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Banking & Finance

- ✓ Finance Ministry → to grant additional amount → upto Rs 15,000cr → interest free 50 year loan → to the states as interest free 50 year loan for spending on capital projects
- ✓ SIDBI → launched 2 loan products → named SHWAS (SIDBI assistance to Healthcare sector in War Against Second wave of Covid) and AROG (SIDBI Assistance to MSMEs for Recovery & Organic Growth during Covid) → to funds MSMEs who are working in healthcare sector to deal with second pandemic wave
- ✓ Rabi Sankar → Next RBI Deputy Governor → replaced BP Kanungo
- ✓ RBI → imposed → monetary penalty → Rs 3 crore → on ICICI Bank → for non-compliance with its directions in the matter of shifting of securities from one category to another
- ✓ IDBI Bank → pick up stake in → National Asset Reconstruction Company (NARCL)
- ✓ Airtel Payment Bank → announced → users with savings account deposits of over Rs 1 lakh → to get increased interest rate of 6 pcpa
- ✓ RBI → announced second purchase of government securities → worth Rs 35,000 crore under the G-sec Acquisition Programme (G-SAP 1.0)
- ✓ Accenture → pledged USD 25 million (about Rs 185 crore) → for pandemic relief efforts in India
- ✓ S&P Global Ratings → projected India's GDP growth for FY22 → 9.8% → Earlier it was 11%
- ✓ RBI → provided → Rs 50,000 crore → for healthcare → tenure upto 3 years → banks can give loans under this till 31st Mar 2022
- ✓ RBI → announced → SLTRO → Rs 10,000 crore at repo rate → will remain open till 32nd Oct 2021
- ✓ Cabinet → approved → strategic divestment and transfer of management control → in IDBI Bank Ltd
- ✓ Finance Ministry → released → second monthly instalment of Post Devolution Revenue Deficit Grant → worth Rs 9871 crore for 2020-21 → with this total amount becomes Rs 19,742
- ✓ HDFC Bank and Common Services Centers (CSCs) → launched chatbot 'Eva' on CSC's Digital Seva Portal → to support VLEs in providing banking services for last-mile rural consumers.
- ✓ Federal Bank, → Mashreq Bank of UAE → ink pact → to offer money transfer
- ✓ UN Forecasted → India's economy → to grow at 10.1 per cent in 2022
- ✓ Moody's → India's economy → to be at 9.3% for FY22
- ✓ Jana Small Finance Bank announced → "I choose my number" feature for all its customers → to select their favorite numbers as their savings or current account number
- ✓ South Indian Bank → launched → Video KYC Account Opening

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- ✓ PayPal → introduced → automated process to obtain monthly foreign inward remittance advice (FIRA), → allowing Indian merchants to download their monthly digital FIRA issued by banks.
- ✓ ADB records → USD 3.92 billion loan → to India in 2020
- ✓ World Bank → USD 80.5 million → to Sri Lanka → COVID-19 vaccination drive
- ✓ Amazon → launched → MINI TV → new video streaming service
- ✓ AgNext Applied sciences → launched → AI based services → to test quality of products
- ✓ RBI enabled → mobile wallets can be cash withdrawn → from ATM and PoS Terminal
- ✓ Ministry of Home Affairs → permitted existing Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA) account holders, including NGOs and associations → to open their “FCRA Account” → in the New Delhi Main Branch (NDMB) of the State Bank of India → up to June 30, 2021.
- ✓ IDBI Bank launched → fully digitized loan processing system → offering over 50 products to MSME and agriculture sector.
- ✓ HSBC India → launched → digital platforms → HSBC SmartServe and HSBC IntelliSign” → to offer secure and seamless on-boarding process for corporate clients.
- ✓ Equitas Small Finance Bank → became first Small Finance Bank → to offer its NRI customer segment the ease of account opening online
- ✓ RBI imposed penalty on → City Union Bank of Rs 1 crore → Tamilnad Mercantile Bank of Rs 1 crore → Nutan Nagarik Sahakari Bank, Ahmedabad of Rs 90 lakh → Daimler Financial Services India Private Limited, Pune of Rs 10 lakh
- ✓ World Bank approves → 600 million US Dollars → for two projects in Bangladesh
- ✓ Reserve Bank of India will transfer → Rs 99,122 crore as surplus to the central government → for the nine months ended March 31 (July 2020-March 2021).
- ✓ Aditya Birla Sun Life Insurance (ABSLI), the life insurance subsidiary of Aditya Birla Capital Limited (ABCL) → launched - ABSLI Vision Life Income Plus Plan → guaranteed regular income plus flexible bonus payouts
- ✓ International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) → setup committee to study investment funds.
- ✓ Internet tech giants → Facebook, WhatsApp, and Twitter → could be in trouble → as they are yet to fully comply with the new IT rules announced by the Government in February.
- ✓ Amazon.com Inc → is buying MGM, the fabled US movie studio home → to the James Bond franchise → for 8.45 billion US Dollars.

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- ✓ Blade's Indian launched → Air ambulance services → to help country in the pandemic situation
- ✓ ICICI Bank → linked its digital wallet 'Pockets' → with UPI IDs
- ✓ Barclays → Predicts → India's economic growth for fiscal 2021-22 (FY22) → at 7.7%
- ✓ Banking technology startup Zeta → raised → \$250 million → from Japanese investment major SoftBank → at a valuation of \$1.45 billion → Zeta has become the → 14th Indian startup to cross the valuation of \$1 billion in 2021.
- ✓ National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) → partnered with a → Turkish global payment solutions company PayCore → as a certified partner for RuPay Soft POS → to promote contactless payments in India
- ✓ Indian Broadcasting Foundation (IBF) → renamed as → Indian Broadcasting and Digital Foundation (IBDF) → as it expands its purview to cover digital platforms to bring all digital over-the-top streaming firms under one roof.
- ✓ Canara Bank's board → approved a plan to raise up to → Rs 9,000 crore in the current financial year (FY22) → of which Rs 2,500 crore → will be through a Qualified Institutional Placement (QIP) → to meet regulatory norms and support growth.
- ✓ Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed → Rs.10 crore fine → HDFC Bank Ltd → for selling vehicle-tracking devices to its auto loan customers.
- ✓ YES BANK → announced the implementation of → TransUnion's onboarding solution → to onboard its credit card customers efficiently and quickly
- ✓ Punjab National Bank (PNB) and PNB Housing Finance → signed agreement → to give PNB the right to withdraw their brand name from the mortgage lender.
- ✓ Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative (IFFCO) → launch Nano Urea in the market next month → 500-ml Nano Urea, which costs 240 rupees, is equivalent to 45kg of normal urea
- ✓ Paytm → Plans to Launch \$3-Billion IPO

National

- ✓ Centre released → Rs 8873 crore → as State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) → to all the states released as a support to the states to tackle the COVID-19 crisis and take preventive measures
- ✓ National Film Archive of India (NFAI) → published rich treasure of audio recordings → 8000 minutes of interviews of veteran film artists → to mark 151st birth anniversary of the father of Indian cinema, Dadasaheb Phalke
- ✓ I&B Ministry to organise → year-long centenary celebrations of late Satyajit Ray → the legendary film maker

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- ✓ Foreign Minister Meet of G7 countries → held at London → India represented by External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar → Issues related to Coronavirus and Climate Change were discussed
- ✓ Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari → announced that GOI has set a target → road construction of worth 15 lakh crore rupees in next two years
- ✓ India's PM Narendra Modi → and UK's PM Boris Johnson → participated in virtual summit → to discuss regional and global issues and efforts to deal COVID-19
- ✓ GOI → issued guidelines for → 'Production Linked Incentive Scheme for the Food Processing Industry (PLISFPI) → online portal was also launched → by Minister of Food Processing Industry Narendra Singh Tomar
- ✓ GOI → announced → Remdesivir injection by the name 'COVIPRI' → is fake
- ✓ GOI → obtains → 65% more wheat → in Rabi season
- ✓ Dr S Jaishankar and EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Josep Borrell → reaffirmed commitment → to support Afghanistan towards peace, security, self-reliance and prosperity.
- ✓ Dr S Jaishankar → held meet → Home Secretary Priti Patel → in London → signed the Migration and Mobility Partnership Agreement
- ✓ Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Dharmendra Pradhan → flagged → first supply of UCO → based Biodiesel blended Diesel → from Indian Oil's Tikrikalan Terminal, Delhi.
- ✓ Ministry of Ayush and the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports → tapped into the spirit of International Day of Yoga → encourage the public to pursue Yoga
- ✓ S Jaishankar → meeting → US counterpart Antony Blinken in London → on the sidelines of G-7 Foreign Ministers' meeting. → discussed global Covid challenge
- ✓ Ministry of Labour & Employment → notifies → Section 142 of the Social Security Code, 2020 → this will allow ministry to collect Aadhaar details of beneficiaries under various social security schemes → collect data of migrants and grant them benefits of various schemes
- ✓ Civil Aviation Ministry → granted conditional exemption from Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) Rules, 2021 to 20 entities → this will allow to conduct BVLOS experimental flights of drones
- ✓ 'Stratolaunch Roc' → the world's largest plane → completed test flight → over Southern California Desert
- ✓ Indian Railway → delivered → 2511 MT liquid oxygen to various Indian states → to meet oxygen demand in the pandemic COVID-19

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- ✓ Cabinet → approved → additional food grains → to the beneficiaries of National Food Security Act for two additional months → May and June 2021 → announcement made under 3rd phase of Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana
- ✓ INS Talwar → with 40 tonne liquid oxygen → reached New Mangalore Port Karnataka → it came from Bahrain
- ✓ Minister of State for Finance Anurag Thakur → claimed → 1.5 lakh doses of Sputnik V have previously reached India → Russian Direct Financial commitment Fund partnered with Indian companies to manufacture the same in bulk
- ✓ Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank → donated → Rs 1.5 crore → through Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLAD) fund → in his Lok Sabha Constituency Haridwar → to tackle pandemic situation
- ✓ Anti-Covid-19 therapeutic application of the drug 2-deoxy-D-glucose (2-DG) → developed by DRDO's lab Institute of Nuclear Medicine and Allied Sciences → and Dr Reddy's Laboratories, Hyderabad → the drug got approval from DCGI
- ✓ ESIC → installed → oxygen generation plants at its two hospitals in the Delhi NCR area
- ✓ National Horticulture Board (NHB) → cleared a record 1,278 pending subsidy applications → integrated development of hi-tech commercial horticulture, including promotion of post-harvest.
- ✓ Supreme Court → formed → 12-member task force → ensure medical oxygen supply in the country in a streamlined manner → bench headed by Justice DY Chandrachud
- ✓ Foreign Secretary Harsh V Shringla → welcomed → new US Charge d'Affaires Ambassador Daniel B. Smith → Harsh V Shringla appreciated → support to deal pandemic
- ✓ Indian Railways → delivered nearly 5,735 tonne of oxygen → in over 390 tankers to various states.
- ✓ Indian Navy setup → COVID Care Centre → at Kalinga, Bheemunipatnam.
- ✓ PM CARES Fund → approved procurement → of 1,50,000 units of Oxycare System → developed by the DRDO → at a cost of Rs 322.5 crores
- ✓ Union Cabinet approved → Rs 18,100-crore plan → to incentivize battery makers to manufacture locally → to cut import dependence while giving a boost to electric vehicle (EV) adoption.
- ✓ Cabinet approved → transfer of 1500 square metres of land → belonging to Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) at Mussoorie → to the Uttarakhand for their infrastructure project → namely, 'Aerial Passenger Ropeway System' between Dehradun and Mussoorie

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- ✓ CJI N.V. Ramana launched → an official mobile application → called 'Indicative Notes' → for Journalists to cover proceedings of the apex court.
- ✓ DCGI granted permission for emergency use of anti-COVID-19 therapeutic application → drug 2-deoxy-D-glucose (2-DG) → developed by Institute of Nuclear Medicine and Allied Sciences (INMAS) and Dr. Reddy's Laboratories (DRL), Hyderabad.
- ✓ National Gallery of Modern Art → commenced → month long online summer workshop → NAIMISHA 202 → platform to create and engage with the arts.
- ✓ DRDO developed → 'Oxycare' system for soldiers, → used in high altitude areas where oxygen levels drop → will now be used for Covid patients.
- ✓ MyGov → launched → Innovation Challenge → to create an app → that will enable individuals to learn simple sentences of any Indian language → and acquire working knowledge of a language.
- ✓ GOI decided → to provide free-of-cost food grains → @ 5 Kg per person per month → under "Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana
- ✓ As per GOI → 24% more wheat is procured in → Rabi Season for 2021-22 → compared to last year
- ✓ Johnson and Johnson → joined hands → with Biological E Limited → to manufacture COVID-19 vaccine.
- ✓ ICMR → Approved → CoviSelf kit → for the purpose of home testing of COVID-19.
- ✓ Indian Navy → designed → Oxygen Recycling System (ORS) → to mitigate the current oxygen crisis → concept by Diving School of the Southern Naval Command of the Indian Navy → designed by Lieutenant Commander Mayank Sharma of the Diving School.
- ✓ Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar → launched the project → to setup a honey testing laboratory → at the Indian Agricultural Research Institute, Pusa, and New Delhi
- ✓ Govt revises → subsidy on export of sugar for sugar season 2020-21 → from Rs 6000 to Rs 4000 per metric tonne.
- ✓ Rural Advancement Minister Narendra Singh Tomar → launched → Nationwide Cellular Checking Application, NMMS app → for true time attendance of employees at Mahatma Gandhi NREGA worksites along with geotagged photograph → and also launched Space officer checking Application → to document their conclusions on the internet along with time stamped and geo-coordinate tagged photographs for all the techniques of the Department of Rural Development.
- ✓ DRDO developed → a Covid-19 antibody detection-based kit → called DIPCOVAN.

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- ✓ Ministry of Ayush → organizing various activities→ in the run up to the International Day of Yoga, 2021→among these is a series of five webinars →under the broad theme of “Be with Yoga, Be at Home”.
- ✓ Supreme Court E-committee released →a manual for its free e-courts mobile application in 14 languages →for better reach among litigants and lawyers.
- ✓ External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar→ met UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres in New York → to discuss COVID challenge, and effective global vaccine solutions
- ✓ Union Minister Kiren Rijju → launched Ayush Clinical Case Repository (ACCR) portal and the third version of Ayush Sanjivani App→ portal will serve as a platform to support both Ayush practitioners and general public → Ayush Sanjivani App is developed by the Ministry of AYUSH and the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- ✓ GOI to give assistance of →Rs 1500 →to each Transgender affected by the pandemic
- ✓ ‘FakeBuster’→ to detect imposters attending a virtual conference without anybody’s knowledge. → developed by →IIT Ropar along with Australia based Monash University
- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi→ declared Rs 10 Lakh PM CARES Fund for kids orphaned due to COVID
- ✓ The government launched YUVA → Prime Minister’s Scheme for Mentoring Young Authors→ an author mentorship programme to train 75 selected young and budding authors (below 30 years of age) with an aim to promote reading and writing.
- ✓ The GST Council→headed by the Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and comprises representatives of all states and union territories→exempted levy of I-GST on import of Amphotericin-B, which is used for the treatment of black fungus.

State

- ✓ Madhya Pradesh→granted Rs 61 crore→ to 6 lakh 10 thousand street vendors→ through Direct Benefit Transfer
- ✓ Madhya Pradesh→Corona Warrior Scheme→ gov. to take responsibility of families of health workers who lost their lives while on duty→Rs 50 lakhs support to the family of health workers
- ✓ Left Democratic Front (LDA) → retained power for the second consecutive term in Kerala
- ✓ BJP-led NDA→ retained power for the second consecutive term in Assam
- ✓ Trinamool Congress→ retained power for the third term in West Bengal
- ✓ DMK Leader MK Stalin→appointed as Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu→ replaced Edappadi K. Palaniswami

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- ✓ District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) of J&K → launched 24×7 dedicated Helpline at Covid-19 War Control Room → it will provide real time Covid-19 related facilities → inaugurated by Divisional Commissioner Kashmir Pandurang K Pole
- ✓ J&K → 1200 LPM Oxygen Generation Plant → commissioned at UT's Gov. Hospital, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu
- ✓ Himachal Pradesh → to grant over 2 lakh tap water connection in the state → to achieve Har Ghar Jal target by July next year.
- ✓ Pinarayi Vijayan → CM of Kerala → to form his new government
- ✓ Madhya Pradesh, → transferred 379 crore rupees → to the accounts of 16 thousand 844 beneficiaries → under the Mukhyamantri Jan-Kalyan Sambal scheme
- ✓ Mamata Banerjee → sworn in as CM of West Bengal
- ✓ Nation's first 'Drive in Vaccination Center' → inaugurated by MP Rahul Shewale → Mumbai.
- ✓ Arvind Kejriwal announced → all ration card holders in the National Capital → will be given free ration for the next 2 months.
- ✓ GOI → allowed Telecom Service Providers → to conduct trials for application of 5G Technology
- ✓ Larsen & Toubro (L&T) → deliver → 22 oxygen generators to various hospitals across India
- ✓ MK Stalin → CM of Tamil Nadu → replaced Edappadi K. Palaniswami
- ✓ Madhya Pradesh → launched scheme → to grant free treatment for COVID-19 → for the poor community of the state
- ✓ Haryana → launched Ayurvedic Teel-medicine facility → for COVID-19 patients → Toll free number of the facility is 1075
- ✓ N Rengasamy → CM of Puducherry
- ✓ Ayurvedic Doctors on Call → by Gujarat Unit of Ayurveda Vyaspeeth → under this → Ayurvedic doctors will grant free consultations to COVID patients via phone calls
- ✓ Himachal Pradesh Gov. → launched → Mukhyamantri Sewa Sankap Helpline 1100 → to facilitate people in Shimla about COVID related issues
- ✓ Italian Ambassador to India Vincenzo de Luca → installed an oxygen plant on an oxygen plant. → at ITBP Referral Hosp, Greater Noida
- ✓ ESIC → installed → oxygen generation plants at its two hospitals in the Delhi NCR area
- ✓ Himant Biswa Sarma → sworn in as CM of Assam

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- ✓ CM of Himachal Pradesh Jai Ram Thakur → inaugurated → inaugurated pressure swing adsorption (PSA) oxygen plants → at Dr Radhakrishnan Government Medical College in Hamirpur and Jawahar Lal Nehru Government Medical College in Chamba
- ✓ National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation (NHIDCL) → granted → Four Critical Care Life Support Ambulances → to UT Ladakh
- ✓ GigIndia → will provide free COVID health insurance → to its workers → of up to Rs 3 lakh of medical expenses.
- ✓ Puducherry → become 'Har Ghar Jal' UT → ensuring that every rural home in the gets a household tap connection.
- ✓ Maharashtra Gov → announced → free treatment for Mucormycosis → under the Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Jan Arogya Yojana
- ✓ Supreme Court has appreciated → the 'Mumbai Model' → and asked Delhi and the Centre to take a look at it so that no one in Delhi suffers oxygen shortage
- ✓ Aahaar → a free meal distribution initiative → in Assam → initiative is being taken up by an NGO- Care U 365
- ✓ Himachal Pradesh Government → provide free treatment to COVID patients → under Himcare and Ayushman Bharat schemes in registered private hospitals.
- ✓ 'Black fungal infection' treatment units with operation theatres (OTs) → will be opened in → Bhopal and Jabalpur in Madhya Pradesh
- ✓ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin → announced Rs 25 lakh compensation → to the families of 43 medical professionals who died of Covid-19 while performing duty.
- ✓ Gujarat launched → 'Maru Gam - Corona Mukta Gam' or My Village - Corona Free Village - campaign → to check the spread of Covid-19 in rural areas
- ✓ Residential project - 'Rivali Park', situated in suburban Mumbai → first housing project in the india → have received funding under the government's SWAMIH Fund → managed by the SBICap ventures.
- ✓ GoAir → rebranded itself → as Go First
- ✓ Blue Dart Med-Express Consortium → conducted a mission → as delivery of vaccines and emergency medical supplies to the remotest parts of India using drones.
- ✓ Punjab CM Amarinder Singh → announced → the creation of a new district of Malerkotla → carving the state's only Muslim-majority town from Sangrur district

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- ✓ Himachal Pradesh → AYUSH Division launched → 'AYUSH Ghar Dwar' → for COVID-19 sufferers → in Sloan district → aims to offer a Holistic Healthcare Strategy
- ✓ 16th May → 45th State Day of Sikkim
- ✓ Indian Railways commissions → Wi-Fi at 6,000 Railway stations → in five years.
- ✓ Bihar government launched → 'HIT Covid App' → to ensure regular monitoring and tracking of those Covid-19 patients → who are in home isolation across the state → HIT stands for home isolation tracking
- ✓ Telangana → signed MoU with → National Health Authority → to implement the Ayushman Bharat Scheme (PM Jana Arogya Yojana PM-JAY) in the State
- ✓ Punjab CM Captain Amarinder Singh announced → Rs 10 lakh to every village → that achieves 100 % vaccination target → under 'Corona-Mukt Pind Abhiyan'.
- ✓ 51st edition of virtual Indian Handicrafts and Gift Fair → Delhi → the Home, Fashion, Lifestyle, Textiles and Furniture sector and an exclusive B2B online platform
- ✓ E-Sampark team → provided tele-consultations → to home isolated patients in Assam
- ✓ Noida Traffic Police department → launched auto-rickshaw ambulances → to provide additional support for Covid-19 patients in the city → helpline 9971009001.
- ✓ Hindustan Unilever Limited has rolled out → Mission HO2PE → in Assam → over 5000 oxygen concentrators into India.
- ✓ Doordarshan (DD) → to set up a new international channel → DD International → on the lines of BBC World → to present India's point of view to the world
- ✓ Maharashtra government → launched → "Mission Oxygen Self-Reliance" scheme → to meet the state's oxygen needs.
- ✓ Uttarakhand → Vatsalya Yojana → for orphaned children who have lost their parents due to Covid-19
- ✓ Jharkhand CM Hemant Soren → launched → 'Amrit Vahini' App → to help people to book hospital beds for COVID-19 treatment
- ✓ Madhya Pradesh government → Ankur, a scheme → under which citizens will be awarded for planting trees during monsoon.
- ✓ Jharkhand → first rank → to implement Smart City Mission Scheme
- ✓ Karnataka CM B S Yediyurappa → launched 'Akanksha' portal → which will give details of all CSR activities

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- ✓ Punjab Government → announced to rename the → Mohali International Hockey Stadium after → triple Olympian and Padma Shri Balbir Singh Sr → stadium will now be known as → Olympian Balbir Singh Senior International Hockey Stadium
- ✓ Uttar Pradesh government → extended the → Essential Services Maintenance Act in the state → banning strikes in all departments and corporations under it → for a period of another six months.
- ✓ Chief Minister N Biren Singh → launched → Manipur Home Isolation Management (MHIM) mobile application → for home isolation patients → mobile app is developed by Pentabyte Technologies LLP
- ✓ In Kerala → a portable oxygen cylinder → is introduced for use in the event of corona suffocation
- ✓ Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan → announced to form → Secretary Level Committee → to frame guidelines and recommendations for the implementation of → Smart Kitchen by July 10 → with an aim to reduce the workload of women's domestic labour.
- ✓ The National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (NEERI) → developed a simple and fast method of swab collection and processing for the RT-PCR coronavirus test → used in rural and tribal areas.
- ✓ J&K: LG → launched Scheme 'SASCM' → for families lost earner of the family
- ✓ Uttar Pradesh → launched Bal-Seva Yojana → to support children who lost their parents due to COVID
- ✓ Assam → state govt announced CM's Sishu Sewa Scheme → financial support for children who lost parents due to COVID-19
- ✓ Tamil Nadu → announced financial assistance → Rs.5 lakh fixed deposit for children who lost parents to Covid
- ✓ Centre → granted Rs. 5,117 crore → Madhya Pradesh under Jal Jeevan Mission

International

- ✓ Gov. Of Australia → pledged → 1.7 billion Australian dollars in childcare subsidies → to enhance female participation in workplaces
- ✓ G7 Foreign and development ministers → held in London → talks held by U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken with British host Dominic Raab. → discussed about withdrawal of troops from Afghanistan and a post-Brexit trade deal
- ✓ PepsiCo Foundation → partnered → Sustainable Environment and Ecological Development Society (SEEDS) → to launch a community COVID-19 vaccination drive → set up COVID care centres.
- ✓ S Jaishankar → meeting → US counterpart Antony Blinken in London → on the sidelines of G-7 Foreign Ministers' meeting. → discussed global Covid challenge

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- ✓ US government → approved a major solar energy project → in the California desert → capable of powering nearly 90,000 homes.
- ✓ European Council Meeting (India EU Leaders Meet) → PM Modi to participate → organised by Prime Minister of Portugal António Costa
- ✓ Stop Tokyo Olympic → Name of Online Campaign → gathers 200,000 signatures → campaign is being held as a public concerns mount over holding the Tokyo Olympics Games amidst COVID-19 pandemic → Kenji Utsunomiya is an online petition organizer
- ✓ KP Sharma Oli → reappointed → PM of Nepal
- ✓ 4th India-Swiss Financial Dialogue → Indian delegation led by → Ajay Seth, Secretary Economic Affairs
- ✓ First electrical metro train → Bangladesh → was conducted in Dhaka.
- ✓ World Bank → reported → India received 83 billion → in remittances in 2020
- ✓ Adani Group → opened its → regional headquarters office in Singapore
- ✓ Elisabetta Belloni → First woman to head Department of Information Security (DIS) → which is an Italy's spy agency
- ✓ KP Sharma Oli → reappointed as PM of Nepal
- ✓ Paris city Council → to reduce car traffic → in centre of French Capital → by 2022
- ✓ Microsoft → to retire Internet explorer → on 15th June 2022
- ✓ World Bank approves → 600 million US Dollars → for two projects in Bangladesh
- ✓ UK, in partnership with WHO → introduced → 'global pandemic radar' → to identify emerging COVID-19 variants and track new diseases around the world.
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- ✓ Bashar Assad → re-elected as → President of Syria

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Summits & Conferences

- ✓ G7 Digital and Technology Ministerial Meet → India represented by Ravi Shankar Prasad → Theme → 'Building Back Better'
- ✓ 5th Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs Session → inaugurated by → Rita Teatota, Chairperson of FSSAI
- ✓ Mountains to Mangroves: A Journey of 1000 Kilometers. → 86th webinar of → Ministry of Tourism's Dekho Apna Desh
- ✓ PM Modi and UK PM Boris Johnson → held virtual summit → to frame 10 year long road map of India-UK partnership
- ✓ India-EU Leaders' Meeting → PM Modi participated → on the invitation of → President of the European Council Charles Michel.
- ✓ Trilateral Foreign Minister Dialogue → Held between → India France and Australia → India represented by S Jaishankar
- ✓ 3rd Arctic Science Ministerial (ASM3) → Theme Knowledge for a Sustainable Arctic' → organised by Iceland and Japan → to enhance collective understanding of the Arctic region.
- ✓ First BRICS Employment Working Group (EWG) Meeting → held in Sushma Swaraj Bhawan, New Delhi → hosted by India → Chaired by Shri Apurva Chandra, Secretary, Labour and Employment → Promoting Social Security Agreements amongst BRICS
- ✓ 33rd meeting of Health Ministers of Commonwealth countries → chaired by Dr. Harshvardhan, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare → agenda of meeting → Ensuring Equitable Access to Vaccines and Building Resilience for Health Systems and Emergencies'
- ✓ 74th World Health Assembly → chaired by Union Health Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan
- ✓ External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar → met UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres in New York → to discuss COVID challenge, and effective global vaccine solutions

Appointments

- ✓ Kotak Mahindra Group announced → Mahesh Balasubramanian as → MD of Kotak Mahindra Life Insurance
- ✓ Kotak Mahindra Group announced → Suresh Agarwal as → MD and CEO of Kotak General Insurance
- ✓ Samir Seksaria → Chief Financial Officer → TCS → replaces V Ramakrishnan
- ✓ Subir Chakraborty → MD and CEO → Exide Industries → replaced Gautam Chatterjee
- ✓ Tripurari Sharan → Chief Secretary of Bihar → replaced Arun Kumar Singh

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- ✓ Harsha Bangaru → MD of EXIM Bank
- ✓ Wayne Burgess → appointed → Head of Vehicle Design for Ola Electric
- ✓ Raman Meenakshi Sundaram → appointed → Director of Indian Institute of Rice Research (IIRR)
- ✓ Mamata Banerjee → sworn in a CM of West Bengal for 3rd consecutive time
- ✓ Peshotan Dastoor. → Group President and Head of Sales. → UTI Mutual Fund i.e. UTI AMC
- ✓ N Balachandar . → Chief Human Resource Officer . → Ola
- ✓ Gagandeep Singh Bedi → appointed as Commissioner of Greater Chennai Corporation → replaced G Prakash
- ✓ K Pitchandi → appointed as pro-tem Speaker of Tamil Nadu legislative assembly.
- ✓ Dr. V Irai Anbu → appointed as Chief Secretary of Tamil Nadu
- ✓ Jose J Kattoor → appointed as Executive Director (ED) → Reserve Bank of India
- ✓ Arun Kumar Singh → appointed as CMD → BPCL
- ✓ Srinandan Sundaram → appointed as head for Foods and Refreshment business of HUL
- ✓ Padmakumar M Nair → appointed as chief executive → of National Asset Reconstruction Company (NARCL)
- ✓ Rajeev Ranjan → appointed as Chief Operating Officer (COO) → for McDonald's India- North & East
- ✓ Rajeev Goel → appointed as Chief Financial Officer (CFO) → for McDonald's India- North & East
- ✓ Sudhir Sitapati → appointed as managing director and chief executive officer → Godrej Consumer Products (GCPL)
- ✓ ASCI's General Secretary Manisha Kapoor → appointed to → executive committee of the International Council for Advertising Self-Regulation (ICAS).
- ✓ Dr. Robert Hentschel → appointed as CEO → of The Norton Motorcycle Co. Ltd → by TVS Motor Company
- ✓ Vittorio Urciuol → appointed as CTO → of The Norton Motorcycle Co. Ltd → by TVS Motor Company
- ✓ Satoshi Uchida → appointed as Head → Suzuki Motorcycle India Pvt Ltd (SMIPL)
- ✓ Rajesh Agrawal → reappointed as → London's Deputy Mayor for Business → by Mayor Sadiq Khan
- ✓ Ramesh Powar → appointed as → Head Coach for → India women's cricket team
- ✓ Indian-American Neera Tanden → appointed senior adviser to → US President Joe Biden
- ✓ Gunjan Shah → appointed as → CEO Bata India Limited → replaced Sandeep Kataria → who has been elevated as the Global CEO of Bata Brands
- ✓ Tulsi Naidu → appointed as → Board of Directors → for Wipro

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- ✓ P Sitaram → appointed as → Chief Financial Officer (CFO) for IDBI Bank
- ✓ Sunit Sarkar → appointed as → Internal Auditor for IDBI Bank
- ✓ Meghna Hareendran → appointed as → 'Wellness Officer' → of Tech Mahindra
- ✓ Toru Saito → appointed as → President & CEO → of Mitsubishi Mahindra Agricultural Machinery Co Ltd, Japan (MAM)
- ✓ Abhay Tewari → appointed as → MD and CEO → of Star Union Dai-ichi Life Insurance Company Ltd (SUD LIFE)
- ✓ Reema Jain → appointed as → Chief Digital Officer → of Vodafone Idea
- ✓ Arvind Kumar → appointed as → MD of → Chennai Petroleum Corporation Ltd
- ✓ Moeed Yusuf → appointed as → Pakistan's National Security Adviser (NSA).
- ✓ Martha Koome → named as Kenya's first women chief justice
- ✓ Foudar of TikTok's Chinese owner Zhang Yiming → stepping down as CEO
- ✓ Sonali Malaviya → appointed as MD of → Essence
- ✓ S L Jain → appointed as → MD and CEO → of Indian Bank
- ✓ MB Rajesh → was elected the Speaker of the 15th Kerala Assembly
- ✓ Senior IPS officer from Maharashtra Subodh Kumar Jaiswal → appointed as → new Director of the Central Bureau of Investigation.
- ✓ Balakrishna Alse S → appointed as → additional Director → of Karnataka Bank
- ✓ Rajesh Bansal → appointed as → CEO for Reserve Bank of India's Innovation Hub (RBIH)
- ✓ U.S. President Joe Biden announced → → to nominate → Indian American Arun Venkataraman → to a key position in his administration related to foreign commercial service.
- ✓ Andy Jassy → appointed as → CEO of Amazon → replace Jeff Bezos
- ✓ David Barnea → appointed as → next head of Israel's Mossad espionage agency.
- ✓ CRPF chief Kuldip Singh → additional charge of the Director-General of the → National Investigation Agency (NIA) → to replace Y C Modi
- ✓ J&K Chief Secretary, B V R Subrahmanyam → appointed as → Commerce Secretary → replaced Anup Wadhawan
- ✓ Laurence des Cars → appointed as → first female President of → Louvre Museum
- ✓ Union Government → extended the tenure of → Research and Analysis Wing chief Samant Kumar Goel → and Intelligence Bureau head Arvind Kumar

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- ✓ Badminton Association of India (BAI) President Himanta Biswa Sarma → elected to the BWF Council → till 2025
- ✓ Indian Origin Anvee Bhutani → Elected as Oxford Student Union President
- ✓ Raymond Ltd → appointed Harmohan Sahni → chief executive officer (CEO) of its realty business.
- ✓ Jagjit Pavadia → elected as the President of the International Narcotics Control Board (NCB) → first Indian to head this international body based in Vienna.

Agreements and MoUs

- ✓ CCI → approved TATA Group → to acquire → BigBasket
- ✓ Uber → released Rs 18.5 crore → for 150,000 driver's vaccination drive
- ✓ Agriculture Ministry → announced target for food grains production → 307 million tonnes → 2021-22
- ✓ Facebook → introduced vaccine finder tool → on its mobile app in India → in partnership with GOI → available in 17 regional languages
- ✓ JSW Renew Energy → agreement → Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) → to sell 540 MW of the overall awarded capacity of 810 MW.
- ✓ Motilal Oswal Private Equity → picked up minority stake → Fincare Small Finance Bank → USD 25 million
- ✓ Accenture → pledged USD 25 million (about Rs 185 crore) → for pandemic relief efforts in India
- ✓ Samsung → pledged USD 5 million (Rs 37 crore) → COVID-19 relief effort
- ✓ DCB Bank → acquired equity stake in → two companies based in GIFT city, Gandhinagar → namely India INX and India ICC
- ✓ Cabinet → approved → strategic divestment and transfer of management control → in IDBI Bank Ltd
- ✓ RBI. → approved. → Bajaja Finance → to conduct Prepaid Payment Business
- ✓ Cipla → MoU with → US based Eli Lilly → to produce baricitinib in the country for the treatment of COVID-19
- ✓ Carlyle Group → sold 4% stake in → SBI Life Insurance → over Rs 3,900 crore
- ✓ NDDDB → MoU with → EESL → to promote efficient renewable technologies in the dairy industry.
- ✓ Oil and Gas PSUs, Indian Oil, BPCL, HPCL, ONGC and GAIL → MoU with → Shri Badrinath Utthan Charitable Trust → to develop Shri Badrinath Dham as a Spiritual Smart hill Town
- ✓ Cabinet → approved MoU → India and UK → Migration and Mobility Partnership
- ✓ Ola Foundation → partnered → GiveIndia → to provide consumers with oxygen concentrators
- ✓ Geojit Financial Services → entered into an agreement → Punjab National Bank → to provide three-in-one account to PNB customers

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- ✓ Canada Pension Plan Investment Board (CPP Investments) → bought an additional 15.9 % of the total units → in IndInfra Trust for Rs 1,005 crore
- ✓ Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) → signed MoU → Qatar Financial Centre Authority (QFCA) → benefit the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Institute of Chartered Accountants of India and Qatar Financial Centre Authority.
- ✓ Bay Tree India Holdings I LLC → has sold over → 2 percent stake in YES Bank
- ✓ OneWeb → signed agreement with → Softbank → for satellite communication services
- ✓ Groww → acquired → Indiabulls Mutual Fund → for Rs 175 crore
- ✓ Tribal Ministry → signed MoU → Microsoft → digital transformation of Tribal Schools such as Eklavya Model Residential Schools and Ashram Schools.
- ✓ Eli Lilly → signed a voluntary licensing agreement → with Natco Pharma → to further expedite the availability of baricitinib for COVID-19 patients in India.
- ✓ BDR Pharma → pact with → Eli Lilly And Company → for the manufacturing and distribution of Baricitinib for the treatment of COVID-19 in India.
- ✓ Reliance Jio Infocomm → to construct → largest international submarine cable system centred on India.
- ✓ India and Oman → renewed MoU → military cooperation and on maritime issues
- ✓ Federal Bank, → Mashreq Bank of UAE → ink pact → to offer money transfer
- ✓ Bay Tree India Holdings I LLC → has sold over → 2 percent stake in YES Bank
- ✓ Cabinet approved MoU by → Institute of Cost Accountants of India (ICoAI) and Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) → with various Foreign Countries/Organizations.
- ✓ LIC raised its stake to 5.06% → in state-run Union Bank of India → with acquisition of nearly 2% additional stake in the bank.
- ✓ National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) → partnered with a → Turkish global payment solutions company PayCore → as a certified partner for RuPay Soft POS → to promote contactless payments in India
- ✓ Punjab National Bank (PNB) and PNB Housing Finance → signed agreement → to give PNB the right to withdraw their brand name from the mortgage lender.
- ✓ Dun & Bradstreet Information Services India → MoU → BSE → to create an ecosystem for promoting, aiding, and fostering the growth of SMEs

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Sports

- ✓ Ash Barty → won women's single title → Porsche Tennis Grand Prix 2021.
- ✓ Lewis Hamilton → won 2021 Portuguese Grand Prix
- ✓ Thisara Perera → Sri Lankan cricket player → retired
- ✓ Mark Selby → Snooker → became the World Champion → fourth time
- ✓ Nuwan Zoysa → Sri Lankan Bowler → banned for 6 years by ICC
- ✓ Lewis Hamilton won → 2021 Spanish Grand Prix
- ✓ 2021 Laureus World Sports Awards → Rafael Nadal (Sportsman of the Year award) → Naomi Osaka (Sportswoman of the Year award) → Billie Jean King (Lifetime Achievement Award) → Bayern Munich football team (World Team of the Year award) → Lewis Hamilton (Athlete Advocate of the Year) → Mo Salah (Sporting Inspiration Award.)
- ✓ Aryna Sabalenka of Belarus (Tennis) → won → 2021 Madrid Open women's single title → defeated world number one Ashleigh Barty of Australia
- ✓ 'Checkmate Covid' → launched by All India Chess Federation → to help chess community affected by COVID-19
- ✓ ICC Men's Player of the Month for April 2021 → Pakistan skipper Babar Azam
- ✓ ICC Women's Player of the Month for April 2021 → Alyssa Healy of Australia
- ✓ Arzan Nagwaswalla → become the first cricketer → after 50 Years from the Parsi community → to be named in the Indian squad
- ✓ Kusal Perera → was named → Sri Lanka's ODI captain
- ✓ 2021 AIBA Men's World Boxing Championships → held in Belgrade, Serbia
- ✓ Women's Rugby World Cup → to take place in New Zealand → in Oct 2022
- ✓ Iga Swiatek → Women's Singles title of Italian Open in Tennis
- ✓ Rafael Nadal → won 10th Italian Open title
- ✓ Kobe Bryant, the Los Angeles Lakers legend → posthumously inducted into the → Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame as a part of the Class of 2020.
- ✓ Mixed Martial Artist (MMA) Arjan Bhullar → became the first Indian to win the ONE Heavyweight World Title → at the Singapore Indoor Stadium
- ✓ Barbora Strycova → Tennis Player → announced retirement

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- ✓ Sri Lanka Cricket Chief Executive Ashely de Silva → Informed Due to Covid - 19 t→he Asia Cup T20→ that was scheduled to be held in June 2021 in Sri Lanka→ has been postponed indefinitely.
- ✓ Roman Khassanov → a tennis player→ banned for 10 years for corruption
- ✓ Barcelona beat Chelsea 4-0 → to win the Women's Champions League final.
- ✓ 2022 FIFA under-17 Women's World Cup → will be held in India→ from October 11 to 30, 2022
- ✓ Max Verstappen → won the 2021 Monaco Grand Prix.
- ✓ Phil Mickelson→ won the PGA Championship
- ✓ Atletico Madrid→ won the 2020-21 La Liga title.
- ✓ England and Ireland pacer Boyd Rankin, → announced his retirement from international cricket
- ✓ Mohali International Hockey Stadium → renamed after the→ legendary Balbir Singh Sr→ on the occasion of his first death anniversary
- ✓ Germany's World Cup-winner midfielder Sami Khedira → announced his retirement
- ✓ Stefanos Tsitsipas → won→ Single Title. 2021 ATP Lyon Open Title → defeated Briton Cameron Norrie
- ✓ Casper Ruud→ won → Men's Single Title of the 2021 Geneva Open Tennis
- ✓ Representing Kansas State University, India's Tejaswini Shankar → won → men's high jump titles in the→ Big 12 Outdoor Track and Field Championships → in Manhattan, USA.

Defence

- ✓ NATO Launched→ DEFENDER Europe 21 exercise→ led by US Army→ in Albania
- ✓ Operation Samudra Set II→ launched to meet oxygen requirements for the pandemic situation→ INS Kolkata and INS Talwar→ entered Manama, Bahrain→ INS Jalashwa→ entered Bangkok→ INS Airavat→ entered Singapore
- ✓ Operation CO-JEET→ By Indian Armed Forces→ to help to restore oxygen supply chain in the country to deal the second wave of the pandemic → Lt Gen Dr. Madhuri Kanitkar→ to head the operation
- ✓ First green Solar plant → North Sikkim→ launched by Indian Army→ It is based on Vanadium Technology
- ✓ China's biggest rocket Long March 5B→ lands in Indian Ocean
- ✓ DRDO developed an AI tool → Named ATMAN, → based on intelligent software that helps in Covid detection → developed by DRDO's Centre for Artificial Intelligence and Robotics (CAIR), with the support of 5C Network & HCG Academics.

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- ✓ Navies of India and Indonesia → military drill → in the Southern Arabian Sea → Indian Navy was represented at the 'Passage' exercise → by INS Sharda → Indonesian Navy was represented → by KRI Sultan Hasanudin, a corvette.
- ✓ Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan → launched the first batch of drug 2-deoxy-D-glucose drug → to treat Covid-19 patients → developed by DRDO's Institute of Nuclear Medicine and Allied Sciences (INMAS) and Dr Reddy's Laboratories.
- ✓ INS Rajput, the first destroyer of the Indian Navy → will be decommissioned → after over 41 years of service
- ✓ DRDO's lab Defence Metallurgical Research Laboratory (DMRL) → developed → near isothermal forging technology → used in manufacturing parts for aero engines.

Awards & Honour

- ✓ Brand Finance Insurance 100 report 2021 → LIC → 10th most valuable insurance brand globally →
- ✓ Brand Finance Insurance 100 report 2021 → Most Valuable Indian Insurance → LIC (10th) Brand
- ✓ Brand Finance Insurance 100 report 2021 → Most Strongest Indian Insurance → LIC (3rd) Brand
- ✓ Brand Finance Insurance 100 report 2021 → Most Valuable Global Insurance Brand → Ping An Insurance, China (1st)
- ✓ Brand Finance Insurance 100 report 2021 → Most Strongest Global Insurance Brand → Poste Italiane, Italy (1st)
- ✓ Singer Pink → awarded → Icon Award at the 2021 Billboard Music Awards (BBMAs).
- ✓ Odisha → announced → 'Manoj Das International Literary Award' → memory of Manoj Das, the great litterateur
- ✓ PM Modi and UK PM Boris Johnson → adopted → an ambitious 'Roadmap 2030' → to elevate bilateral ties to a 'Comprehensive Strategic Partnership'.
- ✓ Maria Ressa → Journalist and Media Executive → honoured with → 2021 laureate of the UNESCO/ Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize
- ✓ Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank. → won top 5 PFRDA awards. → in categories like. → Lead to leap, APY Makers of Excellence, Game Changers, Leadership Capital and Amazing Achievers
- ✓ Husky Investment Tournament. → hosted by College of Business at Michigan Technological University → won by Prabnoor Singh Kohli, Tijil Gupta, and Amol Singh Cheema of Amity International School

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- ✓ Taylor Swift → global icon award at 2021 Brit Awards → she will become the first female artiste and the first non-English artiste to receive the honour
- ✓ Knight Frank's Global Prime Property Index → Bengaluru at 40th rank → Shenzhen ranked 1st → New Delhi ranked 32nd → Mumbai ranked 36th
- ✓ Indian-American chemist Sumita Mitra → nominated as a finalist in the "Non-EPO countries" category → of the European Inventor Award 2021 → creation of a new composite to repair teeth
- ✓ Classical musician Pandit Rajeev Taranath and space scientist Dr K Kasturirangan → bagged Basavashree awards for 2019 and 2020, respectively
- ✓ Union Minister Dr Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank → won International Invincible Gold Medal
- ✓ 11th Kalasagar awards → were conferred → for the artists in the field of kathakali, bharathanatyam, mohiniyattam, kuchipudi and many more traditional dance forms
- ✓ New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Arden → topped Fortune's list of the world's 50 greatest leaders
- ✓ CEO of Serum Institute of India, Poonawalla → only Indian among the top 10 names → in Fortune's list of the world's 50 greatest leaders
- ✓ Abu Dhabi Shakti Thayat Awards → announced by → Shakti Theaters Abu Dhabi for Malayalam writers → Writer T Padmanabhan received the Ramakrishnan Award
- ✓ Six Indian sites → were added to → the tentative list of UNESCO's world heritage sites
- ✓ As per EY's Renewable Energy Country Attractiveness Index → India ranked 3rd → topped by the US
- ✓ Mixed Martial Artist (MMA) Arjan Bhullar → became the first Indian to win the ONE Heavyweight World Title → at the Singapore Indoor Stadium
- ✓ Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina gave away → the highest civilian award of Bangladesh → 'Swadhinta Puraskar 2021' also known as Independence Award → to nine individuals and a research organisation.
- ✓ As per S&P Global Market Intelligence report → India is the second largest insurance technology market in the Asia Pacific → topped by China
- ✓ Dr Jane Goodall → bags prestigious 2021 Templeton Prize
- ✓ TCS CodeVita → won Guinness title for world's largest programming competition
- ✓ Manchester City boss Guardiola → bags England's manager of the year award
- ✓ ICCR → to honour 'Annapurna Award' → for Indian restaurants abroad
- ✓ Dr. D Nageshwar Reddy → first Indian to win Rudolf Schindler Award

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- ✓ Hockey India → won the prestigious Etienne Glichitch Award → in recognition of its contribution to the growth and development of the sport in the country.
- ✓ Kerala Infrastructure and Technology for Education (KITE) → won Social Media for Empowerment Awards South Asia (SM4E) award → under 'Innovations @Covid19' category → for using social media for social empowerment to ensure digital education through the 'First Bell; programme in the state
- ✓ Indian economist and Nobel Laureate Amartya Kumar Sen → conferred with Spain's top Princess of Asturias Award → in the social sciences category by → the Spanish prize foundation
- ✓ Prof. CNR Rao → won → International Eni Award 2020 → for research into renewable energy sources and energy storage → also called the Energy Frontier award.
- ✓ IAS, V Karthikeyan Pandian → won → prestigious FIH (International Hockey Federation) President's Award. → for his contribution towards the development and promotion of hockey in Odisha
- ✓ SpiceHealth → won → Gold Award at the 2021 Asia-Pacific Stevie Awards → for 'Most Valuable Medical Innovation' → under coronavirus disease (Covid-19) response category.
- ✓ Robert Lewandowski → won → the European Golden Boot
- ✓ Squadron Leader Aashritha V Olety → became → first woman flight test engineer in IAF
- ✓ Mixed martial arts superstar named Conor McGregor → topped 2021 Forbes' list of the world's highest-paid athletes
- ✓ Hong Kong Mountaineer → Sets New Record for Fastest Ascent of Everest by Women

Science & Technology

- ✓ India's 1st 3D Printed House → IIT Madras → inaugurated by → FM Nirmala Sitharaman
- ✓ Scientist from MACS Agharkar Research Institute, Pune and Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), New Delhi → developed high-yielding and pest-resistant variety of soybean → named MACS 1407
- ✓ Scientist discovered → Smallest Black hole in Milky Way Galaxy → Nicknamed as 'Unicorn'
- ✓ Euphaea thosegharensis and Euphaea pseudodispar → Names of 2 damselfly species → discovered at Satara district of Maharashtra i.e. Western Ghats
- ✓ World's largest aeroplane → by Stratolaunch → completes test flight
- ✓ Putola Nach. → Assam's string puppetry → performed covid campaign
- ✓ VINCOV-19- Novel antibody engineered product → for COVID-19 treatment → by University of Hyderabad , CSIR-CCMB and Vins Bioproducts Ltd → approved by DGCI

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- ✓ SpaceX will launch → "DOGE-1 Mission to the Moon" in the first quarter of 2022 → the meme-inspired cryptocurrency dogecoin as payment → will be the First crypto in space and First meme in space.
- ✓ Blue Dart Med-Express Consortium → conducted a mission → as delivery of vaccines and emergency medical supplies to the remotest parts of India using drones.
- ✓ NITI Aayog set up a → dedicated portal CovAid → for tracking all aid coming via missions or by individual organisations → HLL Lifecare Limited and Concor to grant logistical support.
- ✓ NASA and Axiom Space → signed an order for the → first private astronaut mission to the International Space Station → by January 2022 → designated as Axiom Mission 1 (AX-1).
- ✓ Chinese spacecraft → successfully landed → the first Mars rover Zhurong → on the surface of Mars
- ✓ Iran → unveiled a new supercomputer → named 'Simorgh
- ✓ European Space Agency developed → interplanetary spacecraft → named JUICE (Jupiter Icy Moons Explorer) → that has entered into a testing phase → assembled by Airbus Friedrichshafen, Germany
- ✓ Atlas V rocket launched → SBRIS GEO 5 Satellite → for US Space Force
- ✓ Hindustan Unilever Limited has rolled out → Mission HO2PE → in Assam → over 5000 oxygen concentrators into India.
- ✓ Doordarshan (DD) → to set up a new international channel → DD International → on the lines of BBC World → to present India's point of view to the world
- ✓ Bharat Earth Movers limited → has rolled out the → first prototype of mechanical minefield marking equipment Mk-II → for Indian Army
- ✓ Google launched its global licensing programme → News Showcase → in India.
- ✓ James Webb Space Telescope → The world's largest and most powerful space science telescope → Successfully Completed its Pre Launch Test
- ✓ Cyclone Tauktae → hit Gujarat, Kerala, Maharashtra, Daman & Diu → name given by Myanmar, it means gecko
- ✓ China successfully launched → a new ocean-monitoring satellite → Haiyang-2D (HY-2D) into orbit.
- ✓ Researchers has discovered a new species → of racer snake → named *Platyceps josephi* → from Tuticorin, Tamil Nadu
- ✓ Researchers of the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), Bhopal → discovered a new endangered species → *Didymocarpus vickifunkiae* of a plant → belonging to the African Violets family → in Mizoram and its adjacent areas in Myanmar.

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- ✓ Microsoft announced → Internet Explorer 11 desktop browser will retire → on June 15, 2022, → will be replaced by Microsoft Edge with IE mode
- ✓ United States National Aeronautics and Space Administration → is sending its first mobile robot → VIPER to the moon → in 2023.
- ✓ A massive chunk of iceberg → named A-76 → broken off Antarctica
- ✓ CCI approved → an internal restructure of Mother's Group
- ✓ IMD informed → cyclonic storm Yaas → caused landfall between Bahanaga and Remuna coast of Balasore in Odisha
- ✓ International Astronomical Union (IAU) → approved China's application → for naming eight new features on the moon around the landing site of the Chang'e-5 probe

Books & Authors

- ✓ Book Title 'Elephant In The Womb.' → Author Kalki Koechlin → illustrated by Valeriya Polyanychko. → published by Penguin Random House India (PRHI)
- ✓ Book titled "Sikkim: A History of Intrigue and Alliance" → Authored by Preet Mohan Singh Malik → Published by HarperCollins India.
- ✓ Book titled 'India and Asian Geopolitics: The Past, Present' → authored by Shivshankar Menon → published by Brookings Institution.
- ✓ Book Titled 'Sach Kahun Toh' → authored by Bollywood actress & Television Director Neena Gupta → Published by Penguin Random House India.
- ✓ Book Titled as '7 Lessons from Everest Expedition Learnings from Life and Business' → authored by Aditya Gupta
- ✓ Book, titled "Savarkar: A contested Legacy (1924-1966)" → authored by Vikram Sampath

Apps and Services

- ✓ ID Art Mobile App → By INTERPOL → which will identify stolen cultural property → reduce smuggling → increase the possibility of recovering stolen works and artefacts.
- ✓ HDFC Bank and Common Services Centers (CSCs) → launched chatbot 'Eva' on CSC's Digital Seva Portal → to support VLEs in providing banking services for last-mile rural consumers.
- ✓ Airtel Payments Bank and SafeGold → launched → DigiGold, a digital platform for its customers to make investments in gold

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- ✓ NITI Aayog set up a →dedicated portal CovAid →for tracking all aid coming via missions or by individual organisations →HLL Lifecare Limited and Concor to grant logistical support.
- ✓ Chief Minister of Manipur, N Biren Singh→ launched → MOMA Market mobile app → for home delivery of fresh vegetables
- ✓ HSBC India → launched → digital platforms → HSBC SmartServe and HSBC IntelliSign” → to offer secure and seamless on-boarding process for corporate clients.
- ✓ CJI N.V. Ramana launched→ an official mobile application → called ‘Indicative Notes’→for Journalists to cover proceedings of the apex court.
- ✓ MyGov → launched → Innovation Challenge →to create an app →that will enable individuals to learn simple sentences of any Indian language→ and acquire working knowledge of a language.
- ✓ MG Motor India launched a platform→ for free online medical consultation with doctors →its customers as part of its COVID-19 relief initiatives→ customers have to register themselves on the carmaker's website or through the MY MG APP.
- ✓ Union Minister Kiren Rijju → launched Ayush Clinical Case Repository (ACCR) portal and the third version of Ayush Sanjivani App→ portal will serve as a platform to support both Ayush practitioners and general public → Ayush Sanjivani App is developed by the Ministry of AYUSH and the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- ✓ The Indian Institute of Technology in Ropar, Punjab→ developed a detector called FakeBuster→ deep learning-based solution that helps detect if a video is manipulated or spoofed during a video-conference meeting

Days & Themes

- ✓ 1st May→ International Labour Day or May Day
- ✓ 1st May→ Statehood Day of Maharashtra and Gujarat
- ✓ 2nd May→ World Tuna Day→ raise awareness about the Tuna fish and its importance to humans and earth→ promote more sustainable fishing practices.
- ✓ 2nd May→ World Laughter Day→ Observed first Sunday of May
- ✓ 3rd May→ World Press Freedom Day→ Theme was ‘Information as a Public Good’
- ✓ 4th May→ World Press Freedom Day→ Theme → Information as a Public Good
- ✓ 4th May→ International Firefighters' Day
- ✓ 4th May→ Coal Miners Day

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- ✓ 5th May → World Asthma Day → Theme → Uncovering Asthma Misconceptions”.
- ✓ 5th May → International Midwife Day → Theme → Follow the data: Invest in Midwives
- ✓ 5th May → World Hand Hygiene Day → Theme → ‘Seconds Save Lives: Clean Your Hands’
- ✓ 6th May → International No Diet Day
- ✓ 7th May → World Athletics Day
- ✓ 7th May → Birth Anniversary of India's first Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore
- ✓ 7th May → 61st Raising Day of Border Roads Organisation
- ✓ 9th May → Mother's Day → observed on Second Sunday of May every year
- ✓ 11th May → National Technology Day → Theme → Science and Technology for a Sustainable Future
- ✓ 12th May → International Nurses Day → Theme → Nurses: A Voice to Lead - A vision for future healthcare.
- ✓ 15th May → International Day of Families → Theme → Families and New Technologies
- ✓ 15th May → third Saturday of May every year → Armed Forces Day
- ✓ 16th May → International Day of Light
- ✓ 16th May → National Dengue Day
- ✓ 17th May → World Telecommunication and Information Society Day → theme → Accelerating digital transformation in challenging times
- ✓ 17th May → World Hypertension Day → Theme → Measure Your Blood Pressure Accurately, Control It, Live Longer”.
- ✓ 18th May → International Museum Day → Theme → 'The Future of Museums – Recover and Reimagine'
- ✓ 18th May → World AIDS Vaccine Day → Theme → Global Solidarity
- ✓ 20th May → World Bee Day → theme → Bee Engaged - Build Back Better for Bees.
- ✓ 20th May → World Metrology Day → theme → Measurement for Health
- ✓ 21st May → Anti-Terrorism Day
- ✓ 21st May third Friday in May → National Endangered Species Day → theme → Wildlife without Borders
- ✓ 21st May → World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development
- ✓ 21st May → International Tea Day
- ✓ 22nd May → International Day for Biological Diversity → theme → We're part of the solution”.
- ✓ 23rd May → World Turtle Day → Theme → Turtles Rock
- ✓ 23rd May → International Day to End Obstetric Fistula → Theme → Women's rights are human rights! End fistula now!

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- ✓ 25th May → National Missing Children's Day
- ✓ 25th May → World Thyroid Day
- ✓ 28th May → Menstrual Hygiene Day → Theme → 'Action and Investment in Menstrual Hygiene and Health'
- ✓ 28th May → International Day of Action for Women's Health → Theme → '2021 Call for Action'.
- ✓ 28th May → World Hunger Day
- ✓ 28th May → Amnesty International Day
- ✓ 29th May → International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers → Theme → The road to a lasting peace: Leveraging the power of youth for peace and security
- ✓ 29th May → International Everest Day
- ✓ 29th May → World Digestive Health Day → Theme → Obesity: An Ongoing Pandemic.
- ✓ 31st May → World No Tobacco Day (WNTD) → Theme → Commit to Quit
- ✓ May 25-31 → International Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories

Obituaries

- ✓ Rohit Sardana → TV Journalist and Anchor → birth place was Kurukshetra, Haryana
- ✓ Soli Sorabjee → Former Attorney General of India → birth place was Mumbai
- ✓ Dr. Joginder Dayal → Communist Party of India's veteran leader
- ✓ Pandit Devabrata Chaudhuri → Sitar Maestro → Birthplace was Mymensingh which is now in Bangladesh
- ✓ Bikarmjeet Kanwarpal → Actor → Birthplace was Solan, Himachal Pradesh
- ✓ Dadi Chandro Tomar → Shooter → Hailing from the Baghat village in Uttar Pradesh
- ✓ Manas Bihari Verma → Indian aeronautical scientist
- ✓ Jagmohan → Former Union Minister and Former Governor of Jammu and Kashmir
- ✓ Chaudhary Ajit Singh → He was Union Minister and Chief of RLD → Birthplace was Meerut, Uttar Pradesh
- ✓ V Kalyanam → He was Mahatma Gandhi's former personal secretary
- ✓ Raghunath Mohapatra → Rajya Sabha MP and renowned Sculptor → birth place was Puri district, Odisha.
- ✓ Maharaj Krishan Kaushik → Indian Hockey Player → birth place was New Delhi
- ✓ Ravinder Pal Singh → Indian Hockey Player → birth place was Sitapur
- ✓ Abhilasha Patil → Actress → Birthplace Mumbai
- ✓ Lalti Ram → Freedom fighter and veteran of the erstwhile Indian National Army (INA)
- ✓ KR Gouri Amma → Veteran politician → from Kerala

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- ✓ Anup Bhattacharya → Freedom fighter and Swadhin Bangla Betar Kendra musician → born in Zakiganj, Sylhet
- ✓ Homen Borgohain → Eminent Assamese writer, veteran journalist
- ✓ Rahoatham → Former Director of Central Bureau of Investigation
- ✓ Smarajit Jana → Epidemiologist
- ✓ Indu Jain → Times Group chairperson → Birthplace was Faizabad
- ✓ Rajeev Satav → Rajya Sabha MP and the senior Congress leader → Rajya Sabha member from Maharashtra.
- ✓ Professor MS Narasimhan → Famous mathematician
- ✓ Sunil Jain → Veteran journalist
- ✓ Ranjana Nirula → Activist
- ✓ Nandivada Rathnasree → astronomy communicator and director of the Nehru Planetarium
- ✓ Rajendrasinh Jadeja → Former Saurashtra pacer and BCCI match referee
- ✓ Dr KK Aggarwal → Former President of the Indian Medical Association & Renowned cardiologist
- ✓ Ki. Rajanarayanan → Veteran Tamil writer & Folklorist
- ✓ Chaman Lal Gupta → former Union Minister and Veteran leader of Bharatiya Janata Party
- ✓ Jagannath Pahadia → Veteran Congress leader and former Rajasthan chief minister → former governor of Haryana and Bihar
- ✓ Sunderlal Bahuguna → Noted environmentalist and Gandhian activist
- ✓ Srikumar Banerjee → former chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission
- ✓ Raam Laxman → Veteran music director
- ✓ JK Dutt → former NSG director-general
- ✓ O P Bhardwaj → India's first Dronacharya awardee coach in boxing
- ✓ Yuan Longping → Chinese agriculture scientist → was highly accredited as the 'Father of Hybrid Rice.
- ✓ Vir Chakra awardee Panjab Singh → hero of the Battle of Poonch during the 1971 India-Pak war
- ✓ HS Doreswamy → Eminent Gandhian and freedom fighter → Born in Bangalore
- ✓ Eric Carle → The children's author and illustrator → born in Syracuse, New York
- ✓ M. Anandakrishnan → Former Vice Chancellor of Anna University and Prominent educationist
- ✓ Poul Schluter → Former Longtime Danish Prime Minister

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