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Banking & Finance

- Federal Bank is set to launch → credit cards in coming months
- Digital financial services firm Paytm → achieved over 1.2 billion monthly transactions on its platform, driven by growth in offline payments and financial services
- SBI General Insurance and Indian Overseas Bank → bancassurance agreement for distribution of non-life offerings.
- RBI → announced → Fino Payments Bank has been included in the Second Schedule to the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934.
- Bank of India → organised a cricket tournament for AMO Guntur, Zonal Office Vijayawada and AMO Tirupati at Pichukulagunta Grounds in Guntur.
- The Digital Insta Savings Account mobile app of Andhra Pradesh Grameena Vikas Bank (APGVB) and Telangana Grameena Bank (TGB) → launched recently by State Bank of India chairman Dinesh Kumar Khara.
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) → eased the listing norms for large companies, apparently paving the way for the much-awaited mega float of Life Insurance Corporation (LIC).
- The State Bank of India (SBI) Mutual Funds → launched → first overseas offering on 1 March 2021.
- Private sector lender Kotak Mahindra Bank → salary account of the Indian army personnel.
- The World Bank → plans to introduce a \$100-million credit guarantee scheme → boost India's rooftop solar programme → The scheme will allow micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) to avail concessional debt financing for setting up rooftop solar units.
- PNB Housing Finance + Yes Bank → strategic co-lending service that will facilitate retail home loans at competitive rates.
- Axis Securities → 'YIELD' → an online platform to buy and sell bonds as well as debentures in the secondary market.

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- HDFC ERGO General Insurance → introduced Business Kisht Suraksha → a unique cover aimed at protecting the balance sheet of MFIs, financial institutions and banks in the event of a catastrophe or natural disaster.
- IDBI Bank → remove from RBI's Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) framework
- The Reserve Bank of India → asked banks to implement the image-based Cheque Truncation System (CTS) in all branches → by September 30 this year.
- AU Small Finance Bank → raises Rs.600 crore by Qualified Institutions Placement (QIP)
- RBI → imposes Rs.2 crore penalty → SBI for contravention of certain provisions of Section 10 of the Banking Regulation (BR) Act, 1949
- In order to boost rural innovation and entrepreneurship in the agri-businesses → National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (Nabard) → launched Rural Business Incubation Centre (RBIC) in Gujarat.
- The total number of basic bank accounts under Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) → reached 42 crore with a total deposits of Rs.1,39,864 crore as on March 10, 2021.
- Piramal Capital and Housing Finance Ltd (PCHFL), a wholly owned subsidiary of Piramal Enterprises Limited (PEL), → raised Rs.4,050 crore through issuance of long-term, five-year non-convertible debentures (NCDs) in two tranches.
- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman → introduce the National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development Bill, 2021 in the Lok Sabha.
- Private sector lender ICICI Bank → launched an instant EMI facility on its internet banking platform → 'EMI @ Internet Banking', → the facility would allow pre-approved customers to convert high-value transactions up to Rs.5 lakh into easy monthly instalments (EMIs).
- RBI → examine a proposal to merge two or more Urban Cooperative Banks
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) → set up a five-member Standing External Advisory Committee for the purpose of evaluating applications for Universal Banks as well as Small Finance Banks → headed by former RBI Deputy Governor Shyamala Gopinath

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- In the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir → NABARD organized a credit camp in Samba district for the members of Joint Liability Groups (JLGs) → provide collateral free institutional credit support to landless farmers, sharecroppers, oral lessees, small & marginal farmers and other rural poor to take up farm, off-farm and non-farm activities.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) → extended the restriction imposed on scam-hit → Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative (PMC) Bank for a further period of 3 months till June 30, 2021.
- RBI → announces average base rate of 7.81% for Non-Banking Finance Companies (NBFC) and Micro Finance institutes (MFI)

Business & Economy

- Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India, Prof. K. Vijay Raghavan → India is a diverse cultural wonder with our practices and lifestyle being confronted by many environmental challenges.
- Bharat Petroleum Corporation Board (BPCL) → approved sale of its 61.65 percent stake in Numaligarh Refinery for 9,875 crore rupees.
- The gross GST revenue → collected in the month of February → one lakh 13 thousand 143 crore rupees.
- Academy of Fraud Investigations along with Consult Verraton → developed Trayambak → solution to prevent ATM, online banking and PoS (point of sale) frauds → Trayambak will add another layer of security for all ATM, online banking and PoS transactions.
- Cashfree + PayPal → global payment solution
- Bharat Petroleum Corporation Board (BPCL) → approved sale of its 61.65 percent stake in Numaligarh Refinery → 9,875 crore rupees.
- India bags → highest ever FDIs of over 67 bn US dollars → first nine months of current fiscal
- Dr. Kriti Bharti, a rehabilitation psychologist from Jodhpur and managing trustee of Sarathi Trust → inducted into the unique Har-She campaign of world-renowned chocolate company Hershey → International Women's Day.

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- Union Ministry of Women and Child Development → agreement with Invest India in New Delhi → enhance cooperation in the thematic areas of Nutrition, Child Protection and Development, Women Empowerment and convergent capacity building in mission mode.
- Markets regulator Sebi → cancelled the certificate of registration of Sahara India Financial Corporation as a sub-broker → citing its failure to fulfill the “fit and proper” criteria.
- Defence and Aerospace sectors → received foreign direct investment → four thousand 191 crore rupees till January this year.
- The Dharwad-headquartered Karnataka Vikas Grameen Bank (KVGB) → launched the ‘Vikas Asha’ loan scheme for women.
- New mobile app → 'BoSubol' on poll stats → launched for Assembly Elections → launched by The startup - Demokratika
- The wholesale price-based inflation → rose to 4.17 percent to hit 27 month high in February this year.
- Government has decided to sell → 16.12 per cent stake in Tata Communications Limited TCL through an Offer for Sale, OFS.
- Magma HDI General Insurance Company Ltd, the insurance JV of Magma Fincorp Ltd → approved capital raise of up to Rs.250 crore by way of preferential issue to third party investors.
- US → India’s second biggest oil supplier → surpasses Saudi Arabia
- Union Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers D.V. Sadananda Gowda has → Indian chemicals and petrochemicals industry is growing to new heights and an investment of 8 lakh crore rupees is anticipated in the sector by 2025.
- Doodh Duronto special trains → transported seven crore litres of Milk to National Capital, New Delhi in the current financial year 2020-21 → highest ever transportation since its commencement.
- The Income Tax Department → issued over 2 lakh crore rupees worth refunds to more than 2.1 crore taxpayers so far this fiscal → This refunded amount is known as “Income tax refund”
- Minister of State for Finance Anurag Thakur → due to better planning under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the country's economy is witnessing → ‘V’ shaped recovery.

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- India → supplied a second batch of 20 thousand litres of Malathion 95 percent ULV pesticide to Iran → under a Government-to-Government Locust Control Programme.
- The Road, Transport and Highways Ministry → received reports from Indian Computer Emergency Response Team - CERT-In → regarding targeted intrusion activities directed towards Indian Transport sector with possible malicious intentions → The Ministry has advised departments and organizations under the transport sector to strengthen the security posture of their infrastructure.
- Maruti Suzuki India (MSI) → shortlisted three new startups as part of its Mobility and Automobile Innovation Lab (MAIL) programme → Nable IT, Redbot and Sleeve
- Adani Green Energy → buys 50 MW solar power project in Canada's SkyPower Global
- India supplies → two Mobile Harbour Cranes - weighing 100 tons → Iran
- Center report → More than 57,000 lakh rupees disbursed → under Atal Pension Yojana till February 2021
- Government → more than 23 lakh loans → sanctioned to the beneficiaries under the Pradhan Mantri Street Vendors, Atma Nirbhar Nidhi Scheme - PM SVANidhi.
- Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd (BSNL) → launch 4G services
- Manu Kumar Jain, Managing Director of Mi India → one-time hardship bonus → 1,200 of its corporate employees for roughing out a very tough, pandemic-struck year, 2020.
- Fitch Ratings → India's growth → 12.8% for next fiscal
- Union Minister Nitin Gadkari → Bamboo industry in India will be worth Rs. 25 to 30 thousand crore
- Power Grid Corporation of India Limited → established an e-Tendering Portal → PRANIT.
- Jaguar Land Rover (JLR) → launched its first electric car in India—the Jaguar I-PACE → starting price of Rs 1.6 crore.
- Competition Commission of India (CCI) → probe into new privacy policy → WhatsApp
- Biocon Pharma partners with Libbs Farmaceutica → launch generic formulations in Brazil
- Government → received multiple expressions of interest for privatisation → Neelachal Ispat Nigam Ltd (NINL).
- World Bank → India GDP growth → 7.5 to 12.5 per cent for FY2021-22

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National News

- Durga Shanker Mishra, Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs → Launched → City Innovation Exchange (CiX) → Fostering Innovation in Urban Ecosystem
- Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Ministry of Jal Shakti → announced the selection of twelve iconic sites → under Phase IV of Swachh Iconic Places.
- Khadi and Village Industry Commission's e-Market Portal → registered a gross turnover → over one crore 10 lakh rupees in just eight months of its launch.
- Union Minister of Science and Technology Dr. Harsh Vardhan → addressed the National Science Day (NSD) function through video-conferencing → Imphal, Manipur.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi → highlights → take science forward with mantra of 'Lab to Land'
- Consumer Affairs Ministry → launched Mobile App → price monitoring of 22 essential commodities.
- Union Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office Dr. Jitendra Singh → inaugurated the first academic session of MBBS students at Government Medical College, Doda in Jammu division of Jammu and Kashmir for the 2020-21 batch.
- The Land Ports Authority of India (LPAI) → celebrated its 9th Foundation Day → 01 March 2021.
- Consumer Affairs Minister Piyush Goyal → virtually presided the Third Governing Council Meeting of the Bureau of Indian Standards.
- Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari → launched the Real-Time Monitoring System of Toll Plazas → New Delhi.
- Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry → launched the field assessment of Swachh Survekshan -2021 at a web event in New Delhi → This will be the sixth edition of the annual cleanliness survey.
- Minister for Social justice and Empowerment Thaawarchand Gehlot → virtually launch "Sugamya Bharat App" and a handbook entitled "Access - The Photo Digest" → Sugamya Bharat App is a means for sensitising and enhancing accessibility.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi → inaugurate Maritime India Summit-2021 through video conferencing → Denmark is the partner country for the three-day summit.

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- On World Wildlife Day 3rd March → Prime Minister Narendra Modi → saluted all those working towards wildlife protection.
- India → send a consignment of 1,000 metric tonnes of rice and 100,000 tablets of Hydroxychloroquine → drought-hit Madagascar.
- Union Cabinet → apprised of the signing of MoU between India, French Republic → field of renewable energy cooperation
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi → address the inaugural session on 'Harnessing Education, Research and Skill Development for an Atmanirbhar Bharat' → Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank will address valedictory session.
- Union Minister of Education Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' → released the study material of Indian Knowledge Tradition courses of National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) in Noida, Uttar Pradesh.
- Government → comprehensive amendments to the Insurance Ombudsman Rules, 2017 → improve the working of the Insurance Ombudsman mechanism to facilitate resolution of complaints regarding deficiencies in insurance services in a timely, cost-effective and impartial manner.
- The 'Made in India' optical spectrograph → named Aries-Devasthal Faint Object Spectrograph & Camera (ADFOSC) → indigenously designed and developed by Aryabhata Research Institute of observational sciences (ARIES), Nainital.
- Union Minister Nitin Gadkari → announced that the Nag River Pollution Abatement Project has been approved at a cost of over Rs 2,117 crore.
- Wipro + World Economic Forum's (WEF) → 'Partnering for Racial Justice in Business' initiative to promote a culture of diversity, inclusion, equity and justice for people of all racial backgrounds in the workplace.
- Information and Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar → meeting with representatives of Over the Top, OTT industry and explained to them the provisions of the new OTT rules.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi → paid tributes to former Chief Minister of Odisha Biju Patnaik on his 105th Birth Anniversary(5th March).

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- Prime Minister Narendra Modi → virtual summit with his Swedish counterpart Stefan Löfven → This will be the fifth interaction between the two leaders since 2015 discussions on the entire spectrum of the bilateral relations and exchange views on regional and global issues including further strengthening of cooperation in the post-COVID era.
- Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' → announced opening of two new Kendriya Vidyalayas in Karnataka and Punjab.
- A three-day Combined Commanders' Conference will begin → Kevadia in Gujarat → Theaterisation of armed forces, self-reliance in the defence sector and evolving threats in the region will be the focus areas during the three-day annual event → Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will address the top commanders of the Indian Army, Navy and Air Force.
- Indian Medicines Pharmaceutical Corporation Limited (IMPCL) → sell products on the Government e-Market (GeM) portal → The IMPCL and GeM has finalised a deal in this regard and now the Ayurvedic and Unani medicines of IMPCL will figure on the GeM portal to hundreds of government sector buyers.
- PM Modi → inaugurates → 7500th Janaushadhi Kendra at NEIGRIHMS, Shillong
- India Science Research Fellowship (ISRF) 2021 → Announced → 40 Scholars From Six Countries Awarded
- The National Committee set up to commemorate 75 years of India's Independence → hold its first meeting to discuss modalities relating to preparatory activities → The 259 member committee headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi will meet virtually.
- Textiles Minister Smriti Irani → India will be fully Aatmanirbhar in Silk production in the next two years → Addressing the National level programme on convergence of Agro-Sericulture and eradication of Thigh reeling in New Delhi, Mrs Irani said that raw silk production in the country has increased 35 per cent in the last six years.
- Indian Railway → integrated all railway help lines into single number → 139 → Rail Madad Helpline for quick grievance redressal and enquiry during the journey.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi → inaugurate Maitri Setu → between India and Bangladesh through video conferencing.

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- The Cyberabad Police → launched → India's first-ever 'Transgender Community Desk' at the Gachibowli Police Station in Hyderabad.
- FICCI's Overall Business Confidence Index → India Inc's Business Confidence highest in decade → 74.2%
- Bharat Electronics Limited, BEL → paid interim dividend of 140 percent on its paid-up capital to the Government for financial year → 2020-21.
- On the occasion of International Women's Day → Minister of State for External Affairs V Muraleedharan → unveiled two of the Passport Seva Kendras, PSKs to be transformed as All Women PSKs → one at RK Puram, Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi and another at Tripunithura, Cochin, Kerala
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi → lists five pillars - to celebrate 75 years of Independence → These are Freedom Struggle, Ideas at 75, and Achievements at 75, Actions at 75 and Resolve at 75.
- Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology, Sanjay Dhotre → inaugurated the International Conference on Multifunctional Electronic Materials and Processing (MEMP 2021) virtually on the occasion of 30th foundation day of Centre for Materials for Electronics Technology.
- Government → more than 81 percent accounts under Stand up India Scheme and about 68 percent of loan accounts → under MUDRA scheme → belong to women entrepreneurs.
- The Environment, Forest and Climate Change Ministry → total of 122 non attainment cities, NACs have been identified → under the National Clean Air Programme.
- Maharashtra government → various programmes related to Azadi ka Amrut Mahotsav → Chief Minister Uddhav Thackray will flag-off Freedom Heritage walk from August Kranti Maidan in Mumbai.
- Digital News Publishers Association → welcomed → Information Technology (Guidelines for Intermediaries and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules of 2021.
- IT and Communication Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad → Apple's plan to produce I-phone 12 Smartphones in India → create jobs in large numbers.

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- Union Minister for Labour and Employment Santosh Kumar Gangwar → launched the convergence of ESI Scheme with Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana, PM-JAY in 113 districts of Chhatisgarh, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra.
- Govt → disband → claims about Post offices charging Rs. 25 for cash withdrawal
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi → launch the Kindle version of Swami Chidbhananandaji's Bhagavad Gita → address the occasion through virtual mode.
- The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways → announced a new scheme for tourist vehicle operators →
Any tourist vehicle operator may apply for an All India tourist authorization and permit through online mode → It will be issued, after relevant documents are submitted and fees deposited, within 30 days of submission of such applications.
- Union Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank → announced linking of Online Teacher Pupil Registration Management System, OTPRMS certificates with DigiLocker.
- Information and Broadcasting Minister, Prakash Javadekar → inaugurated the exhibition → commemorate 75 years of India's Independence → Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav at six places in the country virtually.
- India's first centralised air-conditioned (AC) railway terminal → Baiyappanahalli in Bengaluru → Named after 'Bharat Ratna Sir M Visvesvaraya' one of the foremost civil engineers → the AC railway terminal is set to become operational soon.
- The Ministry of Women and Child Development → organized a seminar with District Officers from Aspirational Districts and Districts with high rates of crime against women and children.
- Govt → Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) is not being privatized in Lok Sabha
- The Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill 2021 → introduced in the Lok Sabha → Coal Minister Pralhad Joshi introduced the Bill which amends the Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act 1957.
- Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Amendment Bill 2021 → introduced in the Lok Sabha →

Women and Child Development Minister Smriti Irani introduced the Bill that seeks to amend the

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Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015.

- Chemicals and Fertilizer Minister Sadananda Gowda → inaugurate the 11th edition of India Chem-2021.
→ Theme is - “India: Global Manufacturing Hub for Chemicals and Petrochemicals”.
- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs → approved the Revised Cost Estimate of Comprehensive Scheme for Strengthening of Transmission and Distribution of power in Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim → estimated cost of over 9 thousand 129 crore rupees.
- The Union Cabinet → approved a bill to set up Development Finance Institution (DFI) with an initial capital infusion of 20 thousand crore rupees.
- Parliament → passed the Medical Termination of Pregnancy (Amendment) Bill, 2020 → with the Rajya Sabha approving Lok Sabha had passed the bill in March last year → The Bill provides for an outer limit of 24 weeks for medical termination of pregnancy.
- National Telemedicine Service - eSanjeevani → completed 30 lakh consultations → Over 35,000 patients are using this service daily to seek health services.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi → International Conference on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure → Mr. Modi noted that this is an important conference which will deliberate on a subject that is of great concern for the entire humanity.
- Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari → make a statement regarding ‘Vehicles Scrapping Policy’ in both the Houses of Parliament.
- Foreign Affairs Minister of Kuwait Dr. Ahmed Nasser Al-Mohammed Al-Sabah → arrived in New Delhi → two-day visit to India → meet External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar.
- Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla → met Italian Ambassador Vincenzo De Luca and welcomed Italy’s accession to International Solar Alliance → discussed Italy’s G20 Presidency and Vaccine Maitri.
- The Union cabinet → gave its nod to shut down loss-making Handicrafts and Handlooms Export Corp. of India Ltd (HHEC), and to offer voluntary retirement to all its 65 employees.
- US Defence Secretary Lloyd J Austin → arrive in India → meet Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, and other senior dignitaries of the government to discuss deepening the India US Major Defense

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Partnership.

- The Rajya Sabha has passed the Insurance (Amendment) Bill, 2021 → seeks to amend the Insurance Act, 1938 which will increase the limit of foreign investment allowed in Indian insurance companies.
- Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog, and Amazon Web Services → announced new initiatives → strengthen the innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem in India.
- Union Environment and Information & Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar → said that the new Nagar Van Scheme → help in creation of Urban forests in the cities → scheme will also fill the gap between the cities and villages in terms of having their own forest cover → This year's theme is 'Biodiversity'.
- Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare, Science & technology Dr. Harsh Vardhan → inaugurated the new Advanced High Resolution Microscopy Facility at National Agri-Food Biotechnology Institute (NABI) and Unveiled the 4 Star GRIHA Certification of Center of Innovative and Applied Bioprocessing (CIAB) Lab and Admin Building at Mohali in Punjab.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi → virtually launch Jal Shakti Abhiyan → Catch the Rain campaign on the occasion of World Water Day → Theme of the campaign is 'Catch the rain, where it falls, when it falls'.
- The Government of India → launched an ambitious scheme → "Gram Ujala" → high quality energy efficient LED bulbs will be given for just Rs 10 per piece in rural areas.
- Department of Posts → organizing Universal Postal Union 2021 International Letter Writing Competition for Young People in all States of the country through the Postal Circle Offices → The subject for the Competition is "Write a letter to a family member about your experience with COVID-19 → It will be open to school going children up-to the age of 15 years.
- As part of Mission Sagar – IV → Indian Naval Ship Jalashwa → arrived at Port Ehoala, Madagascar → deliver a consignment of one thousand Metric Tonne of rice and one lakh Hydroxychloroquine tablets in response to an appeal made by Madagascar for assistance to deal with natural calamities.
- India → welcomed the initiative → announced by Saudi Arabia for fostering peace in Yemen.

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- Indian Railways → launched a massive drive against smoking and carriage of inflammable material through Railways in the view of incidents of fire resulting in loss of property and danger to life in various Zonal Railways.
- Parliament → passed → Finance Bill, 2021 with the Rajya Sabha returning it to Lok Sabha. With this, Parliament has completed all the budgetary exercise.
- Tax exemption → raised on interest earned on PF contribution from 2.5 lakh to 5 lakh rupees per annum
- National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) → develop world class 'Wayside Amenities' → more than 600 locations
- Civil Aviation minister Hardeep Singh Puri → introduced the Airports Economic Regulatory Authority of India (Amendment) Bill 2021 in the Lok Sabha → encourage development of smaller airports.
- Prime Minister Modi → announced Swarna Jayanti scholarship for youths of Bangladesh → Swarna Jayanti Fellowship is a research fellowship awarded annually → by the Department of Science and Technology of India.
- Hyderabad-based startup, Maithri Aquatech → set up the world's first mobile water from air kiosk and water knowledge centre in the smart city of Visakhapatnam, in Andhra Pradesh.
- Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan → launched 'Tribal TB Initiative' in pursuit of TB Mukht Bharat → He said that the government accords top priority to ensuring Universal Access to free treatment and care for TB across the country.
- A team of four undergraduate students from the Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur (IIT-K) → achieved historic win as they emerged as winners at the CoreNet Global Academic Challenge 6.0, sponsored by Cushman and Wakefield, KI and IA: Interior Architects → It is for the first time that a squad from India has emerged as winners in the CoreNet Global Academic Challenge since the inception of the competition in 2015.
- Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship in association with 9 IIMS → invited applications for Mahatma Gandhi National Fellowship till 27th of this month → fellowship is a two-year blended program consisting of classroom sessions at IIMs and a unique opportunity to

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promote skill planning and development in district economies.

- Public Health Department, Maharashtra and National Health Mission, government of India dedicated → 'Two air conditioned Mobile Medical Vans' to the nation in Jalna district of Maharashtra.
- Prasar Bharati CEO, Shashi Shekhar Vempati → expressed happiness that the public broadcaster-run Direct to Home (DTH) platform DD Free Dish has crossed → 40 million subscribers.
- Inauguration of new building of Bombay High Court in Goa → addresses by Union Minister of Law and Justice Ravi Shankar Prasad
- External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar met Afghanistan President Ashraf Ghani → discussion on the Afghan peace process → Dr Jaishankar and Mr Ghani are in Dushanbe to attend the ninth Heart of Asia-Istanbul Process conference.
- External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar → attend the 9th Ministerial Conference of Heart of Asia - Istanbul Process on Afghanistan at Dushanbe in Tajikistan.
- The new version of Exam Warriors written by Prime Minister Narendra Modi → available with many new mantras for students as well as parents.
- Jal Jeevan Mission → achieved a new milestone of providing over 4 Crore rural households with tap water supply → The mission was announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 15th August, 2019 with the aim to provide tap water supply to every rural home by 2024.
- Union Minister of Education Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' → inaugurated → "Ānandam: The Center for Happiness" virtually on March 30, 2021 at Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu.
- Information and Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar → flagged off DEMU train → from Phaltan to Pune via Lonand through video conferencing.
- Government → operationalised 22 new routes in the last three days → under the UDAN scheme.

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State News

- In the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha who is also the Chancellor of Sher-i-Kashmir University of Agriculture Science and Technology Kashmir (SKUAST-Kashmir) → inaugurated a 2-day long 6th Technology Exhibition cum Seed Sale Mela → theme “Shaping the Future Farming for Better Returns” at Shalimar campus of the University in Srinagar.
- The Union Minister of Health Dr. Harsh Vardhan → arrived in Manipur to attend the National Science Day Celebration to be held at Imphal → inaugurate major healthcare projects taken up at Regional Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS) Imphal.
- In Ladakh, Councillor (Town) LAHDC, Kargil Haji Mohammad Abass Adulpa → inaugurated a Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Kendra at District Hospital, Kargil → celebrate the Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Diwas-2021 → Haji Abass purchased medicine from the centre in which all types of Generic Medicines will be available at lesser price.
- Ladakh villages → Merak and Khakted → get mobile connectivity
- Nagaland → launches its first air cargo services from Dimapur airport Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio officially flagged off the service
- A two-day national seminar on National Education Policy and its Implementation → organised by Makhanlal Chaturvedi National University of Journalism and Communication, Bhopal, NITI Aayog and Bharatiya Shikshan Mandal concluded.
- Newly formed Ladakh and Jammu and Kashmir Union Territories → have a separate cell in National Commission for Women (NCW).
- Karnataka Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa → tweeted that Bengaluru has emerged as the most livable city in India in the Ease of living Survey → conducted by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.
- The Karnataka government → launched the country’s maiden Engineering Research & Development (ER&D) Policy → raise its contribution to the sector in the country to 45% in the next five years → The new policy envisages creation of an additional 50,000 jobs.
- Udaipur Science Centre → inaugurated at Udaipur , Tripura
- Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus Railway Station of Central Railway → first railway station in Maharashtra → awarded with Gold certification as per CII’s Indian Green Building Council (IGBC) ratings.
- The first of its kind in North Kashmir → Community Radio Station with the tagline “Radio Chinar 90.4, Har

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- Dil Ki Dhadkan” was inaugurated → by the Indian Army for the Awam in Mazbugh, Sopore.
- In Meghalaya → the State Government launched the online registration portal for migrant workers under the Meghalaya Identification Registration (Safety and Security) of Migrant Workers Act 2020 → in a function organized by the Labour Department in Shillong.
 - Digital platform → 'Jagrut Tripura' by EasyGov → launched to boost e-governance in Tripura
 - India's biggest Kidney Dialysis Hospital → inaugurated at Balasahib Gurudwara in Delhi → The Guru Harikshan Institute of Medical Sciences and Research Kidney Dialysis Hospital has been opened by Delhi Sikh Gurdwara Management Committee.
 - Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat → announced → Rs 10,000 each for ASHA and Anganwadi volunteers, who had worked during the Covid 19 phase on the occasion of International Women Day → He also announced Rs. 15000 for each of the Mahila Mangal Dal and women self-help groups.
 - Uttar Pradesh government launched → the second phase of Mission Shakti on the occasion of International women's day → milestone in women empowerment.
 - Manipur → Pradhan Mantri Van Dhan Yojana becomes changing factor for lives of tribal women
 - On the occasion of International Women's Day → Himachal Pradesh Police Department → organize 'All Woman Parade' at the historic Ridge Grounds in Shimla, aimed at increasing the strength of women in the police force.
 - The Jammu and Kashmir Administrative Council under the chairmanship of Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha → approved the implementation of high-density plantation scheme in the horticulture sector with the support of National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd (NAFED).
 - Jammu and Kashmir government → approved a proposal → provide interest-free loan up to 2 lakh rupees → the urban homeless economically weaker section beneficiaries under Beneficiary Led Construction (BLC) component of the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U).
 - Covid Tracker helpline → launched in Mumbai
 - Mizoram paired with Bihar → Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat campaign → highlights the age-old tradition of our country - unity in diversity.
 - A tripartite Concession Agreement → signed between the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG), Uttar Pradesh Jal Nigam and GA Infra Private Limited-Lahoti Buildcon Limited → development of Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) for Moradabad → The contract was awarded at a total cost of 99.68 crore rupees.
 - In the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, the Agriculture Department → organized a day-long Kisan

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Mela at the Agriculture Complex in Kupwara district.

- In the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir → the Urban Forest Division Srinagar → organized a programme to observe Chinar Day at Shuhama Campus of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (SKUAST) → where the Chinar saplings were planted within the premises.
- In the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir → a day-long "Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan" programme was held at Budgam → inaugurated by District Development Commissioner Shahbaz Ahmad Mirza and was jointly organized by the Social Welfare Department and District Administration in collaboration with the Department of Health and many NGOs.
- Karnataka Health and Medical Education Minister, Dr. K Sudhakar → informed that the corporate sector is invited to utilize its CSR funds towards upgrading 2500 Primary Health Centres in the state.
- In the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha → initiated the project "Awaam Ki Baat" - a Radio program → by launching its website at Raj Bhavan, Jammu → The half-an-hour long Radio program to be aired every third Sunday of the month (to start from April)
- Giving a fillip to the Indo-Bangla friendship → the Maitri Cycle Rally, organised by BSF → completed its journey and reached its last stop at Silkore border outpost in Mizoram. Director-General of BSF Rakesh Asthana extended greetings to the people of Bangladesh on the occasion → 101th birth anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.
- In Haryana → Government College for Women at Salaheri in Nuh district → renamed as → Shaheed Lieutenant Kiran Shekhawat Government College for Women, Salaheri.
- In Madhya Pradesh → Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar and Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan → launched the Mission Gramodaya in the state → Under the Gramodaya mission, besides providing housing facilities in rural areas, basic and fundamental infrastructure will also be expanded.
- 'Swarnim Vijay Mashaal' → golden jubilee celebrations of the 1971 → stick out 'Akashvani Bhawan' in Kolkata
- Punjab Government → decided to create a robust and integrated technology solution → implement and review the progress of the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) schemes in the state to ensure accountability, transparency, and responsiveness.
- In Kargil → the department of Technical Education and Skill development is organizing Kaushal Mela as part of the skill development programme of the government of India organized → under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY)

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- Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal → inaugurated and dedicated various development projects → worth Rs. 1411 crore to the people of the State through video conference from Chandigarh.
- Bihar → first state to have Ethanol Promotion Policy
- Jal Jeevan Mission → Andaman & Nicobar achieved → 100% Functional Household Tap Connection coverage
- Nagaland Health and Family Welfare Minister S Pangnyu Phom → launched i-Learn → a capacity building and performance tracking application for Community Health Officers, CHOs in the state at his office chamber in Kohima → i-Learn application in partnership with USAID-NISHTHA/Jgpiego
- Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur → virtually launched e-Office, e-Heli Service, e-Aagman and e-Lahaul for Lahaul-Spiti district from Shimla.
- The Union Minister of State (I/C) for Power & New and Renewable Energy, RK Singh → launched the GRAM UJALA programme in Varanasi of Uttar Pradesh → Under this program Convergence Energy Services Limited, CESL, a wholly owned subsidiary of Energy Efficiency Services Limited -EESL, will distribute → high quality LED bulbs, at an affordable cost in rural areas.
- In the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir → Asia's largest Tulip Garden in Srinagar → opened for the general public and tourists.
- Ladakh Lieutenant Governor R K Mathur → inaugurated the first Solar Lift Irrigation Scheme of Kargil Renewable Energy Development Agency (KREDA) at Latoo Village.
- J&K, Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha → e-inaugurated as many as 73 AYUSH Health & Wellness Centres under Ayushman Bharat across the UT.
- In Jammu and Kashmir, Principal Secretary Animal & Sheep Husbandry Department, Naveen Kumar Chaudhary → inaugurated 'Pashudhan Mela' in Kathua.
- The Regional SARAS Fair 2021 → an initiative of Ministry of Rural Development → promote rural products and build capacities of Self Help Groups.
- The Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister, Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy → inaugurated the Kurnool Airport located at Orvakal and named it after the first ever freedom fighter of the country, Uyyalavada Narasimha Reddy, as a tribute to him.
- Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana → registered a landmark achievement with the issuing of ten crore cards to a resident of Bihar → 25 year old Irfan Ali from Gopalganj district has received this card.

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- Union Minister of State for Tourism and Culture (Independent Charge) Prahlad Singh Patel and Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh Shivraj Singh Chouhan → inaugurated the 'Chhatrasal Convention Centre at Khajuraho.
- Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath → inaugurated Shaheed AshfaqUlla Khan Zoological Park in Gorakhpur → This is the first zoo in Purvanchal and the third in the state.
- Under Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat → State of Goa is paired with Jharkhand.
- In the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir → as part of Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav celebrations → a one-day awareness programme for farmers was organized by the Revenue Department at Revenue Training Complex, Jammu.

International News

- Russia → 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
- Global money laundering watchdog → the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) → decided to keep Pakistan on its terrorism financing "grey list".
- External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar → congratulated Foreign Minister of Brazil Ernesto Araújo → successful launch of Amazonia-1 on ISRO's PSLVC51 Mission.
- Lok Sabha TV & Rajya Sabha TV merged → single entity → Sansad TV
- Israel's president → formally received the first-ever ambassador from the United Arab Emirates, following last year's historic agreement between the countries.
- A new passenger train service → between Dhaka and New Jalpaiguri is set to start from 26th of March → marking the 50th Anniversary of the liberation of Bangladesh.
- The UN General Assembly → declared → 2023 as the International Year of Millets → by consensus a resolution sponsored by India and supported by over 70 nations
- SpaceX → successfully tested its Starship SN10 prototype rocket after two recent failed attempts → The rocket prototype was launched to an altitude of 10,000kilometers and then landed back on the ground.
- The Government of Bangladesh → launched its national app portal → bdapps.com → The

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agreement between the ICT division of the government of Bangladesh and the telecom company Robi was signed in Dhaka.

- External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar → spoke to his German counterpart Heiko Maas → 70 years of India-Germany diplomatic relations and the COVID situation and regional issues.
- Bangladesh is observing the → 50th anniversary of the historic speech given by Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in Dhaka on 7th March 1971.
- The United States → announced to offer temporary legal residency to several hundred thousand Venezuelans who fled their country due to economic collapse.
- On part of the 'Swarnim Vijay Varsh' celebration → commemorating 50 years of the 1971 war triumph against Pakistan → Indian Naval Ships Sumedha are scheduled to make the first-ever visit to the historic port town of Mongla in Bangladesh from March 8 to 10.
- Two Indian Naval ships INS Kulish and INS Sumedha with Cmde MV Raju, NM, Naval Officer-in-Charge Andhra Pradesh onboard → given a ceremonial welcome by the Bangladesh navy on their arrival in Mongla.
- Russia → break Twitter services over 'objectionable' content
- Armenian PM Nikol Pashinyan → dismisses → country's Chief of General Staff Onik Gasparyan
- The world's most powerful supercomputer → "Fugaku", developed by Japanese scientific research institute RIKEN and Fujitsu, has been made available for research work.
- Inter Parliamentary Union President Mr. Duarte Pacheco called on Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla and witnessed the proceedings of the Upper House → Mr. Pacheco is on a weeklong visit to India on the invitation of Indian Parliament.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi → will hold a Virtual Summit with Prime Minister of Finland Sanna Marin →
During the Summit, the two leaders will cover the entire spectrum of bilateral relationship and will also exchange views on regional and global issues of mutual interest.
- First shipment of food product → from Bangladesh to India → through Inland Waterways begun

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- The Sixth India-Brazil-South Africa (IBSA) Women's Forum meeting → held virtually → Forum discussed key issues that contribute towards the transformation of women's lives.
- Uber offers → UK drivers minimum wage, pension, holiday pay
- Bangladesh → Ministry of Information → renamed → Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
- Italy → signs International Solar Alliance - ISA Framework Agreement
- India-Bangladesh → made Water Resources Secretary level meeting in Delhi
- Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina → inaugurated the Amar Ekushey book fair in Dhaka.
- PM Modi → gift 'Made in India' vaccines → Jamaica
- World Bank → provide USD 200 million → Bangladesh as financial assistance
- India → participated in the Nowruz festivities at the SCO Secretariat in Beijing → SCO is celebrating 2021 as 'Year of Culture', India showcased performances of Kathak, Yoga, Indian cuisine, artefacts to an audience of more than 500.
- Indian Embassy in Beijing → starts India@75 celebrations
- The Minister of Foreign Affairs of Afghanistan, Mohammed Haneef Atmar → arrived in New Delhi for a three-day visit to discuss ongoing peace process in the war-torn country.
- The US Senate → voted to confirm Indian-American Dr Vivek Murthy → President Biden's Surgeon General → handing the administration one of its top public health officials amid the coronavirus pandemic.
- The visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Bangladesh → special significance in reinforcing the comprehensive strategic partnership between the two countries.
- The Bank of England → unveiled the design of the new GBP 50 banknote → features British scientist and World War II codebreaker Alan Turing.
- India and US → agreed to further India-US economic cooperation on the basis of shared objectives and resolve pending legacy issues through mutual dialogue and discussion.
- Petroleum Minister Dharmendra Pradhan and US Secretary of Energy, Jennifer Granholm → agreed to revamp India-US Strategic Energy Partnership (SEP).
- New Zealand → second country after India to pass Miscarriages Bereavement Leave Law

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Summits & Conferences

- Health Minister Harsh Vardhan → virtually addressed the Global Indian Physicians Congress, organised by the Global Association for Physicians of Indian Origin (GAPIO), through video conference.
- The Union Minister for Science & Technology, Earth Sciences and Health & Family Welfare Dr. Harsh Vardhan → inaugurated the second edition of Global Bio-India-2021 in New Delhi through virtual mode.
- Union health minister, Dr Harsh Vardhan v addresses the inaugural session → TechBharat 2021,
- Minister of Culture and Tourism Prahlad Singh Patel → inaugurated the All-Women's Art Exhibition → 'Akshya Patra' at Rabindra Bhavan Galleries in New Delhi on the occasion of International Women's Day.
- The President of India Shri Ram Nath Kovind → laid the foundation stone for the conservation works of Singorgarh Fort in Singrampur village of Damoh district in Madhya Pradesh → also inaugurated the newly carved Jabalpur Circle of Archaeological Survey of India.
- First historic virtual summit of Quadrilateral leaders → Prime Minister Narendra Modi, President Biden (US), Prime Minister Scott Morrison (Australia) Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga (Japan) addressed the first Quad leaders virtual summit → ensure a free and open Indo-Pacific region and to cooperate on maritime, cyber and economic security, issues vital to the four democracies in the face of challenges from china.
- PM Modi → inaugurate Global Ayurveda Festival Virtually
- Union Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports Shri Kiren Rijju → met the President of Inter Parliamentary Union, (IPU) Duarte Pacheco → discuss cooperation among the international parliamentarians, especially in the field of Youth Affairs and Sports in New Delhi.
- The Sixth India-Brazil-South Africa (IBSA) Women's Forum meeting → held virtually → The Forum discussed key issues that contribute towards the transformation of women's lives
- To Boost Bilateral Cooperation In Research And Development → US India Artificial Intelligence Initiative Launched

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- Dr Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare → addressed the 7th annual summit of NATHEALTH → Focusing on 'Indian Health system expansion in post-COVID era'

Ranks and Indices

- Hurun Global Rich List 2021 → Mukesh Ambani 8th richest in world → Elon Musk at top
- Ease of Living Index → Bengaluru and Shimla among 'Most liveable' cities across country
- QS World University Rankings → 12 Indian Institutions on securing position in top 100 → Harvard University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) both ranked as the best university in the world
- Heritage Foundation → Economic Freedom Index 2021 → India 184 → Singapore ranks First
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- Global Home Price Index Q4 2020 → Property consultant Knight Frank → India Placed at 56th Rank → Turkey Tops
- 2020 World Air Quality Report → New Delhi Ranked as World's most polluted capital city → The topmost polluted city is Xinjiang in China
- Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) REPORT → India's arms imports down by 33% → Largest Importer : Saudi Arabia → Largest Exporters : United States
- In strongest armed forces → India Ranks Fourth → China Tops → Ultimate military strength index"released by defence website Military Direct.
- Global Innovation Policy Centre (GIPC) → India Ranks 40th On International Intellectual Property Index → US Tops
- World Bank → "World Development Report 2021: Data for Better Lives"
- 2020 was Best Year for Wind Industry → Report released by Global Wind Report 2021

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Appointments

- Ligia Noronha → Assistant Secretary-General and Head of the New York Office of the United Nations Environment Programme.
- Vice Admiral R Hari Kumar → Flag Officer Commanding-In-Chief of Western Naval Command.
- Matam Venkata Rao → MD & CEO of Central Bank of India
- Anindya Basu → National Managing Partner of KPMG
- Mr. Jaideep Bhatnagar → Principal Director General, Press Information Bureau
- Manpreet Vohra → High Commissioner to Australia → He is presently the Ambassador of India to Mexico
- Tom Moody → Director of Cricket, Sri Lanka
- Saurabh Mittal → CTO of retail finance business - Piramal
- Susheel Umesh → Chief Commercial Officer of Biocon Biologics
- Kuldiep Singh → Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) director general (DG).
- Mary Kom → Chairperson of the International Boxing Association's (AIBA) champions and veterans committee
- Manpreet Vohra → High Commissioner to Australia
- Rohit Sharma → Brand ambassador of Glenmark Pharma- Candid Powder
- Imran Amin Siddiqui → Executive Director (ED) of Indian Bank
- Shri Shenoy Vishwanath V and Shri K.Ramachandran → ED on the board of Indian Bank.
- Hardeep Singh Brar → National Head of Sales and Marketing of Kia Motors India
- Chirag Gandhi → MD Senior Advisor, Team Head, at Julius Baer India
- Samia Suluhu Hassan → President of Tanzania
- N V Ramanna → Next Chief Justice of India
- Uri Levine → Board Chairman of Zoomcar
- D S Ravindran → Karnataka Bank additional director
- Dr. Randhir Thakur → Head of newly standalone foundry business unit of Intel
- Chitra Nayak → Independent Director of Infosys

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- Hardip Singh Goindi → Chief Operating Officer (COO) of Three Wheels United (TWU)
- Denis Sassou Nguesso → Re-elected president of the Republic of the Congo
- Tarun Bajaj → Revenue Secretary
- Karnataka Major and Medium Water Resources Minister → Ramesh Jarkiholi → resigned
- Bangladesh's first transgender → Tashnuva Anan → appointed as newsreader
- Mallikarjun Kharge → new Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha
- Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare Dr Harsh Vardhan → Chairman of the international body Stop TB Partnership Board.
- Mark Rutte → Netherland Prime Minister
- GoAir → Jeh Wadia → quits MD post
- Afghan President → Ashraf → appoints 2 ministers as angers ruling partner
- SEBI → appointed forensic auditor to Suzlon Energy → carry out forensic audit of its financial statements.
- Shankar Arumugavelu → Seagate Technology's board
- Ex- Jaguar Land Rover (JLR) CEO Ralf Speth → TVS Motor board
- Senior bureaucrat Saurbah Garg → Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI).
- Sanjeev Kumar → Chairman of Airports Authority of India (AAI).
- Atish Chandra → Chairman and Managing Director, Food Corporation of India (FCI).
- T T Srinivasaraghavan, Managing Director, Sundaram Finance Ltd. → Chairman Emeritus, FIDC
- The Board of Directors of A.P. Moller – Maersk has decided to appoint → Chief Technology & Information Officer (CTIO) Navneet Kapoor → Executive Board

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Agreements and MoUs Signed

- Cochin Port and Free Trade Warehousing Zone (FTWZ) → MoU for Cryogenic Warehouse, Aviation Fuel Terminal
- The Visakhapatnam Port Trust (VPT) → MoUs worth about Rs 30,000 crore with port-led industries and government agencies ahead of the Maritime India Summit 2021, which will be held in virtual mode from March 2.
- The Dharwad-headquartered Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank (KVGB) → MoU with Our Food Pvt Ltd, Visakhapatnam, for arranging cost-effective processing units to farmers through the bank loan.
- The Cabinet → Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with France and Fiji → on renewable energy (RE) cooperation, and was signed in January.
- India and the Philippines → agreement to facilitate government-to-government deals on military hardware, including the potential supply of BrahMos cruise missiles.
- The Institute of Company Secretaries of India → memorandum of understanding with the Cochin University of Science and Technology for academic collaboration in which three top students from the School of Legal Studies of the University will be bestowed with the ICSI Signature Gold Award
- India → MoU with Maldives on Cooperation in Sports & Youth Affairs
- Tech Mahindra → Planned to buy 70% stake in Perigord Asset Holdings for around Rs 182 crore
- WE HUB → exclusive incubator for women-led startups → MoU with University of Bolton, based in the UK.
- The Textile Ministry → put its weight behind an early limited Free Trade Deal between India and the UK which, it says, must include tariff reduction for textile and clothing items, resulting in possible gains for the sector, officials have said.
- Power Grid → acquired balance 74% stake in JV Jaypee PowerGrid Rs 351.64 crore.
- Competition Commission of India (CCI) → approved the acquisition of 51 percent stake in Odisha power utility NESCO from Grid Corporation of Odisha (GRIDCO).

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- RISE model of cloud services → HCL Tech partner with SAP
- Cabinet → nod to sign MoC between India & Japan → Water Resources field
- The Union Cabinet → Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Union Public Service Commission (UPSC), India and Independent Administrative Reforms and Civil Services Commission (IARCSC), Afghanistan → strengthen the relationship between IARCSC and UPSC.
- State-owned Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT), & CNB Logitech → ink pact for a digital port-yard ecosystem
- The government → fully exited Tata Communications Ltd by selling its 26.12% stake and has netted Rs 8,846 crore in the process, the department of investment and public asset management (DIPAM).
- To improve air quality of 132 cities under the action plan proposed in the National Clean Air Programme → Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with different stakeholders were signed in the presence of the union environment minister Prakash Javadekar.
- India and Bangladesh → signed 5 MoUs in the fields of → trade, IT and setting up of sports facilities on the concluding day of the 2-day long official visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- Vaccine developers → Bharat Biotech International, Biovet and Sapigen Biologix on March 29 collaborated with CSIR-Indian Institute of Chemical Technology → enhance indigenous vaccines and health care solutions.
- State-run Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL) → buy out the share of its JV (joint venture) partner Shapoorji Pallonji SP Ports Pvt. Ltd (SPPPL) in 5 million metric tonnes per annum (MMTPA) LNG re-gasification terminal at Chhara, Gujarat.
- The Indian Government → sell a 15% stake in Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL) to raise nearly \$103m (Rs7.5bn) → Out of 15% the government would divest 10% equity with a 5% Green Shoe option.
- Edelweiss Infrastructure Yield Plus (EIYP), an alternative investment fund by Edelweiss Alternative Asset Advisors → acquired 74 per cent stake in French energy major, Engie Group's, solar portfolio in India.

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- SpiceJet → signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with New York-based Avenue Capital Group, for financing, acquisition and sale and lease-back of 50 new planes.
- The BPCL → sold its entire 61.5% stake in Numaligarh Refinery (NRL) in Assam to a consortium of Oil India and Engineers India and government of Assam for Rs 9,876 crore.

Sports News

- The Indian trio of Mairaj Ahmed Khan, Angad Vir Singh Bajwa and Gurjoat Khangura → won the bronze medal in men's skeet team event → International Shooting Sport Federation tournament (ISSF) Shotgun World Cup in Cairo.
- India's star wrestler Vinesh Phogat (53kg) → defeated 2017 world champion V Kaladzinskay → win the gold medal at the Outstanding Ukrainian Wrestlers and Coaches Memorial tournament.
- The All India Football Federation → confirmed Odisha as the venue for the 2020-21 edition of the Indian Women's League.
- In Boxing → Deepak Kumar (52kg) → wins the silver medal at the 72nd Strandja Memorial Tournament in Sofia, Bulgaria.
- The Indian Deaf Cricket Association (IDCA) → affiliated and recognized by the Deaf International Cricket Council (DICC) will organize the 2nd ODI National Zone Cricket Championship league for the deaf from March 1 to 5, 2021 → held in New Delhi
- Mumbai City FC → Beat ATK Mohun Bagan → Win 2020-21 ISL League Winners' Shield
- Indian shuttlers Varun Kapur and Malvika Bansod → registered hard-fought wins to clinch the men's and women's singles titles respectively at the 2021 Uganda International in Kampala.
- India captain Kohli → becomes first cricketer to have 100 million followers → Instagram
- India beats England in final Cricket Test match → Qualifies for World Test Championship Final
- India finish with 10 medals including → (1 Gold, 8 Silver and 1 Bronze) → 35th Boxam International held at Castellon, in Spain.
- Vinesh Phogat → continued her golden return to wrestling after she defeated Canada's Diana Weicker 4-0 to win gold medal at Matteo Pellicone Rome Rankings

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- India's premier off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin & England's Tammy Beaumont → declared → ICC Player of the month for February
- BWF Swiss Open 2021 → Men's Singles :Viktor Axelsen (Denmark) beat Kunlavut Vitidsarn (Thailand) → Women's Singles :Carolina Marin (Spain) beat PV Sindhu (India)
- World rapid chess champion → Koneru Humpy has won → BBC Indian Sportswoman-of-the-Year award 2021 → Lifetime Achievement Award 2021 - Anju Bobby George → Emerging Player-of-the-Year award 2021 - young shooter Manu Bhaker
- Tamil Nadu's Bhavani Devi → first-ever fencer from India to qualify for the Olympic Games.
- World class winter sports academy in set up → Gulmarg, Kashmir
- The International Cricket Council (ICC) → imposed eight years ban → former UAE Cricketers Mohammad Naveed and Shaiman Anwar from all cricket, for trying to fix matches during the T20 World Cup qualifiers in 2019.
- India → Host Asian Boxing Championships 2021 From May 21 To 31
- Sprinter → S Dhanalakshmi beat national record holder Dutee Chand → win the women's 100m sprint final in the Federation Cup Senior National Athletics Championships in Patiala.
- The KRL Stadium in Rawalpindi → renamed after former Pakistan speedster Shoaib Akhtar → Cricket authorities in Rawalpindi honoured Akhtar for his services to Pakistan Cricket for years.
- Former Ireland Skipper → Gary Wilson → announces retirement from international cricket
- Mumbai captain → Prithvi Shaw → first player to breach the 800-run mark in a single edition of the Vijay Hazare Trophy.
- The Sports Ministry → decided → extend the Khelo India scheme for a period of five years, from 2021-22 to 2025-26. → An amount of Rs. 8750 crore has been estimated as financial implication of the new Khelo India Scheme (2021-22 to 2025-26) by the Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC).
- Road Safety World Series T-20 → India Legends beat Sri Lanka Legends to win 2020-21 → held at Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh International Stadium in Raipur, Chhattisgarh.
- All England Badminton C'ships → Japan's Nozomi Okuhara clinches Women's title → Malaysia's Lee Zii Jia wins Men's title

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- Girl Gang → track by New Zealand singer Gin Wigmore → announced as the official song of the 2022 ICC Women's World Cup to be hosted in New Zealand from March 4 to April 3, 2022.
- India captain Virat Kohli → moves to 4th position → Rohit Sharma to 14th → ICC T20 Player rankings
- India → ended the 2021 World Shooting Para Sport competitions with → seven medals → It was held at Al Ain in UAE from 15 to 25 March 2021 → India finished in third place with two gold medals, one silver and four bronze medals. Ukraine topped with 11 medals (five gold, five silver and one bronze)
- Mumbai, Ahmedabad and Bhubaneswar → host Asian Football Confederation (AFC) Women's Asian Cup 2022
- All-rounder Thisara Perera → first Sri Lankan to hit six sixes from one over → 31-year-old achieved the feat during his unbeaten 13-ball 52 while captaining Sri Lanka Army in a group match against Bloomfield Cricket and Athletic Club.
- India finished at the top of the medals table → 2021 ISSF World Cup New Delhi → held at the Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Range in New Delhi → India Procured 30 medals which included 15 gold, 9 silver and 6 bronze → USA came second with eight medals including four gold, three silver and one bronze.
- Lewis Hamilton → won the 2021 Bahrain Grand Prix → held at Bahrain International Circuit, Sakhir, Bahrain → Lewis Hamilton's 96th Formula one Victory.

Defence News

- Suryakirans, Sarang and Light Combat Aircraft Tejas → participate in an air show in Colombo → 70th-anniversary celebrations of the Sri Lankan Air Force.
- The Indian Air Force (IAF) → participate in the Exercise Desert Flag-VI along with the air forces of the UAE, the US, France, Saudi Arabia, South Korea and Bahrain for the first time.
- The first of its kind in North Kashmir → Community Radio Station with the tagline "Radio Chinar 90.4, Har Dil Ki Dhadkan" was inaugurated by the Indian Army for the Awam in Mazbugh, Sopore.
- Second India - Uzbekistan joint military exercise → DUSTLIK II → Uttarakhand

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- India's third stealth Scorpene-class submarine → INS Karanj → was commissioned into the Indian Navy in Mumbai.
- Indian Navy → extends technical assistance to stranded merchant vessel at sea
- Indian Naval Ship (INS) Jalashwa → reached Port Anjouan in Comoros to deliver 1,000 tonnes of rice as part of the Mission Sagar-IV.
- Indian Army → de-commissioned two of its longest serving Artillery systems → 130mm M-46 Catapult self-propelled guns → 160mm Tampella mortars.
- Indian Navy → undertook Passage Exercise (PASSEX) with Royal Bahrain Naval Force Corvette Al Muharraq in the Persian Gulf under Operation Sankalp.
- The defence ministry → finalised a contract with Mahindra Defence Systems Ltd (MDSL) to procure → 1,300 light combat vehicles for the Indian Army at a cost of Rs 1,056 crore.
- India, Pakistan, China Could Participate → Pabbi-Antiterror-2021 Military Exercises
- Indian Coast Guard ship 'Vajra' → the sixth offshore patrol vessel → enhance coastal security, was formally commissioned into service → Chief of Defence staff General Bipin Rawat formally unveiled a 'plaque' and the ship's name board 'Vajra' meaning 'Thunderbolt' at the Chennai Port Trust.
- In the first → the navies of India and Madagascar conducted joint patrolling of Madagascar's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) and also conducted a Passage Exercise (PASSEX).
- Indian Navy Participate → French Naval Exercise in Bay of Bengal with QUAD member Countries → (Australia, Japan and the US)

Awards & Honours

- Chadwick Boseman → Golden Globe for Best Actor in a Motion Picture, Drama.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi → CERAWEEK global energy and environment leadership award
- Sreekumaran Thampi → M K Arjunan Master award
- Mohankrishna Bohara → 30th Bihari Puraskar for 2020
- Tata Nexon EV → Green Car award
- Hyundai i20 → 2021 Indian car of the year award (ICOTY).

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- Hindu Group → two golds and two silvers at WAN IFRA's South Asian Digital Media Awards, culminating in being named → 'Champion Publisher of the Year
- Nomadland and the Crown → 26th Annual Critics' Choice Awards
- Koneru Humpy → BBC India Sportswoman of the Year award for 2020
- Deepika Padukone → 2021 Young Global Leaders List by World Economic Forum
- Mani Shankar Mukhopadhyay → Sahitya Academy Award
- V Krishna Vadhyar → Kendra Sahitya Akademi Award for Best Children's book
- Bhitarkanika National Park(ODISHA) → Chief Minister's Award for best performance in forest protection through nature tourism on the occasion of World Forestry Day
- Esaf Small Finance Bank → 'Great Place to Work' certification by the Great Place to Work Institute.
- Kerala Agricultural University → Chancellor's Award 2020 in the category of specialised universities.
- Harsh C. Mariwala → EY Entrepreneur of the Year 2020
- DGP Gautam Sawang → SKOCH Award as the best DGP in the country for outstanding performance in policing, public safety and taking up technical reforms in AP Police.
- Mahinder Giri → International Ranger Award
- Capital Region Urban Transport (CRUT) → Cities India Awards-2021 in the Smart SPV/Municipal Corporation category.
- Carmen Maria Machado → Rathbones Folio prize for the year 2021.
- 78th Golden Globes 2021 → American TV series "TheCrown" won the most awards for the ceremony with four awards. → Best Film – Drama: Nomadland → Best Actress – Drama: Andra Day for The United States vs. Billie Holiday → Best Actor – Drama: Chadwick Boseman for Ma Rainey's Black Bottom → Best Director: Chloe Zhao for Nomadland
- Lijo Jose Pellissery's Jallikattu → nominated for the prestigious Motion Picture Sound Editors (MPSE) Golden Reel Awards, which honour various categories in the entertainment sector.
- The Rotary Police Engagement (ROPE) Lifetime Achievement awards → presented to senior police officers in the state who have taken the initiative to modernise and popularise Kerala Police

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- Governor Arif Mohammed Khan presented the awards to State Police Chief Loknath Behera, ADGP and Cyberdome nodal officer Manoj Abraham, ADGP B Sandhya, ADGP (Crime Branch) S K Sreejith, Coastal Security IG P Vijayan, Anti-Terrorist Squad DIG Anoop Kuruvila John, and DIG P Prakash, at a function held at Raj Bhavan.
- 19 women → achievers from different fields were felicitated → 9th edition of Aarya Awards here to mark the International Women's Day → Organised by city-based philanthropic organisation Parichay Foundation, the event was inaugurated by Speaker Surjya Narayan Patro
- Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik → felicitated Cuttack city-based Hazi Ali Producer Group, which was adjudged as the → best SHG for its outstanding contribution towards mask making during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- World Economic Forum's (WEF) → ReNew Power → named as Global Lighthouse Network
- Topgallant Media honoured → Rajan Eye Care Hospital with two awards → Rajan Eye Care won the Most Trusted Eyecare Hospital of the Year → Prof Dr Mohan Rajan was awarded the Healthcare Personality of the Year Ophthalmology.
- The winner of 67th National Film Awards was announced → 22 March 2021 in New Delhi → honour the best of Indian cinema in 2019.
- Chloe Zhao's "Nomadland" → received a major boost ahead of the Oscars as the movie bagged the → top prize at the 2021 Producers Guild Awards.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi handed over the Gandhi Peace Prize 2020 → Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rehman's younger daughter → Sheikh Rehana
- The Maharashtra Government → named → legendary singer Asha Bhosle for the Maharashtra Bhushan Award, the highest honour presented by the government of Maharashtra.
- Hyderabad → bagged three awards in different categories at the 2021 International Exhibition and 6th Smart Cities India Expo held during March 24-26 in New Delhi.
- 66th Filmfare Awards → Anubhav Sinha's 'Thappad' recording the most wins with seven awards, followed by 'Gulabo Sitabo', winning six, both emerging as big winners.

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Science & Technology

- Indian Space Research Organisation's (ISRO) → first mission of the year, the country's polar rocket successfully launched → Brazilian satellite Amazonia-1 and 18 other satellites from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Andhra Pradesh's Sriharikota.
- The third and final edition of the Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav 2021 in West Bengal → organized by the Ministry of Culture, Government of India at Murshidabad, West Bengal.
- China and Russia → build a lunar research station, on the moon's surface → marking the start of a new era in space cooperation between the two countries.
- The Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir → Celebrates the festival of Shivratri 'Herath'.
- Union Culture Minister Prahlad Singh Patel → inaugurated Digitisation of 4 crore 50 lakh pages of Records and Exhibition on Mahatma Gandhi & the Non-Cooperation Movement → On the occasion of 131st foundation day of the National Archives of India Mr. Patel launched the process of digitisation
- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) → launched a sounding rocket (RH-560) from Andhra Pradesh's Sriharikota-based Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC).
- Researchers at Japan's RIKEN institute → announced Fugaku is fully operational and ready to prove itself as the world's most powerful supercomputer.
- A newly discovered → Hemiandrus jacinda cricket has been named after New Zealand's prime minister → Jacinda Ardern, making it the fourth insect to be named in her honour → Steven Trewick, the scientist named and formally described the insect.
- National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), the umbrella entity for digital payments in India → launched UPI-Help on BHIM UPI.
- HP → made its first ever consumer PC using plastic waste in the ocean, a move that builds on the company's sustainability commitment → Newly launched Pavilion 13, Pavilion 14, and Pavilion 15 Laptops were manufactured using ocean-bound plastics.

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- The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) → launched a new online certificate course on 5G technology → conducted by the National Telecommunications Institute for Policy Research, Innovation and Training (NTIPRIT) which is the training institute of DoT.
- A team of botanists → rattlepod species *Crotalaria lamelliformis* → in Sadasivakona grove area of Chittoor district in Andhra Pradesh.
- CAIT → launched a vendor onboarding mobile app → upcoming e-commerce portal 'Bharat e Market' → The app will allow businesses and service providers to register on the portal and create their own "e-dukaan".
- Samsung Electronics → innovation lab at Delhi Technological University (DTU) → promote joint research and training on domains such as artificial intelligence, machine learning and computer vision → under #PoweringDigitalIndia vision.
- Kalyani Rafael Advanced Systems (KRAS) → rolled out its first batch of Medium Range Surface to Air Missile (MRSAM) → It is for the Indian Army and the Air Force from its facility located near the Hyderabad international airport.
- Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and National Institute of Technology (NIT), Rourkela → signed an MoU for setting up a Space Technology Incubation Centre (S-TIC) at NIT Rourkela.
- Government → encouraging private players to host apps, is equally keen to develop and strengthen its own mobile app store. India's first indigenously developed Appstore, 'Mobile Seva Appstore'
- A central PSU under Ministry of Power, Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID) → established an e-Tendering Portal → PRANIT → lead to less paperwork and ease of operation, making the tendering process more transparent.
- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) → Demonstrate - India's First Free-Space Quantum Communication → Over 300 Metres
- Russian space agency → 'Roscosmos' successfully launched 38 foreign satellites into orbit, onboard Soyuz-2.1a carrier rocket from the Baikonur cosmodrome in Kazakhstan → The rocket will place in orbit 38 satellites and it belongs to 18 countries, including South Korea, Japan, Canada, Saudi Arabia, Germany, Italy and Brazil.

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- Pune-based Agharkar Research Institute (ARI) → named the new species found in the Mula river as *Epithemia agharkarii* → honour of the institute's founder-director SP Agharka.
- Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman → virtually launched Central Scrutiny Centre (CSC) and Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority's (IEPFA) Mobile App → leverage digital solutions → The two tech-enabled initiatives have been launched by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- North Korea → fires 2 ballistic missiles into Sea of Japan
- African forest elephant is listed as → Critically Endangered and the African savanna elephant as → Endangered on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species → This is the first time the two species have been assessed separately for the IUCN Red List, following the emergence of new genetic evidence.
- Pakistan conducted a successful test-fired → Shaheen-1A nuclear-capable surface-to-surface ballistic missile → range of 900 kilometers → Jointly designed and developed by the joint venture of National Engineering & Scientific commission (NESCOM) and the National Defence Complex.
- New Bacteria → *Methylobacterium ajmalii* → Found on ISO → named After Indian biodiversity scientist Ajmal Khan → former professor at Annamalai University in Tamil Nadu.
- ITI Limited → India's telecom products manufacturing arm, and Thalamus Irwine, a local startup have come together → develop a technology for storing medical data on blockchain.
- Cochin Shipyard Ltd. → delivers MV 'Sindhu' A 500 pax passengers cum 150 MT Cargo Vessel → built indigenously for Andaman and Nicobar Island.

Books & Authors

- 'Advantage India: The Story of Indian Tennis' → written by Anindya Dutta → Published by bWestland Sport publishes the book.
- The autobiography of 'Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan' (Freedom Fighter) → "The Frontier Gandhi: My Life and Struggle" → English translated by Ahmad Sahibzada → published by the publishing house Roli Book

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- Dynasty to Democracy: The Untold Story of Smriti Irani's Triumph released → book is the English translation of "Amethi Sangram: Aitihāsik Jeet Ankahi Dastan" → written by journalist-author Anant Vijay.
- The Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari → released a digital e-book titled Dawn → Under The Dome → The digital book depicts the history of Mumbai General Post Office building → authored by Post Master General of Mumbai Swati Pandey in collaboration with Orchida Mukherjee.
- Former PepsiCo CEO Indra Nooyi → published → My Life in Full: Work, Family and Our Future
- Hon'ble Vice President of India, Sri M. Venkaiah Naidu → launched → "Bringing Governments and People Closer" → A development practitioner's prescription was launched through virtual mode → authored by Dr. M. Ramachandran, IAS (Retd.)
- My Experiments With Silence → authored by Actor Samir Soni → published by OM Books International in 2021.
- Indians: A Brief History of A Civilization" → Authored by Namit Arora → published by India Viking.
- The American author → Carmen Maria Machado → won the £30,000 Rathbones Folio prize → her memoir In the DreamHouse, which examines the domestic abuse she was subjected to by her ex-girlfriend.
- NAME PLACE ANIMAL THING - Debut book → Daribha Lyndem → Published by Zubaan Publishers Private Limited.

Important Days & Themes

- March 1 → Zero Discrimination Day → Theme: End Inequalities
- March 1 → 45th Civil Accounts Day
- March 1 → Third Jan Aushadhi Diwas
- March 3 → World Hearing Day → Theme: 'Screen, Rehabilitate, Communicate'
- March 3 → World Wildlife Day → Theme: "Forests and Livelihoods: Sustaining People and Planet".
- March 4 → National Safety Day → Theme : Sadak Suraksha (Road Safety).

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- March 4 → National Security Day
- March 4 → 'Chabahar Day'
- March 8 → International Women's Day (IWD) → Theme : 'Women in leadership: Achieving an equal future in a COVID-19 world'.
- March 13 → World Sleep Day
- March 14 → International Day of Mathematics → Theme: "Mathematics for a Better World".
- March 15 → World Consumer Rights Day → Theme: "Tackle Plastic Pollution".
- March 16 → National Vaccination Day
- March 20 → International Day of Happiness → Theme: "Happiness For All, Forever"
- March 20 → World Sparrow Day → Theme: "I LOVE Sparrows"
- March 20 → World Oral Health Day → Theme: Be Proud Of Your Mouth.
- March 21 → International Day of Forests and the Tree → Theme: "Forest restoration: a path to recovery and well-being".
- March 21 → World Poetry Day
- March 21 → International Day of Elimination of Racial Discrimination → 2021 Theme: "Youth standing up against racism".
- March 21 → World Puppetry Day
- March 22 → World Water Day → Theme: "Valuing Water"
- March 23 → World Meteorological Day → Theme: "The Ocean, Our Climate and Weather"
- March 24 → World Tuberculosis Day → Theme: 'The Clock is Ticking'
- March 24 → International Day for Right to the Truth Concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victim → The day aims to pay tribute to those who have devoted their lives to, and lost their lives in, the struggle to promote and protect human rights for all
- March 27 → World Theatre Day
- Last Saturday of the March- March 27 → Earth Hour 2021 → Theme: "Climate Change to Save Earth."
- March 31 → International Day of Drug Checking
- March 31 → International Transgender Day of Visibility

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- March 31 → World Backup Day → It is a day for people to learn about the increasing role of data in our lives and the importance of regular backups

Obituaries

- Nandkumar Singh Chauhan → Bharatiya Janata Party Lok Sabha MP
- M G George Muthoot → Muthoot Group Chairman & Whole Time Director
- N S Lakshminarayana Bhatta → Kannada poet, critic, and translator
- Ishar Singh Deol → Indian athlete
- Anshuman Singh → Rajasthan Governor
- Hamed Bakayoko → Prime Minister of Ivory Coast
- Shrikant Moghe → Marathi actor
- Olivier Dassault → French billionaire MP
- Marvin Hagler → Middleweight world champion
- Laxman Pai → Renowned artist & painter from Goa and Padma Bhushan awardee
- Guru Chemancheri Kunhiraman Nair → Kathakali exponent
- Dilip Gandhi → Former Union Minister and BJP leader
- Lou Ottens → Inventor of the cassette tape
- Barrister Moudud Ahmed → Senior BNP leader
- John Magufuli → Tanzania's President
- G V Ramakrishna → Former chairperson of India's market regulator, SEBI
- Sagar Sarhadi → Bollywood writer and director
- Nawal El Saadawi → Egyptian author Egypt
- Anil Dharker → Journalist and author
- Laxmipriya Mohapatra → Odissi dancer
- Kamalesh Chandra Chakrabarty → Former Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Deputy Governor

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