national policy on migrant labours. The policy envisages a right based approach for the migrant workers and other labour.
- China became India's top trading partner in the year 2020. India is heavily dependent on the Chinese heavy machines, telecom equipment and home appliances. The trade between both the countries in the year 2020 stood at \$77.7 billion. In 2019, the trade stood at \$85.5 billion. It resulted in the bilateral trade gap between the two nations at \$40 billion in 2020.
- Uttar Pradesh is all set to export a consignment of 20 tonnes of 'Kala Namak' rice to Singapore. This will encourage the farm exports from the state. Kala Namak rice consignment will be sent from Siddharth Nagar. The state is planning to observe 'Kala Namak Rice festival' on the line of the Strawberry Festival.

- The apex bank of the country, Reserve Bank of India (RBI), brought the State Bank of Sikkim under its supervision. State Bank of Sikkim is a state-owned banking institution operating under the state government of Sikkim.
- The oil refining giant of India, Indian Oil and the Greenstat Norway signed an agreement to set up the Centre of Excellence on Hydrogen. This agreement was in line with the newly launched national hydrogen mission.
- Reserve Bank of India approved the acquisition of Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Ltd (DHFL) by Piramal Group on February 18, 2021. The decision was taken by RBI after a month a Committee of Creditors of DHFL voted in favour of Piramal's bid. The bid got the 94 per cent votes.
- The Finance Ministry on February 14 decided to infuse Rs 3,000 crore capital into the state-owned general insurance companies in the current quarter. The capital will be infused in order to improve the financial health of the insurers.
- Insurance Regulatory Authority of India (IRDAI) has advised all the Insurance companies to issue digital insurance policy certificate using the government's Digilocker app.
- National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) launched Business Confidence Index (BCI).
- The Central bank of India, Reserve Bank (RBI), announced that it will integrate the three schemes of consumer grievances redressal under a single umbrella ombudsman institution.
- The American digital payment solutions provider PayPal announced that it will stop offering the domestic payment services in India beginning from April 1, 2021. The American Giant will discontinue its domestic services in the country.
- Pakistan test-fired its nuclear-capable surface-to-surface ballistic missile 'Ghaznavi' on February 3. The range of this missile is 290 Km.
- The Union Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) amended the definition of small companies by amending the Companies Rules. The new amendment allows the non-resident Indians (NRIs) to incorporate one person companies (OPCs) in India.
- The Government of India is planning to open Megha investment Textiles Parks (MITRA). The decision was announced during the presentation of the Budget. The investment will make the textile industry globally competitive.
- The fiscal deficit in the next financial year is estimated as 6.8 percent of the gross domestic product (GDP). This information was shared during the budget speech by Union Finance minister Nirmala Sitaraman. She also mentioned that the fiscal deficit is estimated to increase up to 9.5% in the Financial Year 2020-21 because of the COVID-19 related expenditure and borrowings.

Union Budget 2021-22 - Highlights

- Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitaraman presented the Union Budget on February 1, 2021. The Budget announced it six pillars namely
- Health and Wellbeing
- Physical & Financial Capital, and Infrastructure
- Inclusive Development for Aspirational India
- Reinvigorating Human Capital

- Innovation and R&D
- Minimum Government and Maximum Governance
- As per the estimates, the Fiscal Deficit in the year 2020-21 was increased to 9.5 % of the GDP.
- The Budget earmarked 34.83 lakh Crore for the expenditure in 2021-22 in which 5.54 lakh Crore will be spend under the Capital Expenditure head.
- Higher Education Commission of India – A legislation will be introduced to set up a Higher Education Commission of India. Leh and Laddhakh will get a Central University.
- Kochi, Chennai, Visakhapatnam, Paradip, and Petuaghat to be developed as hubs of economic activity.
- Asset Reconstruction Company Limited and Asset Management Company to be established.
- National Hydrogen Mission to be launched
- Development Financial Institution (DFI) to be set up with the initial capital of 20,000 Crore as a financing body for the infrastructure projects in India.
- Jal Jeevan Mission (urban) will be launched to provide tap water connections to 2.86 crore households in Urban areas
- PM AatmaNirbhar Swasth Bharat Yojana will be launched in addition to the National Health Mission.
- A new Voluntary Vehicle Scrappage Policy will be implemented. The policy envisage voluntary scrapping of the Private vehicles after 20 years and Commercial vehicles after 15 years. The registration of such vehicles will not be renewed.

January 2021

- Ministry of Tribal Affairs on January 30, included 14 new minor forest produce (MFP) under the umbrella arrangement of Minimum Support Price (MSP) for MFP. The new MFP entities included in the list are
 - Tasar Cocoon
 - Cashew Kernel
 - Elephant Apple Dry
 - Bamboo Shoot
 - Malkangani Seed
 - Mahul Leaves
 - Nagod
 - Gokhru
 - Pipla/ Uchithi
 - Gamhar/ Gamari (dry bark)
 - Oroxylum indicum (dry bark)
 - Wild Mushroom dry (Agaricus sp)
 - Shringraj (Eclipta Alba)
 - Tree Moss (Bryophytes)
- National High-Speed Rail Corporation Limited awarded Rs 1390 crore Mumbai-Ahmedabad bullet train project to Larsen & Toubro (L&T).

- Government of India announced to launch Start-up India Seed Fund Scheme with a corpus of 945 crore. The scheme envisages to provide financial assistance to start-ups for the product trials, market-entry, proof of concept, prototype development and commercialization.
- Economic Survey estimated the growth of Indian Economy was -7.7% for the financial year 2020-21. It also estimated the growth for the FY 2022 at 11.5%. It also estimated that the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) was contracted by a record 23.9 per cent in April-June 2020 while it contracted by 7.5 percent in the second quarter.
- Reliance Jio became the fifth strongest brand across the globe. It now stands behind the brands like Ferrari and Coca-Cola.
- Nirmala Sitharaman, the Union Minister of Finance, launched the “Union Budget Mobile App” ahead of the presentation of the Union Budget on February 1, 2021. It is a bilingual app designed by the National Informatics Centre (NIC).
- RBI released the Financial Stability Report for the second half of 2020. As per the reports Gross Non-Performing Assets ratio of the scheduled commercial banks was to increase to 13.5% by September 2021.
- Global Economic Prospects report was released by World Bank in the first week of January. As per the report, the Indian economy is estimated to contract by 9.6% in 2020-21. The Indian economy is to recover 5.4 percent in 2021-22.

International News

December 2021

- Egypt became a new member of BRICS New Development Bank on December 29. Egypt became the fourth new member inducted in the New Development Bank. BRICS stands for Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa.
- India was elected to the chair of Counter terrorism Committee of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC). It will chair the Committee from January 2022. Earlier, India chaired the UNSC Committee in 2011-12.
- James Webb Space Telescope was launched from the Guiana Space Center in Kourou, French Guiana on December 25, 2021. It is the world's largest and most powerful space telescope.
- 35-year-old leftist leader Gabriel Boric became the youngest President of the South American nation Chile.
- World Health Organisation (WHO) approved the emergency use of COVOVAX Coronavirus Vaccine. COVOVAX is manufactured by the Serum Institute of India (SII) under the license of the US Company Novavax.
- NASA's Parker Solar Probe became the first spacecraft that entered the Corona of the Sun. The approximate temperature of the Corona is about 2 million degrees Fahrenheit.
- President Ram Nath Kovind embarked went to three day state visit to Bangladesh on December 15, 2021. The President participated in Bangladesh's 50th Victory Day celebrations at Dhaka.
- Dubai has become first government in the world to turn into 100% paperless.
- United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) granted the Observer Status to International Solar Alliance on December 9, 2021.
- India and Russia signed a bilateral defence deal on December 6, 2021. The deal was signed by Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and his Russian counterpart Sergey Shoigu to manufacture nearly 6 lakh AK-203 rifles under a joint venture in Amethi, UP.
- Astronomers discovered a New Exoplanet GJ 367b, one of the smallest planets outside our solar system, where a year is just 8 hours long. The new exoplanet is reportedly smaller and denser than Earth.

November 2021

- Caribbean Island nation, Barbados become the world's newest republic. It was a British colony, from last around 400 years. Dame Sandra Prunella Mason became the first President of newly independent nation.

- World Health Organization (WHO), On November 29, 2021, warned about the new variant of SARS-CoV-2 virus called “Omicron”. This COVID-19 variant was first reported on November 24, 2021, to the World Health Organization (WHO) from South Africa.
- India was re-elected to the executive board of United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) on November 17. India will be the member for the term of four years that is from 2021-2025.
- The next United Nations Climate Change Conference (CoP27) will be hosted by Egypt in 2022. The decision was taken unanimously in the CoP 26 Conference in Glasgow. Egypt will host the conference in Red Sea resort of Sharm El-Sheikh. Moreover, United Arab Emirates (UAE) was selected to host CoP28 international climate conference in the year 2023.
- India was ranked at 10th position in the Climate Change Performance Index 2022. The index was prepared by the Climate Action Network (CAN) and New Climate Institute.
- United States of America (USA) joined as the 101st member of International Solar Alliance (ISA) on November 10. The announcement came on UNFCCC CoP 26 conference.
- The incumbent President of Chile, Sebastian Pinera, was impeached by the lower house of Congress on November 10 on the allegations of corruption after the Pandora paper leaks.
- India's indigenously developed COVID-19 vaccine ‘Covaxin’ was included in the COVID-19 vaccine list by the government of United Kingdom.
- United Kingdom became the first country to approve COVID-19 anti-viral pill manufactured by Merck and Ridgeback Biotherapeutics.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Green Grids Initiative - One Sun One World One Grid (GGI-OSOWOG) jointly with his UK counterpart Boris Johnson at ‘Accelerating Clean Technology Innovation and Deployment’ at COP26 Climate Summit at Glasgow on November 2.
- India committed in the CoP26 that the country will achieve its net-zero carbon emissions target by 2070. The commitment was given in the Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s address to the summit.

October 2021

- A strong Geomagnetic storm hit the Earth atmosphere on October 30, 2021. These Geomagnetic storm formed after the Sun blasted a significant solar flare and Coronal Mass Ejection (CME) from sunspot AR2887 wherein the Sun emitted X1 class solar fare.
- United Nations Security Council (UNSC) adopted a unique first-of-its-kind resolution to urge armed conflict parties to immediately safeguard the right to education. The Resolution 2601 was adopted on October 29.

- United Nations' (UN) specialised agency World Meteorological Organization released its annual 'State of the Climate in Asia 2020' report on October 26, 2021. The report stated that the extreme weather events due to climate change cost Asia dearly wherein India suffered an average annual economic loss (AAL) of approximately 87 billion USD. For India, damage induced by weather-related events accounted for a loss of more than 0.8 per cent of the country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) which was highest in the Asia region.
- World Bank released 'The Changing Wealth of Nations' 2021 on October 27. The report stated that the countries amassed wealth significantly between 1995 and 2018 but only to worsen the in-equality and risking the future prosperity of majority of population.
- Google Doodle was made on the 161st birthday of 'Father of Judo' Professor Kano Jigoro of Japan. The Google Doodle of Kano Jigoro was created by Los Angeles-based illustrator Cynthia Cheng.
- United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) released a report regarding the Emission Gaps around the world. The report titled 'The Heat is on' was released on October 26. The reports released the estimates of Gap between the actual emissions and required emissions to fulfil the commitments made for 2030. The report envisaged that to achieve the targets committed for 2030, it is essential to reduce an additional 28 gigatonnes of CO₂ equivalent from annual emissions.
- Republic of China launched Shijian-21 (satellite) from the Xichang Satellite Launch Centre in southwest China's Sichuan Province on October 23. The satellite was launched to test and verify space debris mitigation technologies.
- Shavkat Mirziyoyev, the incumbent president of Uzbekistan was re-elected for second five-year term by winning 80.1% of the vote in the poll conducted on October 24, 2021.
- Tayyip Erdogan, President of Turkey, directed its foreign ministry to expel the US ambassador and nine other ambassadors from western countries for demanding the release of philanthropist Osman Kavala.
- On October 21, United Nations announced that it had set up a special trust fund to provide urgently needed cash directly to the people of Afghanistan through a system tapping into donor funds frozen since the country was taken over by Taliban in August 2021.
- 72-year-old Sandra Mason was elected as the first-ever President of Barbados on October 20, 2021, with a two-thirds vote during a joint session of the country's House of Assembly and Senate. She replaced Britain's Queen Elizabeth II as head of state of Barbados.
- Republic of South Korea tested its indigenously developed space rocket 'Nuri' on October 21.

- UK's Competition & Markets Authority (CMA) fined over £50 million Facebook for breaching its previous order. UK's watch dog probing the Facebook acquisition of Giphy.
- The President of Ecuador, Guillermo Lasso declared a state of emergency in the country on October 18. The country is struggling with the rising numbers of drug-related violence and hence he the mobilization of military and police on the streets to curb the problem.
- Russia announced the suspension of its North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) mission on October 18 because of the relations with the western nations hits its lowest ebb in the recent times.
- India, Israel, UAE and US agreed to form an economic cooperation forum on October 19.
- On October 16 China launched Shenzhou-13 spacecraft carrying three astronauts - two men and one woman - on a historic 6-month long mission. The spacecraft was launched aboard a Long March-2F rocket from Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in the north western province of Gansu.
- NASA launched Lucy, the first spacecraft to study Jupiter's Trojan asteroids, on October 16
- Jonas Gahr Stoere became the Prime Minister of Norway on October 14. He is the leader of the centre-left Labor Party of Norway.
- India re-elected to the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) for the 2022-2024 term on October 14. This will be the sixth term for India in the council.
- Recently for the first time scientists arrived at the conclusion that the Low-Frequency Array (LOFAR), the world's most powerful radio antenna located in the Netherlands picked up signals from planet outside of Solar System.
- Tunisia's President Kais Saied appointed Najla Bouden Romdhane as the first prime minister of Tunisia on October 11.
- World's first automated, driverless train was launched in Germany on October 11 by the Germany rail operator Deutsche Bahn and German engineering company Siemens.
- United Nations Human Rights Council, on October 8, recognised that the access to clean and healthy environment is a fundamental right of a human being.
- Narendra Modi virtually launched the Indian Space Association (ISpA) on October 11. He said the Indian space reforms is based on four pillars - freedom to private sector in innovation, role of government as an enabler, to make youth future-ready and to see the Space sector as a resource for the progress of common man
- United Kingdom recognised the COVISHIELD administered in India, for the COVID-19 infections, and No quarantine will be required for the COVISHIELD-vaccinated travellers from Oct 11.

- World Health Organization approved the world's first malaria vaccine- RTS, S/AS01 (RTS,S) to be used in the sub-Saharan Africa and in other regions with moderate and high malaria transmission.
- Russia successfully tested a hypersonic cruise missile Tsirkon(Zircon) from the Severodvinsk nuclear submarine for the first time in the Barents Sea. The announcement came on October 4.
- India and Sri Lanka on October 4, 2021, began a 12-day mega military exercise at the Combat Training School in the Eastern district of Ampara, Sri Lanka. The focus of the exercise between the two nations will be to enhance counter-terror cooperation.
- Venezuela on October 1, 2021 introduced a new currency with six fewer zeros. The highest denomination of the new currency will be 100 bolivars, as compared to the earlier higher denomination of 1 million bolivar. Venezuela's old currency had almost become worthless as a result of years of the world's worst inflation.

September 2021

- Taliban adopted the 1964 Constitution of Afghanistan which confirms to the Sharia or Islamic law. This adoption will be for temporary period and soon the new constitution will be adopted. Taliban group is drafting a new constitution which would be completed by 2022.
- Kīlauea volcano erupted on Hawaii's Big Island on September 30, 2021.
- North Korea successfully fired and tested 'Hwasong-8', the newly developed hypersonic missile, from its east coast on September 28.
- National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) successfully launched Landsat 9 satellite on September 27, 2021, from Vandenberg Space Force Base in California.
- A tiny landlocked European nation, San Marino voted overwhelmingly to legalise abortion in a historic referendum, overturning a law dating back to 1865.
- Switzerland legalised the same sex marriage and also provided them right to adopt the children.
- The elections were held to elect the Chancellor of Germany after the incumbent Angela Merkel. Olaf Scholz was elected for the post of Chancellor and will take oath of office after the term of Angela Merkel ending of December 8.
- People's Bank of China (Central bank of the Republic of China) declared that all transactions of crypto-currencies will be deemed as illegal, effectively banning financial activities involving cryptocurrencies, such as trading crypto, selling tokens, transactions involving virtual currency derivatives. The announcement came on September 24.
- 76th Session of United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) was addressed by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi in a mix of Hindi and English on September 25. In a powerful speech, he said that 'I represent a country called the Mother of Democracies'. He said every 6th person on the planet is an Indian, World grows when India grows".

- Narendra Modi met the President of United States of America (USA) Joe Biden first time in person on September 24. Prime Minister highlighted 5 T's – Technology, Talent, Trade, Trusteeship, and Tradition that guide the transformation of India-US relations.
- International Astronomical Union named a crater on the South Pole of the Moon after the Arctic explorer Matthew Henson.
- Iran became a full time member of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) during the 21st SCO leader Summit in Dushanbe, Tajikistan. The announcement was made virtually by Chinese President Xi Jinping on September 17.
- VIPER rover of NASA will land on the Nobile Crater of Moon in 2023. Nobile Crater is located in the South Pole region of Moon. NASA's Volatiles Investigating Polar Exploration Rover (VIPER) will land on Moon in 2023.
- United Russia party retained the majority in the recent Russian Parliamentary Elections 2021. Vladimir Putin is the leader of United Russia party. In 2024 there will be presidential elections in Russia.
- Cuba became the first country in the world that ordered mass vaccination of Children as young as 2 years old against the COVID-19.
- In the recent Canada general elections, Incumbent Prime Minister Justin Trudeau became the leader of the liberal Party in the country. The opposition was led by Conservative Party and its leader Erin O'Toole. However, Trudeau has failed to gain an absolute majority. The elections were conducted in August 2021.
- Chief of United Nations Antonio Guterres appointed Nobel Laureate Indian Kailash Satyarthi as the new Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Advocate on September 17.
- Prime Minister Modi on September 17, 2021, led the Indian delegation and virtually addressed the plenary session of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit in Tajikistan's capital Dushanbe.
- India participated in the 6th edition of the multi-nation counter-terror exercise in the Orenburg region of Russia. The exercise has been organized under the aegis of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO).
- The president of United States Joe Biden announced a new defence pact between the US, UK and the continent country Australia on September 15. The pact will be known as AUKUS.
- Norway's left-wing opposition party headed by Labour Party leader Jonas Gahr Store won the 2021 Norwegian Elections with a landslide victory. Read all you need to know.
- India-US jointly launch Climate Action and Finance Mobilization Dialogue of Agenda 2030 Partnership. It will provide both the countries an opportunity to renew the collaborations on climate change while also addressing the financial aspects.
- Lebanese Prime Minister Najib Mikati on September 10, 2021, announced his new government of 24 ministers from the Presidential Baabda Palace after he met

President Michel Aoun to sign a decree to form a new government in the presence of Parliament speaker Nabih Berri in crisis-ridden Lebanon.

- Iceland gets world's largest plant capturing carbon dioxide from air started operations on September 8. It will absorb the carbon dioxide from air and store it underground. Swiss start-up Climeworks AG, which specializes in capturing carbon dioxide directly from the air, partnered with Icelandic carbon storage firm 'Carbfix'
- Morocco's King appoints Aziz Akhannouch as Morocco's new Prime Minister because the Aziz Akhannouch's National Rally of Independents had emerged as the biggest party in the Parliamentary elections held in Morocco on September 8, 2021.
- India-Australia hold first ever 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue on September 11. Afghanistan crisis was on the top of the agenda besides other regional issues and the issues related to maritime security.
- India and Denmark jointly launched 'Centre of Excellence on Offshore Wind' on September 9. Both the countries also agreed to engage in renewable energy.
- Republic of China endorses Taliban government and provided USD 31 million aid to Afghanistan on September 8. The name of the new caretaker government is "Islamic Emirate" of Taliban.
- NASA rover Perseverance collects first sample of Martian rock. Bill Nelson, NASA Chief, and the former astronaut hailed it as a momentous achievement. The mineral collection from Mars is at the heart of the \$2.7 billion Perseverance project.
- President of Guinea (West Africa), Alpha Conde was ousted from power on September 5, 2021 in a military coup.
- The United Arab Emirates launched a new Green visa on September 5, 2021 to allow foreigners to work in the country without being sponsored by an employer.
- Taliban's Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar along with other leaders of the group met United Nations (UN) Humanitarian Chief Martin Griffiths at the foreign ministry in Kabul on September 5 to discuss the way forward.
- Taliban claimed to have gained complete control over Panjshir Valley on September 6. The area is the last battle to win for Taliban as the regional leader Ahmad Massoud is showing resistance to Taliban takeover.
- Russian segment of the International Space Station (ISS) is facing 'irreparable failures' due to out-of-date hardware. Around 80 per cent of the inflight systems on the segment belonging to Russia on the ISS have reached the end of their service period.
- Hebatullah Akhundzada was named as the Supreme leader of newly formed Taliban Government of new Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan instead of Afghanistan. Afghanistan has formed the government on the pattern of Iran government.
- United National Environment Programme (UNEP) stated that use of leaded petrol was ended from the globe. It is a milestone that will prevent more than 1.2 million premature deaths and will save the world economies over \$2.4 trillion annually.

- United Nations Security Council (UNSC) has adopted a new resolution on Afghanistan, demanding that the territory must not be used to threaten any country or shelter terrorists. The adoption came under the leadership of India.
- UAE, Uruguay, Bangladesh admitted as new members in New Development Bank (NDB) on September 2. The bank has been set up by all the nations that are part of the BRICS Bloc.
- Union AYUSH Minister Sarbananda Sonowal launched the Y-Break App for working professionals on September 1 to commemorate Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav. The Y-Break App as a 5-minute yoga protocol for office goers.

August 2021

- Elon Musk owned SpaceX launched the various items for the International Space Station (ISS) on August 29. The SpacX 23rd launch for NASA carried avocados, ants, and a human-sized robotic arm with supplies to the ISS.
- Russia warns the rest of the world about the possible increase in the West Nile Virus (WNV) infections in the coming times. West Nile Virus, originally from Africa, has now spread in Asia, Europe, and North America. WNV is mainly transmitted through mosquito bites and can lead to fatal neurological diseases in humans.
- India and United Kingdom (UK)'s joint study sets Guinness World Record for world's largest scientific collaboration. Guinness World Record for 'Most authors on a single peer-reviewed academic paper' is now held by the Birmingham and Edinburgh University after 15,025 scientists around the globe contributed to the major research into the impact of Coronavirus on surgical patients.
- Two suicide bombers and gunmen attacked the crowd of Afghans who were flocking to Kabul's airport on August 26, 2021. As per the Afghan and US officials, the Kabul bomb blast has killed more than 60 Afghans and 12 US troops.
- Astronomers at the Carnegie Institution of Science (CIS) discovered the fastest orbiting asteroid ever spotted in the solar system. The fastest orbiting asteroid discovered in Solar System has been dubbed as "2021 PH27". The space rock is 1 kilometer in diameter and completes its orbit in just 113 Earth days
- India and Maldives sign pact for the Greater Male Connectivity Project on August 26. This project will be the largest-ever infrastructure project, Greater Male Connectivity Project (GMCP). The project will be funded under the Indian Grant and Line of Credit and will commence soon. A contract for the same was signed between AFCONS (Mumbai-based construction and engineering company) and the Maldives government.
- World Bank suspends aid to Afghanistan after Taliban takeover. The World Bank has provided almost \$5.3 billion to Afghanistan since 2002, mostly in grants. It also has over two dozen ongoing development projects in the country.
- Egypt closes Rafah crossing with Gaza amid friction with Hamas group on August 23, 2021. Rafah is the sole crossing between Egypt and Gaza, where an Israel-led blockade has placed several restrictions on the movement of people and goods for years.
- Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) is participating in the International Military-Technical Forum 'ARMY-2021' at Kubinka, Moscow, from August 22 to 28, 2021. At

the forum ARMY-2021, DRDO will showcase its indigenously built fighter aircraft LCA Tejas, Arjun Main Battle Tank (MK1A), Anti-Tank Guided Missiles among other products at the India Pavillion during the event.

- India, on August 19, 2021, signed a deal with Russia for the immediate procurement of 70,000 AK-200 series assault rifles.
- Former Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia Ismail Sabri Yaakob was appointed as the new Prime Minister by Malaysia's King Al-Sultan Abdullah on August 21. He succeeded Muhyiddin Yassin.
- After ending the two-child policy in China in May 2021, Chinese President Xi Jinping approved the three child policy in on August 20. It will mark a major policy shift to prevent a steep decline in the birth rate.
- Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney from New York on Friday 13, 2021, reintroduced legislation in the US House of Representatives to posthumously award the prestigious Congressional Gold Medal to Mahatma Gandhi in recognition of his ways and contributions through non-violence and peace.
- Afghanistan's First Vice President Amrullah Saleh declared himself as the legitimate caretaker President of Afghanistan on August 17. Saleh announced that he is in the country and vowed a new fight with the Taliban.
- Taliban Commander Abdul Ghani Baradar has been declared the new President of Afghanistan after Afghan President Ashraf Ghani fled to Tajikistan and Taliban fighters took control of the presidential palace in Kabul on the intervening night of August 15 and 16, 2021.
- Zambia's opposition leader Hakainde Hichilema won the country's presidential election with a landslide victory over incumbent President Edgar Lungu, stated the Electoral Commission of Zambia on August 16, 2021.
- African Nation Haiti was struck by a massive 7.2 magnitude earthquake on August 14, 2021, killing at least 1,297 people. The tremor in Haiti was struck about 100 miles (160 kilometers) to the west of the densely populated capital Port-au-Prince, which was earlier devastated in a massive 2010 quake.
- West Africa on August 9, 2021, confirmed the first case of the extremely contagious and deadly haemorrhagic Marburg virus in the Guinea region, reported the World Health Organization (WHO).
- India-Russia began their 12th edition of joint military exercise INDRA in Volgograd city, Russia on August 4, 2021.
- The military leader of Myanmar Min Aung Hlaing declared himself as the Prime Minister of Myanmar on August 1, 2021. New leader promised multi-party elections as well as the lifting of the state of emergency by August 2023.

June 2021

- Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia, Mohammed bin Salman announced plans to launch second national airlines as a part of broader strategy. The broader strategy envisaged to turn the kingdom from the Oil business to a diversified business hub.
- Ukraine and North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) launched Black Sea Drills on June 28, 2021. The Russian agencies were opposing the exercise but the exercise went ahead.

- Brazil suspended the USD \$324 million contracts to buy 20 million doses of India's Bharat Biotech's COVAXIN over the allegations of irregularities in the deal.
- WHO declared China a Malaria free country on June 30, 2021. After the consistent effort of the country, it was finally certified by the International body. There was no reported case of malaria in the last four years.
- World's largest mobile industry event "Mobile World Congress (MWC)" was inaugurated on June 28 at Barcelona.
- Binance, world's largest cryptocurrency exchanges, was banned by Britain's financial regulator, Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) because of the unregulated transactions.
- China commenced the power production in the first two units of world's largest hydro project Baihetan on June 28, 2021. It is harnessing the water of Yangtze River in southwest China.
- Lebanese citizens are protesting in the capital against the worsening life conditions in the country. The enormity of the protest were such that the troops were deployed in northern city of Tripoli on June 27, 2021 to take positions across major state institutions.
- Amazon Web Services (AWS) acquired encrypted messaging app called Wickr. Wickr app was founded in 2012.
- Republic of China inaugurated its first electric bullet train connecting the provincial capital Lhasa and Nyingchi on June 25. It is a strategical important location near Tibetan border town close to Arunachal Pradesh.
- Archaeologists discovered new human species at Nesher Ramla in Israel which was considered the missing link of the evolution of Human species. The new species was named as Nesher Ramla Homo.
- Japan became the third country, after China and Singapore, to ratify the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) on June 25, 2021. It is a kind of a free trade agreement between Australia, China, and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).
- Indian Naval Ships Teg and Kochi participated in a Passage Exercise with the US Navy Carrier Strike Group Ronald Reagan during its transit through the Indian Ocean Region June 23 and June 24, 2021.
- World Health Organization (WHO) will be setting up a global vaccine manufacturing hub in South Africa.
- India and Fiji signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for cooperation in the field of agriculture and the allied sectors on June 22, 2021.
- Incumbent Armenia's Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan's party won majority in the snap parliamentary elections with 53.9 percent of the vote.
- Swedish Prime Minister Stefan Lofven lost the confidence vote conducted in the Swedish Parliament on June 21, 2021 with a majority of members voting against him. The Swedish Parliament approved the no-confidence motion with 181 votes in favour, 109 votes against and 51 abstentions in the 349-seat 'Riksdag'.
- Indian Navy participated in a joint naval exercise with the European Union Naval Force (EUNAVFOR) in the Gulf of Eden for the first time. A total of five warships from four navies participated in the exercise on June 18 and 19, 2021.
- India and the United States jointly launched a hydrogen task force under their Strategic Clean Energy Partnership (SCEP) to boost India's energy security efforts on June 17, 2021.

- Ebrahim Raisi was elected as the new President of Iran. He won 61.95 percent of the vote during the recent Presidential Elections. He is the leader of ultra conservative cleric and judiciary wing. The news was conveyed by the country's interior ministry on June 19, 2021.
- India and its Himalayan neighbour Bhutan signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for developing cooperation between the two nations in the areas of the environment. The MoU was signed on June 18, 2021.
- World's third-largest diamond was unearthed by Debswana Diamond Company from Jwaneng mine in Botswana, South Africa. The news was shared on June 1. The stone weighing 1,098 carats.
- China launched three men crew to its new space station for the first time in five years on June 17, 2021. The last human spaceflight by China was launched in 2016.
- United Kingdom and Republic of Australia mutually agreed on a Free Trade Agreement (FTA). Boris Johnson and Scott Morrison agreed on the key elements of the deal on June 14 in Britain.
- Finland's Arctic Astronautics will send the World's first wooden satellite into space by the end of 2021. The wooden satellite was named WISA Woodsat. It will be a nano-satellite. It is set to be launched from Rocket Lab's Electron rocket in New Zealand in November 2021.
- The first in-person meeting of G7 leaders was held at Carbis Bay, Cornwall at UK because the UK holds the Presidency of the Group of Seven (G7) this year. The theme for G7 Summit 2021 was 'Build Back Better'. The G-7 leaders agreed to the joint commitment to net-zero emissions by 2050 (latest) and keeping a 1.5°C temperature rise within reach.
- As per the UN Chief, there is famine conditions in Tigray, Ethiopia. On June 10, he tweeted about the grave conditions prevailing in Ethiopia.
- The five new nations - UAE, Brazil, Albania, Gabon and Ghana were elected to the non-permanent UNSC members for next two years starting from January 1, 2022.
- India and Kuwait signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) that will bring Indian domestic workers in the Gulf nation within a legal framework that provides them with the protection of the law and streamlines their recruitment. The MoU was signed on June 10.
- Google is all set to build an undersea cable that will connect the United States, Uruguay, Brazil, and Argentina. It will strengthen the network connectivity and capacity of internet connection between these regions.
- India Deputy Ambassador to United Nations, Nagaraj Naidu was appointed the Chef de Cabinet of the President-elect of the 76th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA). It is the first time when an Indian Diplomat was appointed on the said position.
- Joe Biden revoked the ban on the Chinese apps TikTok and WeChat on June 10, 2021. He signed an executive order regarding the same.
- Interpol launched 'I-Familia' a global database to identify missing persons across the globe. The International Criminal Police Organisation which is commonly called as Interpol. I-Familia' will help to identify the missing individuals through family DNA samples.
- El Salvador became the first independent nation in the world to grant legal tender status to Bitcoin on June 9, 2021. The El Salvador Congress approved the bill to make Bitcoin a legal tender in the country.
- India was elected to the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) for the term 2022-24. It is one of the six major arm of UN and has 54 members.

- Abdulla Shahid, Foreign Minister of Maldives, was elected as the President of the 76th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) on June 7. He garnered 143 votes out of 191 ballots cast.
- Volcano Merapi in Indonesia erupted four times in the recent past and the hot lava travelled around 1.5 kilo meters from the crater.
- America's National Aeronautics and Space Agency (NASA) is planning to send two new scientific missions to Venus between 2028 and 2030.
- The National Aeronautics and Space Agency (NASA) on June 2, 2021, announced its plans of launching two new scientific missions to Venus between 2028 and 2030. They are named as DAVINCI+ (short for Deep Atmosphere Venus Investigation of Noble gases, Chemistry, and Imaging) and VERITAS (an acronym for Venus Emissivity, Radio Science, InSAR, Topography, and Spectroscopy).
- On June 2, the African Union suspended the membership of the Republic of Mali on the grounds of the second military coup and detention of the president and prime minister in nine months.
- New Zealand signed the US-led Artemis Accords with NASA during a ceremony in Wellington on May 31, 2021. New Zealand has now joined the international agreement to cooperate with NASA on peaceful, safe, sustainable, and transparent space exploration.
- Issac Herzog was elected as the 11th President of Israel in a secret ballot in the Knesset (Parliament). He is a prominent Labor leader and the first person whose father, Chaim Herzog, also served as a state between 1983 and 1993.
- China reported the world's first human case of the H10N3 strain of bird flu. A 41-year-old man in China's eastern Jiangsu province has been confirmed to have been infected with the bird flu strain, as per a statement by China's National Health Commission on June 1, 2021.

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- China will be sending three-man crew of astronauts for three months on its space station Tianhe space station in June 2021.
- China ended its two child policy formally. Chinese government allowed each couple to have up to three children. The change was approved by Chinese President Xi Jinping in a politburo meeting.
- Space Telescope Hubble captured beautiful images of spiral galaxy called "NGC 691".
- NASA's Curiosity Rover captured images of "shining clouds" on Mars. The Curiosity is exploring the Mars in the most detailed way till date.
- The highest Indian association of broadcasters, Indian Broadcasting Foundation (IBF) has extended its purview to cover digital streaming platforms. Now, it will be renamed as Indian Broadcasting and Digital Foundation (IBDF).
- NATO organised "Steadfast Defender 21 war games" military exercises in Europe. These war games are an important part of the peacetime strategies to continue peace process.
- United Nations Mission on May 27, 2021, honoured three Indian posthumously for their contribution in the peace keeping efforts. They details are as follows:
- Corporal Yuvraj Singh: The Indian peacekeeper had served with the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS).

- Ivan Michael Picardo: The civilian peacekeeper had also served with the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS).
- Mulchand Yadav: The civilian peacekeeper had worked with the UN Assistance Mission in Iraq (UNAMI).
- Germany decided to give vaccine to all its children who are over 12 years of age. The Chancellor of Germany Angela Merkel announced about her government decision on May 28. She announced that the vaccination will start from June 7.
- Bashar al-Assad won the fourth Presidential term in Syria with 95.1 percent of votes. The Parliamentary Speaker announced the result of elections on May 26. The Presidential elections in Syria were criticised by the opposition and the Western Countries.
- Guillermo Lasso became the first right wing leader to come to power in Ecuador's on May 24, 2021. CREO right-wing Guillermo Lasso had won Ecuador's Presidential Elections 2021 with over 52 per cent of votes against Andres Arauz.
- Volcano in Congo Mt. Nyiragongo erupted on May 22, 2021 after two decades of silence. The concerned authorities vacated five hundred families from nearby areas.
- The Union Cabinet chaired by PM Modi on May 25, 2021, approved the opening of a new consulate General in Addu City of Maldives this year.
- The United Nations (UN) issued a warning that "there is a risk of famine in Tigray region, if assistance is not provided urgently".
- Military officers in Mali arrested President Bah Ndaw, Prime Minister Moctar Ouane, and Defence Minister Souleymane Doucoure of the interim government were arrested in Kati outside the capital Bamako on May 24, 2021. The arrest came after the two members of the military lost their place during a government reshuffle.
- Rare Super Blood Moon was observed on May 26 at the selected regions across the globe. First lunar eclipse of 2021 took place on May 26, 2021. Eclipse was visible partially in India, at a few places in eastern part. It was observed in Australia, United States, western South America, Pacific and South-East Asia.
- India and Israel signed a 3-year joint-program for Cooperation in the field of Agriculture till 2023. India and Israel have completed four similar joint work programmes successfully.
- The computer giant Microsoft announced the retirement of Internet Explorer 11 from June 15, 2022 for some versions of Windows 10.
- Subtropical Storm Ana was named as the first named Atlantic storm that will cause no damage to land and will dissipate soon. According to National Hurricane Centre, Miami, subtropical storm Ana is drifting northeast across the Atlantic Ocean after causing rain to Bermuda.
- A breath test developed by a start-up Breathonix was approved by the Singapore as a Covid Breath Test. It detects Covid-19 and show the accurate results in less than a minute.
- NASA announced recently that it will send a mobile robot to moon in 2023. The robot will explore the surface of moon.
- Recently, US space agency NASA has announced to send its first mobile robot to the Moon in 2023. Mobile robot is a part of Artemis programme. It will collect data from Volatiles Investigating Polar Exploration Rover (VIPER).
- A-76, the world's largest Iceberg located in Antarctica was slipped into the adjoining waters. The Ice Berg is now floating on the Weddell Sea. Weddell Sea is a large bay in the Western

Antarctic. The iceberg was 170 kilometres long 25 kilometres wide. . The ice berg was spotted by a European Space Agency satellite called Copernicus Sentinel.

- Carle Illinois College of Medicine invented the SPOT – A Saliva based test kit which can provide the CAVID-19 test result in 30 minutes. SPOT (Scalable and Portable Testing) kit is a handy kit priced at 78USD.
- Iran launched its supercomputer called Simorgh. Simorgh will be hundred times more powerful than the previous Iranian supercomputers. It is located at the Iranian High Performance Computing Research Centre.
- United Nations is celebrating its sixth United Nations Global Road Safety Week between 17 to 23rd May, 2021. This year, in 2021, the Global Road Safety Week is celebrated under the following theme: Theme: Streets for Life.
- The unmanned China's spacecraft Tianwen-1 successfully landed in the Utopia Planitia on the Mar's surface on May 15, 2021. It contained the rover 'Zhurong' on board, the lander and the rover will soon be deployed to study the Martian geology and atmosphere. The landing of the spacecraft has made the country only the second in the world to send a rover for exploring the Red Planet.
- Jupiter Icy Moon Explorer of European Space Agency also known as JUICE is developed by the European Space Agency (ESA). It has been tested and if it pass the critical phase, it will be sent for Jupiter exploration.
- The Miss Universe 2020 contest was organised on May 16, 2021. Andrea Meza from Mexico won the content and crowned as Miss Universe for the year 2020. Miss India Adline Castelino, could make it in the top 4 only. It was the 69th edition of the contest.
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, America built the Okeanos Explorer to explore the Sea floors of oceans. It was departed from the Port Canaveral in Florida on May 14, 2021.
- The scientists recently discovered a new species of dinosaur called the Talkative Dinosaur. It was identified in the northern Mexico. The research is being conducted by the National Institute of Anthropology and History of Mexico.
- China launched the eighth group of three Yaogan-30 satellites into orbit through a Long March 2C rocket from the Xichang Satellite Launch Center in Southwest China on May 7, 2021.
- Former Prime Minister of Nepal, KP Sharma Oli was reappointed as the Prime Minister of Nepal by President Bidhya Devi Bhandari after the opposition parties failed to put together a coalition government by the 9 pm deadline on May 13, 2021.
- The mice population in Australia has increased exponentially. The mice are causing extensive damages to the cultivated crop and stored food grains. This is being referred to as Mice Rain. Also, plague in the country has increased.
- China is the most populous country in the world. The latest census of China reported the addition of 72 million only and the total population now stands on 1,411 Billion in 2020. However, the birthrate has shown a steady decline raising the nation's fears over its shrinking workforce and aging population.
- The Perseverance rover of Mars 2020 mission will study the floor of an ancient crater of Mars. The crater once held a lake. The Perseverance rover will use a camera called "WATSON" to capture detailed images of the rocks for analysis.

- The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) signed an agreement with Axiom Space to send its astronauts to International Space Station (ISS). This was the first private astronaut mission to the space station. The mission was named as Ax-1.
- The Colonial Pipeline in US faced a cyber-attack by a group called “Darkside”. The pipeline originates in the Texas and carries gasoline to the South eastern states of the US. The company transports about 45% of petrol and diesel in the east coast of US.
- The Climate Action Tracker recently released a report calculating the impacts of the GHG on the environment. According to the report, even after implementing the ambitious climate goals of the summit, global temperature will increase by 2.4°C by 2100 as compared to that of pre-industrial levels.
- A Biotech firm in the United States, Oxitech, recently launched the most controversial field test of Genetically Modified mosquitos in Florida.
- The scientists found 78,000 years old human burial in Africa. This made it the oldest human burial site in Africa. The cave site was discovered near Kenyan coast. The site is called “Pangya Saidi”.
- England’s Mayflower 400 is the world’s first Artificial Intelligence ship.
- Scientists from Minnesota Institute for Astrophysics have discovered the first blow away galaxy using the “Gemini Telescope”. The galaxy has been named as Pox 186.
- The scientists created lightest form of Uranium. It is called the Uranium-214. The discovery reveals more information about an alpha particle.
- American Geophysical Union found that the melting glaciers have been increasing the shift of Earth’s axis. The rotational axis of the earth is the axis around which it rotates as it revolves around the sun.
- Lag B’Omer is an annual Jewish festival. It is celebrated in the Hebrew month of Iyar. The festival is celebrated on the thirtieth day of the Omer.
- Russia developed the COVID-19 vaccines for animals. The name of the vaccine is Carnivac-Cov.

April 2021

- “DEFENDER-Europe 21” is a joint military exercise of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) in Albania.
- United Kingdom (UK) became the first country to approve the self-driving cars at slow speeds on its motorways. The UK comprise of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. The permission was given on April 28, 2021.
- Saudi Arabia announced to join Canada, US, Qatar and Norway in the Net Zero Producers Forum. Net Zero Producers Forum was formed for the oil and gas producers to discuss how to support the implementation of Paris Agreement on Climate Change.
- The International Energy Agency (IES) released the Global Electric Vehicle Outlook 2021. Report says that three million new electric cars were registered in 2020. This was 41% higher than those registered in 2019.
- Meron is a Jewish Pilgrimage site in Israel where a massive stampede occurred in the last week of April. The stampede occurred at the most reputed tomb of Shimon Bar Yochai. Killing around 44 people. This was the largest COVID-19 era gathering of Israel.

- The Republic of China launched the space station core module 'Tianhe' into the orbit on April 29. The Long March-5B Y2 rocket blasted off from the Wenchang Spacecraft launch site carried the Tianhe module to the space.
- In another event of souring relationship of Russia and Europe, Russia expelled diplomats of Latvia, Slovakia, Estonia, Lithuania, Romania, Czech diplomats. It was retaliation from Russia after the countries expelled the Russian diplomats.
- The European Parliament ratified the post-Brexit trade deal between the European Union and the United Kingdom on April 27, 2021. The deal was ratified with overwhelming majority. It was the last major step of Brexit. The deal ratified the quota and tariff free trade in the region.
- The USA became mask free on April 27. The US authorities announced that those who have taken the two vaccine doses will not be required to wear masks.
- World Health Organisation, GAVI and UNICEF jointly launched IA 2030. The IA 2030 means the Immunisation Agenda 2030. It has been titled as the "A Global Strategy to leave No One Behind". It aims to maximise lifesaving impact of vaccines.
- China names its first Mars rover as 'Zhurong'. It was named after a traditional Chinese Fire God. The rover is currently on board on China's Mars probe Tianwen-1. The decision was taken on April 24.
- 'Varuna 2021', the joint Indo-French Naval bilateral exercise was conducted on April 25, 2021 in the Arabian Sea. It was the 19th edition of the bilateral exercise.
- World Health organisation (WHO) recently launched an initiative E-2025. The initiative is taken to eradicate malaria from the worst 25 effected countries by 2025 and hence the name E-2025.
- The Astronomers have discovered the smallest black holes. It has been named as Unicorn. It is 1,500 light years away from the earth. It is the closest of all the black holes found so far.
- West Coast of New Zealand is the home for the world's only Maui Dolphin Community. They are one of the smallest dolphin's subspecies globally with only 63 members left in the only habitat. New Zealand government took the initiative to save the species from extinction.
- Australia revoked its Victoria state's deal to join the China's One Belt One Road initiative. The decision was taken on April 21 stating the fact that the deal will be inconsistent with its National Foreign Policy.
- Washing DC will be the 51st state of United States of America. Presently there are 50 states and the state of California is counted as USA. On April 22, the House of Representatives passed the bill for the same. No Republican member voted in its favour.
- NASA's Perseverance Rover added another feather in its cap. The Mars Oxygen In-Situ Resource Utilization Experiment (MOXIE) instrument synthesised oxygen on the surface of Mars. This can help in storing oxygen and help power rockets off the planet's surface in the future.
- Emergency was declared in the Southern part of Ethiopia recently. The southern part particularly in the Amhara region, massive violence broke out.
- Recently SHIELDS Mission was launched by NASA from New Mexico. The Mission is to study light from interstellar particles in the heliosphere. SHIELDS means 'Spatial Heterodyne Interferometric Emission Line Dynamics Spectrometer'.
- India and America launched the US-India Climate and Clean Energy agenda 2030 Partnership on April 22 on the side-lines of Leaders' Summit.

- Russia is all set to explore Moon once again through Luna 25. The Russian space agency 'Roscosmos' is expected to send the Moon exploration "Luna 25" towards the South Pole of Moon. The mission is expected to be launched in October 2021. The last spacecraft 'Luna 24' was launched in August 1976 by the Soviet Union.
- NASA's Mars helicopter 'Ingenuity' successfully became the first aircraft to take a powered flight on Mars on April 19, 2021. 'Ingenuity' hovered in the air up to an altitude of 10 feet on Mars for around 39.1 seconds.
- Pakistan's on April 16, temporarily blocked the access to social media. The Interior Ministry of Pakistan issued a notification directing the Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) to temporarily block complete access to all social media platforms including Twitter, Facebook, Whatsapp, Telegram and YouTube.
- Indian French space agencies signed agreement for much anticipated India's first Manned Space Flight to moon. Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) and the National Centre for Space Studies (CNES), the French Space Agency signed an agreement on April 15, 2021 for Gaganyaan.
- Joseph Jouthe, Prime Minister of Haiti, resigned from his position as the country facing the widespread killings and kidnapping of the citizens. The national referendum and constitutional reforms are planned for next year in the country.
- United States of America has stopped the administration of the single-dose Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine because of the emerging reports of blood clotting among the patients post vaccination.
- Guillermo Lasso, former banker and conservative, was elected as the next President of Ecuador on April 11, 2021. Lasso won 52 percent of the vote in the runoff against opposition candidate Andrés Arauz, who was handpicked by leftist former President Rafael Correa.
- US president Joe Biden decided to call all the soldiers back from Afghanistan by September 11. The day marked the 20th anniversary of the Attack on US. The President informed about this decision on April 13.
- South Asian nation Singapore became the first country to officially ratify the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) agreement backed by China.
- Singapore has become the first country to complete the official process for ratification of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) agreement. The world's largest trade pact was signed by all the ASEAN members at 4th RCEP Leaders Summit.
- Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi and the President of Seychelles Wavel Ramkalawan jointly inaugurated new Magistrates' Court Building, one MW solar power plant, 10 High Impact Community Development Projects (HICDPs) and other projects on April 8, 2021.
- Union Ministry of Civil Aviation Ministry and Sri Lanka finalized a bilateral air bubble arrangement. The agreement will enable the operation of the special international passenger flights between the two countries.
- The Vietnam National Assembly on April 5, 2021, voted to make Pham Minh Chinh the next Prime Minister of Vietnam. He is a Communist Party member with a history as a security official.
- Central Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, urged all G20 members to ensure equitable access and widespread distribution of vaccines. The meeting was held virtually under the

Italian presidency. She was attending the second meeting of G20 finance ministers and central bank governors on April 7, 2021.

- First Nuclear Power plant of UAE started functioning on April 6, 2021. Barakah nuclear power plant in the United Arab Emirates' became the first nuclear power plant to provide clean energy in the country.
- Russia developed and registered the world's first COVID-19 vaccine for the animals. Vaccine named Carnivac-Cov will provide the immunity to animals for at least six months.
- 'Shantir Ogroshena 2021' (Front Runner of the Peace) was a multiple military exercise organised in Bangladesh from April 4 to April 12, 2021. Indian Army participated in the event. The exercise started on April 4 to commemorate the birth centenary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, Bangladesh Father of the Nation.

March 2021

- India inks Deal with Bangladesh for developing the transmission lines of the 2.4 GW Rooppur Nuclear Power Plant in the Pabna District of Bangladesh. As per the agreement, the private companies of India can bid for the work in Bangladesh. It is scheduled to be functional by 2024. It will be the first nuclear power plant of Bangladesh.
- Prime Minister of India visited Bangladesh from March 26 to 27. There were various MOU signed between the two countries in the field of ICT, Sports, Disaster Management and the likes.
- World Bank published the **World Development Report: Data for Better Lives** on March 24, 2021. It provided five recommendations over development
 - New Social Contract for Data
 - Increase Data use to Realize Value
 - Equitable access
 - Protect people from data misuse
 - Integrated national data systems
- Pakistan test fired Shaheen-1A surface to surface ballistic missile. It can carry nuclear warhead and has the range of 900 km. It is a land-based supersonic and short-to-medium range ballistic missile.
- Norway has planned to build World's first ship tunnel underneath the mountains in Stadhavet peninsula of Norway. Construction will commence in 2022 and it is expected to be completed by 2025-2026.
- China sanctioned four organisations and nine individuals. The said individuals and their immediate family members could not enter China till the sanctions are imposed. Earlier the UK had imposed the sanctioned against the some of the relevant Chinese individuals citing the human rights issues in Xinjiang.
- Taiwan will soon ration the water to its citizens. The scheme is proposed to commence from April 2021. Taiwan is running out of drinking water. The Taiwan is facing continuous draught conditions in the recent years.

- India was ranked at 40 in the International Intellectual Property (IP). The total number of countries in the index was 53. 'US Chamber of Commerce Global Innovation Policy Centre (GIPC)' released the index on March 23.
- The Government of Saudi Arabia proposed UN-sponsored ceasefire in Yemen and is awaiting a response from the rebel Houthi movement. This peace initiative by Saudi Arabia is in line with previous proposals like consultation efforts to end crisis.
- India, on March 22, 2021, filed an appeal against the Cairn Energy arbitration verdict at The Hague. India challenged the \$1.2-billion award on grounds of sovereignty and tax avoidance by the UK oil major. India seek a stay on the award given to Cairn Energy Limited.
- All Eight members of the economic bloc Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) will hold a joint anti-terrorism exercise this year "Pabbi-Antiterror-2021". The decision was taken in the 36th meeting of the Council of the Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure (RATS) held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan on March 18.
- World Happiness Report 2021 was released on March 20, 2021 by the United Nation Sustainable Development Solutions Network. India ranked at 139 in the index. Finland topped the index. It was the first time that the positive negative emotions were recorded in the survey.
- India and France both the countries are working on the modalities for the "Third Joint Satellite Mission".
- The Asian giant Russia hosted the "Afghan Peace Meet" on March 18, 2021. The meeting was the first of the planned three meetings. It took place in Moscow. The meeting was organised to bring together the government representatives and the Taliban adversaries.
- Indian Navy and Royal Bahrain Naval Force Corvette Al Muharraq participated in the naval exercise in the Persian Gulf under Operation Sankalp. The exercise named Passage Exercise (PASSEX) was conducted on March 17, 2021.
- Italy joined the Indian initiative of International Solar Alliance in March 2021.
- The union cabinet under the leadership of Narendra Modi, on March 16, approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on cooperation in sports & youth affairs between India and Maldives.
- 63rd annual Grammy Awards were presented in Los Angeles on March 14, 2021. The list of the winners are as follows:
 - Rapper Megan Thee Stallion won the Best New Artist award
 - Album of the Year: Taylor Swift, 'folklore'
 - Record of the Year, recognizing overall performance on a song: Billie Eilish, 'Everything I Wanted';
 - Song of the Year, for songwriting: H.E.R., Dernst Emile II and Tiara Thomas, 'I Can't Breathe';
 - Best Music Video: Beyonce, 'Brown Skin Girl';

- Best Rock Album: The Strokes, 'The New Abnormal'.
- The Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of Australia, Scott Morrison, Japanese Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga and US President Joseph R. Biden participated in the first Quad Leaders' Summit that was held virtually on March 12, 2021.
- In a historic decision on March 11, 2021, European Parliament declared that whole of the European Union is "LGBTIQ Freedom Zone".
- Union Railway Minister Piyush Goyal on March 10, 2021 flagged off a 3000 HP Cape Gauge locomotive indigenously developed by the Banaras Locomotive Works to be exported to Mozambique.
- India-Uzbekistan joint military exercise "DUSTLIK II" was conducted in the Foreign Training Node Chaubatia at Ranikhet in the state of Uttarakhand. It is the second edition of annual bilateral joint exercise of both the armies. It will conclude on March 19, 2021.
- The RIKEN, Japanese scientific research institute, and Fujitsu developed the world's most powerful supercomputers "Fugaku".
- France launched its first military exercise on March 8 to evaluate its ability to defend its satellites and other defence equipment from an attack. The exercise, codenamed "AsterX" in memory of the first French satellite from 1965, will be based on 18 simulated events in an operations room.
- China and Russia jointly agreed to build a research station on or around the moon. The joint announcement was made by the two countries on March 9, 2021.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the "Maitri Setu" between India and Bangladesh with Bangladeshi premier Sheikh Hasina on March 9, 2021. The 1.9-km-long bridge joins Sabroom in India with Ramgarh in Bangladesh.
- On the occasion of "International Women's Day", Google launched a web platform 'Women Will'. This platform will provide its support to 1 million rural women in India in order for them to become entrepreneurs.
- The government of Australia on March 7, took a decision to suspend its defence cooperation with Myanmar and redirect the humanitarian aid which the country was providing to the government of Myanmar.
- The United Nation Environment Programme (UNEP) published the "Food Waste Index Report, 2021". As per the UNEP report, estimated 931 million tonnes of food were wasted across the world 2019. The agency also highlighted that this amount of wasted food can circle the Earth seven times.
- The U.N. General Assembly adopted by consensus a resolution sponsored by India and supported by over 70 nations declaring 2023 as the 'International Year of Millets', aimed at raising awareness about the health benefits of the grain and their suitability for cultivation under changing climatic conditions.

- A Paris court on March 1, 2021 found former French President Nicolas Sarkozy guilty of corruption and influence peddling and sentenced him to one year in prison and a two-year suspended sentence. The 66-year-old politician, who was president from 2007 to 2012, was convicted for having tried to illegally obtain information from a senior magistrate in 2014 about a legal action in which he was involved.
- Russia has successfully launched its first satellite to monitor the Arctic's climate and environment. A Soyuz-2.1b carrier rocket with the "Arktika-M" satellite on board blasted off from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan on February 28, 2021.

February 2021

- Pakistan will remain under the Grey list of FATF. The Global anti-terrorism watchdog Financial Action Task Force (FATF) decided, on February 25, to maintain Pakistan into Grey List till June 2021.
- India and Pakistan released a press statement mentioning that they agreed on stopping the cross border firing with immediate effect. The agreement came into force from February 2021.
- The United Nations World Food Programmes (WFP) released a report titled "The State of School Feeding Worldwide" on February 24, 2021. The report mentioned that the efforts made across the world to provide nutritious food to the children were reversed adversely because of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The Government of India announced that the second phase of COVID-19 vaccination will begin from March 1, 2021. In the second phase of covid-19 vaccination, people aged above 60 years will get COVID-19 vaccination.
- India took over the three years BRICS Chairship with the inaugural three-day-long Sherpas' meeting on February 25, 2021. It received the chair from Russia.
- Union Minister of Shakti, Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, on February 24, 2021 inaugurated the International Commission on Large Dams (ICOLD) Symposium on Sustainable Development of Dams & River Basins.
- Japan became the first ever country in the world to appoint Minister for Loneliness at the national level. The decision was taken because of the increasing cases of suicide in the country. Tetsushi Sakamoto, was appointed as the Loneliness minister.
- Bangladesh became the first nation to ban the painkiller 'ketoprofen' on cattles. This painkiller is toxic to vultures. It made this painkiller akin to Diclofenac Sodium which was banned 10 years ago.
- National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), released first audio from Mars on February 22, 2021. It was captured by Perseverance rover. Perseverance rover was landed on Mars on February 18.
- Saudi Arabia approved the recruitment of Women in country's armed forces. The females of the country will now be recruited to the positions of soldiers, lance corporals, corporals, sergeants, and staff sergeants.
- Indian Navy and it Indonesian counterpart participated in the PASSEX military exercise in the Arabian Sea on February 18, 2021.

- India and the African country Ethiopia signed two agreements on February 20. One agreement is related to the leather technology and the other one is with the visa facilitation.
- United States of America, under Joe Biden, officially re-joined the Paris Climate Accord on February 19, 2020. US President Donald Trump announced its unilateral withdrawal from the accord.
- Government of India has decided to challenge the international arbitration award given in the Cairn Energy tax dispute case. The Cairn Energy won the case against India and the government is liable to pay \$1.2 billion to the company.
- The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the Arbor Day Foundation had recognized Hyderabad as a 2020 Tree City of World.
- World's Oldest DNA was extracted from the molar teeth of the Siberian Mammoths. These mammoths were found in the north-eastern Siberia some 1.2 million years ago.
- The International Solar Alliance (ISA) is all set to open a World Solar Bank (WSB) in the event of the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Glasgow scheduled in November 2021.
- Union Cabinet under the leadership of Narendra Modi approved the signing of a Comprehensive Economic Cooperation and Partnership Agreement (CECPA) between India and Mauritius. The agreement was approved on February 17, 2021.
- India joined the "Iran-Russia Maritime Security Belt 2021". It was a two-day naval exercise held in the northern part of the Indian Ocean. The other counterparts took part in the exercise were Iranian army, Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) and Russian Vessels.
- The Government of India decided to supply the Coronavirus vaccines to Canada following a personal request made by the Prime Minister of Canada, Justin Trudeau to Indian Prime Minister, Narendra Modi.
- Russia launched 'Progress MS-16 cargo ship' into the orbit on February 14, 2021. The cargo ship was launched to deliver the cargo to the seven crew members in the International Space Station (ISS). It is also called Progress 77.
- India gifted 2000 metric tonnes of rice to terror ridden Syria in a bid to strengthen the food security with the Middle East nation. India also started Study in India initiative for the fellow citizens of Syria.
- The newly appointed Prime Minister of Italy, Mario Draghi, has put the green energy and climate change at the centre of its plan for the recovery of Italy from recession. He created a Super Ministry to ensure a transition to green energy.
- On February 12, Tajikistan was rocked by the earth quack of magnitude 6.3. The tremors were felt in Delhi-NCR, Haryana, Punjab, Chandigarh and Himachal Pradesh. The seismology department announced that the epicentre of the Earth Quack was Amritsar because of software error later confirmed epicentre as Tajikistan.
- New President of United States, Joe Biden on February 11 revoked the emergency order, issued by former President Donald Trump, to construct the US-Mexico border wall.
- A Chinese spacecraft named Tianwen-1 successfully entered the Mars orbit on February 10, 2021. The probe entered the MARS Orbit after making the journey of 6 and a half month from the Earth.
- Joe Biden announced sanctions on the military leaders in Myanmar on February 10, 2021. The sanctions were announced to prevent the Myanmar Military to access the \$1 billion government funds parked with the US government.

- The biennial Theatre Level Operational Readiness Exercise (TROPEX 21), the largest war-game of the Indian Navy, was started in January and ended in February 2021.
- United States of America is all set to re-join the UN Human Rights Council after its unilateral withdrawal in 2018. Donald Trump withdrew from the world body's main human rights because of its disproportionate focus on Israel.
- Hope, MARS probe orbiter, of United Arab Emirates (UAE) settled in the orbit of MARS. By doing so, UAE has become the fifth country to launch the spacecraft into the orbit of MARS after United States, Soviet Union, Europe and India.
- India and Afghanistan inked a deal to build a dam, called Sahtoot dam to solve the drinking water problem of Kabul City.
- Denmark approved a plan to construct the world's first energy field island in Northern Sea. The energy island will be used to produce and store enough green energy to meet the electricity demands of around 3 million European households.
- China announced to set up a new Public Information Platform that will allow the public to track emissions from the polluting enterprises. The platform will come into effect on March 1, 2021.
- The Military regime in Myanmar announced the establishment of a new State Administrative Council under the leadership of the Army Chief General Min Aung Hlaing.
- World's first Bio-fuel powered space vehicle 'Stardust 1.0' was launched from a former military base Loring Commerce Centre on January 31.
- Democracy Index report 2020 was published by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU). Along with the index, a report titled "Democracy in sickness and in health?" was also published. In the Democracy Index, Norway has topped. India was at 53rd place.
- Indian Military and the US counterpart jointly took part in the 16th edition of Indo-US joint military exercise 'Yudh Abhyas'. The joint military exercise begun in Rajasthan from February 8.

January 2021

- Nepal Awarded 679 Megawatt Lower Arun Hydropower Project to India's Mini Ratna Company SJVN's fully owned subsidiary in Nepal. Lower Arun Hydro Electric Project is located in Sankhuwasabha and Bhojpur Districts of Nepal.
- The Treaty of international relevance - New Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (New START) between United States of America and Russia was extended by five years after the ratification from Russia. The New START was extended by five years to February 5, 2026.
- The United Nations agency responsible for the promotion of responsible, sustainable and universally accessible tourism - World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) issued a statement that the year 2020 was the worst year on record for the tourism industry.
- United Arab Emirates announced its new citizenship policy which envisages to provide the nation's citizenship to select group of professionals and achievers. This announcement made the UAE first gulf country to formalise norms for approving the citizenship to outsiders.

- World Leprosy Day is celebrated on the last Sunday of January across the globe. The day is observed to raise the awareness about the disease.
- Jarosite has been found in the Antarctica ice. It is a rare maritime mineral. It is a sulphate of potassium and iron. It was first discovered on Mars in 2004 by a rover named “opportunity”.
- India and International Energy Agency (IEA) signed a strategic partnership agreement for cooperation in global energy security, stability and sustainability. This agreement will pave the way for the full membership of Indian to IEA.
- India pledged USD 150000 for the UN peacebuilding fund.
- The workers of Google formed the ‘Alpha Global’ on the lines of the UNI Global Union. The union was named after the Google’s parents company Alphabet.
- NASA’s Hubble Space Telescope captured the images of the NGC 4535 which is also known as the “Lost Galaxy”.
- The newly elected President of United States, Joe Biden, signed an executive order to tighten the “Buy American” requirements in the federal government procurements. It was one of promise made during his election campaign.
- The private space exploration company Space X launched 143 satellites in one launch creating a new world record. Space X had launched 143 satellites from the Falcon 9 Rocket from Florida. It broke the 104 satellite launch record of ISRO.
- The first legally binding international agreement that target to eliminate nuclear weapons completely – ‘ The Treaty on Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons’ was adopted on July 7, 2017. The treaty came into force on January 22, 2021.
- National Aeronautics and Space Administration shared the pictures of a huge cluster of galaxies called Abell 370. The galaxy cluster is located in the constellation called Cetus. The core of Abell 370 is made of more than hundred galaxies. The Galaxy was catalogued by George Abell and hence the name.
- A copy of Salvator Mundi, the world’s most expensive painting of Leonardo da Vinci, was recovered by the Italian Police. Salvator Mundi is the most expensive painting in the world. The painting was sold at 450 million USD in 2017.
- The voting rights of the Islamic Republic of Iran and six other countries were suspended because of the pending financial dues of the countries. The other countries that lost their voting rights were Niger, South Sudan, Zimbabwe, Congo Brazzaville, Central African Republic and Libya. The voting rights were suspended under Article 19 of the United Nations Charter.
- India ranked fourth in the Global Firepower Index. The index ranks the countries based on their potential military strength.
- India and France hold a bilateral air exercise Ex-Desert Knight 21 in Jodhpur, Rajasthan. The air exercise to be held between Indian Air Force and French air and Space Force.

- The Global Firepower Index ranks the countries based on their potential military strength. India was ranked fourth in the index. The Global Firepower Index ranked 138 countries. The countries were evaluated based on prolonged offensive and defensive military campaigns.
- The United Nations recently published a report called “International Migration 2020 Highlights”. According to the report, the Indian diaspora is the largest across the globe. More than 18 million people from India were living outside India. The other countries with large diaspora are Mexico, China, Russia and Syria. According to the report, India’s diaspora is distributed across a number of major countries such as UAE (3.5 million), Saudi Arabia (2.5 million) and US (2.7 million).
- Former US President Donald Trump became the first president who was impeached twice in his single tenure. The House of Representatives of the United States voted to charge President Trump with inciting mob attack on US Congress.
- India and Japan signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to enhance cooperation in the field of Information and Communications Technology (ICT). The agreement included standardization of 5G technologies, submarine optical fiber cable system to India and the other collaterals associated with the ICT development.
- Union Cabinet approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the United Arab Emirates (UAE) in the field of Scientific and Technical Corporation.
- United States of America designated Republic of Cuba as a state sponsor of terrorism. The United States lists the countries that repeatedly provide support for acts of international terrorism under the State Sponsors of Terrorism. The list was first released in 1979 with Iraq, Libya, Syria and South.
- NASA is testing most powerful rocket ‘Space Launching System’. It will be used in carrying the human to the moon.
- India was invited to chair the three important committees of the Security Council. The Ambassador of India to the United Nations informed about this invitation. These three committees are
 - Counter-Terrorism Committee
 - Libya Sanctions Committee
 - Taliban Sanctions Committee
- India and France concluded the annual strategic dialogue in New Delhi on January 7. The dialogue was focussed on COVID-19 vaccines, nuclear cooperation, Indo-Pacific, space, environment, maritime safety, digital economy, environment and defence sectors.
- Several Protestors storm into the US Capitol which later turned into violent confrontation between the security personnel and the protestors. The events took place on January 6 and 7. On January 6, 2021, the protesters gathered for the “Save America” rally.

- The Union Cabinet of India on January 6 approved the Memorandum of Understanding between India and Japan on “Specified Skilled Worker”.

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December 2021

- Union Government of India has approved to set up six Nuclear Power Reactors of 1,650 MW each at Maharashtra's Jaitapur. The plants will be built in technical cooperation with France. After completion, this site will become the largest Nuclear Power Plant in India generating 9900 MW electricity.
- Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of 594 Km long Ganga Expressway at Shahjahanpur in Uttar Pradesh on December 19, 2021. Ganga Expressway will also have an airstrip to facilitate emergency landing and take-off of Air Force aircraft
- Kashi Vishwanath Dham was inaugurated in Varanasi on December 13, 2021 by the Prime Minister of India.
- On December 11, Narendra Modi inaugurated the Saryu Nahar National Project in Balrampur, Uttar Pradesh. Saryu Nahar National Project in Balrampur, Uttar Pradesh and it took nearly four decades to complete it.
- Narendra Modi inaugurated AIIMS Complex, Fertiliser Plant, and a high-tech lab of ICMR in Gorakhpur on December 7.

November 2021

- State police department of Nagaland officially launched 'Call your Cop' mobile App on November 29, 2021. It will make the police help just a touch away. Some of the significant features of the app include - alerts, directory, SOS, tourist tips, nearest police station and search.
- India's only organic kiwi from Ziro Valley Farms of Arunachal Pradesh was launched at a mega National Tribal Festival called Aadi Mahotsav on November 28, 2021. The North-Eastern State of Arunachal Pradesh became the first state of the nation to obtain "organic certification of kiwifruit" under the "Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North East Region (MOVCD-NER)". This is a Union Government Scheme launched for the North-Eastern States.
- Cherry Blossom Festival 2021 was held from November 25 to 27, 2021, in Shillong, Meghalaya. It is an annual affair.
- Kerala Tourism has planned to launch a "STREET Project" to take tourism deep into the interiors and hinterland of the state.
- 16 States signed "Mysuru Declaration" during the 'National Consultative Workshop on Citizen Charter & Delivery of Services by Panchayats' organised on November 22.

The states resolved to roll out Common Minimum Service delivery by Panchayats in India from April 1, 2022.

- The state Government of Andhra Pradesh, Union government and the World Bank signed a binding agreements for a loan of USD 250 million for the “Supporting Andhra’s Learning Transformation (SALT) project”. SALT project was launched with the objective to improve the learning curve of state youths.
- Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of Noida International Airport (NIA) in Jewar, Gautam Buddh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh on November 25. Jewar international Airport will be developed by Yamuna International Airport Private Limited (YIAPL), which is a 100 per cent subsidiary of Swiss concessionaire Zurich International Airport AG.
- Balasore district in Odisha received the “Best Marine District” award on the occasion of World Fisheries Day on November 21, 2021.
- Tamil Nadu has constituted a FinTech Governing Council to make the state as the Global Hub for the Fintechs. Industries Minister Thangam Thennarasu will be its chairman.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Purvanchal Expressway on November 16, 2021. Purvanchal Expressway is constructed by the Uttar Pradesh Expressways Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA). It is 340.8 km long and starts from Chand Saray village in Lucknow district and ends at Haydaria village in Ghazipur district.
- Mamata Banerjee, the Chief Minister of West Bengal, inaugurated ‘Duare Ration Scheme’ on November 16, 2021. Duare Ration means the ‘ration at doorstep’. Government has also decided to enhance commission for ration dealers from INR 75 to INR 150 per quintal of food grains.
- Kashi Utsav was organised in the religious city of Varanasi from November 16 to 18, 2021. It was organised to celebrate the heritage and culture of the ancient city of Kashi. It was being organised by “Rudraksh International Cooperation and Convention Centre” of Varanasi.
- Arunachal Pradesh approved the “Kaiser-i-Hind” as state butterfly on November 13, 2021. Kaiser-i-Hind’ is a large and brightly coloured butterfly.
- World’s largest solar power park is located in Bhadla Solar Park in Rajasthan. The generation capacity of the park was 2245 MW.
- Karnataka launched the Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV) programme on the occasion of ‘World Pneumonia Day’ on November 12. PCV programme was launched under the universal immunisation programme.
- Narendra Modi inaugurated Kashi Vishwanath Temple Corridor project in Varanasi on December 13, 2021.
- Karnataka started celebration of ‘Onake Obavva Jayanti’ on the 11th of November from the year 2021. The proposal was approved to celebrate the birth anniversary of Onake Obavva.

- Chief Minister of Punjab, Charanjit Singh Channi, announced that Punjabi will now be a compulsory subject for all students in the state of Punjab.
- Srinagar was announced to be a part of the UNESCO's network of creative cities. UNESCO has designated Srinagar as a creative city of craft and folk arts. Narendra Modi hailed the inclusion of Srinagar as a fitting recognition for vibrant cultural ethos of this old city.
- Kerala Topped the Public Affairs Index (PAI 2021) report by the Public Affairs Centre (PAC), a Bengaluru- based non-profit think tank. It was followed by Tamil Nadu and Telangana.
- Delhi government launched the Shramik Mitra Scheme on November 9, 2021. The scheme envisage to inform all the construction workers in Delhi about the government schemes and provide assistance to avail the benefits of the schemes.

October 2021

- Central specialised agency Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) discovered the base of another temple on the premises of Suka-Sari Temple in the old town area of Bhubaneswar on October 27, 2021.
- Kannada Rajyotsava 2021 was celebrated on October 28 across the state. In a first, around five lakh singers sung popular Kannada songs at 1000 iconic tourist attractions in Karnataka. Karnataka Day or Karnataka Formation Day is celebrated on November 1 every year.
- Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir Manoj Sinha dedicated a war memorial 'Saviours of Kashmir' at the Srinagar International Airport on October 27, 2021.
- State government of Delhi will launch a portal called Rojgar Bazaar 2.0 that will be a digital job matching platform for entry-level jobs in India.
- Jammu & Kashmir administration signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Dubai government on October 18 for the development of real state sector, industrial parks, multipurpose towers, IT towers, medical colleges, logistics, super specialty hospital, and more.
- Punjab launched the 'Mera Ghar Mere Naam' Scheme on October 17, 2021. It will give ownership rights to the people living in houses within the 'lal lakir' of villages and cities. 'Lal Lakir' refers to the land which is part of the village habitation and is used for non-agriculture purposes only.
- Narendra Modi inaugurated Kushinagar International Airport in Uttar Pradesh on October 20, 2021. With this, Uttar Pradesh became the only state having five international airports.
- Kochi was declared as a 'dementia-friendly city' by the Chief Minister of the state Pinarayi Vijayan. He was inaugurating the Udbodh project that aims to improve the living condition of people who have dementia.

- On October 14, Republic of China launched its first solar observation satellite by a Long March 2D rocket from the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Centre.
- Rajasthan Government recalled the recently passed marriage registration bill on October 11 to re-examine it. This step can increase the child marriages in the state.
- Telangana developed India's first smartphone-based-e-voting solution. This was announced by the state government on October 6. The dry run was done in Khammam district of the state.
- Himachal Pradesh becomes first Indian state to begin organised cultivation of Cinnamon

September 2021

- Uttar Pradesh government launched "Nirbhaya - Ek Pahal" programme under Mission Shakti - Phase 3 in Lucknow on September 29, 2021. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said during the launch that under the programme 75,000 women would get connected with state banks, get loans at cheaper interest rates & get benefits of state subsidies under PM Mudra Yojana for 3 months.
- BJP MLA Nimaben Acharya becomes the first woman Speaker of Gujarat Assembly on September 27, 2021. She succeeded Rajendra Trivedi.
- Uttar Pradesh government launched 'Women Entrepreneurs Empowerment Helpline' on September 29. It will be a part of Vikas Utsav. The Women Entrepreneurs Empowerment Toll free Helpline number is 1800 2012 6844.
- Cyclone Gulab hit the north coastal Andhra Pradesh and adjoining Southern Odisha coastal area on September 27, 2021.
- 'Copper Mahseer' locally named 'Katley' was declared as the State fish of Sikkim on September 2. Katley Fish in Sikkim has a high market value and is also preferred by the public in the state.
- India's 61st and Nagaland's first Software Technology Park of India (STPI) was inaugurated in the state capital Kohima on September 17. Union Minister of State for Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Electronics and IT Rajeev Chandrashekhar inaugurated the park.
- In a first, Nagaland will have no opposition because the all parties either belonging to ruling or opposition were agreed to form the state government. It will be called as United Democratic Alliance (UDA) government with no opposition. This is the second time that Nagaland will have an all-party government (opposition-less government). In 2015, the north-eastern state had an opposition-less government when the Congress MLAs merged with the ruling NPF-led Democratic Alliance of Nagaland (DAN).
- Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (AMC) in Gujarat issued an order stating that the unvaccinated person will not be allowed to use the public transport. The person need to be fully vaccinated in order to use the public transport.

- Congress leader Charanjit Singh Channi took oath as the 16th Chief Minister of Punjab on September 20, 2021. He succeeded Captain Amrinder Singh. Punjab Governor Banwarilal Purohit administered him the constitutional oath.
- Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) on September 16, 2021 announced that it will commission India's largest floating solar photovoltaic plant in Andhra Pradesh. In the official statement, it was mentioned that the 25 mega-watt floating SPV project will be located at NTPC Simhadri in Andhra Pradesh.
- Chhattisgarh launched Millet Mission on September 10 to become the millet hub of India by 2023. The mission objective is to increase the yield of millets like Kodo, Kutki and Ragi in the view of increasing demand in both India and abroad.
- Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of the Raja Mahendra Pratap Singh University in Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh on September 14.
- Medicine from Sky Project was launched in Telengana to deliver medicines and vaccines to remote areas with the help of drones. The project was launched by Union Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia on September 8.
- During an excavation in Tamil Nadu, the paddy and soil that came out of an urn unearthed in Sivakalai in the Tuticorin district in the state have confirmed that civilization had flourished on the banks of Porunai or Thamirabarani river 3,200 years ago.
- Meghalaya's whistling village nominated as 'Best Tourism Village'. Kongthong village is popular for its ancient tradition, where a mother calls her child by a tune instead of a name.
- Tamil Nadu government, on September 3, announced that it will set up India's first Dugong Conservation Reserve in the Palk Bay on the southeast coast of the state.
- State Agriculture and Horticulture Minister Tage Taki of Arunachal Pradesh inaugurated a Centre for Conservation and Propagation of Wild Orchids of Arunachal Pradesh at Hapoli in Lower Subansiri District of the state.
- 'Vatan Prem Yojana' will be launched in Gujarat in December 2022. Under the scheme, the Gujarat government will undertake various projects in partnership with Non-Resident Indian Gujaratis.
- Assam government renamed the Rajiv Gandhi National Park to Orang National Park in Assam on September 2.
- Manoj Sinha, Lieutenant-Governor of Jammu & Kashmir, launched Rural Enterprises Acceleration Programme titled 'Saath' for Self-Help Group women on September 1.

August 2021

- Chief Minister MK Stalin, Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, announced INR 317.40 crore welfare package for the welfare of Sri Lankan Tamil refugees living in special camps in the State on August 27, 2021. The package will be allocated to ensure housing and infrastructure in the Srilankan refugee camps in Tamil Nadu.

- State government of Rajasthan in joint collaboration with French development agency - Agence Francaise de Developpement (AFD) has undertaken a biodiversity conservation project in the eastern districts of the state.
- Union Government of India and the Manila based Asian Development Bank (ADB) signed a deal for the loan of USD 500 million loan for the expansion of the metro rail network in Bengaluru on August 23, 2021.
- Andhra Pradesh becomes first state in the country having three 'Water Plus' certified cities. Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs awarded three cities from Andhra Pradesh with 'Water Plus' certification under the Swachh Bharat Mission and Swachh Survekshan assessment. The three cities awarded are Greater Vishakhapatnam Municipal Corporation (GVMC), Vijayawada Municipal Corporation, and Tirupathi Municipal Corporation.
- Highest Herbal Park in India was inaugurated at Mana village Uttarakhand's Chamoli district (near to Indo-China border) on August 21. The herbal park is situated at a height of 11,000 feet.
- Narendra Modi lays foundation stone of various projects in Gujarat's Somnath on August 20. The project include the Somnath Exhibition Center, Somnath Promenade, and reconstructed temple precinct of Old (Juna) Somnath.
- Tamil Nadu government presented a separate agriculture budget on August 14. With this, Tamil Nadu has become the third state to present a separate farm budget.
- Indore has been declared as the first 'Water Plus' certified city of India under the Swachh Survekshan 2021, said Madhya Pradesh CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan on August 11, 2021.
- Chief Minister of Delhi Arvind Kejriwal launched 33 faceless transport services in the National Capital on August 11. Under the scheme, 33 services provided by the transport department will go online only. Only driving test and fitness test will be conducted offline.
- State government of Uttar Pradesh renamed the Kakori Conspiracy as Kakori Train Action. Now onwards, it will be said that The Kakori Train Action was a train robbery that took place at Kakori, a village near Lucknow, on August 9, 1925 during India's Independence struggle against the British Raj.
- Kerala Assembly passed a resolution, on August 5, demanding the Union Government to withdraw the Electricity (Amendment) Bill, 2021. Electricity (Amendment) Bill, 2021, gives the Central Government more power over the State Electricity Regulatory Commissions (SERCs).
- Chief Minister of Kerala Pinarayi Vijayan established Educational Empowerment Fund as a part of the Vidyakiranam initiative on August 4, 2021. It will be set up to offer digital services and tools such as laptops or tablets to ensure digital education for all students. The Fund will be like the Disaster Relief Fund.
- MK Stalin, the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, launched the 'Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam' (healthcare services at people's doorstep) scheme in Krishnagiri, Tamil Nadu on August 5.
- Chief Minister of Uttarakhand Trivendra Singh Rawat launched India's first Earthquake Early Warning (EEW) mobile app 'Uttarakhand Bhookamp alert' on August 4. The project was sponsored by the Uttarakhand State Disaster Management Authority and the app is developed by Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Roorkee.
- State capital of Odisha, Bhubaneswar became the first city in India to achieve 100 per cent vaccination coverage against COVID-19, said Anshuman Rath, Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC) Zonal Deputy Commissioner of South-East, Bhubaneswar.

June 2021

- Russia begin the construction of the 5th Nuclear Power Plant Unit, of Capacity 1000MW, in Kudankulam in Tamil Nadu. Russian company Rosatom is providing technological help in constructing the power unit. It is the 5th plant of the proposed six power reactors.
- The State government of Odisha decided to set up district-level industry and investment promotion agency in all the districts of the state. The aim of setting up such agencies is to provide better economic opportunities across the state.
- Indore, Madhya Pradesh became the centre of attraction because the Union Minister of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises Prakash Javadekar inaugurated NATRAX- the High-Speed Track(HST) for automobiles (Asia's longest) in the city on June 29, 2021.
- In a first, the Leteku Grapes from Assam were exported from Guwahati to Dubai. Burmese grapes are referred as 'Leteku' in Assamese language. Leteku is rich in vitamin C and Iron
- Goa became the first Rabies Free state in India. The state has not reported a single rabies case in the last three years.
- The Union Government of India released the Smart City rankings. Uttar Pradesh emerged on top among all the states. Madhya Pradesh and Tamil Nadu were at rank two and three respectively.
- The state government of Odisha on June 24 states that it will include the Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV) under the universal vaccination programme from June 30, 2021.
- The Union Government of India signed an agreement with the World Bank for improving the management capacity and the quality of health services in Mizoram. The \$32 million project will be particularly for the benefit of under-served areas and vulnerable groups.
- Gujarat announced the 'Gujarat Electric Vehicle Policy 2021' on June 22. It envisaged to make Gujarat a hub for electric vehicles by promoting the use of electric vehicles in the state.
- The state government of West Bengal approved "Student Credit Card scheme" on June 24, 2021. This scheme will be officially implemented and launched on June 30, 2021. Under the scheme, student can get a soft loan of up to ₹10 lakh with the help of credit card to enroll into higher studies.
- Tamil Nadu government decided to set up a five-member 'Economic Advisory Council to the Chief Minister' with leading economic experts across the world as its members. The economic advisory council will comprise of Nobel laureate Esther Duflo and the former Governor of Reserve Bank of India Raghuram Rajan, along with three other members.
- Assam has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Survey of India for executing the Svamitva Scheme in the state. The scheme aims at providing an integrated property validation solution for rural areas.
- Odisha became the first and only state to have all three species of crocodile in its Mahanadi River. The three kinds of species include reptile freshwater Ghadials, muggers and saltwater crocodiles.
- Andhra Government got the funding of Rs 1,860 crore for its "Supporting Andhra's Learning Transformation" programme" also known as SALT programme from International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD).
- International researchers discovered new Tardigrade species of the genus Stygarctus. The species was named as Stygarctus Keralensis after Kerala.

- The newly elected Assam Government announce to present its own series of civilian awards on the line of Padma Awards of Government of India.
- Madhya Pradesh launched 'Yuva Shakti Corona Mukti Abhiyan' on June 14, to make the people of the state aware of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The campaign was launched by the higher education and the technical education department of the state
- The state government of Delhi- NCT launched the "Mukhyamantri COVID-19 Pariwar Aarthik Sahayata Yojana". The scheme will provide financial and other assistance to the families who lost their earning member due to Covid-19 pandemic. A pension of Rs 2,500 per month would be given to such families.
- Field trial of world's first GM (genetically modified) rubber in the state of Assam were started by Rubber Board. Rubber Research Institute of India (RRII), Kottayam had developed the GM Rubber. The field trials were conducted at Rubber board's Sarutari research farm in Guwahati.
- Parimal Suklabaidya, Environment and Forest Minister of Assam declared Dehing-Patkai as the seventh national park of Assam. Earlier, the Raimona National Park in the Bodoland Territorial Region was notified as the sixth national park on World Environment Day on June 5, 2021.
- Weyan village in Bandipora district of Jammu and Kashmir became the first village in the country to achieve 100 per cent vaccination of eligible adults against COVID-19 infection.
- Chief Minister of Delhi NCT Arvind Kejriwal launched 'Jahan Vote, Wahan Vaccination' campaign on June 7, 2021. The campaign envisages to vaccinate the entire population of the state as soon as possible.
- The Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh RK Mathur launched the YounTab Scheme, on June 4, for the students in the Union Territory. During the launch, the LG distributed Tabs to the students and stressed the importance of education and technology in the coming years.

May 2021

- The state government of Goa launched the solar-based electrification programme for rural households of state, on the occasion of Goa statehood Day (May 30).
- The state government of Maharashtra approved the relief fund of Rs 255 Crore for the people residing in the coastal areas affected by the Cyclone Tauktae. The relief fund was granted on May 27. The 252-crore relief fund amount exceeds fixed norms under the NDRF (National Disaster Response Fund) by the central government which would otherwise be 72 crores, officials informed.
- Chief Minister of Assam, Himanta Biswa Sarma, appointed "Guardian Ministers" in state. Guardian Ministers will look after balanced, speedy and sustainable developments in all 34 districts of state.
- The Chief Minister of Kerala will be launching the Smart Kitchen Scheme will be launched by July 10, 2021 in the state. The scheme will provide loan to the women of state to refurbish their kitchen.
- National Health Authority (NHA) inked Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Telangana state government to implement Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana across the state on immediate basis.
- National Green Tribunal (NGT) Panel set up a committee on violations of norms in the construction of Mekedatu Dam at the Cauvery River in Mekedatu in Karnataka.

- Haryana government launched the 'Sanjeevani Pariyojana' on May 24, 2021. The scheme is a supervised home care initiative to largely help people with mild to moderate symptoms in rural areas to access quick medical care at home.
- Mamata Banerjee, Chief Minister of West Bengal, had decided to contest by-election from the Bhawanipore Assembly Constituency. The decision was conveyed on May 21, 2021.
- The state government of Tripura launched an online portal on May 22, named Jagrut Tripura to help the people of the state to avail benefits from the various schemes that has been launched by the State and the Central Government.
- West Bengal government approved setting up of the Legislative Council or Vidhan Parishad in the state. The decision was taken during a cabinet meeting conducted through video conferencing on May 17, 2021. West Bengal's Legislative Council was abolished in 1969. Now, there are 7 states with the legislative Councils in India.
- Pinarayi Vijayan took oath as the Chief Minister of Kerala May 20, 2021. This will be his second term as the chief minister of the southern state. He was sworn in by Governor Arif Mohammad Khan.
- The state government of Rajasthan declared Mucormycosis disease as an epidemic in the state on May 19. The declaration was made under 'The Rajasthan Epidemic Diseases Act, 2020'. The decision was taken in the wake of rising cases in the state.
- Andhra Pradesh government introduced the Industrial Gases and Medical Oxygen Manufacturing Policy 2021-22 to double state's oxygen manufacturing capacity. The policy envisaged to increase Andhra Pradesh's oxygen manufacturing capacity from the existing 360 metric tonnes (MT) capacity to 700 MT by refurbishing sick units for producing oxygen.
- PM Modi visited Gujarat and Diu on May 19, 2021, for reviewing the situation and the damage caused by Cyclone Tauktae.
- Delhi's CM Arvind Kejriwal on May 19, 2021, announced that the children who lost their parents due to the COVID-19 pandemic will be provided Rs. 2,500 per month (till they turn 25) and their education will also be paid for by the Delhi Government.
- Central AYUSH Department launched a state-wide wellness programme 'AYUSH Ghar Dwar' for the Coronavirus patients in Solan district, Himachal Pradesh on May 14, 2021.
- Extremely Severe Cyclonic Storm Tauktae affected the states of Gujarat and the UT Diu on May 17.
- On May 14, the Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh announced that his government will fund the education of children who lost their parents or a guardian due to COVID-19 infection in the state. The state government will also pay for the education of children belonging to families where only earning members passed away due to COVID-19.
- Assam launched Assam, launched a digital real-time Flood Reporting and Information Management System (FIRMS) in the state on May 8, 2021. Assam became the first Indian state to have a real-time digital flood reporting system.
- As a part of Wildlife census, the Wildlife Institute of India conducted "Monkey Census" in Haryana. This Monkey Census was done through a mobile application developed by the Wildlife Institute of India.
- Senior BJP leader, Himanta Biswa Sarma took oath as the Chief Minister of Assam on May 10, 2021. Governor of Assam Jagdish Mukhi administered the oath to him.

- The Himalayan state of Himachal Pradesh was building the Forest Ponds to check the depletion of ground water in its forests and harvest the rainwater. The initiative was undertaken under the Parvat Dhara Scheme of the state.
- M K Stalin-led DMK won the Tamil Nadu Assembly Election 2021 and return to power after 10 years of AIADMK ruling the state.
- The Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change notified 48.32 square kilometres around Thane Creek Flamingo Sanctuary as the Eco Sensitive Zone in the first week of May.
- Chief Minister of Odisha, Naveen Patnaik, on May 4 declared working journalists of the State as the frontline COVID-19 warriors. This announcement was made under the Gopabandhu Sambadika Swasthya Bima Yojana.

April 2021

- Central Aviation Ministry grant permission to the state government of Telangana to test the drones for the delivery of Covid-19 vaccines in the state. The state got the permission on April 30. The permission was given pertaining to certain conditions.
- A series of Earthquakes hit the North-Eastern state of Assam on April 28. The epicentre of the Earthquake was Tezpur in Assam and the magnitude was 6.4 at the Richter scale.
- Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, YS Jagan Mohan Reddy released the first installment worth Rs 672 crores under the Jagananna Vidya Deevena Scheme for the year 2021-22. The instalment was issued on April 19, 2021. Around 10.88 lakh students will get benefit of this scheme.
- The Union Government of India on April 15 allowed the Haffkine Institute to manufacture the Bharat Biotech's Covaxin. Haffkine Institute is a state owned institution.
- The Ghaziabad Municipal Corporation became India's first municipal corporation to successfully list the country's first green municipal bonds on the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on April 08, 2021. The corporation announced raising Rs 150 crore at 8.1 per cent. The proceedings will be used for setting up tertiary water treatment plants and supplying piped water via water meters in Ghaziabad.
- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved USD 484 Mn loan to improve the road maintenance and transport connectivity in the Chennai-Kanyakumari Industrial Corridor- CKIC in Tamil Nadu. The grant was approved on April 8, 2021.
- Rajasthan became the first state in the country to provide cashless medical insurance to all its citizens and their families at a very low cost. The Chief Minister of state Ashok Gehlot launched the Chiranjeevi Health Insurance Scheme on April 1.
- The Amboli area in Sindhudurg district (Western Ghats) in Maharashtra was declared as a biodiversity heritage site on March 31. The area is where a rare freshwater fish species was discovered.
- India largest floating solar power plant is all set to function in Telangana. National Thermal Power Corporation Limited (NTPC) is developing the plant of 100 MW capacity in the reservoir of its thermal power plant at Ramagundam, Peddapalli district, Telangana.
- The Union Minister of State for Ports, Shipping, and Waterways Mansukh Mandaviya virtually flagged off the first-of-its-kind cruise service from Hazira Port of Surat to Diu on March 31, 2021.

- Odisha celebrated its 85th foundation day of the state on April 1. The day is also known as 'Utkal Divas'.
- The Odisha state government has proposed a second biosphere reserve in the southern part of the state at Mahendragiri.

March 2021

- Shivraj Singh Chauhan, Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh launched the "MICE Roadshow Meet in India" Brand and Roadmap for Promotion of India as MICE Destination on March 25, 2021. The full form of MICE is Meetings, Incentives, Conferences and Exhibitions.
- The Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Yogi Adityanath proposed to inaugurate a scheme of Affordable Rental Housing and Complexes (ARHC) scheme for the students, urban migrants and poor people living in cities of the state. This scheme will be implemented under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) initiative of the Government of India.
- Largest Tulip Garden in Asia will be thrown open for the common public from March 25. It is situated in Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir.
- The state government of Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh signed a memorandum of agreement with the Union Jal Shakti Ministry to implement the Ken-Betwa river interlinking project. The agreement was signed on March 22.
- Andhra Pradesh decided to launch a first of its kind state run ambulance for the Animals. It will be first such kind of service across the nation.
- The government of National Capital Territory (NCT) reduced the legal age to consume alcohol from 25 to 21. The new state excise policy envisages equal distribution of alcohol among the districts of Delhi.
- The Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh, Pema Khandu inaugurated the state's first of its kind formal indigenous language and knowledge system school in East Kameng district on March 20. The school was called as Nyubu Nyvgam Yerko in the local language.
- The state government of Jharkhand started a campaign called "SAAMAR Campaign". The campaign was launched to mitigate the problem of malnutrition in the state. SAAMAR stands for "Strategic Action for Alleviation of Malnutrition and Anaemia Reduction".
- Ashok Gehlot, the chief minister of Rajasthan, on March 18, launched the Universal Health Scheme for the state. The scheme will be launched as Mukhya Mantri Chiranjeevi Yojana on May 1, 2021.
- The state government of Jharkhand reserved 75% job, where the salary was upto 30,000, for the local candidates. This was done under the newly approved employment policy of the state.
- Tirath Singh Rawat became the new Chief Minister of Uttarakhand on March 10, 2021. He took succeeded Trivendra Singh Rawat who resigned from the post a day before.

- The Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Yogi Adityanath on March 10, 2021 inaugurated Rasin Dam and Chillimal Dam in Chitrakoot.
- The Delhi government presented the annual budget for financial year 2021-2022 on March 9, 2021. The government presented a ₹69,000-crore budget which was themed on patriotism.
- The Odisha government had decided to set up the dedicated “District Investment Promotion Agencies (DIPA)” in 30 districts of the state.
- Steelmaker ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India (AM/NS India) on March 4, 2021 inked an agreement with the Odisha government for setting up a 12 mtpa integrated steel plant in Kendrapara district with an investment of Rs 50,000 crore.
- The Governor of Tripura, Ramesh Bais, has inaugurated the “Udaipur Science Centre” on February 28, 2021 at Udaipur in Tripura. With the establishment of the science centre, the National Council of Science Museums (NCSM) has also set-up science centres across the north eastern states.
- The Governor of Haryana, Satyadev Narayan Arya, has approved a bill to reserve 75 per cent jobs in Private sector jobs for the people of the state. Reservation will be provided in every company, trust and society. Thus, the “Haryana State Employment of Local Candidates Act, 2020” has now come into force in the State of Haryana from March 2, 2020.
- The All-India Football Federation has announced that, Odisha will host the Indian Women’s League (IWL). However, the dates will be announced at the later stage.

February 2021

- Madhya Pradesh State cabinet on February 26 approved a law which state the life imprisonment for the food adulterers in the state. The state also run a campaign “Milawat Pe Kasawat”.
- Narendra Singh Tomar, Union Agriculture Minister, inaugurated the Saras Aajeevika Mela 2021 on February 26, 2021 at Noida Haat, Uttar Pradesh. The event was started on February 26, 2021 and will conclude on March 14, 2021.
- Karnataka launched the ‘Namma Cargo’ services on February 26, 2021 at the Vidhana Soudha. The name was decided based on the state-wide contest.
- Ashok Gehlot, Chief Minister of Rajasthan, presented the first paperless Annual Budget for 2021-22 for Rajasthan. The highlight of the budget was the announcement of Universal Health Coverage in the state. The budget allocated Rs 3,500 crore for the health sector.
- Uttar Pradesh became the first Indian State to present the paperless budget. The State finance minister, Suresh Khanna presented the State Budget for 2021-2022 on February 22, 2021. The state government presented the budget of worth Rs 5, 50,270.78 crore for fiscal year 2021-22. The budget outlay has been increased this year by Rs 34,410 crores as compared to the last year’s budget. The budget was presented with the aim of making Uttar Pradesh Atmanirbhar.

- Shivraj Singh Chauhan, Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, announced to rename the Hoshangabad city of the state as Narmadapuram. The announcement took place at the Narmada Jayanti Programme on February 19.
- Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) presented a report on two-way mass migration of the blue earthworms in Meghalaya. Blue earthworms, measuring up to 1.6 feet in length, migrate up and down to 300 metres in the East Khasi Hills of the state
- The state government of Uttarakhand government passed an ordinance to provide co-ownership rights to women in the ancestral property of their husband. The ordinance was passed in the backdrop of mass migration of men from hill areas of the state to look for livelihood.
- Khajuraho Dance Festival was started on February 21, 2021. The dance festival was organised at the Khajuraho Temple. The Khajuraho Temple is a UNESCO World Heritage site in Madhya Pradesh and known for its ancient Hindu temples as well as Jain temples.
- Arunachal Pradesh and Mizoram observed their statehood day on February 20. Both of the states received their statehood on February 20, 1987.
- Kerala government has earmarked nine crore rupees to convert the traditional Aanganvadi's into the Smart Aanganwadis by arranging better amenities and facilities to the children.
- Atal Paryavaran Bhavan was inaugurated by the Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Prakash Javadekar at Lakshadweep on February 19, 2021.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually laid the foundation stone of Maharaja Suheldev Memorial and development work of Chittaura Lake in Uttar Pradesh on February 16.
- Pinarayi Vijayan, the Chief Minister of Kerala, virtually inaugurated the first route and terminal buildings of Kochi Water Metro connecting the Vyttila-Kakkanad route on February 16.
- The state government of Odisha will establish a COVID-19 Warrior Memorial in Bhubaneswar.
- Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar, Governor of West Bengal, inaugurated the 11th edition of 'Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav' on February 14, 2021.
- The Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir and a United Kingdom based space agency joined hands to collaborate on a project for flood forecasting in the newly created Union Territory. The project is supported by UK's national space innovation programme (NSIP).
- Madhya Pradesh government inaugurated a Police Museum at the police headquarters in Bhind, Madhya Pradesh. The museum contains several unique items that were used by dacoits namely Phoolan Devi and Nirbhay Gujjar.
- Karnataka got its 31st district Vijaynagara. The state government notified the district as per the Karnataka Land Revenue Act, 1964. It is carved out from the Bellary district. The district has its headquarter at Hosapete.
- A group of avian specialists spotted the Mandarin duck of Chinese origin in Assam after nearly 118 years.
- Goa completed the Urban Local Bodies reforms and in the process became the sixth state to do so. After the reforms, the local body will be able to mobilise funds from the open market borrowings. Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Manipur and Telangana are the other five state which implemented the reforms.
- The Uttar Pradesh government, on February 7, launched a new system of earmarking the land holding in the state. Under the new system, a 16 digit new code will be assigned to each of

the land holding of the state. The first six digits is based on the population of the land. Next 4 digits would determine the unique identity of the land. Digits from 11 to 14 would be the number of divisions of the land. The last 2 digits would contain the details regarding the category. With the help of the last 2 digits, the category of the land viz. residential, agricultural and commercial land can be identified.

- An avalanche and flash floods triggered in Alaknanda River in Chamoli district of Uttarakhand following a glacial breach on February 7. More than 130 deaths were reported in the incident. The real reasons of the flash floods are still unknown. The Snow and Avalanche Study Establishment (SASE) of DRDO is still investigating the incident. Alaknanda rises in the Satopanth glacier.
- Tamil Nadu will get its fifth Tiger Reserve very soon. The National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) has approved the creation of the fifth tiger reserve in the southern state. The tiger reserve will surround the Meghamalai and the Srivilliputhur Grizzled Squirrel Wildlife Sanctuaries within it.
- Delhi's Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal launched the 'Switch Delhi' campaign on February 4, 2021. The aim of the campaign was to promote the use of electric vehicles in Delhi.
- Andhra Pradesh became the second state to implement the power sector reforms in India. These reforms were put forward by the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance. Under the reform, the state had started the Direct Benefit transfer (DBT) of electricity subsidy to farmers with effect from September, 2020.
- The Union Government confirmed in Lok Sabha about the presence of 1600 tonnes of lithium deposits in Mandya district of Karnataka.
- Kerala inaugurated its first human milk bank in Ernakulam general hospital on February 5. The milk bank was inaugurated by Health Minister of Kerala, KK Shailaja.
- Captain Amarinder Singh, the chief minister of Punjab, launched the 'Har Ghar Pani, Har Ghar Safai' mission virtually on February 1. This mission is the part of the government's campaign to complete the goal of 100 per cent potable piped water supply in all rural households by March 2022.

January 2021

- New Industrial Policy of Tamil Nadu was approved by the state cabinet on January 30, 2021. The policy aims to attract 10 lakh crore of investment in the state by 2025. The policy aim to invest 52257 crore and create 93935 jobs.
- Kerala's second gender park will be inaugurated in Kozhikode. The Gender Park was an initiative of the state government for the Gender Equality.
- Rajasthan became the fifth state to implement the Urban Local Bodies Reforms and get the reforms linked financial aid. Rajasthan implemented the reforms after Manipur, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Telangana
- West Bengal inaugurated the First Young Readers boat library. This boat library will be floating in the Hooghly River.
- Maharashtra's state government decided to start 'jail tourism' from the Yerawada prison of Pune. It was started on January 26, 2021. This initiative was being launched

in the state with the aim of facilitating the people to visit and see the historical prisons in the state.

- The Chief Minister of Gujarat Vijay Rupani announced the “Horticulture Development Mission” also known as “Bagayat Vikas Mission”. The main objective of the mission is to double the income of the farmers involved in horticulture and medicinal farming.
- The state Government of Gujarat is to apply for the patent of the Dragon Fruit in the name of “Kamalam”.
- WE Hub of Telangana announced its partnership with i-Hub operating under Government of Gujarat. WE Hub is Women Entrepreneurs Hub. It is a startup incubator.
- Jammu and Kashmir Government recently applied for the Geographical Indicator (GI) tag for Gucchi mushroom. The Gucchi mushrooms are highly expensive and are full of health benefits. Earlier, GI Tag was provided to Saffron of Jammu and Kashmir.
- Delhi Government issued guidelines under its Delhi School Bag Policy to reduce the weight of school bags of students in the National Capital Region. As per the guidelines, the weight of the school bag of students between Class 1 and Class 10 should not be more than 10% of their body weight.
- The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) signed a MoU with the Maha Metro. Maha Metro is Maharashtra metro rail Corporation. It is a joint venture company of the Government of India and Government of Maharashtra. DRDO will provide the Bio-digester MK-II technology to the Metro Rail Network.
- Omkareshwar Dam will be the site for 600 MW solar project - Government of India is planning to construct a 600 MW solar power project at the backwaters of Omkareshwar Dam, largest floating solar energy project in the world. The project is expected to operationalise by 2022 to 2023.
- Kochi-Mangaluru natural gas pipeline inaugurated on January 5 - Kochi-Mangaluru natural gas pipeline was dedicated to the nation by the Prime Minister of India on January 5, 2021. It is a step towards the ‘One Nation One Grid’.
- TRIFOOD parks in Madhya Pradesh - The Ministry of Tribal Affairs signed an MoU with Akhil Bhartiya Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram to set up TRIFOOD parks in Madhya Pradesh. The food park will be established under the Van Dhan Yojana. TRIFOOD is a joint initiative of Ministry of food processing industry, Ministry of Tribal Affairs and TRIFED.

Person in News

December 2021

- Photojournalist Danish Siddiqui was awarded posthumously The Redink Awards for Excellence in Journalism 2021. He died during an assignment in Afghanistan in July 2021.
- Alia Bhatt was named as the PETA Person of the Year 2021.
- Vikram Misri was appointed as India's new deputy National Security Adviser on December 27. Misri is a 1989 batch Indian Foreign Service officer. Currently he is serving as India's Ambassador to China.
- Rajya Sabha Member Dr. Mahendra Prasad passed in New Delhi on December 27, 2021. He was Seven-time Rajya Sabha member from Janata Dal (United).
- Nobel Peace Prize laureate and Archbishop Desmond Tutu passed away on December 26, at the age of 90. Desmond Tutu won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1984 in recognition of his non-violent opposition against the rule by the white minority in the country.
- Gen MM Naravane, Indian Army Chief, took charge as the Chairman of Chiefs of Staff Committee on December 16. The strategic post fell vacant due to the death of the Chief of Defence Staff Bipin Rawat on December 8, 2021.
- Indian Mathematician Neena Gupta became the 4th Indian and third woman to win Ramanujan Prize for Young Mathematicians 2021.
- Indian Air Force's Group Captain Varun Singh died on December 16. He was the sole survivor of the IAF helicopter crash carrying Chief of Defence Staff General Bipin Rawat.
- Chief Human Resources Officer of Unilever, Leena Nair was appointed as the CEO of a French Luxury Brand – Chanel. She will join the position in January 2022.
- Harnaaz Sandhu from Punjab won the Miss Universe 2021 crown organised at Universe Dome in Eilat, Israel. She was crowned by Andrea Meza, former Miss Universe 2000 from Mexico. India won the crown after a gap of 21 years. Last time, the crown was won by Lara Dutta in 2000.
- Indian architect Balkrishna Doshi won the 'Royal Gold Medal 2022' which is one of the world's highest honours for Architecture.
- Aung San Suu Kyi was sent to jail for four years by the Myanmar junta court on December 6, 2021, on the grounds of inciting the public against the military rule and for breaching the COVID-19 rules. 76 years old Myanmar leader, Aung San Suu Kyi has been under house arrest since the military ousted her government on February 1, 2021.
- Veteran journalist and Padma Shri recipient Vinod Dua passed away on December 4, 2021 in New Delhi.

- Gita Gopinath will soon assume the charge of the First Deputy Managing Director of International Monetary Fund (IMF). Gopinath will become the second-rank official at IMF. She will succeed Geoffrey Okamoto.

November 2021

- Petr Fiala took over as the new Prime Minister of Czech Republic PM on November 28. President Milos Zeman completed the formalities after the electoral win for Fiala. He succeeded Andrej Babis.
- Vivek Johri an IRS officer of 1985 batch, was appointed as the chairman of Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) on November 28, 2021.
- Babasaheb Purandare, Padma Vibhushan awardee, died on November 15, 2021 in Pune. He was a celebrated historian, author, and theatre personality.
- On November 7, 2021, Astronaut Wang Yaping became the first Chinese woman to walk in space. She along with Zhai Zhigang stepped out of Tiangong space station and completed six hours in space.
- On November 16, 2021 Late Kannada Actor Puneeth Rajkumar will be conferred with the 'Karnataka Ratna Award'. The award was confirmed by the Chief Minister of Karnataka Basavaraj Bommai.
- Former Indian Skipper and Current BCCI President Sourav Ganguly was appointed as the Chairman of ICC Men's Cricket Committee. He will be succeeded by Anil Kumble.
- Renowned Hindi Poet Mannu Bhandari passed away on November 15. She is considered as one of the founding members of 'Nayi Kahani' movement. She was 90.
- South Africa's last apartheid president FW de Klerk passed away on November 11, 2021. He was 85. FW de Klerk along with Nelson Mandela was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1993.
- Falguni Nayar, the founder of Fashion app and website Nykaa, became the 7th woman billionaire of India with the listing of FSN E-Commerce Ventures on the National Stock Exchange (NSE) and Bombay Stock Exchange on November 10.
- Lieutenant Colonel Suresh Dhadwal and Colonel Amit Bisht were awarded the prestigious Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award 2020 by the Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.
- Tedros Ghebreyesus, Director General of World Health Organisation (WHO) and UN Geneva Office Director General Tatiana Valovaya were honoured with the Nizami Ganjavi International Award on November 4, 2021.
- South African novelist, Damon Galgut won the 2021 Booker Prize for his novel 'The Promise'.

October 2021

- Renowned Kannada actor Puneeth Rajkumar passed away due to cardiac arrest on October 29, 2021. He was 46 only.

- Shaktikanta Das was reappointed as the Governor of Reserve Bank of India for another term of three years. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet chaired by Narendra Modi approved his reappointment for a period of three years beyond December 10, 2021. Shaktikanta Das was appointed as the Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in December 2018.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi met the head of Vatican city Pope Francis on October 30. He became the fifth Indian Prime Minister to meet Pope.
- Elon Musk, the co-founder and CEO of Tesla became the richest person in the world. He added \$36 billion to his fortune on October 25, 2021 and is now almost \$100 billion richer than Jeff Bezos.
- 54-year Person of Indian origin Anita Anand became the Defence Minister of Canada on October 26. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau inducted her into the cabinet.
- Google created a doodle for Otto Wichterle's 108th birth anniversary on October 27. Otto Wichterle was a Czech Chemist who invented the soft contact lenses.
- Tsitsi Dangarembga won the Peace Prize of the German Book Trade 2021. She is a novelist and filmmaker and received the award for her artistic work as well as her political commitment. Dangarembga has been fighting against corruption and freedom for years
- James Michael Tyler, known for playing the beloved character of Gunther the series 'Friends', passed away at the age of 59 on October 24.
- Alexander Schallenberg became the new Chancellor of Austria on October 11 two days after the resignation of Sebastian Kurz.
- David Card, Joshua D. Angrist and Guido W. Imbens won the 2021 Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Science popularly known as the Nobel Prize 2021 for Economics.
- Dr Abdul Qadeer Khan who was known as the father of Pakistan's Nuclear Programme died due to the COVID-19 complications on October 10. He was 85.
- Chairman of Reliance Industries Limited (RIL), Mukesh Ambani joined the world's elite and exclusive wealth club with a fortune of at least \$100 billion. The other members of this group are Jeff Bezos, Elon Musk, Warren Buffet, and Larry Page.
- Chief Economic Adviser (CEA) KV Subramanian will return to academics after completing his three year term with the Government of India. He announced his return to academia on October 8.
- Indo-American Astronaut Raja Chari will command NASA-SpaceX's Crew-3 Mission to the International Space Station. The mission will have four astronauts.
- Kangana Ranaut was named as the brand ambassador of its ambitious 'One district-one product' scheme on October 1.

September 2021

- Vivek Ram Chaudhari became the Chief of the Air Staff succeeding Air Marshal RKS Bhadauria on September 30, 2021.

- Former French President Nicolas Sarkozy was found guilty of illegally financing his 2012 re-election bid and was sentenced to one-year jail term by a French court on September 30, 2021. Nicolas Sarkozy was the President of France from 2007 to 2012.
- Kamla Bhasin passed away on September 25. She was an eminent women right activist, poet and author. She was 75. Bhasin a part of famous 'One Billion Rising' campaign in South Asia.
- R N Ravi resigned from the post of the Centre's interlocutor for Naga peace talks on September 22. He was appointed as interlocutor in 2014.
- Taliban government of Afghanistan nominated their Doha-based spokesman Suhail Shaheen as Afghanistan's UN Ambassador.
- Chief Minister of Punjab Captain Amarinder Singh resigned on September 18, 2021 after the internal party disputes.
- Renowned physicist and professor at the Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics (IUCAA), Pune, Thanu Padmanabhan passed away on September 17, 2021.
- President of Somalia Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed announced on September 16, 2021, that he has suspended Prime Minister Mohammed Hussein Roble's power to fire and fire the officials. This has further escalated a destabilizing row in the Horn of Africa.
- Rebecca Grynspan becomes first woman Secretary-General of UNCTAD. She will be the first women to serve as Central American Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).
- Gaurav Gupta the co-founder of the listed company Zomato decided to step down from his position of Head of Supply on September 14.
- Senior Congress leader and Rajya Sabha MP Oscar Fernandes passed away on September 13, 2021, at the age of 80 in Mangaluru.
- BJP leader Bhupendra Patel sworn in as the 17th Chief Minister of Gujarat September 13, 2021. He succeeded Vijay Rupani who resigned from his post on September 11, 2021.
- Lawyer Tejaus Chauhan was appointed Regional Director for South Asia in the International Court of Arbitration of International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) on September 3. Chauhan will succeed Abhinav Bhushan.
- Uttarakhand Governor Baby Rani Maurya submitted her resignation to President Ram Nath Kovind on September 8, 2021 on personal grounds.
- Dr. Shailendra Singh, a biologist from India, has won the Behler Turtle Conservation Award for bringing three critically endangered turtle conservation species back from the brink of extinction.
- Former Hurriyat leader Syed Ali Shah Geelani passes away at 92 at his residence in Srinagar on September 1, 2021
- Budding Hindi actor and Bigg Boss 13 winner Siddharth Shukla passed away due to heart attack on September 1. He was just 40.

August 2021

- Former Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh and senior BJP leader Kalyan Singh passed away on August 22, 2021 at Lucknow. He was 89. Babri Masjid was demolished under his tenure on December 6, 1992.
- N K Singh, the Chairman of the 15th Finance Commission of India, has been elected as the President of the Institute of Economic Growth (IEG) Society
- DMart owner Radhakishan Damani enters the Bloomberg Billionaires Index with a net worth of \$19.2 billion. He was ranked at 98 in the World's 100 Richest People List.
- Google paid a tribute to Indian activist, freedom fighter, and poet Subhadra Kumari Chauhan with a creative doodle on August 16. It was her 117th birth anniversary.
- Sarla Thukral, the first Indian woman to pilot an aircraft, was honoured by Google on August 8 on her 107th birth anniversary. She was honoured with a unique Doodle that showcased her extraordinary achievement.
- Veteran film and television actor Anupam Shyam passed away due to multiple organ failure on August 9. He was 63.
- PV Sindhu has become the second Indian after Sushil Kumar to win two individual Olympic medals. She had won silver in 2016 Rio Olympic Games after losing in the final to Spain's Carolina Marin.

June 2021

- The Union Government of India extended the tenure of NITI Aayog's Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Amitabh Kant, by one year. His tenure will now end in June 2022.
- Hurun Report and EdelGive Foundation released the report of World's 50 top philanthropist. The founder of Tata Group, Jamsetji Tata, has emerged as the biggest philanthropist globally in the last century by donating \$102 billion.
- Upasana Kamineni, Director of Apollo Hospital Chain, was chosen for the role of the Ambassador of Forest Frontline Heroes by the World Wide Fund for Nature-India (WWF India).
- Former Deputy-Chairman of Planning Commission, Montek Singh Ahluwalia was named as a member of a High-Level Advisory Group (HLAG) formed by the World Bank and International Monetary Fund (IMF).
- Flying Sikh, Legendary Indian Runner Milkha Singh passed away on June 19 due to COVID-19 infection. He was 91.
- Zambia's first president and champion of African independence Kenneth Kaunda passed away. He was 97. Zambia's current President Edgar Lungu shared the information on the micro blogging site Twitter.
- Satya Nadella was appointed as the new Chairman of Microsoft incorporation by its board. He is currently serving as the CEO of Microsoft. Nadella replaced John Thompson.
- Asian Games gold medal-winner boxer Dingko Singh, passed away on June 10, 2021 due to liver cancer. He was also a Padma Shri winner. He won the gold in the Asian Games boxing event in 1998.

- Darnella Frazier, an 18 year old girl, was honoured with the Special Citation for her cell phone recording of George Floyd's murder in the Pulitzer Prizes 2021.
- Zimbabwean author Tsitsi Dangarembga, won the PEN Pinter Prize 2021. Earlier she was shortlisted for the Booker prize also.
- Antonio Guterres, the present UN Secretary General, was granted to serve the second term on June 8, 2021. He is serving on the post since 2017.
- UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres has won support from the UN Security Council, which voted on June 8, 2021 to grant him a second five-year term in the office.
- IAS Anup Chandra Pandey of UP Cadre was appointed as the new Election Commissioner. He also served as the Chief Secretary of Uttar Pradesh. He will have the three years tenure in the Commission.
- French novelist David Diop won the prestigious International Booker Prize on June 2, 2021, for the books translated into English with his World War I novel 'At Night All Blood is Black'. , a, on June 2, 2021. He became the first French writer to win the prize.
- Former Supreme Court Judge, Arun Kumar Mishra took charge as the Chairman of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) on June 2, 2021.
- T V Narendran, the CEO and MD of Tata Steel, was elected as the new president of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) on June 1, 2021 for the term 2021-22.

May 2021

- Hong Kong teacher Tsang Yin-hung created a world record by climbing the Mount Everest, world's highest peak, in just 25 hours and 50 minutes, becoming the fastest woman to scale the peak.
- Art Historian Laurence des Cars on May 28, 2021, became the President of Musée du Louvre, world's largest museum in Paris, France in its 228 years.
- Professor C.N.R. Rao, Bharat Ratna Awardee, was honoured with International ENI Awards 2020 for his contribution to the research of in the field of renewable energy and its storage. Professor C.N.R Rao has been working on hydrogen energy as the only source of energy for the benefit of all mankind.
- Nobel Laureate Amartya Sen added another feather in its cap after winning Spain's top princess of Asturias Award under the Social Science Category.
- Great English Author Eric Carle died at age 91 on May 23, 2021. He write various Child
- Idren's author and illustrator, Eric Carle, died at age 91. He was an American designer, illustrator, and children's author. He wrote a famous picture book "The Very Hungry Caterpillar".
- Indian Olympic medal winner wrestler Sushil Kumar was suspended from the post of Commercial Manager from Indian Railways after arrested in the case related to murder.
- The 'Tuber Man' of Kerala, Shaji N.M. won the India Biodiversity Awards 2021 in individual category of 'Conservation of domesticated species. He is a well-known environmental conservationist.
- Srikumar Banerjee, Nuclear Scientist and former chairman of Atomic Energy Commission, Passed Away on May 23 at the age of 75. He died because of the cardiac arrest after recovering from COVID-19.

- The famous leader of Chipko movement, Sunderlal Bahuguna passed away because of COVID-19 on May 21. The 94 year old leader took his last breath in AIIMS, Rishikesh.
- Former Rajasthan Chief Minister Jagannath Pahadia passed away due to COVID-19 infection on May 19, 2021. He was 89. He was the first Dalit leader to become the CM of Rajasthan in 1980.
- Penpa Tsering, the former speaker of the Tibetan Parliament-in-Exile, elected as the President of the Central Tibetan Administration, officials informed on May 14, 2021.
- Padma Awardee Dr K K Agarwal passed away on May 17 due to COVID-19 infection. He also served as the National President of Indian Medical Association (IMA).
- Natural historian and a world-renowned broadcaster Sir David Attenborough was appointed as People's Advocate of the COP26 on May 10, 2021. He is 95 years of age.
- Environmentalist Y Nuklu Phom won the 'Whitley Awards 2021', also known as the Green Oscar, donated by MAVA Foundation on May 12, 2021 for his efforts in establishing a biodiversity peace corridor in Nagaland.
- JSS leader KR Gouri Amma, the first Revenue Minister of Kerala, passed away on May 11, 2021 due to age related ailments. She was 102 years old. Gouri Amma was the first woman to graduate from the Hindu Ezhava community.
- Padmakumar Madhavan Nair was appointed as the CEO of Bad Bank. The Bad Bank is a proposed entity of the National Asset Reconstruction Company (NARC).
- The Government of India appointed T Rabi Shankar as the fourth Deputy Governor.

April 2021

- Bangaluru based Japanese language teacher Shyamala Ganesh was awarded the "Order of Rising Sun" by the government of Japan. She is associated with the Ohara School of Ikebana, Bangaluru.
- Soli Sorabjee, Former Attorney General of India, passed away on April 30, 2021. He was 91. He served two terms as the Attorney General of India, firstly in 1989-90 and again in 1998-2004.
- Bilingual writer and Padma Awardee Manoj Das passed away on April 27. He died at the age of 87 due to age-related ailments. Manoj Das wrote various stories and columns in Odia and English language. He was conferred Padma Bhushan in 2020 for his contributions in the field of education and philosophy.
- Justice NV Ramana assumed office as the 48th Chief Justice of India (CJI) on April 24, 2021. He was administered the oath of office by President Ram Nath Kovind in a brief ceremony at the Rashtrapati Bhavan. He succeeded SA Bobde, who retired on April 23rd.
- Renowned classical singer and Padma Bhushan Awardee Rajan Mishra passed away on April 25, 2021 in Delhi. He was 70 years old.
- One of longest serving African Leader, Chad's President Idriss Déby died on April 20, 2021 following the clashes with the rebels in the north of the country over the weekend. He was 68.
- Cuba got a new leader in the form of Miguel Diaz-Canel. The Communist Party Congress of Cuba on, chose Miguel Diaz-Canel as its leader April 19, 2021. Mr. Miguel has replaced his mentor Raul Castro from the top leadership of the country.

- Comptroller and Auditor General of India G C Murmu was appointed as external auditor for the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) at Hague on April 21. This appointment was made for three years starting from 2021.
- Sushil Chandra was appointed as new Chief Election Commissioner of India by President Ram Nath Kovind on April 12. Chandra became the 24th Chief Election Commissioner of the country. He succeeded Sushil Arora.
- Sonu Sood will be the brand Ambassador for Punjab's Covid-19 vaccination programme. The announcement came from Punjab's Chief Minister Amarinder Singh.
- Noura al-Matroushi became the first female astronaut of the United Arab Emirates on April 10, 2021. She was included in the space programme of the nation.
- Ouhoumoudou Mahamadou was elected as the new Prime Minister by the President of Niger on April 3, 2021.
- Husband of the longest serving Queen of Britain, Prince Philip, died at the age of 99 years on April 9, 2021. He married the Queen Elizabeth in 1947 and became the Prince in 1955 when Elizabeth was crowned as Queen.
- Vjosa Osmani-Sadriu was sworn in as post-war Kosovo's second Female President and seventh overall on April 4, 2021. She was sworn in for a five-year term period.
- Bollywood yesteryear actress Shashikala passed away on April 5. She was 88.

March 2021

- Asha Bhosle was conferred with the prestigious Maharashtra Bhushan Award. This is state's highest honour. In 2000, Asha Bhosle was conferred with Dadasaheb Phalke Award.
- The first chairman of Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), G.V. Ramakrishna died on March 20, 2021. He also served as the first chairman of the Disinvestment Commission.
- Samia Suluhu Hassan sworn as first female president of Tanzania's on March 19, 2021. She took the position after the demise of her husband John Magufuli. She will serve the remaining term of her husband till 2025.
- Padma Bhushan awardee, renowned painter Laxman Pai died in Goa on March 14, 2021. She was 95.
- On March 12, 2021, government announced the Sahitya Academy Awards. The Politician-writer M Veerappa Moily, poet Arundhati Subramaniam were among 20 writers who won the Sahitya Akademi Award 2020. Subramaniam won the award for her poetry collection "When God is a Traveller" in English. Moily won the award for his Kannada creation "Sri Bahubali Ahimsadigvijayam".
- King Goodwill Zwelithini, the traditional leader of South Africa's Zulu nation, died aged 72, his family announced on March 12, 2021. Zwelithini, the eighth Zulu king, reigned for more than 50 years, making him the longest-serving Zulu monarch.
- Dadi Hriday Mohini, the chief administrator of Brahma Kumaris' in India, died on March 11, 2021 in Mumbai. She was 93.

- G P Samanta took over as the new Chief Statistician of India, under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme, for a period of two years.
- Comptroller and Auditor General of India Girish Chandra Murmu was reappointed as the chairman of the panel of external auditors of the United Nations for 2021.
- French billionaire Olivier Dassault (69), a politician and scion of the Dassault aircraft-making family, was killed in a helicopter crash on March 7, 2021. His helicopter crashed near the upmarket coastal resort of Deauville in northwest France.
- The state government of Madhya Pradesh introduced the night safaris in its three national parks on March 4, 2021. This move by the state is a major boost for the state which is already known for its robust tourism industry.

February 2021

- Anjali Bhardwaj, an Indian social activist, was selected for the “United State International Anti-Corruption Champions Award” by Joe Biden administration. She works on issues of transparency and accountability in United States.
- Preeti Sinha was appointed as the Executive Secretary of United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF). She is an Indian-origin investment and development banker.
- A noted writer, Historian and an activist S. Theodore Baskaran won the Sanctuary Lifetime Service Award, 2020. The award was instituted by the Sanctuary Nature Foundation. He won this award for his Wild Life Conservation efforts.
- Okonjo Iweala, Nigerian Ngozi economist, will be the next head of the World Trade Organization. She became the first woman to take this position. She has also become the first African to do so.
- Dalai Lama launched his book “The Little Book of Encouragement”. The Tibetan spiritual leader the Dalai Lama have recently launched his new book “The Little Book of Encouragement”. The book comprises of 130 quotes. The book has been edited by Renuka Singh while published by Penguin Random House.

January 2021

- UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on January 28, 2021 received his first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine made by Moderna at New York City public school, New York.
- The Nobel Laureate Dutch chemist Paul Crutzen died on January 28. He was 87. He was the first person to warn about the ozone hole. He won the Nobel Prize for his contribution in 1995. His discovery led to the signing of Montreal Protocol in 1987.
- R. S. Sharma was appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Ayushman Bharat scheme. This scheme is also called as the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana which is an insurance scheme administered by the National Health Authority. He succeeded Indu Bhushan.
- The former Prime Minister of Nepal was expelled from his own Nepal Communist Party (NCP). The Central Committee of the party took the decision because he proposed to dissolve the Parliament.

- Bhawana Kanth become the first woman fighter pilot to take part in the Republic Day parade. She was one among the first women fighter Pilots inducted in Indian Air Force in 2016.

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Sports News

December 2021

- Indian spinner Harbhajan Singh announced retirement from all forms of cricket on December 24, 2021. He is the fourth highest test wicket taker for India having 417 test wickets in his kitty.
- Rishabh Pant becomes the fastest wicket keeper (in his 26th Test match) in reaching the 100 dismissal in Test cricket. He broke the record of former Indian captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni.
- Indian men's hockey team beat Pakistan to win the bronze medal at the Asian Champions Trophy on December 22, 2021.
- Indian Shuttler Kidambi Srikanth, on December 19, 2021, became the first Indian to win silver medal in men's singles event at the BWF World Championships.
- Belgian-Dutch racing driver Max Verstappen won the Formula One world championship at Abu Dhabi Grand Prix on December 12, 2021. He has become the first Dutch world champion
- Virat Kohli was replaced by Rohit Sharma as the new captain of the Indian ODI and T20I cricket teams on December 8, 2021.
- The Indian badminton contingent won 15 medals in the Asia Youth Para Games 2021. Indian players Palak Kohli, Hardik Makkar, and Sanjana Kumari won three medals each. In total India won 4 Gold, 7 Silver, and 4 Bronze.
- Argentina lifted the Junior Hockey World Cup 2021 after defeating six-time champion Germany at the Kalinga Stadium in Odisha on December 5. This is their second Junior Men's Hockey World Cup title. India finished fourth on the championship.
- World Athletics Awards 2021 were announced on in a virtual mode on December 1. Former Indian sprinter Anju Bobby George was awarded 'Woman of the Year' by the World Athletics. Olympic Champions Elaine Thompson-Herah of Jamaica and Norway's Karsten Warholm were named the World Athletes of the year.

November 2021

- Indian Table Tennis players Manika Batra and Archana Girish Kamath won the women's doubles title at World Table Tennis Contender Lasko 2021.
- Australia won its first T20 international World Cup after defeating New Zealand by 8 wickets on November 14. The final was played at the Dubai International Stadium.
- International Cricket Council (ICC) has announced the 14 host countries of the ICC men's white-ball events from 2024-2031. The list of host is given below.

Event	Hosts
2024 ICC Men's T20 World Cup	USA & West Indies
2025 ICC Men's Champions Trophy	Pakistan
2026 ICC Men's T20 World Cup	India & Sri Lanka
2027 ICC Men's 50 over World Cup	South Africa, Zimbabwe & Namibia
2028 ICC Men's T20 World Cup	Australia & New Zealand
2029 ICC Men's Champions Trophy	India
2030 ICC Men's T20 World Cup	England, Ireland & Scotland
2031 ICC Men's 50 over World Cup	India & Bangladesh

- Akash Kumar, Indian boxer in 54-kg category, won a bronze medal at the World Boxing Championships in Belgrade, Serbia on November 4, 2021.

October 2021

- Two new IPL teams were incorporated for the Indian Premiere League (IPL) cricket tournament on October 25. These two teams are Lucknow and Ahmedabad. The RPSC Group led by Sanjiv Goenka won the bid for Lucknow team in INR 7,090 crore and CVC Capital Partners have claimed Ahmedabad with a bid of Rs 5,166 crore.
- Australian fast bowler, James Pattinson, announced his retirement from international cricket.
- Former Indian Captain Rahul Dravid was appointed as the head coach of Team India on November 3, 2021.
- Chennai Super Kings (CSK) lifted their 4th IPL title in Dubai on October 15, 2021 after defeating the Kolkata Knight Riders by 27 runs. CSK won the prize money of INR 20 crores.
- Sunil Chhetri broke Brazilian legendary football player Pele's international goal record on October 13, 2021. He surpassed Pele's International goal record of 77 goals when he scored a goal in the 62nd minute against the Maldives. He became the third active international goal scorer in the world after Argentina's Lionel Messi with 80 international goals and Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo with 115 international goals
- India topped the medal tally with 43 medals including 17 gold in the 2021 ISSF Junior World Championship was held in Peru.
- 'Ibha' will be the official mascot for the FIFA women U-17 world cup 2022. It was unveiled on October 17. Ibha is an Asiatic lioness representing 'Nari Shakti' or women power.

- Wrestler Anshu Malik became the first Indian female wrestler to win a Silver medal in the women's 57-kg category at the World Wrestling Championships in Oslo, Norway.
- Gurjit Kaur won the FIH Women's Hockey Player of the Year at the International Hockey Federation's (FIH) Hockey Stars Awards 2020-21. Along with her, Savita(IND) won the FIH Women's Goalkeeper of the Year award and Sjoerd Marijne (IND) won the FIH Women's Coach of the Year.
- India withdrew from the 2022 Birmingham Commonwealth Games' Hockey competition citing the increasing COVID-19 infections in the country.

September 2021

- British car racer Lewis Hamilton won Russian Grand Prix 2021 and in the process became the first F1 driver to win 100 races.
- Karnataka leader BS Yediyurappa was adjudged as the best legislator for the year 2020-21. This award was constituted this year only. The announcement was made by Karnataka Assembly Speaker Vishweshwara Hegde Kageri.
- England is the second country to pull out of Pakistan Cricket tour due to security reasons. The bilateral series was scheduled to be played in October. Earlier, New Zealand withdrew from playing the series in Pakistan due to same reasons.
- Indian skipper Virat Kohli stepped down as the T20 captain of the Indian cricket team after the men's T20 World Cup in Dubai in October 2021.
- President of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) Thomas Bach announced that North Korea will be suspended from the International Olympic Committee until the end of 2022.
- Daniil Medvedev won his first US Open 2021 after defeating World No. 1 Novak Djokovic. Medvedev is currently world no. 2 ranking player from Russia.
- Noida DM Suhas LY becomes 1st IAS officer to win Paralympic medal (Silver) in Badminton at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympics Games on September 4.
- Indian shooter Manish Narwal won the gold medal in the P4 Mixed 50m Pistol SH1 event at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games. Singhraj Adana won the silver medal in the same event. Shooter Narwal and Adana took India's medal tally to 15.
- India won a total of 19 medals at Tokyo Paralympics 2020, including 5 gold, 8 silver and 6 bronze.
- Avani Lekhara has become the first Indian woman to win gold at the Paralympics. The 19-year-old created a Paralympics record by equaling the world record held by Ukraine's Iryna Shchetnik with a score of 249.6 that was set in 2018.

August 2021

- South African cricket bowler Dale Steyn announced his retirement from the Test cricket. He will continue to play the one day international and T20I format of cricket. He had taken 422 wickets in the test cricket.
- 19-year-old Avani Lekhara won India's first gold medal in the women's 10m Air Rifle Standing (SH1) event at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympics on August 30. She created a Paralympics record by equalling the world record of Ukraine's Iryna Shchetnik with a score of 249.6 that was set in 2018.
- Jumper Nishad Kumar won silver in high jump in T46 high jump event at the ongoing Tokyo Paralympics on August 29, 2021. He became the second Indian to win a medal at Tokyo Paralympics. Vinod Kumar wins bronze in discus throw.
- Bhavina Patel wins India's first medal at Tokyo Paralympics 2020 on August 29. She became first Indian Table tennis player to win silver medal at Paralympics.
- Javelin Thrower Tek Chand named India's flag bearer after Mariyappan Thangavelu was identified as a close contact of a COVID-19 Positive person in his flight to Tokyo. He was quarantined as a precautionary measure and the Olympic organising committee requested for his replacement.
- Indian jumper Shaili Singh won the silver medal with a jump of 6.59 m at the World Athletics U20 Championships in Nairobi on August 22. She missed the gold by just a centimetre. Sweden's Maja Askag won the gold with a jump of 6.60m.
- Indian Wrestler Vinesh Phogat, on August 10, was temporarily banned by the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) for indiscipline during her Tokyo Olympics campaign.
- Neeraj Chopra became the first Indian athlete to win a gold medal at the Olympic Games. He created history by winning the first gold in Javelin throw on August 7 at Tokyo Olympics 2020. He is the second Indian-ever to win an individual gold after Abhinav Bindra, who won gold in Men's 10m air rifle in shooting in 2008 Olympic Games.
- Bajrang Punia has clinched the bronze medal in men's wrestling freestyle 65kg at Tokyo Olympics 2020 on August 7, 2021.
- Sjoerd Marijne decided to step down after coaching the Indian women's hockey team to its best-ever performance in the Olympic Games, guiding them to a commendable fourth-place finish.
- Indian wrestler Ravi Kumar Dahiya won silver in the Men's 57kg category after losing a hard-fought final against Russian Olympic Committee (ROC)'s Zavur Uguev.
- Indian men's hockey team created history on August 5, 2021 by winning the bronze medal after a stunning 5-4 victory over Germany in the bronze medal match at the Tokyo Olympic Games 2020. The team has brought home India's first Olympic medal in hockey after 41 years.
- Indian boxer Lovlina Borgohain won India's third medal at Tokyo Olympics 2020. She is now the third Indian boxer to win bronze at the Olympics after Vijender Singh won bronze at the 2008 Beijing Olympics and Mary Kom won bronze at the 2012 London Olympics.

June 2021

- ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2021 will be organised in United Arab Emirates from October 17 to November 14. The decision was taken in the light of the worsening conditions of COVID-19 pandemic across the nation. BCCI retains the hosting rights of the event.
- Indian shooter Rani Sarnobat won the 25m Pistol gold in the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup. Earlier, she had qualified for the Tokyo Olympics. The ISSF World Cup was organised in Osijek, Croatia.
- Indian woman cricketer Shefali Verma became the youngest Indian cricketer to make debut across all the formats. She made the history after making debut against England One day International on June 27, 2021.
- Indian Archer Deepika Kumari won a Gold at the Archery World Cup Stage III in Paris on June 27, 2021. She won gold in the Recurve individual event. Earlier she qualified for the Tokyo Olympics.
- Saurabh Chaudhary won bronze medal in the men's 10m air pistol shooting at the ISSF World Cup 2021 in Osijek, Croatia on June 24, 2021.
- Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports, Kiren Rijiju launched the official theme song titled 'Tu thaane le' for Tokyo Olympics on June 23. The theme song for the Indian team was composed and sung by Mohit Chauhan.
- New Zealand won the inaugural ICC World Test Championship by eight wickets defeating India in the final at the Ageas Bowl in Southampton, England on June 23, 2021. Kyle Jamieson was declared the Player of the Match for his match figures of 7/61.
- Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce, from Jamaica, became the second-fastest woman on June 5, 2021 when she ran 100 meters in 10.63 seconds at the JOA/JAAA's Destiny Olympic meet in Kingston.
- Vinoo Mankad was included in the ICC Hall of Fame on June 13. He was one of the Indian All-rounder. He was an opening batsman and slow left arm orthodox bowler who played 44 test matches, scored 2,109 runs and took 162 wickets. The memorable match of his career was when he scored 72 and 184 runs and bowled almost 97 overs in the match against England at Lord's in 1952.
- Serbian Tennis player Novak Djokovic won a 19th Grand Slam title and became the first man to win all four majors twice. He defeated Stefanos Tsitsipas in French Open Final on June 13, 2021.
- Novak Djokovic won a 19th Grand Slam title in the form of French Open 2021 and became the first man to win all four majors twice after coming back from two sets down to win against Stefanos Tsitsipas in the French Open final on June 13, 2021.
- Brisbane will host the Summer Olympics 2032. The decision was taken in the International Olympic Committee (IOC) Executive Board meeting on June 10, 2021.

May 2021

- India is all set to host "2022 FIFA under-17 Women's World Cup" from October 11 to 30, 2022. It will be the second FIFA tournament to be hosted by India.

- Rahul Dravid will coach Team India for the three one day internationals against Sri Lanka in July, 2021. It will be a temporary assignment because the current head coach Ravi Shastri will be in England with the test team.
- Arjan 'Singh' Bhullar became the first Indian fighter to win the ONE Heavyweight World Title at the top-level (Mixed Martial Arts) MMA Championship event in Singapore on May 16, 2021.
- Los Angeles Lakers legend, Kobe Bryant, was posthumously inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame as a part of the Class of 2020 on May 15, 2021.
- Rafael Nadal won 10th Italian Open title in Rome beating the world number one Novak Djokovic on May 16, 2021. Nadal won against the top player during a 2hr 49 minutes match on the clay court.
- India retained the top position in the latest ICC Test Team Ranking released on May 13. The second spot was taken by New Zealand.
- The International Cricket Council (ICC) on May 10, 2021, announced the names of the winners of the 'ICC Players of the Month' awards for April. These awards recognize and celebrate the best performing male and female cricketers across all formats of international cricket.
- Pakistan Cricket skipper Babar Azam won the ICC Men's Player of the Month of April. Australia's Alyssa Healy bagged the ICC Women's Player of the Month for April.
- Telangana imposed a total ban on a chemical Glyphosate. Glyphosate is a controversial herbicide usually use to kill weeds in cotton farms. The usage of Glyphosate was banned because it is carcinogenic.
- BCCI suspended the Indian Premiere League to the future date because of the rising cases of COVID-19 infections in the ground and match work related staff.
- England's professional snooker player Mark Selby won the World Championship for the fourth time. This time he won the title defeating Shaun Murphy.

April 2021

- Spanish Tennis player Rafael Nadal won the 68th Barcelona open tournament. It was Nadal's 12 Barcelona Title. He beat Stefanos Tsitsipas 6-4, 6-7 (6), 7-5 in the final.
- Indian women's recurve team won gold medal in the Archery World Cup On April 26, 2021. The Indian team included Ankita Bhakat, Deepika Kumari, and Komalika Bhari. The world cup is organised in the Central American Country Guatemala.
- Indian Women Boxing team created history at the International Boxing Association (AIBA) 2021 Youth World Boxing Championship organised at Poland. All the members of the Women team won their contests. India bagged 7 Gold Medals in the tournament.
- India won 14 medals in the Asian Wrestling Championships 2021 organised in Almaty, Kazakhstan. The medals include 5 gold, 3 silver, 6 bronze. The Senior Wrestling Championships was held from April 13 to 18, 2021. With 14 medals under its belly, India finished third in the overall sports event.
- Indian weightlifter Mirabai Chanu on April 17, created a new world record in Clean and Jerk after she lifted 119 kg at the Asian Weightlifting Championships in Tashkent. Mirabai also created a new national record as she lifted a total of 205 kg, including 86 kg snatch + 119 kg Clean and Jerk which also won her the bronze medal at the tournament.

- Skipper of Indian cricket team Virat Kohli named as the Wisden Almanack's ODI Cricketer of the 2010s. The announcement was made on April 15.
- Sonam Malik became India's youngest woman wrestler to qualify for the Tokyo Olympics. She bagged a silver medal in the women's 62-kg wrestling category at the Asian Olympic Qualifiers that was held in Almaty, Kazakhstan from April 9-11, 2021. She is 18 years only that makes her the youngest Indian wrestler to qualify for the Olympics.
- Chhattisgarh government decided to confer the inaugural State Veerni Award to the Athlete Dutee Chand on April 14, 2021. The announcement was made on Ambedkar Jayanti.
- For the first time in the history of India Sports, four sailors qualified for the Tokyo Olympics. The pair of Ganapathy Chengappa, Varun Thakkar, and Vishnu Saravanan qualified for Tokyo Olympics in the Asian Qualifiers in Oman on April 8, 2021.
- International Boxing Association (AIBA) decided on April 2, 2021 that the Men World Boxing Championship 2023 will be organised in Tashkent, the capital of Uzbekistan.

March 2021

- Indian Shooters, Sanjeev Rajput and Tejaswini Sawant, won gold in the 50m rifle 3 positions mixed team event the ISSF World Cup in New Delhi on March 26, 2021. Niraj Kumar, Swapnil Kusale and Chain Singh clinched the gold medal in the 50m rifle 3 positions men's team event.
- The nation-wide programme launched by the Union Sports Ministry "Khelo India Programme" was extended to 2021-22 to 2025-26.
- Lee Zii Jia of Malaysia won the Men's Singles title while Japan's Nozomi Okuhara won the Women's Singles title at the All England Open Badminton Championships 2021 that concluded in Birmingham on March 21, 2021.
- Athlete Kamalpreet Kaur from Punjab broke the 9-year old national record in women's discus throw at Federation Cup athletics in Patiala on March 19, 2021. She became the first Indian women to breach the distance of 65 m in the discus throw.
- ICC announced the official song of the Women's World Cup on March 18. Girl Gang, a track by the New Zealand singer Gin Wigmore was taken as the official song of ICC world cup 2022. The international cricket tournament will be hosted by New Zealand from March 4 to April 3, 2022.
- Girl Gang, a track by New Zealand singer Gin Wigmore, has been announced as the official song of the 2022 ICC Women's World Cup. The tournament is set to be hosted in New Zealand from March 4 to April 3, 2022. The International Cricket Council (ICC) made the announcement in an event on March 18, 2021.
- Indian Athlete and Long jumper Murli Sree Shankar qualified for the Tokyo Olympics on March 16, 2021. He improved his own national record with a leap of 8.26m on the second day of the Federation Cup Senior National Athletics Championships in Patiala.
- Virat Kohli became the first-ever batsman to score 3,000 runs in T-20 International cricket. Kohli achieved this feat in his 87th T20I match against England at Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad on March 14, 2021.

- Indian women cricketer Mithali Raj, on March 14, became the first women cricketer to complete 7,000 runs in women's ODI cricket. The Indian skipper reached the 7,000-run milestone in her 213th match, which was the fourth ODI of the ongoing five-match series against South Africa at Lucknow.
- Chess player Koneru Humpy won the BBC Indian Sportswoman of the Year award (ISWOTY) for 2020, following a public vote.
- Indian wrestler, Bajrang Punia, has regained the world number one ranking. He gained his ranking after winning second successive gold medal at Matteo Pellicone Ranking Series.
- Mathai George Muthoot, the chairman of Muthoot Finance which is the largest gold loan NBFC in the country, passed away on March 5, 2021 at the age of 71.
- Olympic-bound star javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra smashed his own national record with a throw of 88.07m, during the third Indian Grand Prix meet in Patiala on March 5, 2021. His previous record of 88.06 m was created during the gold-winning effort at the 2018 Asian Games.
- West Indies limited-overs format skipper Kieron Pollard on March 4, 2021 became the third batsman after South Africa's Herschelle Gibbs and India's Yuvraj Singh in the history of international cricket to hit six 6s in an over.

February 2021

- 2nd edition of Khelo India National Sports event was organised in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir from February 26. It was a five day event. It was virtually inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. It was organised by the Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports in association with the Winter Games Association of Jammu & Kashmir and J&K Sports Council.
- President of India Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated the world's largest cricket stadium in Montera Gujarat on February 24. The stadium was later renamed as Narendra Modi Stadium.
- Karnataka to host the second Khelo India University Games (KIUG) in 2021. The games will be inaugurated by Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi at Jain University and other selected venues in the state.
- Manika Batra won the 82nd Senior National Table Tennis Championship. She defeated Reeth Rishya by 8-11, 10-12, 11-1, 11-9, 11-5, 11-6 at the Tau Devi Lal Sports Complex in Panchkula, Haryana.

January 2021

- The first ever Zaskar Winter Sports and Youth Festival, 2021 concluded on January 30, 2021 at Munskit Chumik Zaskar, Kargil, Laddakh. Sports like ice hockey, snow skiing, horse riding, yak riding, ice climbing, snow sculpture, archery matches.

Awards

December 2021

- Sahitya Akademi Awards 2021 were announced on December 30, 2021. Some of the eminent winners are as follows:
 - English author Namita Gokhale for 'Things to Leave Behind'
 - Punjabi writer Khalid Hussain for 'Sullan Da Salan'
 - TMC MLA Bratya Basu for 'Sullan Da Salan'
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi was conferred Bhutan's Highest Civilian Award "Ngadag Pel gi Khorlo" on December 17, 2021
- Indian-American Mathematician Nikhil Srivastav jointly selected for the inaugural Ciprian Foias Prize in Operator Theory by AMS (American Mathematical Society). He along with David Spielman and Adam Marcus helped to solve the famous Kadison-Singer 1959 problem.
- Eminent Assamese Poet Nilmani Phookan Jr. and Konkani Novelist Damodar Mauzo won the 56th and 57th Jnanpith Award respectively for their contribution to Indian literature. Jnanpith Awards, India's highest literary honour bestowed to the writers for their outstanding contribution to the Literature.

November 2021

- Doordarshan and All India Radio received multiple awards in Asia Pacific Broadcasting Union (ABU)-UNESCO Peace Media Awards 2021. The award ceremony was organised on November 17, 2021 at Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia.
- Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament & Development for 2021 was conferred to Pratham NGO for its work in the field of education in India and its innovative use of digital technology to deliver education.
- 52nd edition of the International film festival of India concluded in Goa on November 28. It was the first time when the BRICS film festival was also hosted alongside IFFI. The most prominent awards are as follows
 - Golden Peacock Award for Best Film: Japanese film Ring Wandering (Masakazu Kanyeko)
 - Silver Peacock for Best Actor (Male): Jitendra Bhikulal Joshi (Godavari)
 - Best actor (female): Angela Molina (Paraguay) for Charlotte
 - Most friendly State for film shooting: Uttar Pradesh
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- Best director: Vaclav Kadrnka (Czech Republic) for 'Saving One Who Was Dead'
- Golden Peacock Award for Best Film: Japanese film Ring Wandering (Masakazu Kanyeko)

October 2021

- 51st Dadasaheb Phalke Award was given to the legendary actor Rajnikanth at the 67th National Film Awards ceremony held at Vigyan Bhawan in Delhi. Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu conferred the prestigious award.
- Hollywood director Martin Scorsese and Hungarian film director Istvan Szabo were honoured with Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award at the 52nd International Film Festival of India (IFFI) which was held in Goa.
- Imprisoned Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny has been awarded the European Union's highest award for human rights-Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought.
- Delhi-based entrepreneur Vidyut Mohan-led 'Takachar' has won the Earthshot Prize of 1 million pounds for its cheap technology innovation to convert the crop residues into sellable bio-products in the 'clean our air' category. Earthshot Prize, also dubbed the 'Eco Oscars'
- Director of Delhi All India Institute of Medical Science Dr Rajdeep Guleria was awarded with the 22nd Lal Bahadur Shastri National Award for Excellence in public service. Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu presented the award to him.
- Telugu filmmaker B Gopal won the fourth Satyajit Ray Award for his contribution to Indian cinema. Telugu filmmaker B Gopal has directed 2 Hindi movies and 30 Telugu movies in his decade-long career.
- Nobel Prize 2021 were announced in the first week of October. The winners list is given below

Category	Name of Winners
Physics	Syukuro Manabe, Klaus Hasselmann - Giorgio Parisi
Chemistry	Benjamin List and David MacMillan
Physiology Medicine	David Julius and Ardem Patapoutian
Literature	Abdulrazak Gurnah
Peace	Maria Ressa and Dmitry Muratov

September 2021

- Sheikh Hasina, Prime Minister of Bangladesh, was conferred with the ‘SDG Progress Award’ by the UN-sponsored Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) for Bangladesh’s steady progress in achieving the UN’s Sustainable Development Goals.
- Brigadier SV Sarasvati was conferred with the National Florence Nightingale Award 2020 virtually on September 20. She is the Deputy Director-General of Military Nursing Service. She was awarded for her immense contribution to the Military Nursing Service as a Nurse Administrator.
- Hyderabad-based International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) won the Africa Food Prize 2021. The award function was organised at Nairobi, Kenya.
- 12-year-old environmental activist Ayaan Shankta from Mumbai won 2021 International Young Eco-Hero award.
- Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID) won the coveted ‘Association for Talent Development (ATD) 2021 BEST Award’ after it secured 8th rank among the 71 organizations from around the world. Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID) is a Maharatna CPSU under the Ministry of Power, Government of India.
- 63rd Ramon Magsaysay Awards were announced on August 31. Five persons were selected for the awards. The details of them are given below
 - Dr. Firdausi Qadri (Bangladesh) – Vaccine Scientist
 - Muhammad Amjad Saqib (Pakistan) -Microfinance pioneer
 - Roberto Ballon (Philippines) – fisherman
 - Steven Muncy (United States) - Humanitarian worker
 - Watchdoc- Indonesian torch bearer for investigative journalism

August 2021

- Government of India renamed the highest sports award in India, Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award. Narendra Modi, on August 6, announced that the highest honour will now be called as Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award.

June 2021

- Renowned Indian journalist P. Sainath was awarded the ‘Grand Prize’ of the Fukuoka Prize 2021. Japan’s Fukuoka Grand Prize also included three awards. The Academic Prize and the Prize for Arts and Culture was given to Prof. Kishimoto Mio of Japan and filmmaker Prabda Yoon of Thailand, respectively.
- Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Engineers India Limited (EIL) RK Sabharwal was honoured with the highest civilian award of Mongolia ‘The Order of Polar Star’.

- Former Health Minister of Kerala KK Shailaja was awarded the Central European University (CEU) Open Society Prize for 2021 on June 17.
- Airport Council International (ACI) awarded the Director General's Roll of Excellence honour in Airport Service Quality to Cochin International Airport (CIAL).
- Megha Rajagopalan, the Indian origin journalist, won the Pulitzer Prize in the International Reporting category for their innovative investigative reports exposing China's secretly built Uyghur Muslims detention camps in its Xinjiang region.
- British Academy of Film and Television Arts Awards (BAFTA TV Awards) announced the annual edition of awards for 2020. Actor Michaela Coel's BBC and HBO series 'I May Destroy You' bagged two of the biggest prizes of the award show on June 6, 2021.

May 2021

- Tuber Man' of Kerala, Shaji N.M. won the India Biodiversity Awards 2021, in individual category of 'Conservation of domesticated species. India Biodiversity Awards 2021 were presented on the occasion of International Day for Biological Diversity on May 22.
- Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd. (IREDA) was conferred with the 'Green Urja Award' by The Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC) on May 11, 2021.
- Dr. Tahera Qutbuddin has become the first person from India to win the prestigious Sheikh Zayed Book Award. The Mumbai-born professor won the honour for her book 'Arabic Oration: Art and Function', which was published by Brill Academic Publishers of Leiden in 2019.

April 2021

- 93rd Oscar Awards were announced on April 25, 2021. Nomadland won the best movie award. Chloé Zhao won the award for the best director. She became the first woman of color, first Chinese woman and second woman-ever to win the award. List of other winners
 - Best Actress in a Leading Role: Frances McDormand, Nomadland
 - Best Actor in a Leading Role: Anthony Hopkins, The Father
 - Actress in a Supporting Role: Youn Yuh-jung, Minari
 - Actor in a Supporting Role: Daniel Kaluuya, Judas and the Black Messiah
 - Best Costume Design: Ma Rainey's Black Bottom
 - Best Music (Original Score): Soul
 - Best Editing: Sound of Metal
 - Best Sound: Sound of Metal
 - Best Music (Original Song): Fight for you, Judas and the Black Messiah
 - Best Writing (Adapted Screenplay): The Father
 - Best Writing (Original Screenplay): Promising Young Woman
- The British Academy Film Awards- BAFTA 2021 were announced on April 11. Most of the awards were given to the academy award winner movies. The award ceremony was virtually held at Royal Albert Hall in London. The list of winners of the 74th edition of the British Academy Film Awards- BAFTA 2021 are as follows:

• <u>Category</u>	• <u>Winners</u>
• Best Film	• Nomadland
• Outstanding British Film	• Promising Young Woman
• Best Director	• Chloe Zhao, Nomadland
• Best Leading Actress	• Frances McDormand, Nomadland
• Best Leading Actor	• Sir Anthony Hopkins, The Father
• Best Supporting Actress	• Yuh-Jung Youn, Minari

- Mathematician Alfred V. Aho won the AM Turing Award 2020 for his research and influential text books on fundamental algorithms and theory underlying programming language implementation.
- Legendary Indian actor Rajinikanth was honoured with the 51st Dadasaheb Phalke Award. It is India's highest film honour for his outstanding contribution to Indian cinema. The announcement was made by the Union Minister Prakash Javadekar on April 1, 2021.

March 2021

- Government of India announced the 67th National Awards on March 22, 2021. The award list is as follows
 - Best Feature Film: 'Marakkar Arabikadalinte Simham' for Malayalam
 - Best Direction: Sanjay Puri for 'Bahattar Hoorain'
 - Best Actress: Kangana Ranaut for 'Manikarnika' 'Panga'
 - Best Actor: Manoj Bajpayee for 'Bhonsle' and Dhanush for 'Asuran' (Tamil)
 - Best Supporting Actress: Pallavi Joshi for 'The Tashkent Files'
 - Best Supporting Actor: Vijaya Sethupathi for 'Super Deluxe' (Tamil)
 - Indira Gandhi Award for Best Debut Film of Director: Helen (Malayalam)
 - Most Film-Friendly State: Sikkim.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on March 26, with Sheikh Hasina jointly inaugurated the "Bangabandhu-Bapu Museum" at the Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in Dhaka.
- Government of India conferred the Gandhi Peace Prize on Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman for 2020. The peace prize for the year 2019 was conferred on the late His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said Al Said of Oman.

- The International Federation of Film Archives (FIAP) and worldwide organisation of film archives and museums from across the globe will confer the prestigious 2021 FIAP Award to Amitabh Bachchan at a virtual showcase on March 19, 2021.

February 2021

- Narendra Modi will receive the “CERAWEEK global energy and environment leadership award” at an annual international energy conference which is scheduled in March 2021. The CERAWEEK Conference-2021 will be held virtually from March 1 to 5, 2021.
- The SERB Women Excellence Award was announced on February 13 on the occasion of International Day of Women and Girls in Science 2021. Shobhna Kapoor - Assistant Professor at Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, Antara Banerjee- Scientist in B National Institute for Research in Reproductive Health, Mumbai, Sonu Gandhi - Scientist D from the National Institute of Animal Biotechnology, Ritu Gupta- Assistant Professor in the Indian Institute of Technology Jodhpur were awarded on the occasion.

Summit/Conference

December 2021

- 21st India-Russia Annual Summit was organised on December 6. The summit was attended by Russian President Vladimir Putin and Narendra Modi. Both the countries signed 28 MoUs.

November 2021

- Rajnath Singh inaugurated the “5th World Congress on Disaster Management (WCDM)” on November 24, 2021 in a virtual mode. He reiterated India’s vision for the Indian Ocean, summarized by the concept of SAGAR (Security and Growth for All in the Region).
- Abu Dhabi International Petroleum Exhibition and Conference (ADIPEC) was held in Abu Dhabi, from November 15 to November 18, 2021. It was hosted by Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC). World’s biggest oil & gas companies and several OPEC+ energy ministers were there in Abu Dhabi to attend this conference.
- 51st conference of Governors and Lieutenant Governors was organised in Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi on November 10. It was attended by President Ram Nath Kovind and the Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- India hosted a regional security summit on November 10, 2021. The summit was attended by regional leaders except Afghanistan because of the turmoil in the Asian neighbour. During the conference, it was announced that Afghanistan & its territories cannot be used to shelter or train terrorists. The announcements were called as Delhi Declaration.

October 2021

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi was in Rome, Italy from October 30-31, 2021 for the 16th G-20 Summit. He also travelled to the United Kingdom from October 29 to November 2 for the CoP-26 World Leaders' Summit
- Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi virtually attended the 18th India-ASEAN Summit at the invitation of the Sultan of Brunei on October 28.
- Narendra Modi virtually participated in 16th East Asia Summit hosted by Sultan of Brunei on October 27, 2021. The Prime Minister reaffirmed India’s focus on a free, open and inclusive Indo-Pacific and the principle of ASEAN Centrality in the region during the summit.

- 4th General Assembly of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) was held virtually from October 18 to 21, 2021. It discussed the operationalisation of India's One Sun One World One Grid (OSOWOG) initiative.
- G20 Extraordinary Leaders' Summit on Afghanistan was organised on October 12, 2021. Prime Minister Narendra Modi said in the summit that Afghan territory must be prevented to become the source of radicalisation.
- Cyclone Shaheen hit the western coast of India in the first week of October. Deep depression over the northeast Arabian Sea off the Gujarat coast intensified into cyclonic storm Shaheen.
- The Youth Affairs and Sports Minister Anurag Thakur launched a month-long Clean India drive on October 1, 2021, from Prayagraj as part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav.

September 2021

- Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) anti-terror exercise scheduled to be held in Pabbi in Pakistan's Nowshera district from October 3. India noded to send three-member team to the summit.
- Quad Summit 2021 was organised at White House, the official residence of the President of USA. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, US President Joe Biden, Japan Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga, and Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison attended the summit. Joe Biden hosted the summit on September 24. The agenda of the summit was to discuss the issues such as COVID-19 response; Afghanistan & Regional Security; Tech & Cyber Security; and Climate.
- India to host it's first-ever G-20 summit in 2023, Piyush Goyal appointed as India's G20 sherpa.
- 13th BRICS Summit was hosted by India on September 9. The summit was chaired by Narendra Modi but in a virtual manner. The theme for the BRICS Summit was 'BRICS@15: Intra BRICS cooperation for continuity, consolidation, and consensus'.

August 2021

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched National Automobile Scrappage Policy through video conferencing during the Investor Summit in Gujarat on August 13, 2021.

June 2021

- Union Finance Minister of India, Nirmala Sitharaman, addressed the Global Investors Roundtable summit organised by US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) on June 24, 2021. She also invited global investors to take advantage of recent FDI reforms, privatisation policy and performance of Indian Economy.
- The first in-person meeting of G7 leaders was held at Carbis Bay, Cornwall at UK because the UK holds the Presidency of the Group of Seven (G7) this year. The theme for G7 Summit 2021

was 'Build Back Better'. The G-7 leaders agreed to the joint commitment to net-zero emissions by 2050 (latest) and keeping a 1.5°C temperature rise within reach.

- National Thermal Power Commission, the Maha Ratna of India conducted a virtual two-day BRICS Green Hydrogen Summit. The members from Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa (BRICS) took part in the virtual event.

May 2021

- The G-7 meeting of the Environment Ministers was hosted by United Kingdom who is currently holding the chair of the group of industrialised nations. During the two day meeting, the ministers agreed to accelerate efforts against global warming
- Italy hosted the Global G 20 Health Summit 2021 on May 21. The Health Summit was co-hosted by the European Union. The G-20 leaders adopted a 'Rome Declaration', committing to common principles to overcome COVID-19 and to prevent and prepare for future pandemics.

April 2021

- Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi attended the Leaders' Summit on Climate hosted by The US President Joe Biden. He state that. India will be launching the "India-US Climate & Clean Energy Agenda 2030 Partnership" in collaboration with Joe Biden. He reiterated that the per capita carbon footprint of India is 60% less than the global average.

March 2021

- Dr Harsh Vardhan, the Central Minister for Health and Family Welfare, virtually addressed the 7th annual summit of NATHEALTH on March 26, 2021. The summit focused on 'Indian Health system expansion in post-COVID era'.
- The fourth edition of the Global Ayurveda Festival is being organised virtually from March 12 to 19, 2021. Prime Minister inaugurated the festival virtually. The theme of the festival was "Strengthening Host Defence System – Ayurveda A Potential Promise".
- Thomas Bach was re-elected as the President of International Olympic Committee (IOC) on March 10, 2021. His new tern will end in 2025.
- The UN Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice started in Kyoto, Japan on March 7, 2021. UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres took part in the opening session online. The conference adopted the Kyoto Declaration, which emphasizes the need to promote digitalization of criminal justice systems and develop partnerships with community volunteers.
- The three-day Second edition of Virtual Maritime India Summit-2021 concluded with the observation of 'Chabahar Day' on March 4, 2021.
- Consumer Affairs Minister Piyush Goyal on March 1, 2021 virtually presided the Third Governing Council Meeting of the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS). He reviewed the process of making Indian Standards and their implementation with BIS officials, senior

officials from different Ministries or Regulators. The Minister said, standard testing fees charged by BIS should also be reduced in the initial years for the MSMEs, Start-Ups and for Women Entrepreneurs.

February 2021

- National Conference on Opportunities and Challenges for Bamboo in India by the National Bamboo Mission under the directions from NITI Aayog and Invest India. The conference was organised in New Delhi and it was inaugurated by Nitin Gadkari.
- Nirmala Sitharaman attended the first ever G20 Central Bank Governors' meeting on February 26, 2021. The meeting of G20 Central Bank Governors' was held under the Italian Presidency.
- 16th FICCI Higher Education Summit was organised in New Delhi by FICCI on February 25, 2021. The two day summit was addressed by Union Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'.
- Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi will virtually inaugurate the second edition of the Maritime India Summit (MIS) on March 2, 2021. During the summit, it is expected that around ₹20,000 crore worth MoUs will be signed. Opening session of the summit will mark the ministerial-level participation. The participants will be joining from Russia, Afghanistan, Iran, Uzbekistan, and Armenia.
- The 18th edition of BioAsia event was held from February 22 to 23, 2021. The theme of the event was 'Move the Needle'.
- Narendra Modi virtually inaugurated the World Sustainable Development Summit 2021 on February 10. The theme of the summit was - 'Redefining Our Common Future: Safe and Secure Environment for All'.

January 2021

- The Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi addressed the Climate Adaptation Summit 2021. He stated that India is targeting to produce 450 gigawatt of renewable energy by 2030. He praised the stress given by the government on using the LEDs and making the energy consumption more efficient. He also highlighted that, by 2030 India will restore 26 million hectares of degraded land.
- Davos Agenda Summit 2021 was organised from January 25-29. The theme of the Davos Agenda Summit, 2021 is "Stakeholders for a cohesive and sustainable world". The "Great Reset Initiative" of the World Economic Forum was inaugurated during the Davos Agenda Summit.
- The One Planet Summit was organised on January 11, 2021 jointly by the World Bank, United Nations and the host country France. The summit envisages to advance the protection of nature.

Miscellaneous

December 2021

- Jhansi Railway Station in Uttar Pradesh was renamed to 'Veerangana Laxmibai Railway Station'. The announcement was made by the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Yogi Adityanath, on December 29, 2021.
- National Consumer Rights Day also called as Bharatiya Grahak Diwas 2021 is observed every year on December 24. This year its theme was 'Tackling Plastic Pollution'.
- National Farmers' Day 2021 is observed on December 23 across the nation. It is celebrated every year to commemorate the birth anniversary of India's 5th Prime Minister Chaudhary Charan Singh.
- National Mathematics Day is observed to celebrate the life and work of a great mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan. He was born on December 22, 1887.
- Government of India celebrated Good Governance week in India from December 20 to 26.
- Goa Liberation Day is observed annually on December 19.
- International Human Solidarity Day is observed annually on December 20th
- UN International Migrants Day 2021 is observed on December 18. The theme of this year was 'Harnessing the Potential of Human Mobility'.
- Vijay Diwas is celebrated annually on December 16 to commemorate India's victory over Pakistan in the 1971 war. This year mark the 50th-anniversary celebrations of India's glorified victory.
- An earthquake of magnitude 7.6 on the Richter scale has struck Indonesia on December 14.
- National Energy Conservation Day is observed every year on December 14th to raise awareness about energy conservation. The day is also known as Energy Efficiency Day.
- International Mountain Day is celebrated every year on December 11 to raise awareness about the importance of mountains to life and to climate.
- Human Rights Day is observed on December 10. This year its theme was 'Reducing Inequalities and Advancing Human Rights'.
- International anti-corruption day is observed on December 9 to raise awareness against corruption. Theme of this year's celebration was 'Your right, your role: Say no to corruption'.
- International Civil Aviation Day is observed on December 7. International Civil Aviation Day theme from now till 2023 will be "Advancing Innovation for Global Aviation Development".

- Indian Armed Forces Flag Day is observed on December 7 to honour the martyrs and the soldiers in uniform. This day is celebrated since 1949.
- Mahaparinirvan Diwas is observed on December 6 every year to mark the death anniversary of the father of the Constitution of India Dr Bhim Rao Ambedkar. This was his 65th death anniversary.
- Indian Navy Day is observed on December 4 to mark the anniversary of Operation Trident which was launched by the Indian navy during the Indo-Pak war in 1971.
- International Day of Persons with Disabilities is observed globally on December 3. UN has announced the theme for IDPD 2021 to be “Leadership and participation of persons with disabilities toward an inclusive, accessible and sustainable post-COVID-19 world.”
- Cyclone Jawad hit the eastern coast of India on December 4. The Cyclone made its landfall at about 230 km southeast of Vishakhapatnam, 410 km south-southwest of Puri and 490 km south-southwest of Paradip (Odisha). Konark Festival & International Sand Art Festival was called off following the advisories issued by the Odisha Spl Relief Commissioner in the wake of Cyclonic Storm Jawad.
- National Pollution Prevention Day 2021 is observed on December 2 in memory of the people who lost their lives in Bhopal Gas Tragedy occurred in 1984.
- World AIDS Day is observed globally on December 1 every year. The theme of World AIDS Day 2021 is ‘End inequalities. End AIDS’.

November 2021

- BRICS Film Festival was celebrated along with the International Film Festival of India for the first time. It was the 6th edition of the BRICS Film Festival awards that were held along with the 52nd International Film Festival of India in Goa from November 20 to 28.
- 6th edition of Indo – France joint military exercise “Ex SHAKTI- 2021” was concluded on November 26, 2021 in France. Ex SHAKTI 2021 was a twelve day intense joint military training exercise. It is a biennial exercise conducted between two nations.
- Munjpara Mahedrabhai, Minister of State (MoS) for Ayush Ministry, virtually inaugurated Ayurveda Parv-2021 on November 26, 2021. Ayurveda Parv-2021 was a three-day event, which was organised to promote Ayurveda in the country as well as at the international level.
- November 26 is celebrated as ‘National Milk Day’ across the nation.
- Tri-nations coast guard exercise ‘Dosti 2021’ was conducted in Maldives. India, Maldives and Sri Lanka hold 15th edition of the biennial trilateral coast guard exercise. The exercise was conducted from November 20 to 25. The exercise started in 1991 and it is in its 30th year.
- Four-day mega military exercise, Sagar Shakti 2021 was conducted in the creek sector of Kutch Peninsula from November 19 to 22.

- Karnataka, on November 22, 2021, celebrated the Kanakadasa Jayanthi to pay tribute to Shri Kanaka Dasa. He was the poet, saint and social reformer of 15th century.
- November 21 was observed as the World Television Day across the globe.
- November 20 was observed as the World Children's Day. This year, "A Better Future for Every Child" was the theme of the celebrations.
- New species of the plant has been named as 'Cryptocaria Muthuvariana', named after the Muthuvar tribal community of Idduki district, Kerala.
- World Toilet Day is observed on November 19 every year in a bid to raise awareness on importance of toilets and sanitation in our daily lives. This year the theme was theme- "Valuing toilets".
- International Day of Tolerance was observed on November 16 with the aim of creating public awareness on dangers of intolerance.
- Union Ministry of Science & Technology launched 'Tech NEEV@75' on November 15, 2021 in the events linked with the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.
- India's first Audit Diwas was organised on November 16, 2021. It was held at CAG office premises.
- Government of India decided to celebrate the Janjatiya Gaurav Divas on November 15, 2021. The day was declared as a part of celebration of 75 years of India's independence. It will commemorate the tribal freedom fighters.
- First case of the animal borne disease Norovirus was confirmed in the Wayanad district of Kerala. Norovirus is a community of viruses, causing gastrointestinal illness. Virus causes inflammation in lining of the stomach & intestines, severe vomiting and diarrhoea. It is transmitted through contaminated water and food.
- National Education Day is celebrated on November 11 to mark the birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad. The day is celebrated since 2008.
- World Science Day for Peace and Development was observed on November 10.
- Legal Services Day is celebrated in India on November 9. The day is celebrated to commemorate the enactment of Legal Services Authorities Act 1987 in India.
- November 9 was celebrated as Uttarakhand Foundation Day. The state was established on November 9, 2000 as the 27th State of India.
- Arjun Munda, Union Minister for Ministry of Tribal Affairs, inaugurated the 3-day Uttarakhand Tribal Festival in Dehradun, Uttarakhand on November 11.
- Food Corporation of India launched India's First Food Museum in at Thanjavur in Tamil Nadu.
- India's first Grass Conservatory was inaugurated in Ranikhet of Almora district on November 14.
- On November 15, the Habibganj railway station was renamed as Rani Kamalapati Station. Rani Kamalapati was the Queen of the Gond tribe residing in the state. Habibganj Railway Station in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.

- The Union Minister for Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Arjun Munda inaugurated the 3-day Uttarakhand Tribal Festival in Dehradun, Uttarakhand on 11th November 2021.
- World Radiography Day was observed on November 8. It is an annual event observed to build greater awareness of the value that radiology contributes to safe patient care.
- UN designated November 5 as World Tsunami Awareness Day. It is observed annually to raise tsunami awareness and share innovative approaches to risk reduction.
- National Ayurveda Day was observed on November 2. The day has been observed since 2016 on the birth anniversary of the Lord Dhanwantri which falls on Dhanteras.
- National Mission of Clean Ganga (NMCG) has been registered in the Guinness Book of World Records on the first day of Ganga Utsav- the River Festival 2021 for the highest number of photos of handwritten notes that were uploaded on Facebook in an hour.

October 2021

- World Halloween Day 2021 was celebrated on October 31 across the globe.
- Scientists discovered a new micro snail species inside a limestone cave at Mawsmal Village in the East Khasi Hills district of Meghalaya on October 21. 'Georissa Mawsmalensis' was the scientific name given to the species, are so small in size that an adult measures less than 2 millimeters in length.
- Former US President Donald Trump is planning to launch his own social media platform called 'TRUTH Social'.
- Japan's Meteorological Agency informed that Mount Aso, on the main Southern Island of Kyushu in Japan, erupted on October 20, 2021.
- Police Commemoration Day is observed on October 21 every year since 1959 to pay tributes to the police personnel who lost their lives in the line of duty.
- Third World Statistics Day is observed across the globe on October 20 every fifth year. It is in fashion since 2010.
- Indian Army participated in the Cambrian Patrol Exercise conducted at Brecon, Wales, United Kingdom, from October 13 to October 15, 2021. In the event, the Indian team won a gold medal.
- World Standards Day is observed on October 14 every year. 'Standards for Sustainable Development Goals- a shared vision for a better future' was the theme for this year celebrations.
- International Girl Child Day is observed every year on October 11. This year its theme was 'Digital Generation, Our Generation'.
- Air Force Day is observed on October 8 every year because on this day in 1932 Indian Air Force was officially formed as a supporting force for the Royal Air Force of Britain

- A new National Tiger Reserve will be formed in Chhattisgarh by combining the areas of Guru Ghasidas National Park and Tamor Pingla Wildlife Sanctuary. This will be the 4th Tiger Reserve in Chhattisgarh, after Achanakmar, Udanti-Sitanadi, and Indravati Reserves.
- World Cotton Day is observed on October 7 every year. The theme of this year was “Cotton for good”.
- World Teachers’ Day or commonly known as International Teachers’ Day is observed globally every year on October 5. The theme of World Teachers’ Day 2021 is ‘Teachers at the heart of education recovery.’
- World Animal Welfare Day is observed all over the world every year on October 4. The theme for World Animal Day 2021 is “Forests and Livelihoods: Sustaining People and Plant”.

September 2021

- The World Maritime Day is observed every year by the International Maritime Organization (IMO). Every year it is celebrated as per the convenience of the individual governments. This year it was celebrated on September 30.
- World Rabies Day is observed on September 28 to raise awareness and prevention of rabies. The theme of World Rabies Day 2021 was ‘Rabies: Fact, not Fear’.
- World Tourism Day is observed on September 27. It is celebrated to commemorate the adoption of the Statutes of Organization in 1970 that paved the way for the establishment of the World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO). The theme for World Tourism Day 2021 was ‘Tourism for inclusive growth’
- Scientists discovered the oldest human footprints in North America at the White Sands national park in New Mexico. It is estimated that the footprints were between 21,000 and 23,000 years old. The discovery helps in understanding the time and location of early humans who arrived in the Americas, after dispersing from Africa and Asia.
- International Day of Sign Languages is observed on September 23 across the globe. The theme of this year’s celebrations was ‘We Sign for Human Rights’.
- World Rhino Day 2021 is celebrated on September 22 across the world. On this day Assam burned 2,479 Rhino horns to mark the day.
- World Peace Day is observed on September 21 all across the globe. . The theme of World Peace Day 2021 is ‘Recovering Better for an Equitable and Sustainable World’.
- World Ozone Day is observed on September 16. The International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer is the reminder of the Spring of 1975 when the scientists in Antarctica had detected an appalling drop in the Ozone.
- The International Day of Democracy is celebrated on September 15 by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) to encourage governments around the world to strengthen democracy

- Engineer's Day in India is celebrated on September 15 to honour Bharat Ratna Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya on his birthday anniversary.
- Hindi Diwas is celebrated in India on September 14 to mark the declaration of the Hindi language as an official language in India. India adopted Hindi as its official language on September 14, 1949.
- International Literacy Day is observed on September 8, 2021. Literacy Day has been celebrated every year since 1967. This year its theme was "Literacy for a human-centered recovery: Narrowing the digital divide".
- PM Narendra Modi released a special Rs 125 commemorative coin to mark the 125th birth anniversary of ISKCON's foundation on September 1.

August 2021

- On August 26 was celebrated as the 111th Birth Anniversary of Mother Teresa, also known as Saint Teresa of Calcutta. She was born in Skopje, Mother Teresa left Ireland to join the Sisters of Loreto in Dublin at the age of 18 years in 1928. She came to India in 1929.
- World Humanitarian Day 2021 was celebrated across the globe on August 19 to honour those who are working for a humanitarian cause across the world. This year, its theme was #TheHumanRace
- World Elephant Day 2021 is observed on August 12 every year. India has 32 Elephant reserves, as stated by the Government of India. The Singhbhum Elephant Reserve of Jharkhand was the first elephant sanctuary in the country.
- International Youth Day was celebrated on August 12 across the globe with the theme "Transforming Food System: Youth Innovation for Human and Planetary Health".
- World Lion Day is observed on August 10 across the globe to raise awareness about the declining population of lions and need for conservation. Lions are vulnerable species as per the International Union for Conservation of Nature's (IUCN) Red List.
- International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples is observed on August 9 every year around the world. Theme of World's Indigenous Peoples 2021 was 'Leaving no one behind: Indigenous peoples and the call for a new social contract'.
- National Handloom Day was first observed in 2015 on August 7 to mark the 100th anniversary of the Swadeshi Movement, which started in 1905.

June 2021

- June 30 is observed as the International Asteroid Day to mark the anniversary of the Siberian Tunguska event. United Nations General Assembly in December 2016 adopted a resolution to declare June 30 as International Asteroid Day.
- June 30 is observed as World Social Media Day since 2010.
- June 29, 2021 is observed as National Statistics Day. This day commemorates the birth anniversary of late Professor Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis.

- June 26 is celebrated as the International Day against Drug Abuse every year. It is observed to raise awareness among people regarding dangerous effects of drugs and its illicit trafficking.
- International Day of Seafarer is celebrated on June 25 every year.
- June 23 is celebrated as the International Olympic Day to celebrate sports and health. The day marks the founding of the International Olympic Committee in 1894.
- United Nations Public Service Day is observed on June 23.
- Desertification and Drought Day is observed on June 17 every year. The day was observed to raise public awareness around international efforts to combat desertification.
- June 12 is observed as World Day against Child Labour every year. This day is observed to raise awareness and end child labour on a global scale.
- World Oceans Day is observed on June 8th every year to remind the major role of the oceans in the life of humans.
- World Environment Day is celebrated on June 5 across the globe.

May 2021

- 'World No Tobacco Day' was observed on May 31, 2021 under the theme "Commit to Quit". It is observed since 1987.
- May 30 is celebrated as the Statehood day of Goa. In 1961, Indian Government launched Operation Vijay and annexed Daman and Diu islands and Goa with the Indian mainland. Later on May 30, 1987, Goa was given Statehood.
- May 28 was observed as the World Menstrual Hygiene Day is observed every year.
- United Nations observed "International Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories" from May 25 to 31, 2021.
- May 23 is celebrated as World Turtle Day. It is celebrated to raise awareness among people about turtle & tortoise and their habitats. The theme for 2021 was- 'Turtle Rocks!.
- International Day for Biological Diversity on May 22.
- May 21 is celebrated as an International Tea Day. The day is observed by United Nations.
- World Bee day is celebrated on May 20 by the United Nations. Bees are very important part of our food web.
- World AIDS Vaccine Day is celebrated on May 18. This year the theme was 'Global Solidarity'.
- International Day of Light is celebrated on May 16 every year by UNESCO and several other international organisations.
- May 16 is celebrated as Sikkim statehood day.
- World Agri-Tourism Day is celebrated on May 16.
- May 15 is also celebrated as World Family Day across the globe.
- May 12 is celebrated as International Nurses Day to honour contribution of nurses all over the world. It started in 1965 by the International Council of Nurses- ICN.
- India celebrates National Technology Day on May 11, every year. This year, the National Technology Day is being celebrated under the theme: Theme: Science and Technology for a Sustainable Future.
- World Migratory Day is celebrated on second Saturday of May and October. This year, it is celebrated on May 8.

- World Thalassaemia Day is celebrated on May 8.
- Maharashtra Day is celebrated on May 1. Maharashtra state was formed on this day in 1960.

April 2021

- Ayushman Bharat day was celebrated on April 30 across the nation. The Ayushman Bharat day was celebrated to achieve twin objectives. The twin objectives was to promote health among the poor citizens of the nation and
- World Intellectual Property Day is celebrated on April 26 across the globe. The day is celebrated by the World Intellectual Property and several other international organisations. This year the theme was “IP and SMEs: Taking your ideas to market”.
- World Malaria Day was celebrated by the World Health Organisation and several other international organisations on April 25 every year. This year, the World Malaria Day is to be celebrated under the following theme: Reaching the Zero Malaria Target.
- Swamitva Scheme was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He distributed the e-property cards to the citizens on April 24. This day is celebrated as National Panchayati Raj Day.
- April 23 is celebrated as the World Book and Copyright Day across the world by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to promote the power of reading, books, and copyright.
- World Health Day was celebrated on April 7, 2021 across the globe. The Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi inaugurated various events to celebrate health day in India.

March 2021

- December 6, the day on which India formally recognised Bangladesh will be celebrated as Maitri Diwas.
- World Theatre Day is celebrated across the world on March 27. The International Theatre Institute (ITI) started celebrating this day in 1961.
- World Tuberculosis Day was observed on March 24 across the world. “The Clock is Ticking” was the Theme of the day for this year marking the urgency to take measures against the disease.
- World Water Day was celebrated across the Globe on March 22. The theme of this year celebration was “Valuing Water”.
- ‘International day of Forest’ was observed by the UN on March 21. The theme of this year celebration ‘Forest restoration: a path to recovery and well-being’.
- March 22 is celebrated as the Bihar Day in the state. Bihar celebrated its 109th foundation day on March 22, 2021.
- World Down Syndrome Day (WDSD) was observed on March 21, 2021 across the globe. Down syndrome occurs when an individual has an extra pair of partial (or whole) chromosome.
- International Nowruz Day was celebrated on March 21, 2021
- International day of Happiness is celebrated on March 20.

- The International Women's Day was observed on March 8, 2021. This year's theme for the International Day, "Women in leadership: Achieving an equal future in a COVID-19 world".
- The Prime Minister of India announced that March 7 will be celebrated as Janaushadhi Diwas across the nation.
- The National Safety Day 2021 was observed on March 4 in India. This day was observed with the objective of creating awareness among people regarding the safety measures. This year, the day was observed under the theme: "Sadak Suraksha" (Road Safety).
- The world is observing and celebrating the World Wildlife Day 2021 on March 3, 2021.
- Dr Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare on March 3, 2021 virtually inaugurated six new 'Outreach Service Centres for Communication Disorders' across the country by All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH), Mysuru on the occasion of World Hearing Day.

January 2021

- National Girl Child Day was celebrated on January 24 every year. This year the Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi stated on the occasion that his government is taking various measures focusing on the empowering the girl child.
- The Union Government of India announced that the birth anniversary of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, January 23, is to be celebrated as "Parakram Diwas". Netaji was born on January 23, 1897.
- National Youth Day is celebrated on January 12. It is celebrated on the occasion of the birth date of Swami Vivekananda. Theme of this year's Youth day was "YUVAAH-Utsah Naye Bharat Ka".