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NATIONAL AFFAIRS

1. Union Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs & Petroleum and Natural Gas Shri Hardeep S. Puri has inaugurated the 14th edition of **Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference 2021**.
 - The main theme of this year's conference is "**Mobility for All**" which focuses on providing equitable access and promote inclusive urban transportation which aims to provide affordable, clean, safe, informative, efficient and accessible transport systems, with special attention to the diverse needs from all factions of the society, especially the specially-abled, elderly, women and children.
2. Shri Amit Shah, Union Minister of Home Affairs has launched the "**Dairy Sahakar**" scheme at Anand, Gujarat, during the function organised by Amul for celebration of **75th** Foundation Year of Amul.

The Dairy Sahakar with a total investment of **Rs 5000 crore** will be implemented by **National Cooperative Development Corporation** (NCDC) under Ministry of Cooperation.
3. The Ministry of Defence has recently proposed that school students should be made to undertake the projects based on the valour of armed and paramilitary forces to make school students aware of the stories of bravery of Indian Armed Forces. The Department of School Education & Literacy, Education Ministry would organise the **Veer Gatha Project** starting from October 21 till November 20, 2021.
 - **Veer Gatha Project** would be launched on **CBSE IT platform** for CBSE schools and for the state government run schools on MyGov platform.
 - Teachers should explain to students about the gallantry award winners and motivate them to learn about the gallantry award winners and encourage students to participate in the project.
4. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched the **Initiative for the Resilient Island States** (IRIS) for developing infrastructure of small island nations, saying it gives a new hope, a new confidence and satisfaction of doing something for the most vulnerable countries.
5. The Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd (**IREDA**), under the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (**MNRE**), has launched a "**Whistle-blower Portal**", as a part of '**Vigilance Awareness Week 2021**' celebrated from 26th October to 2nd November 2021.

6. The annual 'Ganga Utsav 2021-The River Festival' was organized virtually on November 1-3 by National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) to mark the anniversary of announcement of River Ganga as the 'National River' i.e. **November 4th**.
 - This year marked the **5th** edition of the festival which was celebrated under the leadership of Union Minister **Gajendra Singh Shekhawat**, Ministry of Jal Shakti, as a part of the ongoing celebrations for 75 years of Independence and Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav.
 - The minister launched the '**Ganga Atlas: River of the Past**' developed by **Prof Rajiv Sinha**, IIT Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh (UP).
7. The Department of Telecommunications (DoT), under the Ministry of Communications, has formed a technology innovation group on the Sixth Generation (6G), to take lead in the development of 6G Technology globally.
 - **K. Rajaraman**, Chairman Digital Communications Commission & Secretary (Telecom) has been named the chairperson of the initiative.
8. Ministry of Education has recently launched the '**Bhasha Sangam**' initiative for schools, Bhasha Sangam Mobile App and Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat Quiz App, to commemorate Rashtriya Ekta Diwas which is celebrated on October 31 every year to mark the birth anniversary of Shri Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.
 - It is an initiative of the Ministry of Education under Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat, to teach basic sentences of everyday usage in 22 Indian languages (Eighth Schedule languages).
 - It is developed by the **National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT)**.
9. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has recently unveiled Adi Shankaracharya Samadhi (final resting place) at the premises of the **Kedarnath Temple** in *Rudraprayag* district of Uttarakhand and has also unveiled the statue of Shri Adi Shankaracharya at the Samadhi.
 - The 12-foot long statue weighing around 35 tonnes (35,000kg) has been constructed by Mysore-based sculptor **Arjun Yogiraj**.
10. The government has approved **8.5% rate of** interest on employees' provident fund for the 2020-21 fiscal.
11. On the occasion of **Rashtriya Ekta Diwas** and marking the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh has dedicated "**Sardar Patel Leadership Centre**" at **Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA)** in Mussoorie to the nation.

- The Sardar Patel Leadership Centre aims to lay the foundation capacity building for future generations of Civil Servants from India and Abroad, as visualised by the Father of All India Services.
 - The Centre aims to emerge as a Huge Resource Centre to provide continuous study and learning opportunities to Civil Servants so that they learn from the best practices of leadership across the world while remaining connected with their cultural ethos, values and roots.
12. Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has inaugurated a two-day long **Apple Pageant-2021** organised in Srinagar within the digital presence of Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Narendra Singh Tomar.
13. Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya has launched the nationwide expansion of the **Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV)**, and said it will help reduce childhood mortality by around 60 percent. For the first time in the country that the PCV will be available for universal use.
14. The Centre has constituted a **20-member** Empowered Group of Secretaries (EGoS), which will be a monitoring mechanism for the development and implementation of the **PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan (NMP)**.
- The Cabinet Secretary, **Rajiv Gauba** will be its Chairperson.
15. The National Commission for Women (NCW), along with the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA), has launched a pan-India Legal Awareness Program for Women titled **"Empowerment of Women through Legal Awareness"** to impart practical knowledge about legal rights and remedies provided under various women related laws, thereby making them fit to face the challenges in real-life situations.
16. Home Minister Amit Shah has launched the **'Ayushman CAPF' Scheme** health cards at the national level in New Delhi. The Home Minister launched the scheme by handing over the Ayushman card to a personnel.
17. **Indian Railways** will develop an Art Gallery with Souvenir Shop at Kevadiya Railway Station under Public-Private Partnership. This Art Gallery showcases different Art and Craft forms of Gujarat and India. Vadodara Division of Western Railway has awarded first its kind contract in Indian Railways for the development of Art Gallery with Souvenir Shop.
- This Art Gallery will be developed and operated by a private party with earnings to Railways of 24.7 lakh rupees and potential revenue of 2.83 crore rupees.

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STATES AFFAIRS

18. The **National Tribal Dance Festival and Rajyotsava 2021** was held at Science College ground in **Raipur**, the capital of Chhattisgarh. Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh Bhupesh Baghel presided over the inaugural ceremony.
19. Manipur Government has revived its initiative to deliver governance at doorstep and bring inclusive development in the state with launching the Go to **Village 2.0** in Thoubal district.
20. Manohar Lal Khattar, Chief Minister (CM) of Haryana has launched the '**Uttam Beej portal**' which will benefit the farmers of Haryana by providing quality seeds with transparency.
21. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** will soon provide the world a solar power calculator application that can measure solar energy potential of any region across the globe.
22. Karnataka Chief Minister, Basavaraj S Bommai, has launched the state's ambitious '**Janasevaka**' (peoples' servant) scheme and '**Janaspandana**', an Integrated Public Grievance Redressal System (IPGRS).
23. '**Gorehabba Festival**', a cow-dung fight, has been organized annually in **Karnataka**. This festival is celebrated a day after Diwali's Balipadyami in Gummatapura village of Karnataka.
24. The National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) Anand signs a pact with Uttar Pradesh (UP) government to manage Varanasi Milk Union for a period of 5 years.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

25. Indian Air Force's **Mirage 2000 aircraft squadron** is taking part in the **Blue Flag 2021** international exercise which was launched in Israel.

- Seven countries including Israel, Germany, Italy, Britain, France, India, Greece and the US are taking part in the war games.
- The Indian Mirages and the French Rafale are participating in the exercise for the first time.

26. The COP26 United Nations Climate Summit has been held in **Glasgow, Scotland**. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has addressed the summit and stressed on a five-point plan or '**Panchamrit**', which means 'five ambrosia', to fight the devastating effects of global warming and climate change.

Panchamrit:

- India will increase its non-fossil energy capacity to **500 GW** (earlier 450 GW) by 2030.
- India will meet 50% of its energy requirements, with renewable energy, till 2030.
- India will reduce carbon emission by 1 billion tonnes by 2030.
- India will reduce its carbon intensity by 45 percent by 2030.
- India will achieve net-zero emissions by **2070**.

Note: China has set a target to reach the net-zero carbon emission goal by **2060** while the United States and the European Union are aiming for reaching the goal by **2050**.

Other initiatives launched at COP26:

- PM Narendra Modi has also launched the **Initiative for the Resilient Island States (IRIS)** for developing infrastructure of small island nations.
- He has also launched the ambitious '**One Sun, One World, One Grid**' (**OSOWOG**) programme. The program has been launched along with the Green Grids Initiative (GGI) of the UK.
- India has also joined the UK's Glasgow Breakthroughs, an international plan to deliver clean and affordable technology everywhere by 2030.
- The UK has announced to provide an "India Green Guarantee" to the World Bank, to unlock an additional 750 million pounds for green projects across India.
- **Global Methane Pledge** has been launched to reduce methane emissions by **30%** by the year 2030, as compared to 2020 levels. It is a joint effort of the USA and the European Union.

27. **Oxford English Dictionary** has announced '**vax**' as **Word of the Year 2021** after words related to vaccines spiked in frequency this year.

- Words related to vaccines spiked in frequency in 2021 due to the pandemic. Double vaxxes, unvaxxed and anti-vaxxer have all seen a surge in use.

28. The Government of **United Kingdom (UK)** has recently unveiled a new £5 coin to commemorate the life and legacy of Mahatma Gandhi. It has been launched on the occasion of Diwali. It is the **first time** that Gandhi Ji has been commemorated on an official UK coin with the final design chosen by UK Chancellor Rishi Sunak, who is the Master of the Mint.

- It has been designed by Heena Glover and features an image of a Lotus, India's national flower, alongside one of Gandhi's most famous quotes - '**My life is my message**'.

29. China sent world's first Earth-science satellite, **Guangmu-1 or SDGSAT-1** on November 5, 2021 into space from the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center in the northern Shanxi Province.

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Reports & Indices

30. As per the provisional '**State of the Global Climate 2021 report**' released by the *World Meteorological Organization (WMO)*, the past seven years from 2015 to 2021 (1st 9-months) set to be witnessed the Warmest years on record. This increase in temperature is caused mainly due to the increase in atmospheric **Greenhouse Gas (GHG)** concentrations.

31. QS (Quacquarelli Symonds) released **QS Asia University Rankings 2022** featuring 118 Indian Universities following China with 126 universities.

- Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay (42nd regionally) and IIT Delhi (45th regionally) are the **only two Indian institutions** among the Top-50. IIT Madras, which was in 50th place last year, has lost four places and now ranks 54th.

QS Asia University Ranking 2022		
Rank	University/ Institute	Country
1	National University of Singapore	Singapore
2	Peking University	China
3	Nanyang Technological University	Singapore

32. **Beating the Heat: Sustainable Urban Cooling Handbook** report by the **United Nations Environment Programme** (UNEP) indicates that cities will be the hotspots, if global warming continues.
- The temperature increases due to the urban heat island effect by an average of 4 degree Celsius by 2100.
33. In accordance with the report titled '**The State of Climate Ambition**' 2021 released by the **United Nations Development Programme** (UNDP), vulnerable nations are doing most to tackle the climate crisis while the biggest emitters or richer countries are showing slow response towards climate crisis.
34. The digitisation drive and pandemic-induced emergence of the gig economy have led to a faster formalisation of the economy, with the share of the informal sector shrinking to just 15-20 per cent in 2021 from 52.4 per cent in 2018, according to an **SBI Research report**.
- Real GDP was estimated at Rs 135.13 lakh crore in FY21 but lost 7.3 per cent of that in FY22 after the worst economic contraction on record due to the pandemic.
35. NITI Aayog has released a comprehensive report titled '**Health Insurance for India's Missing Middle**'. The report brings out the gaps in health insurance coverage in the Indian population and provides solutions to address the situation.
36. The **United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)** has recently released a report titled "The Adaptation Gap Report 2021: The Gathering Storm" at COP26 in Glasgow, Scotland.
- As per the report, if the world limits warming to **1.5 °C**, many climate risks will remain and will be irreversible. Currently, the warming level is at 1.1°C.

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

37. Apple Inc lost its crown as the world's most valuable public company to **Microsoft Corp**, as the iPhone maker's shares fell about 2 per cent. Apple took a \$6 billion hit to its sales during the fiscal fourth quarter due to persistent global supply chain problems, leading to a miss on Wall Street expectations.
38. The Defence Ministry approved the procurement of arms and military equipment worth **Rs 7,965-crore**, including 12 light utility helicopters from **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited**, according to an official statement.

39. The Ministry of Rural Development has signed an MoU with **Flipkart** to help empower local businesses and self-help groups (SHGs) especially those that are led by women by bringing them into the e-commerce fold.
40. The Asian Development Bank (**ADB**) has approved a **\$61 million (~INR 453 Crore)** loan under '**Agartala City Urban Development Project**' to improve livability, harness technology, and promote new developments to accommodate the expanding population in the city of **Agartala, Tripura**.

BANKING & FINANCE

41. **SEBI** has constituted **IT Projects Advisory Committee** that will advise the markets regulator on projects aimed to utilise advanced technologies such as artificial intelligence, machine learning, data analytics and cloud computing.
- The seven-member committee, headed by **Abhay Karandikar**, a director at IIT Kanpur, will provide guidance to upgrade existing SEBI's IT systems and solutions with the latest IT practices, techniques, tools and technologies, an update available with the regulator showed.
42. Indian Oil Corporation (**IOC**) will invest **Rs. 3,681 crore** in setting up **India's first mega-scale Maleic Anhydride Plant** to manufacture value-added chemical products at its **Panipat** refinery and petroleum complex (PRPC) in Haryana.
- The project is proposed to have a capacity of 120,000 tonnes per annum of Maleic Anhydride (MAH) that is used to make speciality products like polyester resins and surface coatings plasticisers, agrochemicals and lubricant additives.
43. The board of Ujjivan Financial Services has approved the amalgamation of the company with its subsidiary, **Ujjivan Small Finance Bank** (USFB). This decision has been taken to meet the public shareholding norms of SEBI.
44. **Axis Bank** has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (**MoU**) with the Indian Navy to offer a defence service salary package under "**Power Salute**" at **New Delhi**. Through the agreement the bank will provide several benefits to all ranks of Indian Navy veterans and cadets.

45. The Central Government, in consultation with the Reserve Bank of India, has recently announced the Sovereign Gold Bonds (SGB) scheme 2021-22. It will be issued in **four tranches** from October 2021 to March 2022.

Tranche	Date of Subscription	Date of Issuance
2021-22 Series VII	October 25 - 29, 2021	November 02, 2021
2021-22 Series VIII	November 29- December 03, 2021	December 07, 2021
2021-22 Series IX	January 10-14, 2022	January 18, 2022
2021-22 Series X	February 28- March 04, 2022	March 08, 2022

- Ministry of Finance has fixed the nominal value for SGB at **Rs 4,761** per gram of gold with a discount of Rs 50 per gram on the nominal value. Thus, after discount, the issue price of Gold Bond will be **Rs 4, 711** per gram of gold.

46. State Bank of India (SBI) has launched a pre-approved 2-wheeler loan scheme '**SBI Easy Ride**' through its **YONO** platform.

- The scheme will enable eligible SBI customers to avail themselves of end-to-end digital two-wheeler loans through the YONO app.

47. **ICICI Lombard General Insurance** has partnered with Vega Helmets to increase road safety awareness and to promote the habit of protection. Under this partnership, ICICI Lombard will provide a personal accident policy on every online purchase of Vega Helmet.

48. On 2nd November 2021, the Bank of Baroda (BoB) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **NCDEX eMarkets Limited** (NeML). Through this agreement BoB will work as a 'Clearing Bank' and it will handle financial transactions in the NeML marketplace and auction platform.

49. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reviewed and revised the existing **PCA framework** for all Scheduled Commercial Banks (SCBs) excluding Small Finance Banks, Payment Banks and Regional Rural Banks.

- Under the revised framework, Capital, Asset Quality and Leverage will act as the key areas for monitoring. (Capital, Asset quality and Profitability were the key areas for monitoring in 2017's framework).
- The provisions of the revised PCA Framework will be effective from **January 1, 2022**.

50. Bombay stock exchange (BSE) has collaborated with **HDFC Bank** and signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to promote and encourage the Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) and also listing of Start-ups.
51. The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved **HDFC Life Insurance Company** for acquiring 100% shareholding of Exide Life Insurance Limited under **Section 31 (1)** of the Competition Law of 2002.
52. In November 2021, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has appointed **Bandhan Bank** as an "Agency Bank" for undertaking government business.

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AWARDS & RECOGNITION

53. **South African** writer **Damon Galgut** has recently won the prestigious Booker Prize for fiction 2021 for "**The Promise**", a novel about one white family's reckoning with South Africa's racist history. He was previously shortlisted for "The Good Doctor" in 2003 and "In a Strange Room" in 2010, but lost both times.
54. A 28-year old mountaineer **Priyanka Mohite** has been selected by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports for the prestigious '**Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award 2020**' for outstanding contribution in the field of land adventure.
55. Nelson Mandela Nobel Peace Award 2021 has been awarded to **Ajay Sharma**, Managing Director, Moral Group of Companies for his outstanding contributions in the field of entrepreneur's development, creating employment for all, and the government's Atmanirbhar Bharat Mission with Social Responsibilities. It has been awarded by **Nelson Mandela Nobel Peace Award Academy**.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

56. A new book titled "**John Lang: Wanderer of Hindoostan, Slanderer of Hindoostanee, Lawyer for the Ranee**" by **Amit Ranjan** has been released recently.
57. The book titled "**The Story of the First Civilizations: From Mesopotamia to the Aztecs**", by **Subhadra Sen Gupta**, is published under Speaking Tiger's 'Talking Hub' imprint.
- The book informs children about the ancient civilisations from across the world – Mesopotamia, Egypt, Indus Valley, China, Greece, Rome, the Americas and Africa - in a fun manner.
 - The writer passed away due to Covid-19 this year.
58. A book titled "The Sage with Two Horns: Unusual Tales from Mythology" has been authored by **Sudha Murty**. This is the fifth and last book of her 'Unusual Tales from mythology' series featuring kings and queens, gods and goddesses, sages and extraordinary men and women of wisdom.
- The book has been published by **Penguin Random House India** imprint Puffin.
59. A book titled "**Not just cricket: A Reporters Journey**" by **Pradeep Magazine** is going to be released in December 2021. It is published by *HarperCollins Publishers India*.
60. Noted Economist and former Chief Economic Adviser to the Government of India, **Dr. Shankar Acharya** has authored a new book titled "**An Economist at Home and Abroad: A Personal Journey**".
- The book features the professional and personal life of the most accomplished policy economist Dr Shankar Acharya.
61. A new book titled '**The Cinema of Satyajit Ray**' written by the author Bhaskar Chattopadhyay and published by Westland details the life of legendary Indian Filmmaker – 'Satyajit Ray'. The book is divided into two sections, first is about art and second is the artist.
62. Manohar Lal Khattar, Chief Minister (CM) of Haryana has released the book titled "MODERN INDIA: For Civil Services and Other Competitive Examinations" authored by **Poonam Dalal Dahiya**. The book is published by McGraw Hill.

PERSON IN NEWS

63. Former judge of the Supreme Court of India, Justice **Ashok Bhushan** has been appointed as chairperson of the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT). He has replaced Justice Bansi Lal Bhat who served as the acting chairperson of the NCLAT.

- Justice **Ramalingam Sudhakar**, former Chief Justice of Manipur High Court, has been appointed as President of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT).

64. Industry chamber Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) has recently appointed **Arun Chawla** as its new Director-General. He will assume charge with immediate effect.

65. Hurun India and EdelGive have recently released the **EdelGive Hurun India Philanthropy List 2021**. The list has been topped by the founder chairman of WIPRO, **Azim Premji**. He has donated Rs. 9,713 crore during fiscal 2020-21 i.e. Rs 27 crore per day.

- He has been followed by Shiv Nadar, Mukesh Ambani and Kumar Mangalam Birla.

IMPORTANT DAYS

66. **World Vegan Day** is annually observed by vegans across the globe on November 1st to encourage people to follow a vegan lifestyle which is beneficial to one's health as well as good for the environment.

67. India celebrates **Ayurveda Day** every year on the auspicious occasion of Dhanteras. This day has been marked every year since 2016 on the occasion of Dhanwantri Jayanti.

- As this year, Dhanteras fall on November 2, so Ayurveda Day 2021 is being celebrated on November 2, 2021.

68. **International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists (IDEI)** is annually observed across the globe on **2nd November**.

- The day aims to create awareness and to formulate ways to counter the threats of violence and crimes against journalists to protect the freedom of expression for all.
- The **first** ever International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists was observed on **2nd November 2014**.

69. The **International One Health Day** is annually observed across the globe on **3rd November** to create awareness about the need for a **One Health approach** to address the shared health threats at the human-animal-environment interface.

- **3rd November 2021** marks the **6th** One Health Day, a global campaign that highlights the importance of one health approach.

70. **World Tsunami Awareness Day** is observed annually on **5th November** to create awareness among people across the world in matters related to the dangers of tsunami. The day was first observed in **2016**.
- The United Nations has designated 5th November as World Tsunami Awareness Day on **22nd December 2015**. The day aligns with the International Day for Disaster Reduction (October 13) and the seven targets of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030.
71. **International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict** is annually observed across the globe on **November 6th** to create awareness about the damages caused to the environment due to war and armed conflicts.
- The **first** ever International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict was observed on **6th November 2002**.

OBITUARIES

72. The Australian all-rounder **cricketer Alan Keith Davidson** passed away at the age of 92. He was the first player to score 100 runs and take 10 wickets in a single Test match.
73. Eminent **oncologist and Padma Shri awardee Dr M Krishnan Nair**, the founding director of the famed Regional Cancer Centre, died in Thiruvananthapuram following age-related ailments. He was 81.
74. Afghanistan's former Prime Minister Ahmad **Shah Ahmadzai** has passed away at the age of 78.
75. Former Australia all-rounder **Peter Philpott** has died at the age of 86 following a long battle with illness.
76. Renowned Cricket Coach and **Dronacharya Awardee Tarak Sinha** passed away due to cancer at the age of 71 in New Delhi. He was fondly referred to as "Ustad ji" by his disciples.

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77. Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports announced the **National Sports Awards 2021** to recognize and reward excellence in sports. The awardees will receive their awards from the President of India at a specially organized function at the Darbar Hall of Rashtrapati Bhavan on 13th November, 2021.

The National Sports Awards 2021 includes:

- Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award (12 awards)
- Arjuna Award (35 awards)
- Dronacharya Award (10 awards)
- Dhyan Chand Award for Lifetime achievement (5 awards)
- Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar (2 awards)
- Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (MAKA) Trophy (1 award)

78. The Senior **Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) team for deaf** has secured 1st position in 1st World Deaf Judo Championship 2021 organised in Paris Versailles, France from 26-30th October 2021. The championship is organized by the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf (ICSD).

79. The All India Football Federation (AIFF) has approved **Kerala** as the venue for the women's national championship to be held from November 25 to December 9.

80. Hardened by the difficult circumstances of his personal life, young boxer **Akash Kumar** (54kg) has secured India's first medal at the ongoing **AIBA Men's World Championships** by advancing to the semifinals with a superb win over former Olympic silver-medallist Yoel Finol Rivas of Venezuela.

81. The Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) has recently released the list of 18 Cricketers who have been selected for the MCC awards Honorary Life Membership of the Club. The list witnessed the names of 2 former Indian cricketers – **Harbhajan Singh and Javagal Srinath**.

82. Indian Grandmaster **P Iniyan** has emerged winner in the **5th Rujna Zora chess tournament** held with seven points from nine rounds.
83. Former U-19 World Cup-winning captain **Unmukt Chand** is set to become the **first Indian cricketer to play in Australia's Big Bash League** after he signed for Melbourne Renegades for the 2021-2022 season.



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