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NATIONAL AFFAIRS

1. Union Power Minister R K Singh has virtually inaugurated the diversion of Marusudar River of **Pakal Dul Hydro Electric Project** in Kishtwar, J&K.
 - Pakal Dul HE Project (1,000 MW) is being constructed by Chenab Valley Power Projects Pvt Limited (CVPPPL), a joint venture company of National Hydro Electric Power Corporation (NHPC) and Jammu and Kashmir State Power Development Corporation (JKSPDC).
 - *Marusudar River is a major tributary of the **Chenab River**.*
2. In the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, **Army** has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the University of Kashmir enabling the soldiers posted in J&K to seek admission in various courses.
3. Gross Goods and Services Tax (GST) revenue collections in October (for sales in September) rose **23.7 per cent** year-on-year to **Rs 1,30,127 crore**, the second highest revenue collection under GST ever since its rollout in July 2017 and the fourth consecutive month when collections crossed the Rs 1 lakh mark.
4. Delhi Government has launched the '**Shramik Mitra**' scheme for construction workers.
 - Under the scheme, around **800** Shramik Mitras will go door-to-door of all construction workers in the national capital to make them aware of several government schemes in the interest of the workers.
 - These Shramik Mitras will work as District, Ward, and Vidhan Sabha level coordinators.
5. The Karnataka government at the cabinet meeting held 8 November, has decided to rename the 'Mumbai-Karnataka' region as '**Kittur Karnataka**'.
6. Union Minister of State Civil Aviation V.K. Singh has launched *India's first Centre for Excellence in Research on Drone/UAV Technology and Artificial Intelligence* at **Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati**.
7. The Uttar Pradesh cabinet has approved the proposal for implementation of 'Mathrubhumi Yojana' to facilitate individuals or private institutions to contribute in the development of any village.

8. Union Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs & Petroleum and Natural Gas Shri Hardeep S. Puri has unveiled the **statue of Rani Lakshmi Bai** at the Maharani Lakshmi Bai College for Women, Bhiwani Rohilla in Hisar (Haryana) through video conferencing.
9. The government has constituted a committee for the determination of **Remission of Duties and Taxes on Export Products (RoDTEP)** rates for exports from special economic zones (SEZs) and export-oriented units (EOUs), as these sectors were left out in the earlier exercise, according to the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT).
 - The member committee is chaired by former secretary **G K Pillai**, former CBEC member **Y G Parande** and former customs member **Gautam Ray**.
10. The state of **Meghalaya** has recently observed the '**Wangala**', the festival of **100 drums**. It is an annual post-harvest festival of the **Garos tribes** of North-East India. Generally, it is celebrated in the second week of November every year.
11. Ministry of Tourism in its ongoing effort to strengthen the Hospitality & Tourism Industry has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (**IRCTC**).

STATES AFFAIRS

12. Bamboo and Cane Development Institute (BCDI) of **Tripura** along with North East Centre of Technology Application and Reach (NECTAR) has claimed to have developed the **country's first-ever bamboo made cricket bat** maintaining all the standard protocols used for manufacturing cricket bats.
13. The Punjab Cabinet has approved the '**Punjab Tissue Culture Based Seed Potato Rules-2021**' to develop Punjab as a standard potato seed centre.
 - The centre would further help in achieving the target of agriculture diversification of the state government by increasing the potato acreage with the production of **4 LMT** of potato from 1 lakh hectare.
 - With this decision, Punjab has become the first state in the country to have the facility of tissue culture-based certification, which would further lead to developing the Jalandhar-Kapurthala belt as the export hub of potato.
14. Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma has inaugurated the newly created **Eastern West Khasi Hills district** which will be the **12th** district of the state.

15. An idol of **Maa Annapurna** that was stolen from Varanasi about 100 years ago and later found in Canada recently was handed over to the Uttar Pradesh government.
- The idol will be installed at the **Kashi Vishwanath Temple**. The idol is 17 cm in height and 9 cm in breadth.
16. Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has launched '**Rakshak**' road safety initiative, under which 30,000 first responders will be trained by 300 master trainers across all 30 districts.
17. The Hindu pilgrimage site **Bhadrachalam in Telangana** has been added as one of the destinations in the Ramayana Circuit of the Pilgrim Special Train of IRCTC.
18. The **Maharashtra** government has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Indian arm of the USA-based *Rocky Mountain Institute* (RMI) to support adoption of **electric vehicles** (EVs) in Maharashtra.
19. The Gujarat government has launched '**Niramay Gujarat Yojana**' to screen and protect people above 30 years from non-communicable diseases.
- The scheme includes the screening of those above 30 years of age against such diseases at primary health centres and community health centres every Friday — also known as Mamta Divas.

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INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

20. The **Australian Space Agency** has announced plans to send an Australian-made rover to the Moon by as early as 2026, under a deal with NASA. The rover will collect lunar soil containing oxygen, which could eventually be used to support human life in space.
21. Japan has recently launched a small, low-cost **Epsilon-5** rocket carrying **nine satellites** from Uchinoura Space Center in Kagoshima Prefecture to promote educational institutions and companies in space development.
- Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) last launched an Epsilon in January 2019, sending seven satellites into space.

22. India and Israel have signed a pact aimed at spurring innovation and speeding up the development of dual use technologies by small and medium sized firms in both countries.
23. The European Union (EU) and the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) have recently partnered for a low-carbon Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) Management system in Bangalore, Karnataka under Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions (NAMA) Support Project titled '**Waste Solutions for a Circular Economy in India**'.
- The project is funded by the EU and the German Federal Ministry of the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU). It aims to provide technical and financial support to BBMP for setting up new plants and revamping existing Material Recovery Facilities (MRFs), compost facilities, and bio methanation plants.
24. The United States of America has become the **101st member** country to join the **International Solar Alliance** (ISA) to catalyse global energy transition through a solar-led approach.
25. The Indian and Thai navies have begun a three-day coordinated patrol in the Andaman Sea amid growing concern over China's increasing maritime forays into the Indian Ocean region.
26. **Meta** has announced the launch of online resource centre '**Grow Your Business Hub**', for small businesses to help find relevant information, tools, and solutions curated to cater to their business goals.
- The announcement was made at the inaugural edition of the 'Grow Your Business Summit' – an event focused on the growth agenda of India's small and medium businesses (SMB).
27. South Korea has demonstrated a system for controlling **urban air mobility vehicles** (UAM), which it hopes will serve as taxis between major airports and downtown Seoul as soon as 2025, cutting travel time by two-thirds.
28. The International Human Rights Foundation (IHRF) has appointed the **Spaniard Daniel del Valle** as the High Representative for Youth due to his achievements in the thematic area of youth empowerment and youth participation for the United Nations.

REPORTS & INDICES

29. Union Minister for Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal has launched the 3rd edition of the **Logistics Ease across Different States** (LEADS) report, 2021.

- As per the report, **Gujarat** has been adjudged as the Best Performing State while Uttar Pradesh is the top improver. Gujarat occupied the first position, Haryana second while Punjab got the third position as per the report.
- Ladakh, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, and Daman and Diu, Pondicherry, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, and Lakshadweep have not been ranked in the index.
- The first edition of the LEADS Index was released in 2018. The index includes the methodologies to identify the logistics infrastructure and service across India.

Category	Rank	State	Score
States	1	Gujarat	3.66
	2	Haryana	3.52
	3	Punjab	3.51
North-Eastern States and Himalayan UTs	1	Jammu and Kashmir	2.64
	2	Sikkim	2.63
	3	Meghalaya	2.51
UTs	1	Delhi	3.36
	2	Chandigarh	3.06

30. A first of its kind **global drug policy index 2021** that ranks 30 countries drawn from across regions on how humane and health-driven their drug laws and policies are, gives India a score of 46 out of 100 with Norway at the top with 74 and Brazil at the bottom scoring 26. In terms of ranking India is at **18**.

31. UNESCO has included Srinagar city of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir in its coveted list of **Creative Cities Network** (UCCN).

32. The summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir, **Srinagar** has joined the UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN) 2021 under the **Crafts and Folk Arts category**.

Indian cities in the UNESCO's network:

- Chennai (2017) and Varanasi (2015) are included in UNESCO Cities of music.
- Jaipur (2015) is included in UNESCO's city of crafts and folk arts.
- Mumbai (2019) is included in UNESCO city of film.
- Hyderabad (2019) is included in UNESCO City of gastronomy

Note: In 2021, 49 new cities have joined this elite list, the total number of cities in this network stands at **295** from across 90 countries.

33. The World Economic Forum, in its latest research report, has propagated that a Green New Deal for India could represent upwards of a ***\$15 trillion economic opportunity by 2070*** & that it has the potential to create more than 50 million net new jobs.

- In its report Mission 2070: A Green New Deal for a Net Zero India, the WEF in collaboration with Kearney and Observer Research Foundation has said that \$1 trillion of the opportunity can materialise within this decade if 'concerted action' is put in place.

34. India has retained its top 10 spot in the best performing countries for the third year in a row in the **global Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI)** released by Germanwatch on the side-lines of the COP26.

- No country performed well enough in all index categories to achieve an overall very high rating in CCPI, the report noted. As a result, the top three places in the overall ranking remain empty once again.
- **Denmark placed 4th** and is the highest ranked country in CCPI 2022. However, it does not perform well enough to achieve an overall very high rating. Thus **India at the 10th slot** is the seventh best performing country. India maintained its 10th position despite pandemic-hit operational difficulties which saw some regulatory flexibility to put the country's economy back on track.

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35. Google's parent company **Alphabet** has launched a new company that aims to use artificial intelligence for drug discovery.

- The new company, called **Isomorphic Laboratories**, will leverage the success of DeepMind, another Alphabet subsidiary that used AI to predict the 3D structure of a protein directly from its amino acid sequence.

36. Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said the Inland Water Transport (IWT) department has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the **World Bank** for an **Rs 770 crore** loan to improve river transportation in the state.
37. Children-focussed fintech, **Junio**, has launched a smart multipurpose card for pre-teens and teenagers on the RuPay platform.
38. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced its first global hackathon '**HARBINGER 2021 – Innovation for Transformation**' with the theme '**smarter digital payments**'.
39. IBM Corp. has launched a client innovation centre in Mysuru, Karnataka, with support from the **Karnataka Digital Economy Mission** (KDEM) which aims to attract companies to set up operations in cities beyond Bengaluru.
40. Mobile wallet and Buy Now Pay Later (BNPL) fintech company MobiKwik has collaborated with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and **Axis Bank** to launch "MobiKwik RuPay Card".
41. **Jana Small Finance Bank** has recently tied up with all the three existing Trade Receivables Discounting System (TReDS) platforms, namely M1xchange, RXIL, and A.TReDS to support MSMEs.
- This partnership will now provide buyers and suppliers registered on all the TReDS platforms with a variety of options to secure funds by discounting invoices after sale.
42. Retail inflation has inched up to **4.48 percent** in October due to an uptick in food prices, government data showed. The **Consumer Price Index** (CPI) based inflation was at 4.35 per cent in September and 7.61 per cent in October 2020.
- According to the data released by the **National Statistical Office** (NSO), inflation in food basket rose to 0.85 per cent in October, compared to 0.68 per cent in the preceding month.
43. The National High-Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRCL), has signed an MoU with **Japan Railway Track Consultant Co Limited** (JRTC) for the designs of High-Speed Rail (HSR) track works.

44. **Bombay Stock Exchange** (BSE) has collaborated with the All India MSME Association (AIMA MSME) to encourage and promote the listing of MSMEs and startups.
45. **TVS Motor Company** has joined the *United Nations Global Compact*, the world's largest sustainability initiative.
46. State-run **Indian Oil Corporation (IOC)** and **NTPC** have signed an agreement for collaborating on renewable energy.
- This is a first-of-its-kind novel initiative by two leading national energy majors of India, to support the country's commitment to achieving renewable energy targets and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
47. Indian Institute of Technology-Guwahati (IIT) will collaborate with **Oil India Limited (OIL)** on the development and introduction of new technologies energy, and related sectors.
48. **Tata Projects Limited** has received an order for a 400kV double circuit transmission line project valued at around **\$ 120 million** (around ₹900 crores) from the **Power Grid Company of Bangladesh Limited** (PGCB).

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FINANCE & BANKING

49. The **State Bank of India** has recently launched a '**Video life certificate**' facility for pensioners. It will allow pensioners to submit their life certificates via video from their homes. It is important for pensioners and family pensioners to submit their life certificates before November 30 every year to avoid their pensions getting suspended.
50. The finance ministry has given its go ahead to **8.5% rate of interest** on provident fund deposit for 2020-21 paving way for the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation to credit the interest in accounts of over 60 million beneficiaries.

51. **Liberty General Insurance** Ltd has recently partnered with **PhonePe** to offer motor insurance digitally. Under this, Liberty General Insurance will provide a variety of **Motor Insurance policies** to the customers, digitally through the PhonePe App.
52. The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (**NABARD**) has recently collaborated with **ESAF Small Finance Bank** for local economic development in Kerala.
- The bank has launched State Level Local Sustainable Economic Development Training Programme in Kerala. This initiative will benefit **300 Panchayats** across Kerala.
53. The **Reserve Bank of India** (RBI) has recently (November 2021) allowed Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) to invest in debt securities issued by Infrastructure Investment Trusts (InvITs) and Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs).
- Under this, FPIs can acquire debt securities issued by InvITs and REITs under the Medium-Term Framework (MTF) or the **Voluntary Retention Route** (VRR).
54. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed several restrictions on Maharashtra-based **Babaji Date Mahila Sahakari Bank**, including capping withdrawals at **Rs 5,000** for customers, amid deterioration in the lender's financial position.
55. NPCI Bharat BillPay has tied up with **ICICI Prudential Life Insurance** to provide ClickPay to the insurer's customers.
- ICICI Prudential Life Insurance is the first insurance company to offer this facility of ClickPay to its customers empowering them to make renewal premium payments with ease.
56. Aadhar Housing Finance and **UCO Bank** have entered into a co-lending agreement to offer home loans at competitive interest rates.
57. The National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI) has recently launched a '**Digital Payment Gateway**' in partnership with **National Securities Depository Limited** (NSDL) and **PayU** to increase ease of use for NIXI's customers by offering real-time payments, providing uninterrupted services, and ensuring a seamless experience to all stakeholders.
- The National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI) is a non-profit Company incorporated under Section 25 of the India Companies Act, 1956. It was set up in **2003**. The current Chairman is **Ajay Prakash Sawhney**.

58. PGIM India Mutual Fund has announced the launch of *PGIM India Global Select Real Estate Securities Fund of Fund*, an open-ended equity fund of fund scheme investing in PGIM Global Select Real Estate Securities Fund.
- The fund is India's first Global Real Estate Securities Fund. The NFO will open for subscription on November 15, 2021 and will close on November 29, 2021.
59. **Axis Bank** has signed an MoU with the Army Insurance Group (AGI) to offer retail mortgage loans to the Indian Army.
- Through this partnership, it will exclusively offer higher loan amounts as well as the facility to transfer the balance of their loans from AGI to Axis Bank.
60. The Reserve Bank of India has removed restrictions, with immediate effect, imposed on **Diners Club International** regarding on-boarding of fresh domestic customers onto its card network.
61. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched two innovative customer-centric initiatives of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) namely **RBI Retail Direct Scheme** and the **Reserve Bank - Integrated Ombudsman Scheme**.

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RBI Retail Direct Scheme:

A significant milestone in the development of the Government securities (G-sec) market, the Reserve Bank of India-Retail Direct (RBI-RD) Scheme will bring G-secs within easy reach of the common man by simplifying the process of investment.

Under the Scheme, retail individual investors will be able to open a **Retail Direct Gilt (RDG) Account** with the Reserve Bank of India, using an online portal (<https://rbiretaildirect.org.in>). Investments can be made using the following routes:

- a) Primary issuance of government securities: Investors can place bid as per the non-competitive scheme for participation in primary auction of government securities and procedural guidelines for SGB issuance.

- b) Secondary market: Investors can buy and sell government securities on NDS-OM ('Odd Lot' and 'Request for Quotes' segments).

Payments for transactions can be done conveniently using saving bank account through internet-banking or Unified Payments Interface (UPI). Investors can obtain help and other support facilities on the portal itself and also through a toll-free telephone number 1800-267-7955 (10am to 7pm) and email. Investor services include provisions for transaction and balance statements, nomination facility, pledge or lien of securities and gift transactions. No fees will be charged for facilities provided under the scheme.

The Scheme aims to provide a safe, simple, direct and secured platform to investors.

The Reserve Bank - Integrated Ombudsman Scheme, 2021:

The Scheme integrates the existing three Ombudsman schemes of RBI namely, (i) The Banking Ombudsman Scheme, 2006; (ii) The Ombudsman Scheme for Non-Banking Financial Companies, 2018; and (iii) The Ombudsman Scheme for Digital Transactions, 2019.

The Scheme, framed by the Reserve Bank in exercise of the powers conferred on it under Section 35A of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 (10 of 1949), Section 45L of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934 (2 of 1934), and Section 18 of the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007 (51 of 2007), will provide cost-free redress of customer complaints involving deficiency in services rendered by entities regulated by RBI, if not resolved to the satisfaction of the customers or not replied within a period of **30 days** by the regulated entity.

In addition to integrating the three existing schemes, the Scheme also includes under its ambit Non-Scheduled Primary Co-operative Banks with a deposit size of **₹ 50 crore and above**. The Scheme adopts '**One Nation One Ombudsman**' approach by making the RBI Ombudsman mechanism jurisdiction neutral.

Some of the salient features of the Scheme are:

- 1) It will no longer be necessary for a complainant to identify under which scheme he/she should file complaint with the Ombudsman.
- 2) The Scheme defines 'deficiency in service' as the ground for filing a complaint, with a specified list of exclusions. Therefore, the complaints would no longer be rejected simply on account of "not covered under the grounds listed in the scheme".
- 3) The Scheme has done away with the jurisdiction of each ombudsman office.

- 4) A Centralised Receipt and Processing Centre has been set up at RBI, Chandigarh for receipt and initial processing of physical and email complaints in any language.
- 5) The responsibility of representing the Regulated Entity and furnishing information in respect of complaints filed by customers against the Regulated Entity would be that of the Principal Nodal Officer in the rank of a General Manager in a Public Sector Bank or equivalent.
- 6) The Regulated Entity will not have the right to appeal in cases where an Award is issued by the ombudsman against it for not furnishing satisfactory and timely information/documents.

The Executive Director-in charge of Consumer Education and Protection Department of RBI would be the Appellate Authority under the Scheme.

Complaints can continue to be filed online on <https://cms.rbi.org.in>. Complaints can also be filed through the dedicated e-mail or sent in physical mode to the 'Centralised Receipt and Processing Centre' set up at Reserve Bank of India, 4th Floor, Sector 17, Chandigarh - 160017 in the format. Additionally, a Contact Centre with a toll-free number – 14448 (9:30 am to 5:15 pm) – is also being operationalised in Hindi, English and in eight regional languages to begin with and will be expanded to cover other Indian languages in due course. The Contact Centre will provide information/clarifications regarding the alternate grievance redress mechanism of RBI and to guide complainants in filing of a complaint.

- 62) In a first-of-its-kind initiative by a brokerage in India, Geojit Financial has launched a platform for Non-Resident External (NRE) and Non-Resident Ordinary (NRO) categories of investors to open online trading and demat account services through **Central Depository Services Ltd** (CDSL).
- 63) Fintech Company Niyo, in association with **SBM Bank India** and **Visa**, now offers a digital savings account with Niyo Global.
- 64) BharatPe has announced the launch of **Merchant Shareholding Program** (MSP) for its merchant partners.
 - The company will be rolling out this program to its 7.5 million+ existing merchant partners and extend this to new merchants who join it.

- 65) SEBI has amended rules to introduce **silver exchange traded funds**, a move that will expand the options available for investing in commodities through stock exchanges.
- Currently, Indian mutual funds are allowed to launch ETFs (**Exchange Traded Funds**) tracking gold.
- 66) **Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance** has entered into a tripartite partnership with the India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) and the Department of Posts (DoP), launching two insurance products to tap the vast rural customers across the country.
- 67) **HDFC Bank** has announced its integration with the government's National Agriculture Market (eNAM) to enable digital collections and settlement of funds to various e-NAM beneficiaries.
- 68) The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed several restrictions on **Laxmi Cooperative Bank Ltd, Solapur**, including **Rs 1,000** cap on withdrawals for customers, due to deterioration in its financial position.

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- 69) Maharashtra-based mountaineer **Priyanka Mohite** will be bestowed with the prestigious '**Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award 2020**' for her outstanding contribution in the field of land adventure.
- 70) Kannada actor Puneeth Rajkumar will be posthumously conferred the **Basavashree award 2021** by the Bruhanmutt.
- 71) The President of India has recently presented the Padma Awards to **119 recipients** for the year 2020 at Rashtrapati Bhavan. It consists of 7 Padma Vibhushans, 10 Padma Bhushans, and 102 Padma Shri awards.

Padma Vibhushan 2020			
S. No.	Name	Field	State/Country
1.	Shinzo Abe	Public Affairs	Japan
2.	S. P. Balasubramaniam (Posthumous)	Art	Tamil Nadu
3.	Dr. Belle Monappa Hegde	Medicine	Karnataka
4.	Narinder Singh Kapany (Posthumous)	Science and Engineering	USA
5.	Maulana Wahiduddin Khan	Others-Spiritualism	Delhi
6.	B. B. Lal	Others-Archaeology	Delhi
7.	Sudarshan Sahoo	Art	Odisha

Padma Bhushan 2020			
S. No.	Name	Field	State/Country
1.	Krishna Nair Shantakumari Chithra	Art	Kerala
2.	Tarun Gogoi (Posthumous)	Public Affairs	Assam
3.	Chandrashekhar Kambara	Literature and Education	Karnataka
4.	Sumitra Mahajan	Public Affairs	Madhya Pradesh
5.	Nripendra Misra	Civil Service	Uttar Pradesh
6.	Ram Vilas Paswan (Posthumous)	Public Affairs	Bihar
7.	Keshubhai Patel (Posthumous)	Public Affairs	Gujarat
8.	Kalbe Sadiq (Posthumous)	Others-Spiritualism	Uttar Pradesh
9.	Rajnikant Devidas Shroff	Trade and Industry	Maharashtra
10.	Tarlochan Singh	Public Affairs	Haryana
Padma Shri 2020			

S. No.	Name	Field	State/Country
1.	Gulfam Ahmed	Art	Uttar Pradesh
2.	P. Anitha	Sports	Tamil Nadu
3.	Rama Swamy Annavarapu	Art	Andhra Pradesh
4.	Subbu Arumugam	Art	Tamil Nadu
5.	Prakasarao Asavadi	Literature and Education	Andhra Pradesh
6.	Bhuri Bai	Art	Madhya Pradesh
7.	Radhe Shyam Barle	Art	Chhattisgarh
8.	Dharma Narayan Barma	Literature and Education	West Bengal
9.	Lakhimi Baruah	Social Work	Assam
10.	Biren Kumar Basak	Art	West Bengal
11.	Rajni Bector	Trade and Industry	Punjab
12.	Peter Brook	Art	United Kingdom
13.	Sangkhumi Bualchhuak	Social Work	Mizoram
14.	Gopiram Bargayn Burabhakat	Art	Assam
15.	Bijoya Chakravarty	Public Affairs	Assam
16.	Sujit Chattopadhyay	Literature and Education	West Bengal
17.	Jagdish Chaudhary (Posthumous)	Social Work	Uttar Pradesh
18.	Tsultrim Chonjor	Social Work	Ladakh
19.	Mouma Das	Sports	West Bengal
20.	Srikant Datar	Literature and Education	The U.S.A.
21.	Narayan Debnath	Art	West Bengal
22.	Chutni Devi	Social Work	Jharkhand

23.	Dulari Devi	Art	Bihar
24.	Radhe Devi	Art	Manipur
25.	Shanti Devi	Social Work	Odisha
26.	Wayan Dibia	Art	Indonesia
27.	Dadudan Gadhavi	Literature and Education	Gujarat
28.	Parshuram Atmaram Gangavane	Art	Maharashtra
29.	Jai Bhagwan Goyal	Literature and Education	Haryana
30.	Jagdish Chandra Halder	Literature and Education	West Bengal
31.	Mangal Singh Hazowary	Literature and Education	Assam
32.	Anshu Jamsenpa	Sports	Arunachal Pradesh
33.	Purnamasi Jani	Art	Odisha
34.	Matha B. Manjamma Jogati	Art	Karnataka
35.	Damodaran Kaithapram	Art	Kerala
36.	Namdeo C. Kamble	Literature and Education	Maharashtra
37.	Maheshbhai and Nareshbhai Kanodia (Duo) (Posthumous)	Art	Gujarat
38.	Rajat Kumar Kar	Literature and Education	Odisha
39.	Rangasami Lakshminarayana Kashyap	Literature and Education	Karnataka
40.	Prakash Kaur	Social Work	Punjab

41.	Nicholas Kazanas	Literature and Education	Greece
42.	K. Kesavasamy	Art	Puducherry
43.	Ghulam Rasool Khan	Art	Jammu and Kashmir
44.	Lakha Khan	Art	Rajasthan
45.	Sanjida Khatun	Art	Bangladesh
46.	Vinayak Vishnu Khedekar	Art	Goa
47.	Niru Kumar	Social Work	Delhi
48.	Lajwanti	Art	Punjab
49.	Rattan Lal	Science and Engineering	The U.S.A.
50.	Ali Manikfan	Others-Grassroots Innovation	Lakshadweep
51.	Ramachandra Manjhi	Art	Bihar
52.	Dulal Manki	Art	Assam
53.	Nanadro B Marak	Others-Agriculture	Meghalaya
54.	Rewben Mashangva	Art	Manipur
55.	Chandrakant Mehta	Literature and Education	Gujarat
56.	Rattan Lal Mittal	Medicine	Punjab
57.	Madhavan Nambiar	Sports	Kerala
58.	Shyam Sundar Paliwal	Social Work	Rajasthan
59.	Dr. Chandrakant Sambhaji	Medicine	Delhi
60.	Dr. J. N. Pande (Posthumous)	Medicine	Delhi
61.	Solomon Pappaiah	Literature and Education-Journalism	Tamil Nadu
62.	Pappammal	Others-Agriculture	Tamil Nadu

63.	Krishna Mohan Pathi	Medicine	Odisha
64.	Jaswantiben Jamnadas Popat	Trade and Industry	Maharashtra
65.	Girish Prabhune	Social Work	Maharashtra
66.	Nanda Prusty	Literature and Education	Odisha
67.	K. K. Ramachandra Pulavar	Art	Kerala
68.	Balan Putheri	Literature and Education	Kerala
69.	Birubala Rabha	Social Work	Assam
70.	Kanaka Raju	Art	Telangana
71.	Bombay Jayashri Ramnath	Art	Tamil Nadu
72.	Satyaram Reang	Art	Tripura
73.	Dhananjay Diwakar	Medicine	Kerala
74.	Ashok Kumar Sahu	Medicine	Uttar Pradesh
75.	Dr. Bhupendra Kumar Singh Sanjay	Medicine	Uttarakhand
76.	Sindhutai Sapkal	Social Work	Maharashtra
77.	Chaman Lal Sapru (Posthumous)	Literature and Education	Jammu and Kashmir
78.	Roman Sarmah	Literature and Education- Journalism	Assam
79.	Imran Shah	Literature and Education	Assam
80.	Prem Chandra Sharma	Others- Agriculture	Uttarakhand
81.	Arjun Singh Shekhawat	Literature and Education	Rajasthan
82.	Ram Yatna Shukla	Literature and Education	Uttar Pradesh

83.	Jitender Singh Shunty	Social Work	Delhi
84.	Kartar Paras Ram Singh	Art	Himachal Pradesh
85.	Kartar Singh	Art	Punjab
86.	Dilip Kumar Singh	Medicine	Bihar
87.	Chandra Shekhar Singh	Others- Agriculture	Uttar Pradesh
88.	Sudha Hari Narayan Singh	Sports	Uttar Pradesh
89.	Virender Singh	Sports	Haryana
90.	Mridula Sinha (Posthumous)	Literature and Education	Bihar
91.	K. C. Sivasankar (Posthumous)	Art	Tamil Nadu
92.	Guru Maa Kamali Soren	Social Work	West Bengal
93.	Marachi Subburaman	Social Work	Tamil Nadu
94.	P. Subramanian (Posthumous)	Trade and Industry	Tamil Nadu
95.	Nidumolu Sumathi	Art	Andhra Pradesh
96.	Kapil Tiwari	Literature and Education	Madhya Pradesh
97.	Father Valles (Posthumous)	Literature and Education	Spain
98.	Dr. Thiruvengadam Veeraraghavan (Posthumous)	Medicine	Tamil Nadu
99.	Sridhar Vembu	Trade and Industry	Tamil Nadu
100.	K. Y. Venkatesh	Sports	Karnataka
101.	Usha Yadav	Literature and Education	Uttar Pradesh
102.	Col. Quazi Sajjad Ali Zahir	Public Affairs	Bangladesh

72)The Union ministry of home affairs (MHA) has recognised **Bhattu Kalan police station** of Fatehabad district in Haryana among the top three police stations in India in 2021.

- Also the Gangapur police station in Odisha's Ganjam district has been selected as one of the top three police stations in the country for the current year by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs.

73)Nepal Army Chief General Prabhu Ram Sharma was conferred the honorary rank of General of the Indian Army by President Ram Nath Kovind at a ceremony at the Rashtrapati Bhavan.

74)Sri Lankan great Mahela Jayawardena, former South Africa all-rounder Shaun Pollock and ex England batter Janette Brittin will be inducted into the ICC Hall of Fame before the T20 World Cup final gets underway.

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BOOKS & AUTHORS

75)The Bangla version of the book 'Operation X' about the naval commando operation jointly launched by the Indian Navy and the Mukti Bahini of Bangladesh was launched in Dhaka.

- The book is written by **Capt MNR Samant** and **Sandeep Unnithan**. Bangladesh Minister of Liberation War Affairs AKM Muzammel Haq was the Chief Guest on the occasion.

76)**Aseem Chawla** has announced the release of his new book titled 'Finding a Straight Line between Twists and Turns – An Imperfect, Yet Honest Reflections on the Indian Tax Landscape'.

77)A book titled "**Nehru: The Debates that Defined India**" is co-authored by Tripurdaman Singh and Adeel Hussain.

78)A new book titled "Sunrise over Ayodhya – Nationhood in our Times" has been authored by former union minister and Congress leader **Salman Khurshid**. The book features the Supreme Court verdict on the Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid dispute.

PERSON IN NEWS

- 79) Morinari Watanabe has been re-elected as the President of the International Gymnastics Federation or Fédération Internationale de Gymnastique (FIG) for 3 years. He was first elected FIG president in 2016 for a four-year term.
- 80) India's **Sankalp Gupta** from Nagpur, Maharashtra has recently become the 71st Grandmaster of India by scoring 6.5 points and has finished second in the GM tournament held in Arandjelovac, Serbia. He has lost to Rudik Makrarian of Russia.
- 81) Bandhan Bank has announced Popular Assamese & Bollywood singer **Zubeen Garg** as the brand ambassador for the Bank in Assam.
- 82) Amway India has announced the appointment of Bollywood actor **Amitabh Bachchan** as its brand ambassador.
- He will endorse the brand Amway and the Nutrilite range of products across all platforms, encourage women and youth empowerment through guided entrepreneurship thereby reinforcing Amway's vision of helping people live healthier and better lives.
- 83) Astronaut **Wang Yaping**, a crewmember of China's Shenzhou-13 mission, has become the first woman from the country to walk in space.
- 84) Plaeto, a footwear brand for children, has roped in **Rahul Dravid** as its brand ambassador and mentor. The brand has announced the partnership along with a campaign featuring Dravid.
- 85) After retiring as a Head Coach for Men in Blue, former cricketer **Ravi Shastri** has joined Legends League Cricket (LLC) as commissioner.

OBITUARIES

- 86) Former chancellor of GITAM deemed-to-be University and former vice-chancellor of Andhra University (AU), **Padma Shri Koneru Ramakrishna Rao**, died in Visakhapatnam, after a brief illness. He was 89.

- 87) Former South African president **FW de Klerk** died at his Cape Town home at the age of 85, his organization announced.
- 88) Renowned author Anand Shankar Pandya has passed away at the age of 99.
- 89) **Anand Shankar** was the Former Vice President of Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP).
- 90) Noted historian and Padma Vibhushan awardee **Balwant Moreshwar Purandare**, popularly known as Babasaheb Purandare, died at a Pune hospital after a brief illness. He was 99.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- 91) **International Day of Radiology** is observed annually on 8th November to promote the role of medical imaging in modern healthcare. The day is a joint initiative of the European Society of Radiology (ESR), the Radiological Society of North America (RSNA), and the American College of Radiology (ACR).
- The year 2021 marks the **10th** International Day of Radiology.
 - Theme 2021 - '**Interventional Radiology – Active care for the patient**'
- 92) **National Legal Services Day** is observed annually on 9th November to create awareness for ensuring reasonable fair and justice procedure for all citizens. The day also marks the enactment of the Legal Services Authorities Act 1987.
- The day was first started by the Supreme Court of India in 1995 to provide help and support to poor and weaker sections of society.
- 93) **World Science Day for Peace and Development** is observed annually on 10th November to focus on the important role of science and the need to engage the public widely in debates on emerging scientific issues.
- The year 2021 marks the 20th edition of World Science Day for Peace and Development. Theme 2021- "Building Climate-Ready Communities".
- 94) World Pneumonia Day is observed every year on **November 12** to raise awareness about the disease.

95) **World Urbanism Day**, also known as “World Town Planning Day”, is observed annually on 8th November to recognise and promote the role of planning in creating livable communities.

- The day is organised by the International Society of City and Regional Planners (ISOCARP). The day was founded in 1949 by the late Professor Carlos Maria della Paolera of the University of Buenos Aires.

96) World Usability Day, also known as the Make Things Easier Day, is celebrated on the **second Thursday of November** every year. This year it falls on November 11, 2021.

- The theme for World Usability Day 2021 is “Design of our Online World: Trust, Ethics, and Integrity.”

97) The World Health Organization annually hosts the **World Antibiotic Awareness Week** (WAAW), also known as World Antimicrobial Awareness Week (WHA). WAAW will be observed this year from November 18 to November 24.

98) The Union Cabinet has approved the declaration of 15 November, the birth anniversary of Birsa Munda, as **‘Janjatiya Gaurav Divas’**.

99) **World Diabetes Day** is celebrated every year on November 14 to mark the birthday of Sir Frederick Banting, who discovered the insulin hormone along with Charles Herbert Best in 1922.

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SPORTS

100) Red Bull Racing’s driver **Max Verstappen** of Netherlands has recently won the 2021 Mexican Grand Prix held at the Autódromo Hermanos Rodríguez in Mexico City. He has been followed by Mercedes’s driver Lewis Hamilton and Red Bull Racing’s driver Sergio Pérez.

- 101) **Tata Consultancy Services** (TCS) has joined iconic British racing team Jaguar Racing as title partner, ahead of the 2021/22 ABB FIA Formula E World Championship.
- The team will be known as Jaguar TCS Racing. Tech Mahindra is already active in this space through its Mahindra Formula E racing team.
- 102) Afghanistan leg-spinner **Rashid Khan** has become the youngest bowler to take 400 T20 wickets during his team's crucial Super 12 encounter against New Zealand in Dubai. Rashid has joined an elite list of cricketers as he picked up his 400th wicket in the ongoing New Zealand vs Afghanistan T20 World Cup game.
- 103) Kolkata-based player **Mitrabha Guha** has become India's 72nd chess Grand Master by bagging his third and final GM norm during a tournament in Serbia.
- 104) India will face Australia in the opening match when women's cricket makes its debut at the 2022 Commonwealth Games on July 29 while the final will be played on August 7, the event organisers announced. India will take on Pakistan on July 31.
- 105) **Asif Ali** (Pakistan batter) was selected for the ICC Player of the Month award in men's category.
- In the women's category Ireland all-rounder **Laura Delany** beat teammate Gaby Lewis and Zimbabwe's Mary-Anne Musonda to the women's prize.
- 106) India finished the inaugural ISSF President's Cup with five medals, including two Gold, two Silver and one Bronze. The invitation-only tournament was held at the Wroclaw in Poland, featuring the top-12 shooters in each of the shotgun, pistol and rifle categories.
- 107) The International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the **United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime** (UNODC) have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to further strengthen the cooperation between the two organisations in fighting corruption

and crime in sport.

- 108) **Rohit Sharma** has become the third batter in men's T20 Internationals to score 3000 runs in the T20 World Cup clash against Namibia.
- 109) **Australia** has become the new world champions after beating New Zealand by 8 wickets in the finale of the 2021 ICC T20 World Cup at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium.
- Man of the Match: *Mitchell Marsh*
 - Player of the Tournament: David Warner – *289 runs*.
- 110) Former India batter **VVS Laxman** will be the next head of the National Cricket Academy (NCA), a senior BCCI official confirmed.

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