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# **CLASSES**

## **Current Affairs**

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## STATIC GK

### In Recent News

#### 2021

- **Kerala** - Centre Notifies 0-1 km Area Around Boundary of Kerala's Mathikettan Shola National Park as Eco-Sensitive Zone.
- **World Heritage sites**- Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Culture Prahlad Singh Patel stated that **6 places have been added to India's tentative list of UNESCO's** (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) World Heritage sites. They are

Site	State
Maratha Military Architecture	Maharashtra
Temples of Kanchipuram	Tamil Nadu
Satpura Tiger Reserve	Madhya Pradesh
Hire Benkal-Megalithic Site	Karnataka
Bhedaghat-Lameta Ghat in Narmada Valley (referred as Grand Canyon of India)	Jabalpur district of Madhya Pradesh
Ganga Ghats – the Iconic Riverfront of the Historic City of Varanasi	Uttar Pradesh

- **Arunachal Pradesh** - Government of India (GoI) has sanctioned INR 37.8 Crores for the Developing Parashuram Kund Pilgrimage Site at Lohit district, Arunachal Pradesh.
- **Gujarat** -PrimeMinister virtually flagged off 8 trains from various parts of India to the Statue of Unity in Kevadiya, Gujarat.
- **Madhya Pradesh(MP)**- President of India, laid the foundation stone for the conservation works at the Singorgarh fort in Singrapur village of Damoh district, Madhya Pradesh(MP).
- **Maharashtra** Government renamed Gorewada International Zoo as "Balasaheb Thackeray Gorewada International Zoological Park situated in Nagpur.
- **UttarPradesh** -Kushinagar Airport Becomes 3rd Licensed International Airport of UP.
- **West Bengal** Governor Jagdeep Dhankar inaugurated the 11th RashtriyaSanskriti Mahotsav in West Bengal.

## INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

### LONGEST, LARGEST, HIGHEST

#### SEPTEMBER 2021

**World's Largest Plant** to Capture Carbon Dioxide(CO2) from air, '**Orca**' Starts Operating in Iceland.The Plant will suck in CO2 and store it underground in the form of rock.

## AUGUST 2021

'India's first and world's largest Cattle Genomic Chip IndiGau' introduced for the conservation of pure varieties of indigenous cattle breeds like, Gir, Kankrej, Sahiwal, Ongole etc.

**World's highest 52-km-long tarmac road or motorable pass at Umling LA Pass** in eastern Ladakh, India at an altitude of 19,300 feet which has surpassed the record of a road in Bolivia, South America at 18,953 ft.

**World's Highest Mobile Air Traffic Control (ATC) towers** has been built by the Indian Air Force (IAF) in the Nyoma area of **Ladakh** at the Advanced Landing Ground.

## JULY 2021

**World's Fastest Ground Vehicle** Maglev transportation system unveiled in China with a maximum speed of 600 kph or 372 mph, in Qingdao, the coastal city in Shandong province of China.

## JUNE 2021

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## MAY 2021

- World's Largest Aeroplane codenamed 'Roc' successfully completed its 2nd Test Flight.

## APRIL 2021

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## MARCH 2021

**World's 1st Ship Tunnel, 'Stad Ship Tunnel'** is to be constructed in Norway and will run underneath the mountains in Norway's Stadhavet peninsula and will help ships to cross the Stadhavet sea.

**World's largest floating solar farms** :- Singapore, Asia's biggest per capita carbon dioxide emitter, is building one of the world's largest floating solar farms, as part of its plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

## FEBRUARY 2021

**World's Biggest offshore wind farm** - South Korean President Moon Jae-in announced a \$43 billion deal to create World's Biggest offshore wind farm, a major component of South Korea's Green New Deal.

**World's first energy island (Artificial Island)'s** plan to be approved by Government of Denmark to build in the North Sea which will produce and store green energy enough to cover the electricity requirement of 3 million households in Europe.

## JANUARY 2021

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## OTHER INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

### SEPTEMBER 2021

- United Nations Security Council (**UNSC**) has adopted a strong resolution on Afghanistan **under India's Presidency**. PM Narendra Modi has constituted a high-level group to monitor the ground situation in Afghanistan with a focus on India's Immediate priorities.
- World Health Organization (**WHO**) set up first hub of its kind 'WHO Hub for Pandemic and Epidemic Intelligence' to provide quick advice to global public health experts.
- United Nations Programme on Environment (UNEP) formally stated that, **toxic leaded Petrol** was **Eradicated** from the World. Algeria was the last country that eradicated the leaded petrol.

### AUGUST 2021

- **India**, the non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC), took over the **presidency** of the **UNSC** from France for the month of August 2021.
- **Germany** became the 5<sup>th</sup> country to join the International Solar Alliance (**ISA**) Framework Agreement.



- **Bangladesh and Canada** joined the Coalition on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (**CDRI**), an initiative of India which was launched at the UN Climate Action Summit in September 2019.
- The year **2022** marks the **30th anniversary** of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (**ASEAN**) – **India** relation and it is also designated as the ASEAN-India Friendship Year.
- **India** has been elected to the Council of Administration (**CA**) and Postal Operations Council (**POC**) at 27th Universal Postal Union (UPU) Congress in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire

### **JULY 2021**

- The **Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)** stated that 130 countries including G20 members, India & China have joined the G20-OECD Tax Framework Deal for Global Minimum Corporate Tax.
- **World Health Organization (WHO)** awarded China a malaria-free certification. This certification recognized China's 70-year effort to eradicate this disease.
- Sweden, a leading member of the European Union (EU), ratified the framework agreement for International Solar Alliance (ISA).
- United Nations (UN) General Assembly adopted a new first-ever resolution on vision named 'Vision for Everyone' to make eye care services an integral part of universal health coverage.

### **JUNE 2021**

- India along with 17 other countries elected to the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) for the **2022-24 term**. India was elected in the **Asia-Pacific States Category** along with Afghanistan, Kazakhstan and Oman.
- **Albania, Brazil, Gabon, Ghana and the United Arab Emirates(UAE)** elected by the 75th session of the General Assembly as the non-permanent members of the United Nations Security Council (**UNSC**) for the **2022-23** term.
- The United States Department of Energy (DoE), the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), Government of India, and the US India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) jointly launched the **US-India Hydrogen Task Force**, under the US-India Strategic Energy Partnership (**SEP**).
- Tax Inspectors Without Borders (TIWB) programme launched in Bhutan in partnership with India where the latter acts as its **Partner Jurisdiction**.
- A multinational project, Committee on Earth Observation Satellites—Coastal Observations, Applications, Services, and Tools (CEOS COAST), which is co-led by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), United States, was endorsed by United UNESC's Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) for its use of innovative technology, and for fostering trust and collaboration among scientists.

### **MAY 2021**

- As per new study from World Health Organization (**WHO**) and the International Labour Organization (**ILO**), Long working hours make more people to early death due to Stroke & Ischemic Heart Disease.
- **North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)** is conducting War Games 'Steadfast Defender 21' from May-June 2021.
- As per the United Kingdom Met Office and World Meteorological Organization (WMO), there is a 40% possibility of the annual average global temperature temporarily reaching 1.5° C (2.7 degrees Fahrenheit) above pre industrial levels in one of the next 5 years (2021-25).
- World Health Organization(WHO), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) formed a team of experts under '**One Health High-Level Expert Panel**' to to Advise on Animal Disease Risks .
- World Health Organization (WHO), and Switzerland signed an MoU to launch the first **WHO BioHub Facility** as part of the WHO BioHub System in Geneva, Switzerland.
- **International Monetary Fund (IMF)** offeres USD 50 Billion proposal to set a target of vaccinating 40% of the world's population by end of 2021 & remaining 60% by first half of 2022 to end the COVID-19.



## APRIL 2021

- United States Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) has recommended the US Government to put India on 'Countries of Particular Concern (CPC)' list for worst violations of religious freedoms in 2020.
- **Australia** has announced a grant of AUD 1.4 Million (INR 8.12 Crore) under the newly launched 'Australia-India Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative Partnership (AIPOIP)' programme of the Indo-Pacific Ocean Initiative (IPOI).
- **World Health Organisation(WHO)** unveiled the Global Immunization Strategy led by the United Nations(UN) to save 50 million children who missed their vaccination against measles, yellow fever and diphtheria.
- **India** has been elected by acclamation (a form of election that does not use a ballot) to 3 bodies of the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). It has been elected to the 3 bodies for a 3-year term.
- **New Zealand** becomes the 1st country in the world to introduce a Climate Change Law for regulating the Financial Sector.
- **Facebook ,Google and other regional telecom companies** partnered to connect the United States of America with Southeast Asian countries through undersea cables, will improve internet connectivity in Singapore, Indonesia.
- **Singapore** ratified the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP), with this it became the 1st Participating country to ratify the RCEP, which is the World's Largest Free Trade Agreement (FTA).
- **Russian President Vladimir Putin** has signed a legislation which will enable him to run for two or more consecutive six-year terms, effectively permitting him to remain in office till 2036.
- **World Trade Organisation(WTO)**, the multilateral trade body in its Trade forecast, revised its global merchandise trade volume growth for 2021 to 8% from the earlier forecast of 7.2% in October 2020.

## MARCH 2021

- **Italy joined the International Solar Alliance (ISA)** (also known as International Agency for Solar Policy and Application (IASPA)) after signing the amended ISA Framework Agreement.
- United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) adopted a resolution sponsored by India to mark 2023 as 'International Year of Millets'.
- **Sri Lankan Cabinet** approved a Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) proposal for developing the West Container Terminal (WCT) of Colombo South Port with the support of Indian & Japanese Government.
- **"Bhabhatron-II"** - advanced digital cobalt therapy machine for cancer treatment was donated by India to Madagascar and the same inaugurated by president of Madagascar, Andry Rajoelina at the Antananarivo, Madagascar.
- During the **Golden Jubilee of 1971 War of Liberation**, IAF (Indian Air Force) Chief RKS Bhadauria gifted a Legacy Alouette III Helicopter to Bangladesh Air Force (BAF), in return BAF gifted a legacy F-86 Sabre aircraft to the IAF.

## FEBRUARY 2021

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## JANUARY 2021

**Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW)** adopted by the United Nations General Assembly came into force from January 22, 2021, it is the First ever International agreement which prohibits Nuclear Weapons.



# VISIT

## VISIT TO INDIA

### SEPTEMBER 2021

#### Highlights of US climate envoy John Kerry's visit to India from Sep 12-14

The United States (US) Special Presidential Envoy for Climate John Kerry was on a two day visit to India on September 12-14, 2021. Union Minister Raj Kumar Singh, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) met with John Kerry to discuss various issues related to climate change and energy transition.

- In this regard, bilateral meet was held where both sides discussed a wide range of **climate issues** relating to Conference of the Parties (COP26), Climate Ambition, Climate Finance, Global Climate Initiatives including International Solar Alliance (ISA), Agriculture Innovation Mission for Climate (AIM4C).
- India-US the **Climate Action and Finance Mobilization Dialogue (CAFMD)** was launched which is one of the two main tracks of the US-India Agenda 2030.

### AUGUST 2021

#### Overview of US Secretary Antony Blinken's visit to India

The Secretary of State of the United States (US), **Antony Blinken** visited India from July 27-28, 2021. The visit is aimed at boosting bilateral ties between the two countries and to expand cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region under the Quad Framework (Quadrilateral Security Dialogue).

- The US Government announced an additional USD 25 million (~ INR 186 Crores) to support India's COVID-19 Vaccination programme.
- India & US will work to end the COVID-19 pandemic through the Quad Vaccine Partnership.

### JULY 2021

#### Overview of 76th UNGA President-elect Abdulla Shahid's visit to India

Abdullah Shahid, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Maldives, who is also The **President-Elect of the 76th** United Nations General Assembly (**UNGA**) (**PGA-Elect**) visited New Delhi from July 22-24, 2021.

- During the visit, he met Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi & EAM Jaishankar.
- EAM Jaishankar and Abdulla Shahid signed an agreement on India-funded High Impact Community Development projects in Maldives.
- Shahid has released a vision statement for his presidency term called '**Presidency of Hope: COVID Pandemic and Need for Reformed Multilateralism**' with 5 priority themes – recovering from Covid-19, rebuilding sustainably, responding to the planet's needs, respecting the rights of all, and reforming the UN.

#### Overview of PM Narendra Modi's visit to Varanasi, UP

During the visit, PM Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for multiple development projects worth INR 1500 crores.

- He laid Foundation stones for several projects and public works worth **INR 839 crores**. It includes Centre for Skill and Technical Support of Central Institute of Petrochemical Engineering and Technology (**CIPET**), 143 rural projects under Jal Jeevan Mission and Mango and vegetable integrated pack house in Karkhiyaon.
- He inaugurated Projects worth around **INR 744 crores** which includes 100 bed Mother & Child Hospital (MCH) wing in Banaras Hindu University (BHU), multi-level parking at Godauliya, Ro-Ro (Roll-on/Roll-off) Vessels for tourism development on River Ganga and 3 lane flyover bridge on the Varanasi-Ghazipur Highway.
- 'Rudraksh' – an International Cooperation and Convention Centre was also inaugurated by PM Modi.

### JUNE 2021, MAY 2021 & APRIL 2021

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### MARCH 2021

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## **FEBRUARY 2021**

### **PM Narendra Modi's Visit to Pudhucherry and Coimbatore on February 25, 2021**

#### **Visit to Pudhucherry**

- Laid Foundation Stone for 4 Laning of NH45-A which covers Karaikal district – INR 2426 crores.
- Foundation Stone for Medical College Building at Karaikal New Campus – Phase I, with INR 491 Crore.
- Foundation stone for development of Minor Port at Puducherry under Sagarmala Scheme – INR 44 crore.
- Inauguration of the reconstructed Heritage Marie Building, which was originally built by the French – INR 15 Crore.

#### **Visit to Coimbatore**

- Inauguration of Neyveli New Thermal Power Project with INR 8000 crore.
- Inauguration of 709 MW Solar Power Project of NLCIL – INR 3000 Crore.
- Inauguration of 8-Laning of Korampallam Bridge & Rail Over Bridge (ROB) at Tuticorin– INR 42 Crore.
- Inauguration of Tenements (buildings with multiple dwellings) built under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) Scheme – INR 330 Crore.
- Foundation stone for extension, renovation & modernisation of Lower Bhavani Project system – INR 934 Crore under NABARD Infrastructure Development Assistance.
- Foundation stone for development of Integrated Command and Control Centers (ICCC) in 9 smart cities of TN – Coimbatore, Madurai, Salem, Thanjavur, Vellore, Tiruchirappalli, Tiruppur, Tirunelveli & Thoothukudi – INR 107 Crore.

### **PM Narendra Modi's Visit to Assam and West Bengal on February 22, 2021**

#### **Visit to Assam**

PM of India has launched the following projects worth over Rs 3,300 crore in Assam at Silapathar in Dhemaji.

- INDMAX Unit at Indian Oil's Bongaigaon Refinery, to increase the Refinery's crude processing.
- PM dedicated Oil India Limited's Secondary Tank Farm at Madhuban, Dibrugarh with costs of Rs 490 crore.
- Compressor Station at Hebeda Village, Makum, Tinsukia built at a cost Rs 132 Crore.
- Inaugurated the Dhemaji Engineering College and Sualkuchi Engineering College.

#### **Visit to West Bengal**

PM visited West Bengal where he inaugurated the following projects on February 22, 2021.

- Extension of Metro Railway from Noapara to Dakshineswar with an outlay of Rs. 464 crores.
- Third line between Kalaikunda and Jhargram with an estimated cost of Rs. 1312 crores.

#### **Projects dedicated to Nation:**

PM dedicated the following railway projects to ensure better operational fluidity.

- Doubling of Azimganj to Khargraghat Road section at a project cost of about Rs 240 crore.
- Fourth line between Dankuni and Baruipara (11.28 kms) of Howrah – Bardhaman Chord Line at a project cost of Rs. 195 crores.
- Third line between Rasulpur and Magra (42.42 kms) of Howrah – Bardhaman Main Line, which serves as principal gateway of Kolkata at a cost of Rs. 759 crores.

### **PM Narendra Modi's Visit to Tamil Nadu & Kerala on February 14, 2021**

#### **Visit to Tamil Nadu**

Prime Minister inaugurated & Laid Foundation Stones for several Projects from Chennai. They are

- Inauguration of Chennai Metro Rail Phase-I Extension.
- Laid Foundation Stone for Extension, Renovation & Modernization of the Grand Anicut Canal System
- Foundation Stone for Discovery Campus of IIT Madras.
- Handed over the Indigenously Developed Arjun Main Battle Tank (MK-1A) to the Indian Army.

#### **Visit to Kerala**

Prime Minister inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for various projects in Kochi, Kerala. They are



- Inaugurated Propylene Derivative Petrochemical Project (PDPP) of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL).
- Launches 2 Ro-Ro Vessels to be operated between Bolgatty & Willingdon Island.
- Inaugurated India's 1st Full-fledged International Cruise Terminal – 'Sagarika'.
- Inaugurated Cochin Shipyard 'Vigyana Sagar' Marine Engineering Training Institute, the only maritime training institute in India functioning within a Shipyard.

## **PM Narendra Modi visited the states of Assam and West Bengal on February 7, 2021**

### **Visit to Assam**

- He launched AsomMala, a programme aimed at improving state highways and major district roads network with emphasis on effective maintenance through continuous field data collection.
- PM laid the Foundation Stone of two medical colleges and hospitals worth Rs 1100 crore, which are being set up at Biswanath and Charaideo.

### **Visit to West Bengal**

- PM dedicated to the nation the Liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) import terminal built by Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited with an outlay of Rs. 1100 crore.
- He also dedicated 348 km Dobhi – Durgapur Natural Gas Pipeline section worth around Rs. 2400 crore to the nation as a part of the Pradhan Mantri Urja Ganga project and 'one nation, one gas grid'.
- He launched the second Catalytic-Isodewaxing unit of Haldia Refinery of Indian Oil Corporation.
- PM dedicated to the nation the 4 Lane ROB-cum-Flyover at Ranichak, Haldia on NH 41. It has been built at the cost of Rs 190 crore.

## **JANUARY 2021**

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## **FOREIGN VISIT**

### **SEPTEMBER 2021**

#### **Overview of EAM Jaishankar's Visit to Slovenia, Croatia, Denmark**

India's External Affairs Minister (EAM) **Subrahmanyam Jaishankar** paid a visit to **Slovenia** (2-3rd September 2021), **Croatia** (3 September 2021) and **Denmark** (4-5 September 2021) to review the bilateral relationship and strengthen India's cooperation with the 3 European countries.

#### **Slovenia:**

EAM was invited to attend the 2021 Bled Strategic Forum (**BSF**), an annual international conference which was held in Slovenia and participate in the panel discussion on 'Partnership for a Rules-Based Order in the Indo-Pacific'.

#### **Croatia:**

EAM had a bilateral talk with Croatian Prime Minister Andrej Plenković and discussed opportunities to further expand bilateral cooperation, including in pharma, digital and infrastructure.

#### **Denmark:**

EAM visited Denmark from September 4 to 5 2021 and co-chaired the 4th round of the Indo-Danish Joint Commission Meeting (JCM) along with Jeppe Kofod, Foreign Minister of Denmark. Both discussed launching new important cooperation in the field of health to strengthen the bilateral Green Strategic Partnership.

## **AUGUST 2021**

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## **JULY 2021**

#### **Overview of EAM Jaishankar's Visit to Greece & Italy**

India's External Affairs Minister (EAM) Dr S Jaishankar paid an official visit to two countries Greece from June 25-27, 2021 & Italy from June 28-29, 2021.



### EAM's visit to Greece

EAM Jaishankar visited Greece at the invitation of Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic (Greece), Nikos Dendias. During the visit, he also held talks with Prime Minister of Greece, Kyriakos Mitsotakis.

- During the visit, Greek Foreign Minister Nikos Dendias signed and handed over the Agreement on the International Solar Alliance (ISA) to the Indian side.
- EAM Jaishankar unveiled the **statue of Mahatma Gandhi** in Athens.

### EAM attends G20 Ministerial Meetings in Italy

EAM visited Italy to participate in the **G20 Foreign Affairs Ministers' Meeting 2021** followed by a joint session of Foreign Affairs and Development Ministers.

- During the 1st joint meeting of Foreign Affairs and Development Ministers adopted the '**Matera Declaration**'.

### Overview of EAM Jaishankar's visit to Russia and Georgia

Union External Affairs Minister (EAM) Subrahmanyam Jaishankar visited Russia and Georgia to strengthen ties and cooperation.

#### Visit to Russia:

- India and Russia will hold the 2+2 Dialogue of Foreign and Defence Ministers as per mutual convenience in 2021.
- Indian EAM with his Russian counterpart Sergey Lavrov reviewed the progress on the cooperation between the two nations on space, nuclear, energy and defence sectors.
- S. Jaishankar and Deputy Prime Minister of Russia, Yury Borisov Co-Chaired India-Russia Inter-Governmental Commission-TEC (IRIGC-TEC).

#### Visit to Georgia:

- On the request of Georgia, EAM handed over the holy relics of 17th century Georgian Queen St. Ketevan nearly 16 years after they were found in Goa.
- During talks with Georgia's Vice Prime Minister and Finance Minister **David Zalkaliani**, both sides agreed to work jointly to strengthen their relationship.
- S Jaishankar and David Zalkaliani unveiled a statue of Mahatma Gandhi in Tbilisi Park, Georgia.

### Overview of EAM Jaishankar's visit to Tajikistan & Uzbekistan

India's External Affairs Minister (EAM) S Jaishankar paid a visit to Tajikistan (13-14th July) & Uzbekistan (15-16th July) to participate in regional forum meeting.

#### Tajikistan

EAM visited Tajikistan at the invitation of Foreign Minister Mr. Sirojiddin Muhriddin to participate in the SCO Council of Foreign Ministers.

- Achievements of SCO as it celebrates the 20th Anniversary of its Formation in 2021 were discussed.
  - **Uzbekistan**
  - EAM Jaishankar visited Uzbekistan to participate in the '**Central-South Asia conference**' titled "Central and South Asia: Regional Connectivity, Challenges and Opportunities (Connectivity Conference)" held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. It was hosted by Uzbekistan.
  - Delegations of the C5+1 – Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, USA participated in the International Conference.

## **JUNE 2021**

### Overview of EAM Jaishankar's visit to Kuwait & Kenya

India's External Affairs Minister (EAM) S Jaishankar paid a three-day visit to Kuwait from June 9 to 11, 2021 & Kenya from June 12 to 14, 2021.

#### Kuwait visit

It is Jaishankar's **1st visit to Kuwait as EAM**. Both sides discussed bilateral relations and exchanged views on regional developments & global issues. India & Kuwait have signed an **MoU** which will bring Indian domestic workers to Kuwait under the ambit of a legal framework.

#### Kenya Visit

During the visit, EAM Jaishankar co-chaired the **3rd India-Kenya Joint Commission meeting** along with Raychelle Omamo, Cabinet Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Kenya.

- EAM inaugurated the renovated **Mahatma Gandhi Library at the University of Nairobi** in Kenya. India had provided financial support for the renovation of the library.
- Both sides agreed to expand bilateral cooperation under the Kenya-India Joint Commission Framework.



- They agreed to enhance partnership in the areas of Health, Environment, Information & Communication Technology (ICT), Tourism, Higher Education, Automotive, Defence and Security...[Click here for full article...](#)

## **MAY 2021**

### **Overview of EAM Jaishankar's visit to the United Kingdom**

India's External Affairs Minister (EAM) S Jaishankar visited London, United Kingdom (UK) from May 3-6, 2021 to participate in the G7 Foreign & Development Ministers Meeting.

- UK's Home Secretary Priti Patel & India's EAM S Jaishankar signed the 'Migration and Mobility Partnership (MMP)' agreement between the 2 countries.
- Jaishankar virtually conducted Bilateral discussions with UK's Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab.
- UK and India signed the UK-India Enhance Trade Partnership (ETP) Agreement, which aims to double bilateral trade between the two countries by 2030.
- The 1st Trilateral Ministerial Dialogue between India-France-Australia was held on the sidelines of the G7 meeting...[Click here for full detail..](#)

## **APRIL 2021**

### **Overview of French Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian's visit to India**

Mr Jean-Yves Le Drian, Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs France paid an official visit to India from April 13-15, 2021.

- France has agreed to be part of the Indo-Pacific Ocean Initiative (IPOI).
- Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) & French National Space Agency (CNES, Centre National D'Etudes Spatiales) have signed an Implementing Arrangement for cooperation concerning India's 1st Human Space Mission 'Gaganyaan'.
- Participated in a panel discussion on Climate Change with Prakash Javadekar, Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC).
- Participated in Raisina Dialogue 2021, which is India's premier conference on geopolitics and geoeconomics. It is hosted by the Observer Research Foundation (ORF).
- MeitY Startup Hub (Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology) & La French Tech, Bengaluru have launched the Indo-French Tech Programme.
- Indo-French Accelerator program was launched for boosting the collaboration between India & France in the field of innovative technology.

### **Overview of EAM Dr S. Jaishankar's visit to Tajikistan**

External Affairs Minister (EAM) Dr S Jaishankar reached Dushanbe (Capital of Tajikistan) as part of his official visit to Tajikistan for two days.

- During the visit, EAM attended the 9th Heart of Asia-Istanbul Process (HoA-IP) Ministerial Conference held at Dushanbe, Tajikistan.
- EAM attended the inaugural virtual session of the Doha talks.
- Held discussions with Emomali Rahmon, President of Tajikistan; Colonel General Sherali Mirzo, Defence Minister of Tajikistan; Sirojiddin Muhridin, Foreign Minister of Tajikistan.

## **MARCH 2021**

### **Overview of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 2-day visit to Bangladesh**

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Bangladesh from March 26-27, 2021 at the invitation of Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. During the meeting, PM Narendra Modi participated in major events such as

- PM Modi was the Guest of Honour in the Golden Jubilee Celebration event.
- 'Mujib Barsho' – Celebrations of Birth Centenary of the Father of Bangladesh – Bangabandhu 'Sheikh Mujibur Rahman'.



- India conferred the Gandhi Peace Prize for the year 2020 on Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.
- PM Narendra Modi reiterated India's commitment and efforts to conclude the Teesta Water-Sharing pact.
- Both leaders launched a new passenger train 'Mitali Express' connecting Dhaka- New Jalpaiguri (West Bengal).

### **Overview of Minister of National Defence, South Korea, Suh Wook's 3-day visit to India**

The main objective of the visit is to boost Bilateral Defence and Military Cooperation. During the visit, Suh Wook held meetings with Defence Minister, Rajnath Singh; National Security Advisor, Ajit Doval.

- Suh Wook & Rajnath Singh jointly inaugurated India's First Indo-Korean Friendship Park at Delhi Cantonment.
- India & South Korea agreed to go for Joint Production and export of military hardware.
- Suh Wook witnessed exercise performed by the Indian Army's Paratroopers in Agra.

### **FEBRUARY 2021**

#### **Indian External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar visit to Maldives and Mauritius**

##### **Visit to Maldives**

- From: February 20-21, 2021
- Duration: 4 days.
- Purpose –  
India, Maldives signs 5 deals and handed over 1 lakh doses of COVID-19 vaccines.  
India announces USD 40mn LoC to boost sports infrastructure in Maldives at Ekuveni Stadium.  
Exim Bank extends LOC worth USD 50mn to Maldives.

##### **Visit to Mauritius**

- From: February 20-21, 2021
- Duration: 4 days
- Purpose –  
In Mauritius where he inked the India-Mauritius Comprehensive Economic Cooperation and Partnership Agreement (CECPA). It is a first trade Agreement signed by India with a country in Africa.  
India and Mauritius sign Comprehensive Economic Cooperation and Partnership Agreement.  
India offers \$100 mn credit line to Mauritius to procure defence assets.  
Jai Shankar inaugurates new chancery building of Indian High Commission in Mauritius.

#### **Ethiopia Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, Demeke Mekonnen visit to India**

- From: February 16-19, 2021
- Duration: 4 days
- Purpose – he inaugurated the new Chancery & Residence at Ethiopian Embassy, New Delhi and met Union Minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) at Hyderabad House, New Delhi.

##### **Add on: -**

India and Ethiopia signed two memorandums of understanding (MoU) in the presence of both ministers. India-Ethiopia Business Forum was attended by Minister of State (MoS) Vellamvelly Muraleedharan, MEA. During the meeting discussions were held on a range of bilateral & regional issues.

#### **France's Ecological Transition Minister, Barbara Pompil Visits to India**

- From: January 28-February 1, 2021
- Duration: 5 days
- Purpose – key initiatives were signed & discussed between the two countries for boosting the Indo-French cooperation in sustainable development such as sustainable development, renewable energy, Biodiversity Conservation, Smart cities & plastic waste management.

##### **Add on: -**

Visited Kaziranga National Park in Assam which is one of the sites of Assam Project on Forest and Biodiversity Conservation (APFBC) funded by AFD.

Interacted with Research in the Centre of Excellence-Sustainable Polymers, IIT Guwahati who have developed India's first biodegradable plastic.

**JANUARY 2021**  
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## SUMMITS, EVENTS & CONFERENCE

### SUMMITS

Name of Summit	Place	Facts about the summit /conference
<b>SEPTEMBER 2021</b>		
16th Sustainability Building a Resilient Future Leveraging Science, Technology & Finance	Virtual	Narendra Singh Tomar, the Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, addressed the 16th Sustainability Summit 2021. He said that India has entered into the top 10 list of agricultural produce exporters. World-Wide Fund for Nature-India (WWF India) and the CII have collaborated to develop a platform named 'India Plastics Pact (IPP)' to promote a circular system for plastics. India became the 1st Asian country to develop a plastics pact.
13th BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa) Summit 2021	Virtual	Theme: ' BRICS@15: Intra-BRICS Cooperation for Continuity, Consolidation and Consensus' . The summit saw the adoption of the 'New Delhi Declaration'.
<b>AUGUST 2021</b>		
2nd Indo-US Services Summit	India	Union Minister of Commerce & Industry, Piyush Goyal addressed the summit, he remarked the 12-fold increase in Services Exports from India to the world over 20 years i.e. from \$17 billion in 2001-02 to \$205 billion in 2020-21
India-ASEAN(Association of Southeast Asian Nations) Engineering Partnership Summit 2021	Virtual	Union Minister of State(MoS) for Commerce and Industry Anupriya Patel inaugurated the summit..The US 400 billion merchandise export target was announced in the budget of the financial year 2021-22.The government of Tamil Nadu joined as a 'Partner State' while the Haryana government joined as the 'Focus State'.
The 13th Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Community of Portuguese Language Countries (CPLP) 2021	Luanda, Angola	During the summit, India and 9 countries were approved to join CPLP as 'Associate Observer' The other 9 countries are Canada, Ivory Coast, Greece, India, Ireland, Peru, Qatar, Romania, Spain and the US.
Investor Summit 2021	Gujarat	Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually addressed and launched the National Automobile Scrapage Policy to discard/Scrap the old inefficient and polluting vehicles in an environment-friendly manner.
<b>JULY 2021</b>		
1st edition of Indo Pacific Business Summit	Virtual	<b>Theme:</b> 'Developing a Road Map for Shared Prosperity'



		<b>Objective</b> – To discuss how India & other countries in the Indo Pacific Region can enhance economic partnership and collaborate for future economic development.
International Climate Summit 2021 (ICS)	New Delhi, India	With key focus on ‘Green Hydrogen’ and making India as a Global hub for Hydrogen production. The event was organised in partnership with the Government of Norway, where Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address the delegates.
<b>JUNE 2021</b>		
Climate Breakthroughs Summit	Virtual	United Nations(UN) has called for a coordinated action to secure the global net zero-emission and to reach the goal of limiting global warming to 1.5-degree Celsius compared to pre-industrial levels by 2050. Maersk, the world’s largest container shipping line and vessel operator, joined Race to Zero with the commitment to halving the emission by 2030.
2021 P4G Seoul Summit	Seoul, South Korea.	<b>Theme of the 2021 P4G Seoul Summit</b> is Green Recovery and 2050 Carbon Neutrality The Summit was preceded by Green Future Week: May 24 to 29 2021.
47th G7 Leaders’ Summit 2021	Cornwall, United Kingdom (UK)	Summit also called as <b>1st ever net-zero G7</b> . Theme for the Summit – ‘Building Back Better’. During the summit, G7 countries pledged over <b>1 billion coronavirus vaccine doses</b> for poorer nations also Carbis Bay Declaration to prevent any repeat of the human and economic devastation wreaked by COVID-19. Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually participated in the meeting and called G7 summit members for ‘ <b>One Earth One Health</b> ’. India, South Korea, Australia, South Africa, and the G7 countries signed the ‘ <b>Open Societies Statement</b> ’, it supports ‘ <b>Human rights for all, both online and offline</b> (as set out in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights)and <b>Freedom of Expression</b> .
1st North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) summit	Brussels in Belgium	NATO leaders declare China a global security challenge and NATO 2030 agenda sets a higher level of ambition for NATO.
9 <sup>th</sup> Asian Ministerial Energy Roundtable (AMER9) 2022	India	
G20 Education Ministers meet 2021 & G20 Ministers for Labour & Employment meet 2021	Virtual	Minister of State for Education Sanjay Dhotre virtually represented India. Minister of Public Education of Italy, Patrizio Bianchi chaired the G20 Education Ministers Meet 2021.



BRICS Green Hydrogen Summit 2021	Virtual	Host: India India called for common international standards for green hydrogen to ensure safe transportation and storage of the new age emission-free fuel.
3rd edition of the Northern Region Food Processing Summit 2021	Virtual	It was addressed by Union Minister Narendra Singh Tomar, Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI). Government has launched a new production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme for the food processing industry, under which Rs 11,000 crore will be spent.
<b>MAY 2021</b>		
Summit on Financing of African Economies 2021	Virtual	It was hosted by France. <b>Objective</b> – To arrange financial resources for reviving the economy of African Continent, which has been affected by COVID-19.
India-UK Virtual Summit 2021	Virtual	During the summit, the two leaders adopted <b>'Roadmap 2030'</b> which aims to elevate bilateral ties to 'Comprehensive Strategic Partnership'. UK finalised new deals/trade worth 1 Billion British Pound Sterling (GBP) to create 6,500 jobs in the UK.
<b>APRIL 2021</b>		
Leaders' Summit on Climate 2021	Virtual	<b>Host Country</b> – US <b>Theme of the Summit</b> – 'Our Collective Sprint to 2030'.
2 <sup>nd</sup> edition of 'Amazon Smbhav Summit 2021'	Virtual	<b>Amazon has launched a \$250million Amazon Smbhav Venture Fund</b> to support the digitization of small and medium businesses (SMBs), Agriculture, and Healthcare in India. Union Minister <b>Jitendra Singh</b> addressed the Summit (online) on the theme of 'Unlocking Infinite Possibilities for Digital India'.
6th edition of the Raisina dialogue 2021, India's annual global conference on geopolitics and geoeconomics	Virtual	<b>Inaugurated by</b> – PM Narendra Modi <b>Theme</b> - "Viral world: Outbreaks, Outliers and Out of Control" <b>Hosted by</b> - Observer Research Foundation (ORF) in partnership with the Ministry of External Affairs.
1st ever United Nations Food Systems Summit 2021	New York, USA	The Summit is a part of the Decade of Action (2020-30) to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030.
India-Netherlands Virtual Summit 2021	Virtual	Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi & Prime Minister of Netherlands Mark Rutte co-chaired the India-Netherlands Virtual Summit 2021. Both agreed to institute a 'Strategic Partnership on Water' to deepen the relationship between the countries in the water related sector and also to upgrade the Joint Working Group on water to Ministerial-Level.



**MARCH 2021**

India-Finland Virtual Summit 2021	Virtual	Summit held between India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi & Finland's Prime Minister Sanna Marin. India & Finland had announced a new partnership in the fields of ICT, Mobile Technology, Digital Education clean energy investment and evolution of 6G.
First-ever Leader-Level Summit of 4 QUAD (Quadrilateral Security Dialogue) countries	Virtual	Four countries are – India, Japan, USA & Australia. 4 Countries agreed to work towards an 'open' & 'free' Indo-Pacific region. 4 QUAD leaders agreed to launch a Mega Vaccine initiative to fight against COVID-19.
India-Sweden Virtual Summit 2021	Virtual	The key areas of discussion were Healthcare, Biotech, Smart Cities, Smart Grid, Circular Economy & Artificial Intelligence (AI).creation of a Sweden-India Health Hub at AIIMS-Jodhpur, Rajasthan.
2nd Edition of Maritime India Summit-2021 (MIS-2021)	Virtual	<b>Based on</b> "Exploring the potential business opportunities in Indian Maritime sector and making Aatmanirbhar Bharat". <b>Organized by</b> the Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways (MoPSW). <b>Partner Country</b> – Denmark
'Merchant Digitization Summit 2021' - Towards AatmaNirbhar (Self Reliance) Bharat with special focus on Himalayan Regions, North East Regions and Aspirational Districts of India.	Virtual	<b>Hosted by</b> - Government of India, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), and UN-based Better Than Cash Alliance. It was a part of the series of Learning Exchange amongst all States and Union Territories.
16th Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) Higher Education Summit 2021	Virtual	<b>Addressed by</b> - Union Minister of Education, Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' addressed the inaugural session of the summit. <b>Released the FICCI EY Report titled</b> - "Higher Education in India: 2040". <b>Theme of summit-</b> "Higher Education @ 2030: R.I.S.E. – Resilience. Innovation. Sustainability. Enterprise.'

**FEBRUARY 2021**

India Aircraft Leasing Summit-2021	Virtual	<b>Theme of the summit</b> was 'Rupee Raftaar'.India is set to emerge as World's 3rd Biggest Civil Aviation Market in overall terms by 2024.
18th Edition of BioAsia 2021	Hyderabad(Virtual)	<b>Organized by</b> the Telangana Government, BioAsia is Asia's Largest Life Sciences & healthcare forum.Theme – Move the Needle
World Future Fuel Summit and Expo 2021	New Delhi	<b>Organized by</b> Energy and Environment Foundation. It is an annual summit to bring together global business leaders, future leaders (students), government, specialist exhibitors from globally, it showcases state-to-art technologies in clean future energy for globally.



20th World Sustainable Development Summit (WSDS) 2021	Virtual	Theme is "Redefining our common future: Safe and secure environment for all". WSDS is an annual flagship event of The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) instituted in 2001.
<b>JANUARY 2021</b>		
51st Edition of 2021 World Economic Forum (WEF) Annual Meeting called 'The Davos Agenda 2021'	Virtual	<b>Theme of Davos Agenda</b> – 'A Crucial Year to Rebuild Trust'. WEF launched the Global AI (Artificial Intelligence) Action Alliance (GAIA). ii. WEF launched the first-of-its-kind platform called 'Essential Digital Infrastructure and Services' – EDISON Alliance to reduce digital inequalities & ensure equitable access to digital opportunities for everyone by 2025.
International Climate Adaptation Summit (CAS Online) 2021	Virtual	Government of Netherlands hosted this summit with a support of Global Center on Adaptation (GCA) from Amsterdam, Netherlands. From India, the summit was addressed by Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi.
15th Edition of India Digital Summit 2021	Virtual	organized by Internet & Mobile Association of India (IAMAI). It was inaugurated by Ravi Shankar Prasad, Union Minister of Electronics & Information Technology. Theme – 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat – Start of New Decade'
'Prarambh' – Startup India International Summit 2021	Virtual	organized by Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India from New Delhi. It was inaugurated by Piyush Vedprakash Goyal, Ministry of Commerce and Industry. PM Modi addressed and announced Rs.1,000-crore 'Startup India Seed Fund' for Startups.

## CONFERENCE

Name of Conference	Place	Facts about the summit /conference
<b>SEPTEMBER 2021</b>		
5th World Conference of Speakers of Parliament (5WCSP) 2021	Vienna, Austria	The Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla participated in the conference, organized by the Austrian Parliament, Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and the United Nations (UN). Austrian Parliament is the first national parliament in history to co-host the World Conference of Speakers of Parliament. The theme of the Conference is Parliamentary leadership for more effective multilateralism.
<b>AUGUST 2021</b>		
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<b>JULY 2021</b>		
5th and final session of the 3rd ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) Conference on Biodiversity in 2020 (ACB 2020)	Virtual	<b>Theme:</b> 'Towards 2050: Living in Harmony with Nature'. UN Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) Secretariat released the 1st draft of a Post-2020 GBF to guide actions worldwide through 2030 to

		preserve and protect nature and its essential services to people.
2nd Edition of CII Conference & Exhibition 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat – Self-Reliance for Renewable Energy Manufacturing'	Virtual	Union Minister RK Singh announced that India will exceed its target of reducing carbon emission to <b>33%</b> set by 2030 under the Paris agreement. India will achieve the target of 20% ethanol blending with petrol by 2023-24. India has set a target of 450 GW of Renewable Energy capacity by 2030. A report on ' <b>A Roadmap for Self-Reliance in RE Manufacturing</b> ' was released which was developed by CII-in partnership with PwC (PricewaterhouseCoopers Pvt Ltd).
<b>JUNE 2021</b>		
42nd session of Food and Agriculture Organization's (FAO) Conference	Virtual	Union Minister for Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare Narendra Singh Tomar participated. <b>FAO members endorsed</b> the new Strategic Framework 2022-2031 which will support the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. <b>Hans Hoogeveen elected as the new</b> Independent Chairperson of the Council (ICC) for the next two years (2021-23). He succeeds Khalid Mehboob of Pakistan.
Conference of BRICS Network Universities	Virtual	<b>Host:</b> Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay <b>Theme</b> – "Electric Mobility". This conference is a part of the 13th BRICS Summit which is set to be held in 2021, under the Chairship of India.
<b>MAY 2021</b>		
World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development 2021	Berlin ,Germany(Virtual)	<b>Organised by</b> - United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). <b>Objective</b> - To inspire at least a million women from small towns to realise their dreams of becoming entrepreneurs. ✓ Tata Communications launched their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) project – 'School of Hope and Empowerment (S.H.E)' for empowering Indian women.
3rd Arctic Science Ministerial (ASM3) 2021	Tokyo, Japan	The theme for 2021 is 'Knowledge for a Sustainable Arctic'.
<b>APRIL 2021</b>		
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<b>MARCH 2021</b>		
3rd Edition of the Annual Conference of International Conference on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure 2021 (ICDRI 2021)	Virtual	<b>Hosted by</b> - Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI). US announced funds of up to USD 9.2 Million for supporting CDRI.
India Chem 2021' – the 11th Biennial International Exhibition & Conference	New Delhi	<b>Organized by</b> - Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals, Government of India & FICCI (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry). <b>Theme</b> – "India: Global Manufacturing Hub for Chemicals and Petrochemicals"
6th edition of International Conference on Pharmaceutical & Medical Device sector i.e. India	Virtual	<b>Inaugurated by</b> - Union Minister DevaragundaVenkappa Sadananda Gowda, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers (MoC&F).



Pharma 2021 & India Medical Device 2021		<p>i. <b>The theme for India Medical Device 2021</b> was 'India MedTech Future: Innovate &amp; Make in India through Global'.</p> <p>ii. <b>The theme for India Pharma 2021</b> was 'Indian Pharma Industry: Future is Now'.</p>
<b>FEBRUARY 2021</b>		
11th World PetroCoal Congress-International Conference and Expo 2021	New Delhi	<b>Organized by</b> Energy and Environment Foundation. <b>Theme</b> - "Petroleum-Coal-Gas: Towards a Win-Win Strategy for Producer and Consumer". Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoPNG) addressed the conference.
2nd edition of International Conference on Gender Equality (ICGE II)	Kozhikode, Kerala	<b>Inaugurated by</b> - Kerala Chief Minister (CM) Pinarayi Vijayan. <b>Hosted by</b> t-dddsGender Park in association with United Nations (UN) Women on the theme "Gender in Sustainable Entrepreneurship and Social Business: The Mediating Role of Empowerment".
India Tunisia Business Council' (ITBC)	Virtual	for boosting the trade relations between the two countries. The main focus of the ITBC will be to focus on development in both countries.
6th India-Russia Military Industrial Conference (IRMIC)	Bengaluru, Karnataka	To set up industrial facilities to manufacture a diverse range of aviation hoses at BEL Optronics Devices Limited, Pune, a subsidiary of BEL.
<b>JANUARY 2021</b>		
7th Edition of 'MASCRADE 2021' – Movement against Smuggled & Counterfeit Trade	-	organized by FICCI Cascade (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry – Committee Against Smuggling and Counterfeiting Activities Destroying the Economy)
International Akhand Conference 'EDUCON 2020'	Virtual	Union Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank', Ministry of Education (MoE) launched the conference. The Chief Guest of Valedictory Ceremony was Prof Dhirendra Pal Singh, Chairman, Univer

## EVENTS

Name of Events	Place	Facts about the summit /conference
<b>SEPTEMBER 2021</b>		
11th India-United Kingdom (UK) Economic and Financial Dialogue (EFD)	Virtual	Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman led the Indian Delegation whereas UK Chancellor Rishi Sunak led the UK Delegation. Under the EFD, both the countries have signed a USD 1.2-billion package of public and private investment in green projects and renewable energy to boost India's green growth objectives.
18th Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)- India Economic Ministers Consultation	Brunei	It was organized under the chairmanship of Anupriya Patel, Minister of State for Commerce and Industry and H.E. DatoDr. Amin Liew Abdullah, Minister of Finance and Economy, Brunei Darussalam. India has given its key focus on the mass vaccination, capacity enhancement and economic initiatives to address the pandemic.
Shikshak Parv 2021	Virtual	Theme : "Quality and Sustainable Schools: Learnings from Schools in India".



		PM Modi has launched various schemes in the education sector under Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav(75th Anniversary of Indian Independence) such as Indian Sign Language Dictionary, Vidyanjali 2.0, NISHTHA 3.0, Talking Books and School Quality Assessment and Assurance Framework (SQAAP).
6th Eastern Economic Forum (EEF)	Vladivostok, Russia	PM Narendra Modi virtually addressed the plenary session.The main theme for the EEF 2021 is: 'Opportunities for the Far East in a World under Transformation'. The Forum's programme is divided into four thematic pillars: 'The New Economy: What Changes and What Stays the Same', 'The Far East: New Challenges and Opportunities', 'Our Shared Responsibility in a Changing World', and 'Youth EEF'.
<b>AUGUST 2021</b>		
UNSC High-level Open Debate on 'Enhancing Maritime Security – A Case for International Cooperation'	Virtual	Prime Minister was the 1st Indian PM to preside over a UNSC Open Debate. He outlined 5 principle frameworks to preserve the common maritime heritage, and to frame a global roadmap of maritime security cooperation. UNSC unanimously adopted the Presidential Statement (PRST) on Maritime Security, which was given by Narendra Modi.
UNSC Open debate on Technology & Peacekeeping with the theme, 'Protecting the Protectors: Technology and Peacekeeping'	Virtual	External Affairs Minister (EAM) S.Jaishankar chaired the debate. UNSC unanimously adopted the Presidential Statement on Peacekeeping & Technology, given by EAM Jaishankar.UNSC adopted Resolution 2589 unanimously, Security Council calls on Governments to protect peacekeepers, Requests creation of online database cataloguing attacks.
2 <sup>nd</sup> United Nations World Geospatial Information Congress (UNWGIC)	India	India is all set to host in October 2022 in Hyderabad, Telangana on the theme 'Towards Geo-enabling the Global Village'. It will be organized as a part of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (Celebration of 75 Years of Indian Independence)'. 
<b>JULY 2021</b>		
7th edition of Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS)	La Reunion, an island in the Indian Ocean east of Madagascar	It was hosted by the French Navy, France had assumed the Chairmanship of IONS on 29 June 2021, for a 2-year tenure. From the Indian side – Admiral Karambir Singh, Chief of the Naval Staff, Indian Navy virtually participated in the event.
CoWIN Global Conclave 2021	Virtual	Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually addressed the CoWIN Global Conclave 2021. Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare Dr Harsh Vardhan inaugurated the event . India is set to offer CoWIN (COVID-19 Vaccine Intelligence Work) as a digital public good to the world to combat COVID-19. For this purpose, an open-source version of the vaccine registration platform will be shared by India for free.
21st Session of India-Italy Joint Commission for Economic Cooperation (JCEC)	Virtual	It was Co-chaired by Piyush Goyal, Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, and Luigi Di Maio, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy. Piyush Goyal has discussed the issues regarding – the Mutual recognition of the COWIN Vaccine Certificate, opening up of Travel restrictions, longer duration of



		Business Visas, and the Portability of social security benefits of Indians working in Italy.
16th edition of virtual 'Confederation of Indian Industry - Export Import Bank of India' (CII-EXIM Bank) Conclave on India & Africa Project Partnership	India	Union External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and V. Muraleedharan, Minister of State for External Affairs, addressed the inaugural session. An Exim Bank's Report on 'India Africa Healthcare: Prospects and Opportunities' was released in the session. Theme: 'Harnessing the Africa-India Opportunity: Connect, Create and Collaborate'
<b>JUNE 2021</b>		
1st Edition of the Arab-India Energy Forum (AIEF)	Virtual	It was held under the co-chairship of India & the Kingdom of Morocco. During this meeting India decided to establish a USD 1 million (about Rs 7.32 crores) financial facility for academic collaboration with Arab.
5th Edition of Viva Technology 2021	Paris, France	Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually delivered the keynote address. He highlighted the emerging cooperation between India & France in areas like technology & digital.
The Ministerial-level Thematic Forum for UN High Level Dialogue on Energy 2021 (HLDE 2021)	Virtual	India co-hosted the Ministerial Thematic Forum for Energy Transition along with 9 other countries - Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Denmark, Germany, Nigeria, Poland, Spain, UK. These 10 countries were designated as Global Champions for the theme 'Energy Transition'. The main aim of HLDE 2021 is to promote the implementation of the energy-related goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
3rd Development Cooperation Talks between India & Bhutan	Virtual	During the meeting, both sides agreed to implement new projects in Bhutan in sectors like road infrastructure, water management and COVID-19 management.
<b>MAY 2021</b>		
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<b>APRIL 2021</b>		
India-Seychelles High-Level Virtual Event	Virtual	Indian Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi & Seychelles President Wavel Ramkalawan participated in the event. i. During the event, they virtually inaugurated several developmental assistance projects funded by India in Seychelles.
<b>MARCH 2021</b>		
4th Global Ayurveda Festival 2021	Virtual	<b>Organized by</b> - Centre for Innovation in Science and Social Action (CISSA) from March 12-19, 2021. The Festival aims to popularize Ayurveda & Traditional forms of Medicine.
2nd edition of TechBharat 2021, e-conclave of HealthTech & Edutech sectors.	Virtual	Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare, Dr Harsh Vardhan addressed the inaugural session of 2nd edition of TechBharat 2021
2nd edition of Global Bio-India 2021	Virtual	<b>Theme</b> - 'Transforming lives' with the tagline 'Biosciences to Bio-economy'.
<b>FEBRUARY 2021</b>		
Workshop with health officials and experts from South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) and Mauritius and Seychelles	Virtual	India organized the workshop on the theme "Covid-19 Management: Experience, good practices and way forward". It was chaired by India's health secretary Rajesh Bhushan and it was addressed by Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi.
<b>JANUARY 2021</b>		
51st International Film Festival of India (IFFI)	Goa	It was jointly organized by the Directorate of Film Festivals (under Ministry of Information and



		Broadcasting) and the state Government of Goa along with Entertainment Society of Goa. This year the 'country of focus section' was Bangladesh. Veteran actor, director and producer Biswajit Chatterjee has been presented with the Indian Personality of the Year Award on the occasion.... <a href="#">Click here for more film awards</a>
7th edition of India Smart Utility Week (ISUW 2021) by India Smart Grid Forum (ISGF)	virtual	ISUW 2021 will provide a digital platform for International Conference and Exhibition on Smart Energy and Smart Mobility for Smarter Cities which will be accessed at <a href="http://www.isuw.in">www.isuw.in</a> .
24th National Youth Festival (NYF) 2021	virtual	The theme of the NYF 2021 was 'YUVAAH – Utsah Naye Bharat Ka'. NYF is celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversary (January 12) of youth icon Swami Vivekananda.
4th Global Ayurveda Festival 2021(GAF2021)	Kerala	world's largest festival of Ayurveda community will be organised in a high-end virtual space from 12th to 19th March 2021 in Kerala. The festival is organised by Centre for Innovation in Science and Social Action (CISSA), the Ayurveda Medical Association of India (AMAI),
National Metrology Conclave 2021	virtual	The Conclave was organized by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research- National Physical Laboratory (CSIR-NPL) with the theme 'Metrology for the Inclusive Growth of the Nation'. Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi virtually inaugurated the conclave.

## COMMITTEES & MEETING

### COMMITTEES FORMED

Name of the Committee	Head	Facts about the Committee
<b>SEPTEMBER 2021</b>		
5-member committee	P Vasudevan	To set up a headed, to examine applications and give recommendations on New Umbrella Entity (NUE) licences.
8 member panel	V. G Somani	To frame new laws for drugs, cosmetics and medical devices
Task Force	Vinod Kumar Tiwari	Monitoring of activities towards achieving coal based Hydrogen production and usage.
Expert Committee	R.K Malhotra	Identifying experts in India and co-opting as members. Desk based review of progress in hydrogen technology and also review ongoing research projects in Hydrogen technology
<b>AUGUST 2021</b>		
8 member Committee for Doubling the Production & Quadrupling the Exports of Handlooms	Sunil Sethi, Chairman, Fashion Design Council of India (FDCI)	To suggest the strategy and policy framework for doubling the production and for improving the quality of handloom products with the aim of enhancing income of the weavers.



**JULY 2021**

Cabinet Committee on Political Affairs	PM Narendra Modi	It comprises 12 members including new members' viz. Union Minister Smriti Zubin Irani, Ministry of Women and Child Development; Union Minister Bhupender Yadav, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), and Ministry of Labour and Employment; and Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW), and Ministry of AYUSH (Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy)
Cabinet Committee on Parliamentary Affairs	Union Minister Rajnath Singh, Ministry of Defence	It comprises 9 members including new members' viz. Union minister Virendra Kumar, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MoSJE); Union Minister Kiren Rijiju, Ministry of Law & Justice (MoL&J); and Union Minister Anurag Singh Thakur, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (MoIB), and Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MoYAS)
Cabinet Committee on Investment and Growth	PM Narendra Modi	It comprises 8 members including new members' viz. Union Minister Narayan Tatu Rane, Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MoMSME); Jyotiraditya Madhavrao Scindia, Ministry of Civil Aviation; and Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, Ministry of Railways, Ministry of Communications; and Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)
Cabinet Committee on Employment and Skill Development	PM Narendra Modi	It comprises 9 members including new members' viz. Union ministers Ashwini Vaishnaw, Bhupender Yadav. Union Minister Ramchandra Prasad Singh, Ministry of Steel; and Union Minister Gangapuram Kishan Reddy, Ministry of Culture, Minister of Tourism, and Minister of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER) are included as special invitees.
Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS)	PM Narendra Modi	It comprises 4 members viz. Union Minister Rajnath Singh; Union Minister Amit Shah, Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA); Union Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, Ministry of Finance and Union Minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA).
Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC)	PM Narendra Modi	It is a two-member committee composed of PM Narendra Modi and Amit Shah, MHA & Ministry of Cooperation.

Expert committee	International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA)	To recommend the road map and approach towards the development of the Longevity Finance Hub in GIFT IFSC
11th Mekong-Ganga Cooperation Foreign Ministers' Meeting (11th MGC FMM) meeting.	Virtuak	Subrahmanyam Jaishankar, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) of India and <b>Prak Sokhonn</b> , Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Cambodia virtually co-chaired the meeting. The Ministers also reviewed the progress made in the prioritized areas of Mekong-Ganga Cooperation, and exchanged views on future cooperation.
<b>JUNE 2021</b>		
An expert group to provide technical support and recommendations to fix the minimum wages and national floor minimum wages	Professor Ajit Mishra	Ministry of Labour and Employment(MoL&E) has constituted the group. The group is set up for the 3 years.
Digital Publishers Content Grievances Council (DPCGC) by Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI)	Justice Vikramjit Sen	It will help to address the unresolved consumer grievances. Indian Broadcasting Foundation to be renamed as Indian Broadcasting and Digital Foundation.
Asia Pacific Public Sector Cyber Security Executive Council	Microsoft	The council aims to accelerate public-private partnerships in cybersecurity and share threat intelligence.
Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC)'s inter-regulators' panel	The committee includes officials from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), finance ministry, the Securities Exchange Board of India (SEBI) and the Insurance and Regulatory Authority of India (IRDAI).	To address the regulatory challenges posed by the fintech (financial technology) industry.
India Interagency Expert Committee on Malaria and Climate (IEC)	----	To explore and advance climate-based solutions for accelerating malaria elimination in India. India has set a target to eliminate Malaria by 2030.
Committee on Energy Efficiency, Low Carbon Technology	-----	For implementation of a roadmap on energy efficiency and low carbon technologies.
Takeover Panel	N Venkatram	Securities and Exchange Board of India(SEBI) has reconstituted panel looks into the applications that are seeking exemption from the mandatory open offer that an acquirer needs to make to minority shareholders.
High-level committee	Representatives from the 3 services (Army, Air Force and Navy) and the Ministries concerned such as Department of Defence, Ministry of Home Affairs, and National Security Council Secretariat	For the consultations on the creation of integrated triservice theatre commands.
Committee	Vandana Aggarwal	International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) has constituted a



		committee to examine global best practices in ship financing and leasing, identify opportunities .
<b>MAY 2021</b>		
7-member Group of States' Ministers (GoM) to better understand, examine, and resolve the uncertainty over the valuation of services by casinos, race courses, and online gaming companies for levying Goods and Services Tax (GST).	Union Finance Minister	The Committee will be Convened by Deputy Chief Minister of Gujarat, Nitin Patel.
5-member Committee for Reforms in Criminal Laws	Vice Chancellor of National Law University (NLU), Delhi (Currently – Srikrishna Deva Rao)	The Committee is appointed by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) to reform Indian Penal Code (IPC) is set to propose a separate Section in IPC on 'Offences relating to speech and expression'.
International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA), the regulator of GIFT- City (Gujarat International Finance Tec-City) 12-member expert committee on investment funds(IF)	Nilesh Shah	The committee has formed to recommend a roadmap to promote IF at International Financial Services Centres(IFSC).
5th Session of Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs (CCSCH)	Dr M.R. Sudharshan	India is the host and Spices Board of India (under Ministry of Commerce & Industry) is the Secretariat of CCSCH.
<b>APRIL 2021</b>		
3 Expert Committees to review standards under Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions (OSH & WC) Code, 2020.	Dr R K Elangovan P L N Murthy D K Shami	Dr R K Elangovan, will head the Expert Committee for Factories & Dock Works. P L N Murthy, will head the Expert Committee for Building & Other Constructions Works. D K Shami, will Head of Expert Committee for Fire Safety.
<b>MARCH 2021</b>		
10-member Empowerment Committee to discuss and enhance manufacturing of products in High techn areas in India	Minister of Commerce and Industry (Currently – Piyush Goyal)	To facilitate investments and promote manufacturing in technology-intensive sectors including semiconductors.
5-member External Advisory	Shyamala Gopinath, former RBI Deputy Governor	The tenure for SEAC will be for 3 years

Committee for evaluating applications for universal banks and small finance banks (SFBs)		<b>Key Function:</b> Applications for universal banks and SFBs will first be evaluated by the RBI to ensure prima facie eligibility of the applicants, after which SEAC will evaluate the applications.
Committee to execute and monitor the Startup India Seed Fund Scheme (SISFS)	H K Mittal, Department of Science and Technology.	The committee will evaluate and select incubators for the allotment of the fund under the scheme.
<b>FEBRUARY 2021</b>		
8-member Expert Committee (EC) on Urban Cooperative Banks (UCBs)	N. S. Vishwanathan, former Deputy Governor of RBI	RBI set up the committee will examine the issues faced by the UCBs and will also be responsible for preparing a road map for its strengthening.
<b>JANUARY 2021</b>		
IRDAI 10-member advisory committee	IRDAI chairman (Presently Dr. Subhash Chandra Khuntia)	IRDAI (Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India) formulated a 10-member advisory committee to improve the product quality and coverage of the health insurance in the country.
Administration of COVID-19 vaccine.	RS Sharma	members of the committee comprises senior officials from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoH&FW) and the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI).
7 Member Committee for feasibility of holding the Common Entrance Test (CET) at undergraduate level from the next academic year (August) in central universities.	Raghavendra (R) P Tiwari, Vice-Chancellor of Central University of Punjab.	To provide a single platform for admission.

### MEETINGS/DIALOGUE/COUNCIL/FORUM

Name of Meeting	Place	Facts about the meeting
<b>SEPTEMBER 2021</b>		
8th Meeting of Agriculture Experts of Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) Countries 2021	Virtual	Host: India The meeting was chaired by Dr Trilochan Mohapatra, Director General (DG) of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and Secretary (Department of Agricultural Research-DARE). The discussions were held on the transformations that are happening in the agriculture and food systems globally.



6th meeting of BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa) Energy Ministers 2021	Virtual	Minister of State (MoS) Krishan Pal Gurjar, Ministry of Power virtually chaired the meeting. The meeting saw an adoption of a joint communiqué consisting of the BRICS mutual Cooperation in Energy Access and Affordability; Cooperation in Energy Security and Clean Technology; Cooperation in Energy Efficiency; Cooperation for Energy Transitions; Cooperation in Renewable Energy.
40th meeting of the National Capital Region Planning Board (NCRPB)	Virtual	Hardeep Singh Puri launched the Combined Reciprocal Common Transport Agreement (CRCTA) for the carriage facilities among the governments of Haryana, Rajasthan, Delhi and Uttar Pradesh Combined Reciprocal Common Transport Agreement (CRCTA) launched .Online geo portal- "Pariman" based on remote sensing and GIS technology developed by NIC for NCR( National Capital Region) Planning Board was also launched.
G20 Health Ministers' Meeting 2021	Virtual	It was chaired by Roberto Speranza, Italian Minister of Health. During the meeting, the G20 Health Ministers, including India, have pledged to improve future health security, increase vaccine confidence and tackle antimicrobial resistance (AMR) while adopting the Health Declaration.
2+2 Ministerial Dialogue with Australia	New Delhi	India hosted the 1st ever 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue. From the Indian side it was attended by Union Ministers Subrahmanyam Jaishankar, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), and Rajnath Singh, Ministry of Defence (MoD). Australia will contribute \$10 million to India's initiative towards disaster-resilient infrastructure. Both nations are also working towards an 'early harvest trade deal' .
<b>AUGUST 2021</b>		
6th meeting of the BRICS Counter Terrorism Working Group (CTWG) 2021	Virtual	Meeting was chaired by Mahaveer Singhvi, Joint Secretary for Counter-Terrorism, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA).. During the meeting they finalized the BRICS Counter Terrorism Action Plan.
2nd meeting of BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa) Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors (FMCBG)	Virtual	Chaired by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das under the Indian BRICS chairmanship.
11th BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China & South Africa) Agriculture Ministers	Virtual	Union Minister for Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Narendra Singh Tomar has chaired meeting virtually with the theme of the meeting was "BRICS Partnership for Strengthening Agro Biodiversity for Food and Nutrition Security".
7th BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China & South Africa) Environment Ministers meeting, 2021	Virtual	Union Minister for Environment, Forests, & Climate Change (MoEFCC), Bhupender Yadav chaired the meeting. During the meeting, the 'New Delhi Statement on Environment', was adopted which aims at furthering the spirit of Cooperation for Continuity, Consolidation & Consensus in Environment among the BRICS Nations.



Meeting of the BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa) Working Group on Agriculture 2021	Virtual	The meeting was chaired by India, represented by India's Sanjay Agarwal, Secretary, India's Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (MoA&FW). <b>Theme</b> 'BRICS Partnership for Strengthening Agro Biodiversity for Food and Nutrition Security' During the meeting, BRICS nations agreed to strengthen agro-biodiversity to ensure food and nutrition security.
1st meeting of IBSA(India, Brazil, South Africa) NSAs	Virtual	India's National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval hosted the meeting with the theme "Democracy for Demography and Development".
Annual meeting of the Defence Ministers of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) member states.	Dushanbe, Tajikistan	It was chaired by Tajikistan (2021 SCO Presidency Chair). The Ministers approved a new Plan for Cooperation between the SCO Defence Ministries for 2022-23. 2021 was declared the Year of SCO Culture.
11th Annual meeting of the Forum of the Election Management Bodies of South Asia (FEMBoSA) 2021	Virtual	Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) of India and the current chairman of FEMBoSA, Sushil Chandra inaugurated the meeting which was hosted by the Election Commission of Bhutan. The theme of the meeting was the "Use of Technology in Elections". Representatives from the countries of Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal and Srilanka participated in the meeting. During the meeting, the Outgoing Chairman of FEMBoSA, Sushil Chandra passed the Chairmanship to Dasho Sonam Topgay (New Chairman), Chief Election Commissioner of Bhutan for the year 2021-22.
1st G20 Culture Ministers' Meeting 2021	Rome, Italy	From India, Meenakashi Lekhi, the Minister of State for External Affairs and Culture participated in the meeting. The Culture Ministers adopted the 1st G20 Culture declaration 'Rome Declaration of the G20 Culture Ministers' for submission to the G20 Leaders' 2021 to recognize the economic value of Culture and advocate the introduction of Culture within the G20 process.
G20 Digital Ministers Meeting 2021	Italy	Union Minister for the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY), Ashwini Vaishnaw represented India. During the meeting, Ministers adopted the "Leveraging Digitalization for a Resilient, Strong, Sustainable and Inclusive Recovery" declaration at the meeting. It includes 12 actions to accelerate the digital transition.
1 <sup>st</sup> meeting of G20 (Group of Twenty) Research Ministers 2021	Hybrid mode from Trieste, Friuli-Venezia Giulia, Italy	India was virtually represented by Minister of State (MoS) Subhas Sarkar, Ministry of Education (MoE). During the meeting views were exchanged on cooperation in research and higher education systems with focus on global digital transformation and their contribution to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.
28th Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) Regional Forum (ARF) Foreign Ministers Meeting 2021	Virtual	The meeting was held virtually under the Chairmanship of Brunei Darussalam. Rajkumar Ranjan Singh presented India's perspective on the Indo-Pacific, threat of terrorism, importance of



		UNCLOS (United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea) in the maritime domain and cyber security. India's External Affairs Minister (EAM) S. Jaishankar participated in the 11th East Asia Summit (EAS) Foreign Ministers Meeting, which was chaired by Brunei Darussalam.
8th Justice Ministers Meeting 2021 of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation	Virtual	The meeting was hosted by Tajikistan (2021 SCO Presidency). SCO is celebrating its 20th Anniversary under the slogan '20 years of SCO: Cooperation for Stability and Prosperity'. The next meeting of the Justice Ministers will be held in Pakistan in 2022.
1st Deputy National Security Adviser (NSA) level meeting of 'Colombo Security Conclave'	Virtual	The meeting was held virtually between India, Maldives, Sri Lanka. It was chaired by Bangladesh. Bangladesh, Mauritius and Seychelles participated as observers.
<b>JULY 2021</b>		
6th BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa) Culture Ministers meeting 2021	Virtual	<b>Host country: India</b> The meeting was held under the chairship of Prahlad Singh Patel, Minister of State (I/C) for Culture and Tourism under the theme - "Bonding and
8th BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa) Education Ministers 2021 meeting.	Virtual	<b>Host country: India</b> Chaired by Minister of State (MoS) Sanjay Shamrao Dhotre, Ministry of Education (MoE), and Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeiTy). <b>Theme:</b> i. Leveraging digital and technological solutions for ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education. ii. Enhancing research and academic collaboration.
27th Meeting of BRICS CGETI 2021 (Contact Group on Economic and Trade Issues) held	India	<b>Host country: India</b> The Department of Commerce was the national coordinator for the BRICS CGETI 2021. During the meeting, BRICS members discussed the proposals circulated by India, for strengthening and increasing the Intra-BRICS cooperation trade
12 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa) S&T (Science & Technology) Steering Committee	India	<b>Host country: India</b> It was hosted by Department of Science and Technology (DST), India where India was represented by Sanjeev Kumar Varshney, Advisor & Head International Cooperation. During the meeting BRICS member countries have agreed to a Science, Technology and Innovation (STI)-led BRICS Innovation Cooperation Action Plan (2021-24) proposed by India.
7th BRICS Labour & Employment Ministers' Meeting	India	<b>Host country: India</b> Held under the India's Presidency which was chaired by Union Minister Bhupender Yadav, Ministry of Labour and Employment. During the meeting, discussion on <b>four priority areas</b> of cooperation were held viz. Promoting Social Security Agreements amongst BRICS Nations; Formalisation of Labour Markets; Participation of Women in the Labour Force; and Gig and Platform Workers: Role in the Labour Market.
17th World Congress of International Federation of Cervical Pathology and Colposcopy 2021 (IFCPC 2021)	Virtual	It is being organised in Asia for the 1st time. <b>Theme</b> - 'Eliminating Cervical Cancer: Call for Action', the theme is aligned to the World Health



		Organisation (WHO) call for Elimination of Cervical Cancer by 2030.
19th Meeting of the Governing Council & 20th Meeting of the Governing Body of Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA).	Virtual	The 19th meeting of the Governing Council of ICWA took place from Hyderabad, Telangana. ICWA Committees have also set up an 'ICWA Archives Unit' to catalogue and conserve historical and archival records.
1 <sup>st</sup> meeting of the United Kingdom (UK)-India Financial Markets Dialogue (FMD)	Virtual	To deepen bilateral ties in the financial sector. It was led by senior officials from the Indian Ministry of Finance and Her Majesty's Treasury from the UK
3rd G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting (FMCBGs)	Italy	India was virtually represented by Union Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, Ministry of Finance. At the end of the meeting, an official Communique was released (i.e. reallocation of profits of multinational enterprises and an effective global minimum tax.)
G20 (Group of Twenty) Environment Ministers' Meeting 2021	Hybrid Format	<b>Host: Italy</b> (2021 G20 Presidency) in Naples. India participated virtually and was represented by Union Minister, Bhupender Yadav, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC). Minister of State (MoS) Ashwini Kumar Choubey
<b>JUNE 2021</b>		
43rd Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council meeting	Virtual	1. The Council recommended the ' <b>Amnesty Scheme</b> ' to reduce the <b>late fees</b> payable for pending returns by <b>small taxpayers &amp;</b> medium-sized taxpayers (aggregate turnover upto Rs 5 crore). 2. Those taxpayers who are registered under GST and have not filed their returns, GSTR-3B for the tax periods from July, 2017 to April, 2021 can avail the benefit of this Amnesty Scheme. Those returns have to be filed on or before 31st August, 2021. 3. COVID-19 related Supplies exempted from IGST till August 31, 2021
5th BRICS Working Group meeting on High Performance Computing (HPC) and Information Communication Technologies (ICT)	Virtual	<b>Host Country</b> : South Africa Indian delegates were headed by <b>Mr. Sanjeev Kumar Varshney</b> , Advisor & Head, International Cooperation Division, Department of Science and Technology (DST). India's ICT industry contributes over 13 % to India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and the digital economy generates about \$200 billion annually
BRICS Foreign Affairs Minister Meeting	Virtual	<b>Host Country</b> : India External Affairs Minister (EAM) of India, S Jaishankar Chaired the meeting
11th BRICS S&T Steering Committee Meeting	Virtual	<b>Host Country</b> : India The proposal on the innovation cooperation made by India will be considered at the BRICS Science, Technology and Innovation Entrepreneurship (STIEP) working group for elaborating the action plan.
74 <sup>th</sup> session of the World Health Assembly (WHA) of World Health Organization (WHO)	Geneva, Switzerland	1. Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Dr Harsh Vardhan, Chairman of WHO Executive Board (EB) presented the highlights of the 147th and 148th



		<p>sessions of the Executive Board and its Special Session on COVID-19 response.</p> <p><b>2. The theme of the 74<sup>th</sup> WHA is</b> “Ending this pandemic, preventing the next: building together a healthier, safer and fairer world”.</p> <p><b>3. January 30 Declared</b> as World Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTD) Day</p>
2th Clean Energy Ministerial (CEM 12) 2021 and 6th Mission Innovation Ministerial (MI-6)	Chile	<p><b>Theme</b> – ‘Ambition into Action – Turning a Year of Ambition into a Decade of Delivery’.</p> <p>During the 12th CEM, India &amp; the United Kingdom (UK) jointly launched a new workstream for promoting industrial energy efficiency.</p>
G7 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors meeting	London, UK	British finance minister, Rishi Sunak, made an agreement to introduce a global minimum corporate tax rate of at least 15 percent for multinational companies(MNCs).
44th Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council meeting	Virtual	<p><b>Chaired by</b> Nirmala Sitharaman</p> <p>The Council has reduced the GST rates on the specified items that are being used in COVID-19 relief and management till September 30, 2021.</p> <p><b>Changes in GST :</b> Tocilizumab (5%) Amphotericin (B 5%) Remdesivir (12%) Anti-Coagulants like Heparin (12%)</p>
UN ‘High-Level Dialogue on Desertification, Land degradation and Drought	Virtual	Narendra Modi virtually delivered his keynote and highlighted India’s commitment to restore the Degraded land at the UN ‘High-Level Dialogue on Desertification, Land degradation and Drought (DDLD)’.
ASEAN Defence Ministers Meeting (ADMM) Plus 2021	Virtual	Brunei is the Chair of the ADMM Plus forum in 2021. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh addressed the meeting and called for an open and inclusive order in the Indo-Pacific based on sovereignty and territorial integrity of nations.
6th meeting of Security Council Secretaries of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)	Dushanbe, Tajikistan	India proposed an action plan against Pakistan-based Terrorist groups as part of the SCO Framework.
G20 Labour and Employment Ministers’ Meeting 2021	Catania, Italy	Minister of State (I/C) for Labour and Employment, Santosh Gangwar delivered the Ministerial Address on ‘Declaration and Employment Working Group Priorities’. They adopted the Joint Ministerial Declaration at the end of the meeting.
<b>MAY 2021</b>		
4 <sup>th</sup> BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa) Working Group Meeting 2021	Virtual	It was sponsored by the Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST), China, and organized by the China National Center for Biotechnology Development.
3rd Foreign Office Consultations between India & New Zealand	Virtual	Both sides agreed to step up engagement in areas like Defence and Security, trade and investment, space, counterterrorism, cyber security, disarmament and climate change, and strengthening people-to-people ties.
33 <sup>rd</sup> meeting of Health Ministers of Commonwealth countries	Virtual	<p>It was <b>chaired by</b> India’s Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Harsh Vardhan.</p> <p><b>The theme of the meeting:</b> “Commonwealth Response to COVID-19: Ensuring Equitable Access to Vaccines and Building Resilience for Health Systems and Emergencies”.</p>



7th BRICS Astronomy Working Group (BAWG) meeting of Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa	Virtual	<b>India virtually hosted the meeting.</b> The meeting was held under the Science, Technology, and Innovation track of the BRICS 2021 calendar at Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics (IUCAA), Pune (Maharashtra) . S. K. Varshney, Scientist G & Head International Cooperation presented India's (DST) perspectives.
1st BRICS Employment Working Group (EWG) Meeting	New Delhi <b>(Virtual)</b>	<b>Hosted by India</b> , which assumed the BRICS Presidency in 2021. The meeting was chaired by Apurva Chandra, Secretary, Labour and Employment.
India-European Union (EU) Leaders Meeting 2021	Porto, Portugal	<b>Host</b> – Prime Minister of Portugal, Mr Antonio Costa (Portugal holds the Presidency of the Council of EU for the year 2021). India-EU launched Connectivity Partnership
<b>APRIL 2021</b>		
23rd ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations)-India Senior Officials' Meeting	Virtual	Ministry of External Affairs Secretary (East) Mrs. Riva Ganguly Das virtually co-chaired the meeting along with with Permanent Secretary of Thailand Mr. Thani Thongphakdi.
Boao Forum for Asia (BFA) Annual Conference 2021	Boao, China	It took place in Boao, South China's Hainan Province from April 18-21, 2021. The meeting was held in offline mode, while several global leaders participated virtually in it. <b>Theme</b> – A World in Change : Join Hands to Strengthen Global Governance and Advance Belt and Road Cooperation.
World Cities Cultural Forum (WCCF) 2021	London,UK	Arvind Kejriwal, Chief Minister of Delhi will be representing Delhi and India at the World Cities Cultural Forum (WCCF) 2021. The theme of WCCF 2021 is "The Future of Culture".
5th Global Forum on TB Vaccines	Virtual	Dr Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) addressed the forum.The forum is convened by Stop TB Partnership Working Group on New Vaccines in association with International AIDS Vaccine Initiative (IAVI) & Tuberculosis Vaccine Initiative (TBVI).The 6th Global Forum on TB Vaccines will be convened in Toulouse, France.
The Hydrogen Economy-New Delhi Dialogue 2021'	Virtual	Hydrogen Roundtable is the first of its kind conference on Hydrogen Ecosystem.India is set to spend USD 200 Million over the next 5-7 years for promoting the use of Hydrogen in India.
103rd Development Committee Meeting of World Bank- International Monetary Fund (IMF) 2021	Virtual	Indian Government stated that it has announced AtmaNirbhar Packages of INR 27.1 Lakh Crore, amounting to more than 13% of the GDP.Nirmala Sitharaman virtually attended the Plenary Meeting of the International Monetary and Financial Committee (IMFC) of the Board of Governors of the IMF at the Virtual Spring Meetings 2021.
30th Session BASIC (Brazil, South Africa, India & China) Ministerial Meeting on Climate Change	Virtual	<b>Hosted by</b> – India. The meeting was chaired by Prakash Javadekar, Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
2nd G20 Finance Ministers & Central Bank Governors (FMCBG) meeting 2021	Virtual	Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs Nirmala Sitharaman virtually participated.It held under the Italian Presidency.



First Meeting of BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa) Contact Group on Economic and Trade Issues (CGETI)	Virtual	India hosted this meeting virtually from New Delhi. India held the Chairmanship of BRICS for 2021 under the theme "BRICS@15: Intra BRICS Cooperation for Continuity, Consolidation and Consensus" and also hosted the 13th BRICS Summit 2021. BRICS is celebrating its 15th anniversary in 2021.
Education Ministers of E9 Countries	Virtual	Theme – 'E9 Initiative: Scaling up digital learning to accelerate progress towards SDG4 (Sustainable Development Goal-4)'.
17 <sup>th</sup> BIMSTEC (The Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation) Ministerial Meeting	Virtually from Colombo, Sri Lanka	External Affairs Minister (EAM), S. Jaishankar virtually addressed the meeting from India. He highlighted the strategic importance of the master connectivity plan among the South and Southeast Asian countries.
6 <sup>th</sup> Annual meeting of the Board of Governors of New Development Bank	Virtual	Theme of Annual Meeting – 'New Development Paradigms: The Evolution of Infrastructure'. Union Minister of Finance, Nirmala Sitharaman attended the meeting.
<b>MARCH 2021</b>		
116 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of Permanent Indus Commission (PIC)	New Delhi	India & Pakistan held the 116 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of Permanent Indus Commission (PIC) under the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT) at New Delhi from March 23-24, 2021.
36 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the Council of RATS (Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure) of SCO	Tashkent, Uzbekistan	The decision to hold a Joint Anti-Terrorism exercise. India, Pakistan, China & other members of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) will take part in a Joint Anti-Terrorism Exercise called 'Pabbi-Antiterror-2021'. Next meeting of RATS SCO will be held in September 2021 in Uzbekistan.
6 <sup>th</sup> India-Brazil-South Africa (IBSA) Women's Forum meeting	Virtual	<b>Chaired by</b> - Smriti Zubin Irani, Union Minister, Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India. <b>Focus</b> - to ensure improving the status and condition of women
5 <sup>th</sup> Asia Economic Dialogue (AED) 2021	Virtual	<b>Theme</b> - "Post Covid-19 Global Trade and Finance Dynamics". <b>Inaugural session was addressed by</b> - Union Minister Dr. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar, MEA on "Resilient Global Growth in a Post-Pandemic World".
<b>FEBRUARY 2021</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> Sherpas meeting hosted by India	Virtual	India virtually held the inaugural 3-day long Sherpas meeting from February 24-26, 2021. This is the 1 <sup>st</sup> Sherpas meeting hosted by India after it assumed the 2021 BRICS (Brazil-Russia-India-China-South Africa) Chairship. India succeeds Russia as the Chair of BRICS.
Meeting of BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa) finance and central bank deputies	Virtual	India hosted the meeting this meeting. Notably it was the first meeting on the BRICS Financial Cooperation under India Chairship in 2021.
11 <sup>th</sup> India-EU (European Union) Macroeconomic dialogue	Virtual	Tarun Bajaj, Secretary, Economic Affairs led the Indian Delegation & Maarten Verwey, Director General, Economic & Financial Affairs (ECFIN), European Commission led the European Union delegation.



34th Session of UN's FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization) Committee on Fisheries (COFI 34)	Virtual	The declaration calls for Strong action to combat Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing and emphasized on the importance of recovering from impacts of COVID-19 pandemic.
1st Joint Working Group Meeting 2021 between India & Bahrain	Virtual	The Indian side was led by Mr Dinesh Dayanand Jagdale, Joint Secretary, Ministry of New & Renewable Energy & Abdul Hussain bin Ali Mirza, President of Sustainable Energy Authority led the Bahraini side.
1st High-Level Dialogue (HLD) on India-European Union (EU) Bilateral Trade and Investment Agreement (BTIA) 2021	Virtual	This dialogue has been established as an outcome of the 15th India-EU Leader's Summit held in July 2020, which aims to provide ministerial-level guidance on bilateral trade and investment relations.
<b>JANUARY 2021</b>		
4th edition of the Future Investment Initiative (FII) Forum 2021	Riyadh, Capital of Saudi Arabia	Theme - "The Neo-Renaissance". It was hosted by FII Institute. From India, Union Minister Harsh Vardhan addressed the FII where he highlighted the five big impacts of COVID-19 which are influencing global business.
2nd India-Bangladesh Consular Dialogue 2021	New Delhi	to discuss issues related to consular, visa, and mutual legal assistance matters.
14th meeting of the India-United Kingdom Joint Working Group (JWC) on Counter-Terrorism 2021	Virtual	both nations emphasised for strengthening international cooperation to combat the global menace of terrorism.
5th India-Singapore Defence Ministers Dialogue	Virtual	dialogue saw the signing of the Implementing Agreement on Submarine Rescue Support and Cooperation between the Indian Navy (IN) and Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN) under which both navies will extend rescue facilities to each other's submarines in the times of distress with political permission.
69th meeting of the North Eastern Council (NEC)	Shillong, Meghalaya	The focus of the meeting was to discuss various developmental ongoing and future projects for the North Eastern region (NER). Union Minister Amit Shah, Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) inaugurated and chaired the council.

## **MOU's & AGREEMENTS**

### **MOU'S WITH OTHER COUNTRY**

<b>MoU between</b>	<b>Field</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER 2021</b>	
India & Nepal	For the reconstruction of 14 cultural heritage and 103 health sector projects across different districts of Nepal at a cost of ~\$36 million
India & US	Agreed to expand their energy partnership by adding the emerging fuels to the list of areas of cooperation as a 5th pillar
<b>AUGUST 2021</b>	
India & United Arab Emirates (UAE)	To send visiting professors in the field of social sciences at the New York University Abu Dhabi (NYUAD).
<b>JULY 2021</b>	
India & Gambia	To strengthen and promote bilateral cooperation in personnel administration and governance reforms.



India & Nepal	To revise the 2004 India-Nepal Rail Services Agreement (RSA)
<b>JUNE 2021</b>	
India & Bhutan	For developing cooperation between the two countries in the area of environment.
India & Fiji	For cooperation in the field of Agriculture and allied sectors.
India, Italy & Japan	Trilateral partnership to establish stability and a govern-based global order based on approval of all in the Indo-Pacific region
India & Kingdom of Denmark	Signed the framework agreement of the International Solar Alliance Framework Agreement (ISA FA) and Instrument of Ratification with India.
United Kingdom (UK) & Maharashtra State Innovation Society (MSInS)	Signed under the 'ACT4Green' programme to strengthen the Clean Energy & Green Energy Tech Start-up ecosystem in Maharashtra.
<b>MAY 2021</b>	
India & Israel	Two countries have signed a three-year 5th Indo-Israel Agriculture Action Plan (IIAP) 2021-23 agreement for development in Agriculture cooperation. Under the work program, both countries will implement two initiatives namely 'Indo-Israel Agricultural Project Centre of Excellence' & 'Indo-Israel Villages of Excellence (IIVoE)'.
India & Oman	Two countries renewed 2 MoUs signed in 2018 for Military cooperation along with its annexure on maritime issues.
Israel, India, and UAE	An Israel-based company 'Ecoppia' is set to produce robotic solar cleaning technology in India for a project in the United Arab Emirates (UAE). The project will take place through the Trilateral cooperation agreement between these three countries.
<b>APRIL 2021</b>	
India & Germany	Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs(MoHUA) of India and German Federal Ministry of Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety signed an agreement titled "Cities Combating Plastic Entering the Marine Environment" on Technical cooperation over a virtual event in New Delhi.
India & Japan	They signed 4 MoUs worth ~ 29.30 Million Yen (~ INR 1.93 Crores/~ USD 265,000) and with this Japan will support Healthcare projects funded under the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Projects (GGP) scheme in India.
<b>MARCH 2021</b>	
India & Philippines	MoU signed for implementing arrangement for 'procurement of defence material and equipment'
<b>FEBRUARY 2021</b>	
India, Afghanistan	for Construction of Lalandar [Shatoot] Dam in Afghanistan
Indian Space Research Organisation & Australian Space Agency	signed an Amendment of the '2012 India - Australia Inter-Governmental MoU for cooperation in Civil Space Science, Technology and Education' for enhancing cooperation between the two countries in Civil Space Activities.
<b>JANUARY 2021</b>	
India & Bangladesh	to design & launch the Pupil Satellite TV for PC to be completely developed by Students from both countries during the 50 years celebrations of India-Bangladesh friendship & the 100th Birth Anniversary of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman
India & Guyana	Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) Ltd, Kolkata has signed USD 12.7 Million Contract with the Harbour Department, Ministry of Public Works, Government of Guyana for the construction of an Ocean-going vessel.
India & Japan	loan agreement was signed for JPY (Japanese yen) 30 billion (Rs 2,113 crore) to support India's efforts at providing social assistance to the people impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic.



India & Japan	to boost cooperation in the field of Information & Communication Technology (ICT) which includes 5G technologies, Smart Cities, Telecom Security among others.
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## MOU'S WITH STATE

State	MoU with	Field/Purpose
<b>SEPTEMBER 2021</b>		
Union Territory (UT) of Ladakh	Border Roads Organisation (BRO)	For construction & upgradation of its road network
Assam	Central Government, Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council (KAAC)	Investment of Rs 1,000 crore by the Union and Assam government for development of the Karbi Anglong area in the next 5 years. Provide reservation for the people of Karbi for the first time.
<b>AUGUST 2021</b>		
Assam	NABARD & Assam Infrastructure Financing Authority (AIFA)	To assist the execution of various development projects in Assam.
Assam	37 microfinance lenders	For joint implementation of the AMFIRS (Assam Micro Finance Incentive and Relief Scheme), 2021 relief scheme in Guwahati, Assam.
Uttar Pradesh	Bharat Dynamics Ltd (BDL)	To establish a manufacturing unit in the UP Defence Industrial Corridor at Jhansi, which is under-construction.
<b>JULY 2021</b>		
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<b>JUNE 2021</b>		
Gujarat	Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOCL)	To invest around <b>INR 24, 000 Crore</b> in 6 projects at its Gujarat Refinery in Koyali, Vadodara district, Gujarat.
Meghalaya and Union Territory of Ladakh	Convergence Energy Services Limited (CESL),	For the deployment of electric vehicles and solar power in India during World Environment Day.
Assam	Survey of India (SoI)	For implementation of SVAMITVA scheme (Survey of Villages and Mapping with Improvised Technology in Village Areas) in Assam.
<b>MAY 2021 &amp; APRIL 2021</b>		
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<b>MARCH 2021</b>		
Gujarat	National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE India)	to set up a market infrastructure institution which consists of International Bullion Exchange (IBX), clearing corporation and depository, at the Gujarat International Finance Tec (GIFT) City in Gujarat.
<b>FEBRUARY 2021</b>		
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<b>JANUARY 2021</b>		
Maharashtra	BSE (formerly Bombay Stock Exchange)	to spread awareness about listing among Small & Medium scale Enterprises (SMEs) of Maharashtra.



## MOU'S BETWEEN ORGANIZATIONS

Organization	MoU with	Field/Purpose
<b>SEPTEMBER 2021</b>		
National e-Governance Division (NeGD)	National Law University(NLU), Delhi and National Law Institute University (NLIU), Bhopal	To establish a Cyber Lab for the "Online capacity building Programme on Cyber Law, Crime Investigation and Digital Forensics"
Union Minister Narendra Singh Tomar, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (MoA&FW)	CISCO, Ninjacart, Jio Platforms Limited, ITC (formerly India Tobacco Company Limited) Limited and NCDEX e-Markets Limited (NeML).	To envisage the modernization of the Agriculture sector that will further aid in increasing the income of farmers.
Ministry of Tourism (MoT)	Indian Railways Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC)	To promote domestic tourism and development of new tourism products.Under the 'Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive' (PRASAD) scheme, gov sanctioned Rs 200 crore for the tourism development in the North Eastern Region.
IIT Bombay	Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA)	For extending the research collaboration on "GROWTH - India Telescope", for a period of 5-years.
National Socialist Council of Nagaland - Khaplang (NSCN-K), a militant group led by Niki Sumi	Indian Government	The ceasefire agreement is a great step in Naga peace process, thereby making Insurgency-free Nagaland.
Tamil Nadu Generation & Distribution Corporation Limited (TANGEDCO)	Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd (IREDA)	To receive technical expertise in renewable energy (RE) projects.
ONGC Videsh Ltd (OVL) & Indian Oil Corporation (IOC)	Russia's Gazprom	For cooperation in the hydrocarbon sector.
Department of Animal husbandry & Dairying (DAHD) of Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying (MoFAHD)	Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD)	Under the MoU, the Self Help Group (SHG) platform or services of SHG members will be utilized as a livestock resource person and primary service provider for the development of the Indian rural economy.
National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG )	South Asian Institute for Advanced Research & Development (SAIARD )	For creating an academic platform for researchers and young minds and to boost Research and Developing capacity building hubs in the eastern region.
<b>AUGUST 2021</b>		
Indian government	Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)	Signed a Record of Discussions to strengthen its technical cooperation project with the Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad (IITH) - Phase 2 of FRIENDSHIP (Future Researchers at IITH to Enhance Network Development with Scholarship).
Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA)	Adani Enterprises Limited	For providing Reserved Services which includes Customs, Immigration, Plant &



		Animal quarantine services, Health services, Meteorological & Security services in the Airports of Jaipur, Guwahati & Thiruvananthapuram.
India	United nations	In support of – 'Partnership for technology in Peacekeeping' initiative and to UN C4ISR- UN Command, Control, Communication, Computers, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Academy for Peace Operations (UNCAP) based in Entebbe, Uganda.
Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL)	Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF)	For hiring of 10 Gbps (GigaBits) International Bandwidth for Internet Connectivity to Agartala from Bangladesh Submarine Cable Company Limited (BSCCL), Bangladesh via Cox Bazar/Kuakata.
National Health Authority (NHA)	Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi	To strengthen India's response to the COVID-19 crisis.
ReNew Power	RackBank Datacenters Limited	To power India's 1 <sup>st</sup> hyper-scale Data center with 100% Renewable Energy (RE)
India's National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT)	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) of US	On Monsoon data analysis and cooperation to improve weather forecasts in the region.
Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL)	MBDA, Europe based Missiles Manufacturer	To establish a facility for the Final Assembly, Integration and Test (FAIT) of Advanced Short Range Air to Air Missiles (ASRAAM) in Bhanur, Telangana
<b>JULY 2021</b>		
Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL)	Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC)	To establish a mega chemical project in Al Ruwais city, United Arab Emirates(UAE).
Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO)	Aramex	To support Indian Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME) exporters with access to cost-efficient, seamless and reliable logistics solutions.
Arun Jaitley National Institute of Financial Management (AJNIFM)	Microsoft	To build a Centre of Excellence at AJNIFM, enabled with AI (Artificial Intelligence)
Indian Economic Trade Organization (IETO)	Libyan African Business Council	To enhance business structures of both countries and to team up in the domains of IT (Information Technology) development, Healthcare, MRO (maintenance, repair and overhaul) support in the aerospace sector, and support the academic institutions by collaborating with the Indian skill sector.
Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX)	European Energy Exchange AG (EEX)	Towards knowledge sharing and exchange of expertise on Electricity derivative products.
Vman Aviation Services	France-based Airbus Helicopters SAS.	Vman became the first GIFT (Gujarat International Finance Tec) City, Gandhinagar based Aircraft leasing company to sign an Aircraft purchase agreement after placing an order for an Airbus H125 helicopter .



Coal India Ltd (CIL)	Iz-Kartex , a Russian shovel manufacturing company.	For the purchase of 11 20-cubic metre Russian rope shovels for nearly Rs 1,462 crore
Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam Ltd' (SJVN)	Investment Board of Nepal (IBN)	For the implementation of 679 Megawatt (MW) Lower Arun Hydro Electric Project (HEP) in eastern Nepal at the cost of US\$1.3 billion.
Delhi Skill and Entrepreneurship University (DSEU)	HI-NO-DE Foundation and Ichishin Holdings Co. Ltd	To implement the Technical Intern Training Program (TITP) to train and place the students from India (especially from Delhi) in Japan.
Department of Biotechnology (DBT)	Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES)	For mutual collaboration in the field of Polar Biology (Biology of Polar regions).
Indian Academy of Highway Engineers (IAHE)	University of New South Wales (UNSW), Australia	For setting up a Centre of Excellence (CoE) i.e. 'Centre for Advanced Transportation Technology and Systems (CATTs)' at IAHE, Noida (Uttar Pradesh).
Convergence Energy Services Ltd (CESL)	World Resources Institute (WRI) India	To devise strategies for India's transition path towards a net-zero emission.
Mineral Exploration Corporation Ltd (MECL)	Directorate of Mines & Geology (DMG), Goa	For exploration of Iron ore reserves in Goa.
General Electric (GE) & Intel	SERB (Science & Engineering Research Board)	For conducting basic research within the areas of the companies' interest
<b>JUNE 2021</b>		
Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE)	Electronics and Computer Software Export Promotion Council (ESC)	To create awareness among Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) and startups about the benefits of listing on the BSE SME & Startup platform.
Energy Efficiency Services Ltd (EESL)	Indian Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers (ISHRAE)	For a strategic partnership to implement energy-efficient and clean energy solution in the Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration (HVAC&R) industry.
Energy Efficiency Services Ltd (EESL)	Metallurgical & Engineering Consultants (MECON) Ltd	to implement Energy Efficient & Clean energy solutions in the Steel & Mining Industries.
National Medicinal Plant Board (NMPB)	National Botanical Research Institute (CSIR-NBRI)	For the promotion of cultivation and production of medicinal plants and herbs in India.
National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) Limited	Convergence Energy Services Limited (CESL)	E-Mobility Agreements to leasing 25 nos of Electric Vehicles (EVs) and supply 3 nos. of EV fast chargers to NHPC .
Digital India Corporation (DIC), Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology	Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare	To help farmers by providing location specific 'Demand Based Tele Agriculture Advisories'.
NHPC (erstwhile National Hydroelectric Power Corporation)	Bihar State Hydroelectric Power Corporation (BSHPC)	For the implementation of 130.1-megawatt (MW) Dagmara Hydro-Electricity project (HEP) on river Kosi in Supaul district of Bihar
Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW)	Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA)	For development of Seaplane services in India.



Ministry of Culture (MoC)	Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW)	For Cooperation in Development of National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC) at Lothal, Gujarat
India's H-Energy	Petrobangla (Bangladesh Oil, Gas & Mineral Corporation)	For supply of R-LNG (Regasified-Liquefied Natural Gas) to Bangladesh.
Union Minister of State, Santosh Gangwar, Ministry of Labour and Employment (MoL&E)	UNICEF	To provide a platform for cooperation between them to implement solutions to tackle the employment and skilling challenges for adolescents and youth in India.
Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative (IFFCO) Limited	Instituto Nacional de Asociativismo y Economía Social (INAES) and Confederación Cooperativa De La República Argentina Ltda (Cooperar).	To establish a nano urea liquid manufacturing plant in Argentina
<b>MAY 2021</b>		
Indian Institute of Management (IIM)-Indore	The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH (GIZ), German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)	Agreement made to identify the challenges across pandemic-hit sectors and to figure out ways to tackle them. IIM Indore received a research grant of Rs. 85.3 Lakhs.
TRIFED (Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India), Ministry of Tribal Affairs	NITI Aayog	Agreement made for implementation of Van Dhan Vikas Kendra (VDVK) initiative under Van Dhan Yojna in 39 Tribal Aspirational districts identified by NITI Aayog.
Alankit Imaginations Ltd	Digital Swiss Gold (DSG)	Agreement made to enable individuals to transact in gold digitally in Switzerland. Under the partnership, investors could buy Swiss Gold digitally after becoming a Digital Swiss Gold member by creating an account on an app and completing the KYC process.
Bombay Stock Exchange(BSE)	Dun & Bradstreet Information Services India	Agreement made to create an ecosystem for promoting, aiding and fostering the growth of Small and Medium Enterprises(SME).
Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA)	Microsoft	Under the agreement, Microsoft will make the Artificial Intelligence (AI) curriculum available to tribal students in English and Hindi at all Eklavya Model Residential Schools(EMRS) schools. This is to ensure inclusion and access.
Epsilon Advance Material (EAMPL),	Beowulf Mining plc	They made an agreement to set up a Joint Venture(JV) company in Finland.
NTPC Renewable Energy	Gujarat Urja Vikas Nigam Limited (GUVNL)	As per the agreement NTPC Renewable Energy will sell power from its upcoming 150 megawatt (MW) solar project in Gujarat to GUVNL at Rs 2.20/unit.
Indian Oil Corporation (IOC), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL), Hindustan	Badrinath Utthan Charitable Trust	Agreement made for Construction and Redevelopment of Badrinath Dham in



Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL), Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd (ONGC), and GAIL India Ltd		Badrinath, Uttarakhand as a 'Spiritual Smart hill Town'.
National Dairy Development Board (NDDB)	Energy Efficiency Services Ltd (EESL)	The agreement made to promote efficient renewable technologies in the dairy industry.
Telecom Equipment Manufacturers Association of India (TEMA)	Indo-Canada Chamber of Commerce (ICCC)	It will also facilitate investment & manufacturing in Telecom, Information & Communication Technology (ICT), railways, healthcare, agriculture, smart cities.
JSW Renew Energy	Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI)	Agreement made for supplying 540 MegaWatt (MW) out of the total awarded capacity of 810 MW of blended wind power capacity.
<b>APRIL 2021</b>		
Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati, (IIT-G)	North East Frontier Railway (NFR)	to collaborate on research projects aiming at improving maintenance and operations of train running in the region and other fields.
Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA)	IIT Kharagpur	to set-up an Accelerator Centre for Research & Development in the institute. The centre will act as an incubation hub for creation & development of technological products.
Singapore Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SICCI)	Start-up Incubation and Innovation Centre (SIIC) of IIT-Kanpur	to mutually promote Technology based Startups.
National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC)	IIT Kharagpur	to promote greater collaboration towards sustainable development in cooperatives, agriculture, and allied sectors.
Facebook	CleanMax ,Mumbai	to buy renewable energy in India, the company's first deal in South Asian nations. It will purchase from a 32-megawatt wind power project, located in Karnataka.
Oberoi Group	Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL)	to reduce its overall carbon footprint by implementing clean energy efficiency initiatives across its properties. It is the Government of India's Energy Service Company (ESCO) and the world's largest ESCO.
Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (MoA&FW)	Microsoft India	To undertake a Pilot Project in 100 villages (of 10 districts) in 6 states Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Rajasthan and Andhra Pradesh. The pilot programme is aimed at reducing input cost and boosting the income of Farmers.
Bayer, a German life sciences company	Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog	Signed a Statement of Intent (SoI) for a strategic partnership to foster Innovation & Entrepreneurship across healthcare & agriculture sectors.
INOXCVA (INOX India Pvt. Ltd)	Japan's Mitsui & Co (Asia Pacific) Pte. Ltd	to enhance small scale LNG (Liquefied Natural Gas) applications development



		and provide stimulus to gas based economy in India.
OneWeb, a Low Earth Orbit (LEO) satellite communications operator, co-owned by Bharti Global	Kazakhstan Government	signed an MoU with the Kazakhstan Government and other subsidiaries for accelerating connectivity services in the country commemorating the 60th Anniversary of Yuri Gagarin's first human spaceflight.
Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog	Embassy of Denmark	signed a Statement of Intent (SoI) for promoting innovation and entrepreneurship among aspiring entrepreneurs in India.
Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL) & Google	MyGov India	(HUL) & Google partners with MyGov India to jointly formulate an Artificial Intelligence (AI) driven Agriculture Hackathon. It is to encourage start-ups and institutions for finding innovative solutions to address India's water scarcity problem through AI solutions.
National Collateral Management Limited (NCML)	Agriculture Skill Council of India (ASCI)	to provide skill training in the agriculture sector.
National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB) of the Ministry of AYUSH	Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying	for formulating new drugs using medicinal herbs for the use of veterinary science.
Spices Board India under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry	UNDP (United Nations Development Programme) India's Accelerator Lab	for developing a blockchain-based traceability interface for Indian Spices to enhance transparency in supply chain and trade.
Atal Innovation Mission (AIM)	Centre for Innovations in Public Systems (CIPS)	Both entities have signed a Statement of Intent (SoI) for promoting innovation & entrepreneurship ecosystem in India in the area of public systems using the knowledge and experience of AIM & the reach of CIPS.
<b>MARCH 2021</b>		
Jammu and Kashmir Trade Promotion Organization (JKTPO)	Trade Promotion Corporation of India (TPCI)	for the Agro & Food Processing Sector and Film Tourism Sector. MoU was signed during the inauguration of J&K Pavilion at South Asia's largest Integrated FB Trade Show - "Indus-food 2021" held at Indian Exposition Mart, New Delhi.
Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT)	CNB Logitech	Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT) has signed a MoU with CNB Logitech of Rs 100 crore per annum to monitor, track and optimise the movement of 50 lakh containers in EXIM trade.
Labour Bureau	Broadcast Engineering Consultants India Ltd (BECIL)	for providing technical and manpower support for conducting All India Surveys on Migrant Workers & All India Quarterly Establishment based Employment Survey (AQEES).
Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA)	National Small Industries Corporation Ltd (NSIC)	to support and empower agri entrepreneurs.



National High-Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRCL)	Japan Railway Track Consultant Co. Limited (JRTC)	It is India's First Bullet Train Project and is being constructed at an estimated cost of INR 1.08 Lakh Crore.
REC Ltd and Power Finance Corporation (PFC), New Delhi	Bhutan-based Kholongchhu Hydro Energy Ltd (KHEL)	for the financing of 600- Megawatt (MW) hydroelectric project at Bhutan.
Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (MoA&FW)	Central Silk Board	Implementation of Agroforestry in the silk sector under the ongoing Sub-Mission on Agroforestry (SMAF) Scheme.
Liberty Steel Group, United Kingdom	Luxembourg based 'Paul Wurth' & Germany based 'SHS' (Stahl-Holding-Saar)	United Kingdom based Liberty Steel Group which is owned by Indian-origin metals tycoon Sanjeev Gupta has signed MoUs with 2 European companies to set up France's 1st Hydrogen-based steel making plant.
<b>FEBRUARY 2021</b>		
Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI)	MOL (Asia Oceania) Pte. Ltd	to transport Liquefied Natural Gas (LPG) through barges on National Waterways-1 and National Waterways-2.
The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), New Delhi	Power System Operation Corporation (POSOCO), New Delhi	for promoting research in the domestic power sector and to enhance the interaction between the industry-research bodies for knowledge sharing and capacity building through collaboration.
Coal India Limited (CIL), Kolkata	Centre for Railway Information Systems (CRIS)	for fast and customised automated access to coal freight data through Freight Operation Information System (FOIS).
Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR)	Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF)	for supporting development, conduct & promotion of health research in India.
Indian Oil Corporation (IOC)	Greenstat Hydrogen India Pvt. Ltd	IOC signed a Statement of Intent (SoI) with Greenstat Hydrogen India Pvt. Ltd., for setting up a Centre of Excellence on Hydrogen (CoE-H) including CCUS and Fuel Cells.
GE Power Conversion	Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE)	to act as partners on propulsion system design.
Ministry of AYUSH (Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy)	World Health Organization South East Asia Regional Office (WHO SEARO)	for deputation of an AYUSH expert to WHO's regional traditional medicine programme in New Delhi.
HCL Technologies (HCL)	Indian Institute of Technology - Kanpur (IIT - K)	to collaborate in the field of cybersecurity
Department of Space (DoS) under Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)	CE Info Systems Pvt Ltd (owned by MapmyIndia)	to build an Indigenous, mapping portal and geospatial services which could become an alternative to Google Maps & Google Earth services.
Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL)	Hindustan Shipyard Ltd (HSL), SeaTech (Singapore) and other industrial partners	to expand its capacity for Indigenous shipbuilding, ship repair and exports.
AGS Transact Technologies Ltd (AGSTTL)	Mastercard	to introduce First-Ever 'Contactless' Cash Withdrawals on Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) in India.
Wipro 3D	Engine Division of Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL)	to Manufacture Aero Engine Component, Nozzle Guide Vane (also called the Inner Ring), 3D Printed in a high temperature resilient steel A286 operating in the hot zone using Metal 3D Printing.



Siemens Ltd (India)	Smart Factory, Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru & Smart Manufacturing Demo and Development Cell (SMDDC) at Central Manufacturing Technology Institute (CMTI), Bengaluru	for the establishment of 1st of its kind Digital Transformation labs. The Agreements were signed for a period of 3 years.
Skyroot Aerospace	Bellatrix Aerospace	Bengaluru, Karnataka based Bellatrix Aerospace to use the Orbital Transfer Vehicle (OTV). Bellatrix Aerospace's OTV will work as a "taxi in space" to ferry small satellites into multiple orbits.
BEML Ltd (previously Bharat Earth Movers Limited)	CSIR-NAL (Council of Scientific and Industrial Research-National Aerospace Laboratory)	MoU signed for development of two-seater trainer aircraft through technology transfer during the Aero India 2021 show being held at Yelahanka Air Force Base, Bengaluru, Karnataka.
Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd (GRSE)	Seychelles	for delivering 1 Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV) called 'Zoroaster' to the Seychelles Coast Guard.
<b>JANUARY 2021</b>		
International Energy Agency (IEA)	India	Signed a Framework for Strategic partnership agreement that will play a crucial role in enhancing global energy security.
Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH)	Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)	to boost collaboration in the field of technical exchange & cooperation on sustainable Geo-hazard management.
National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)	Institute for Road Traffic Education (IRTE) and Institute for Development and Communication, Chandigarh (IDC)	for promotion of road safety & collaborate in areas of traffic management under the programme "Capacity building of Road Safety Management through the Safe Systems Approach Programme".
Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL),	National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)	to establish Clean & Energy Efficient Interventions at NHAI Establishments.
Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd (IREDA)	NHPC Limited	to provide its technical expertise for developing renewable energy projects for the next 5 years.

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### RANKING

#### INDIA'S RANK

Index /Survey Name	Released By	Ranks of India & Top 3 Ranks
<b>SEPTEMBER 2021</b>		
First Hurun India Future Unicorn List 2021	Hurun Research Institute	India became the third largest Unicorn ecosystem in the world after the United States (US) and China as India have 51 Unicorns worth \$168 billion, and 32 Gazelles and 54 Cheetahs.



**AUGUST 2021**

Global Youth Development Index (YDI) 2020	The Commonwealth Secretariat	<b>India was ranked 122nd</b> Singapore topped the Index for the 1st time, followed by Slovenia & Norway. The bottom 5 countries of YDI 2020 are Chad (181th), followed by Central African Republic (CAR), Afghanistan, South Sudan and Niger.
1st Edition of the Global DeFi (Decentralised Finance) Adoption Index	Chainalysis	<b>India ranked 6th place</b> out of 154 countries. The United States topped the ranking followed by Vietnam (2nd) & Thailand (3rd) respectively
2nd Edition of Global Crypto Adoption Index 2021	Chainalysis	<b>India ranked 2nd</b> out of 154 countries. Vietnam topped the index. Pakistan secured third position.
Global Manufacturing Risk Index- Assessing Costs, Risks and Conditions Impacting Manufacturing	Cushman & Wakefield's 2021	India became the world's second most desired manufacturing destination globally. The top position is retained by China & US secured 3 <sup>rd</sup> position.

**JULY 2021**

Global Startup Ecosystem Index 2021	StartupBlink	<b>India ranked 20th</b> out of 100 countries. <b>Top 3:</b> United States (US),United Kingdom (UK) and Israel.
Global Cybersecurity Index 2020 (GCI 2020)	International Telecommunication Union (ITU)	<b>India ranked 10th (India was placed at the 47th spot in the last</b> edition of GCI in 2018) in the Index. <b>Top 3:</b> The US,UK & Saudi Arabia and Estonia
'Statistical Review of World Energy 2021'	BP(British multinational oil and gas company)	Top 4 largest supplier of crude oil and natural gas to India in 2020 : Iraq,Saudi Arabia,United Arab Emirates (UAE) and US. Japan remained as the top LNG importer in the world with imports of 102 bcm. India's Coal consumption in 2020 fell by 1.1 ExaJoules (-1.1 EJ). China is the biggest oil importer in the world in 2020 with Saudi Arabia as its biggest supplier of crude oil.
Top 10 list of Agricultural produce exporters in 2019	World Trade Organization (WTO)	<b>India ranked 9th</b> (holding 3.1% share in global agriculture exports) Top 3: European Union,US and Brazil

**JUNE 2021**

State of India's Environment Report, 2021	the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE)	India's rank has dropped by 2 places from last year's 115 to 117 on the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
Largest source of foreign direct investment(FDI) into India	Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)	The United States(US) became the 2nd during FY21 by replacing Mauritius. Singapore remained the top largest source of FDI into India.
Global Skills Report 2021	Coursera	<b>India ranked 67th</b> overall globally. Top 3: Switzerland ,Luxembourg & Austria.
Global Home Price Index	Knight Frank	India ranked 55th in the for the 1st Quarter (Q1) Top 3: Turkey followed by New Zealand and Luxembourg .



World Giving Index 2021 (WGI 2021)	Charities Aid Foundation (CAF)	India ranked 14th most charitable country. Top 3: Indonesia topped followed by Kenya & Nigeria. Lowest Ranked Countries: Belgium (112), Portugal (113) & Japan (114).
World Competitiveness Index 2021	Institute for Management Development's (IMD) World Competitiveness Center	India retained its 43rd rank out of 64 nations (for the 3rd consecutive year). Top 3: Switzerland topped the Index followed by Sweden & Denmark.
Annual Bank Statistics of 2020	Swiss National Bank (SNB)	India with Swiss Francs (CHF) 2.55 billion (~ INR 20, 706 Crore) has been placed at 51st place in the list of foreign clients' money in Swiss Banks during 2020. The United Kingdom (UK) topped the list with CHF 377 billion, followed by US (152 billion).
Sustainable Development Report 2021 (SDR 2021)	Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN)	<b>India ranked 120<sup>th</sup>.</b> Top 3: Finland, Sweden & Denmark
Global Peace Index 2021	Institute of Economics and Peace (IEP)	<b>India ranked 135<sup>th</sup>.</b> <b>Top 3:</b> Iceland, New Zealand & Denmark.
State of Economy	Reserve Bank of India (RBI)	<b>India ranked 2<sup>nd</sup></b> in terms of the shares of 'Surplus Transferred from Central Banks to Governments' (as per percent of GDP). <b>Top 3:</b> Turkey, India & Malaysia
<b>MAY 2021</b>		
57th Renewable Energy Country Attractiveness Index (RECAI) – May 2021	Ernst & Young Global Ltd (EY)	<b>India ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 40 countries.</b> United States (US) topped the index, while China took the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Rank.
<b>APRIL 2021</b>		
Chandler Good Government Index (CGGI) 2021'	Chandler Institute of Governance (CIG)	<b>India ranked 49<sup>th</sup>.</b> <b>Top 3 countries are</b> Finland, Switzerland & Singapore. The Index is made up of 34 Indicators which are organized into 7 pillars.
'Trends in World Military Expenditure, 2020'	Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)	<b>India was ranked as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Highest Military Spender in 2020</b> with a Military Expenditure of USD 72.9 Billion in 2020 (3.7% of Global Share). United States (US) was the World's Highest Military Spender in 2020 followed by China.
3 <sup>rd</sup> edition of Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings 2021.	Times Higher Education (THE)	<b>Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Tamil Nadu ranked 81<sup>st</sup> and</b> became the only Indian University to make it to the list of World's Top 100 Educational Institutions for sustainability. University of Manchester (UK), University of Sydney (Australia) & RMIT University (Australia) grabbed the top 3 places.
'Fostering Effective Energy Transition 2021'	World Economic Forum (WEF)	<b>India ranked 87<sup>th</sup> out of 115 countries</b> <b>Top 3 countries are</b> - Sweden, Norway & Denmark.
World Press Freedom Index 2021	Reporters Sans Frontiers (RSF), an international journalism not-for-profit body	<b>India ranked 142<sup>nd</sup> out of 180 countries</b> <b>Top 3 countries are</b> - Norway (for the 5 <sup>th</sup> time), followed by Finland & Sweden



Inclusive Internet Index 2021	Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) in partnership with Facebook	<b>India ranked 49<sup>th</sup> out of 120 countries.</b> India shares its rank with Thailand. <b>Top 3 countries are</b> – Sweden, United States, Spain.
‘Henley Passport Index : Q2 2021 Global Ranking’	Henley & Partners	<b>India ranked as 84<sup>th</sup> Most Powerful Passport</b> (visa-free score – 58). <b>Top 3 countries are</b> Japan, Singapore while Germany & South Korea together took the 3rd spot.
‘Global Gender Gap Report 2021’	World Economic Forum’s (WEF)	<b>India ranked 140.</b> <b>Iceland</b> is the most gender-equal country in the world (for the 12th time) followed by Finland & Norway. Afghanistan (156), Yemen (155) & Iraq (154) took the last 3 positions in the rankings.
<b>MARCH 2021</b>		
‘International Intellectual Property (IP) Index : Recovery through Ingenuity 2021’	US Chamber of Commerce Global Innovation Policy Centre (GIPC)	<b>India ranked 40.</b> <b>Top 3 Rank</b> – USA,UK,Germany
Ultimate Military Strength Index	Defence Website ‘Military Direct’, India	India is the 4th Strongest Military Force in the World with 61 points. <b>Top 3 Rank:-</b> 1.China 2. USA 3.Russia
9 <sup>th</sup> ‘World Happiness Report 2021’	United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network (UNSDSN)	<b>India ranked 139.</b> <b>Topped by</b> - Finland <b>Least happy countries</b> - Afghanistan (149), Zimbabwe (148) & Rwanda (147).
Survey on Road conditions	Zutobi International driver education company	South Africa was ranked 1st in the World’s Most Dangerous Roads study, it was followed by Thailand. United States ranked 3rd. <b>India was ranked 4<sup>th</sup> in the study.</b>  Norway has the World’s Safest Road & topped in the World’s Safest Roads Study,
Human Performance Indicator (HPI) Index	Jones Lang LaSalle (JLL)	India ranked highest in workplace satisfaction at 98 percent followed by China at 97 percent.
24 <sup>th</sup> Annual Global CEO Survey	PwC(PricewaterhouseCoopers)	<b>India - 5<sup>th</sup> most attractive growth destination</b> in the world. 1.USA 2.China 3.Germany 4.UK
‘2021 Index of Economic Freedom’ (27 <sup>th</sup> Annual Edition)	The Heritage Foundation	<b>India ranked 121</b> (category – ‘Mostly Unfree’). <b>India ranked 26<sup>th</sup></b> in the Asia-Pacific region. <b>Topped by</b> Singapore 2nd time in a row followed by New Zealand & Australia.
‘UNCTAD B2C E-COMMERCE INDEX 2020- Spotlight on Latin America and the Caribbean’	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development	<b>India ranked 71</b> out of 152 countries as compared to 75 <sup>th</sup> position in 2019. <b>Topped by</b> Switzerland for the first time which has surpassed The Netherlands.
<b>FEBRUARY 2021</b>		
Democracy Index 2020	Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU)	India ranked 53 <sup>rd</sup> Rank. <b>Top 3 :</b>



		Norway, Iceland & Sweden.
COVID Performance Index: Deconstructing Pandemic Responses	Australia based Lowy Institute	India was ranked 86. <b>Top 3:</b> New Zealand, Vietnam & Taiwan.
<b>JANUARY 2021</b>		
Asia-Pacific Personalised Health Index 2020	Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) and developed by the Copenhagen Institute for Future Studies in partnership with Roche	<b>India ranks 10.</b> <b>Top 3:</b> Singapore, Taiwan & Japan
2020 Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI)	Transparency International	<b>India's rank slipped to 86<sup>th</sup>.</b> The list has been topped by New Zealand and Denmark rank at the first position
16th edition of "Global Climate Risk Index (CRI) 2021 – Who suffers Most from Extreme Weather Events? Weather-related Loss Events in 2019 and 2000 to 2019	Germany-based think tank Germanwatch	<b>India has improved its ranking to 7<sup>th</sup>.</b> <b>Top 3:</b> - Mozambique Zimbabwe, and Bahamas. <b>Bottom 3:</b> - Puerto Rico, Myanmar and Haiti
Global Firepower Nations Index 2021 - 'Military Strength Ranking'	Global Firepower	<b>India is ranked 4<sup>th</sup></b> and is considered as 'perfect'. Topped by the United States of America (USA).

## STATE/CITY WISE RANKING

Index/Survey Name	Released by	State or City in the rank
<b>AUGUST 2021</b>		
Best Student Cities 2022 ranking	QS Quacquarelli Symonds	Only 2 cities to get ranked from India. Mumbai(106) and Bangalore(110)
The World's Best and Worst Towns and Cities for Clean Air'	HouseFresh	India became the 3rd most polluted country. Bangladesh ranked as the most polluted country across the world in 2020 followed by Pakistan, India and Mongolia. <u>List of Most Polluted Cities in 2020</u> 1.Hotan city in Xinjiang province, China 2.Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh, India 3.Manikganj, Bangladesh <u>List of Cities with Cleanest air in 2020</u> 1.Tasmanian city of Judbury, Australia 2.Kailua Kona in Hawaii, United States 3.Muonio, Finland
The 1st Edition of North Eastern Region (NER) District Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Index & Dashboard 2021-22	Niti Aayog & UNDP	The district of East Sikkim topped the rankings. It was followed by Gomati, North Tripura and Serchhip(Mizoram). Kiphire(Nagaland) secured last position.
Safe Cities Index 2021- New expectations demand a new coherence	Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU)	The index has been topped by Denmark's capital Copenhagen followed by Toronto(Canada) and Singapore. New Delhi is placed at <b>48<sup>th</sup></b> position and Mumbai ranked at <b>50<sup>th</sup></b> . Yangon (Myanmar) is at the bottom of the index.



**JULY 2021**

Growth engines of innovation: How Asia Pacific's technology hubs are reshaping regional real estate	Colliers	The list has been topped by Beijing (China). Outer Ring Road of Bengaluru (Karnataka) has been ranked 6 <sup>th</sup> in the top 10 established technology submarkets in APAC (Asia Pacific) for companies to set up operations. The HITEC (Hyderabad Information Technology and Engineering Consultancy) City of Hyderabad (Telangana) ranked grabbed the 10 <sup>th</sup> .
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**JUNE 2021**

3rd edition of Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) India Index 2020-21	NITI Aayog	Kerala has retained its rank as the top state and Bihar has been adjudged as the worst performer. Union Territories (UTs) Top Rank: Chandigarh topped among the UTs, followed by Delhi, Puducherry. Dadra and Nagar Haveli & Daman and Diu has been adjudged as the worst performer.
Global 150 Cities Index for Financial Attractiveness ranking	AIRINC	Manama, the Capital city of Bahrain topped in the Index and Indian Cities of New Delhi & Mumbai were the only two to be listed in the Index.
Performance Grading Index (PGI) 2019-20	Department of School Education and Literacy (DoSEL), Ministry of Education	Top 5 States : Punjab, Chandigarh, Tamil Nadu, Andaman & Nicobar Islands (A&N Islands) and Kerala
Global Liveability Index 2021	Economic Intelligence Unit (EIU)	New Zealand's Auckland has been named as the World's Most Liveable City, followed by Osaka (Japan), and Adelaide (Australia).
Anemia Mukta Bharat Index 2020-21	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) & United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)	Madhya Pradesh has been ranked 1st in the Anemia Mukta Bharat Index 2020-21. Odisha (59.3) followed by Himachal Pradesh.
Job creation under IBPS scheme	Software Technology Parks of India (STPI)	Andhra Pradesh followed by Tamil Nadu
'Ease of Living Index 2020	Centre for Science & Environment (CSE)	Bengaluru (Karnataka) ranked as India's most liveable capital city followed by Chennai, Tamil Nadu and Shimla, Himachal Pradesh.

**MAY 2021 & APRIL 2021**

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**MARCH 2021**

State TBI Index 2021	Union Minister Harsh Vardhan	Himachal Pradesh achieved 1st Rank in India amongst the states to end Tuberculosis under the National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme (NTEP). Lakshadweep (UT) & District of Budgam (Jammu & Kashmir) were declared Tuberculosis (TB) free.
Municipal Performance Index (MPI) 2020	Hardeep Singh Puri, (MoHUA)	<b>Million+ Category</b> #1 - Indore, #2 - Surat, #3 - Bhopal <b>Less than Million Category</b>



		#1 – New Delhi, #2 – Tirupati, #3 – Gandhinagar
Final Rankings of Ease of Living Index (EoLI) 2020	Hardeep Singh Puri, (MoHUA)	<b>Million+ Category</b> #1 – Bengaluru, #2 -Pune , #3 – Ahmedabad <b>Less than Million Category</b> #1 Shimla, #2 – Bhubaneswar, #3 – Silvassa
2nd edition of NCAER Land Record and Services Index (N-LRSI) 2021	NCAER (National Council of Applied Economic Research	Madhya Pradesh topped the list for the second year in a row 2.West Bengal 3.Odisha 4.Maharashtra and 5.Tamil Nadu.
<b>FEBRUARY 2021</b>		
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<b>JANUARY 2021</b>		
Indian Innovation Index 2020	NITI Aayog	Karnataka topped the Index in the Major States Category, Delhi topped among the Union Territories (UT) and Himachal Pradesh among North-Eastern and Hilly States.

## ORGANIZATION RANKING

Index/Survey Name	Released by	Organisation/Institution in the rank
<b>SEPTEMBER 2021</b>		
Global Dairy Top 20 report	Rabobank	AMUL placed at the 18th position, from its previous 16th rank in 2020.Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF) has become the first Indian dairy Industry to spot in the global top 20 list . <b>Top 3:</b> Lactalis,Nestle and Dairy Farmers of America
Global MBA Rankings: Global 2022	Quacquarelli Symonds	Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Ahmedabad, Gujarat(46 <sup>th</sup> ) as the best business school(B-school) in India. IIM Bangalore (ranked 50) and IIM Ahmedabad are the only Indian Institutes among the top 50. The list is topped by Stanford Graduate School of Business, Stanford, California, United States of America(USA).
6th NIRF (National Institutional Ranking Framework) Rankings 2021 of Higher Educational Institutes (HEIs) of India	Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, Ministry of Education (MoE)	The ranking has been topped by IIT (Indian Institute of Technology) Madras, Tamil Nadu followed by IISc (Indian Institute of Science) Bengaluru, Karnataka and IIT Bombay, Maharashtra. IISc, Bengaluru tops the University as well as Research Institution category . All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi retains top slot in Medical Jamia Hamdard tops the list in Pharmacy Miranda House College, New Delhi kept 1st position amongst colleges IIT Roorkee replaced IIT Kharagpur to grab top position for the first time in Architecture



		National Law School of India University (NLSIU), Bangalore retains its first position in Law IIM Ahmedabad tops in Management subject. Manipal College of Dental Sciences, Manipal, secure 1st position in "Dental" category
World University Rankings 2022	Times Higher Education (THE)	India is home to 35 universities in the global top 1,000 list. 3 Indian universities made it to the top 400 global rankings. Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru (Karnataka): 301-350 IIT (Indian Institute of Technology)-Ropar (Punjab) which also retained its position in the 351-400 group. United Kingdom's (UK) University of Oxford, <b>Top 3:</b> United States' (US) California Institute of Technology (Caltech) and Harvard University. The maximum universities in the top 200 list are from the US (57) followed by the UK (28), and Germany (22).
<b>AUGUST 2021</b>		
Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU) 2021 ranking for higher education Institutes	Shanghai Ranking Consultancy	Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bangalore (401-500) was selected as the best university in the country and University of Calcutta (601-700) secured 2nd. <b>Top 3 :-</b> Globally, Harvard University Topped the ranking & followed by Stanford University, University of Cambridge.
Hurun Global 500 List 2021	Hurun Research Institute	Reliance Industries Ltd topped the list of Indian companies with a global rank 57.12 Indian companies has listed in the Hurun Global 500 Most Valuable Companies 2021. <b>Top 3 :-</b> Apple is the world's most valuable company (USD 2,443 billion) and followed by Microsoft (USD 2114 billion) and Amazon (USD 1802 billion).
<b>JULY 2021</b>		
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<b>JUNE 2021</b>		
World University Rankings 2021-22	Centre for World University Ranking (CWUR)	IIM-Ahmedabad was ranked 415th globally and Jadavpur University ranks 18th among Indian higher educational institutions. Harvard University topped globally.
Asia university rankings 2021	Times Higher Education (THE)	63 Indian universities participated in this year's rankings. IIT Ropar and IIT Indore have secured ranks among the top 100 universities in Asia. <b>Top 3:</b> 1. Tsinghua University (China), Peking University (China) and National University of Singapore (Singapore)

18th Edition of QS World University Rankings 2022	QS (Quacquarelli Symonds)	Top 3: Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), University of Oxford (UK) and Stanford University (USA) & Cambridge University (UK). Only 3 Indian Institutes have featured in Top 200 World Universities. They are IIT Bombay (177), IIT Delhi (185), and IISc Bengaluru (186). Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru (IISc Bengaluru) was ranked as the World's top research university
2021 Fortune 500 list	Fortune Magazine	Top 3: Walmart, Amazon and Apple Cognizant is ranked at 185th position
World's Best Banks 2021 in India	Forbes	Top 3: DBS bank, CSB Bank and ICICI Bank
Tops PSU Banks in Terms of Loan, Deposit Growth in FY21	Bank of Maharashtra (BoM)	Top 3: BoM, Punjab & Sind Bank
India's Top 50 Best Workplaces	GPTW Institute	National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) Ltd. recognised as a ' <b>Great Place to Work</b> '. Under the category of 'India's Great Place to Work' it ranked at <b>38th</b> position from its 47th position of 2020, it also won its first-ever recognition of - 'India's Best Employers among Nation-Builders 2021' from GPTW. Top 3: 1. DHL Express India Private Limited, 2. Mumbai Mahindra & Mahindra Automotive & Farm Equipment Sectors Manufacturing & Production, Mumbai 3. Intuit India Information Technology, Bangalore
<b>MAY 2021</b>		
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<b>APRIL 2021</b>		
Academic Ranking of World Universities 2020 (ARWU 2020 also known as Shanghai Ranking)	Shanghai Ranking Consultancy	Indian Institute of Science (IISc Bangalore) was ranked as the best Higher Education Institute in India, while Calcutta University was ranked as the best University in India.
<b>MARCH 2021 &amp; FEBRUARY 2021</b>		
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## INDIVIDUAL RANKING

- As per the Forbes' 35th Annual world's Billionaires list, Jeff Bezos, Founder of Amazon.com Inc topped the the list followed by Elon Musk CEO of SpaceX and Tesla and French Billionaire Bernard Arnault.
- Forbes' annual ranking of the World highest-paid athletes for 2021 was released. Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) Fighter Conor McGregor from Ireland topped the list.
- Mukesh Ambani, chairman of Reliance Industries Ltd became Asia's richest person, replacing Jack Ma ranked 10 in Forbes' 35th Annual world's Billionaires list.



- According to Hurun Global Rich List 2021, Chairman of Reliance Industries (RIL), Mukesh Ambani with became the 8th Richest Person in the World. The List was topped by Elon Musk (CEO of Tesla), Jeff Bezos (CEO of Amazon) & Bernard Arnault (CEO of LVMH-Louis Vuitton).
- Fortune's Businessperson of the Year 2020- India's Shantanu Narayen, CEO of Adobe in 8th position and Ajay Banga, CEO of Mastercard in 9th position. List topped by Elon Musk, co-founder & CEO of Tesla.
- Mukesh Ambani Ranked 12th in the Bloomberg Billionaires Index 2021& Ranked 8th in Hurun Global Rich List 2020 as of January 2<sup>nd</sup> 2020.
- Adani Group chairman Gautam Adani becomes the World's Biggest Wealth Gainer in 2021, as per the recent Bloomberg Billionaires Index.

## REPORT

Report/Survey/Study Title	Released by	Points to be noted
<b>SEPTEMBER 2021</b>		
The Atlas of Mortality and Economic Losses from Weather, Climate and Water Extremes (1970-2019)	World Meteorological Organization (WMO)	The number of disasters, such as floods and heatwaves, driven by climate change have increased fivefold over the past 50 years. The recent hurricane named ' Ida ' in the US Gulf Coast, considered as the costliest weather disaster.
Groundswell Part 2: Acting on Internal Climate Migration	World Bank	Climate Change could force more than 216 million people from across 6 regions (South Asia; Latin America; Sub-Saharan Africa; East Asia and the Pacific; North Africa; and Eastern Europe and Central Asia) to migrate from their own countries by 2050.
Situation Assessment of Agricultural Households and Land Holdings of Households in Rural India, 2019	National Statistical Office (NSO)	More than half of India's agricultural households were in debt, with an average outstanding of Rs 74,121 in 2018 as compared to Rs 47,000 in 2013, an increase of 57.7%.
World Social Protection Report 2020-22: Social protection at the crossroads – in pursuit of a better future	International Labour Organization (ILO)	As per the report, half of the global population i.e. 53 percent (4.1 billion) did not have any kind of social security. As of 2020, only 46.9 percent of the global population are effectively covered by at least 1 social protection benefit, while the remaining 53.1 percent (4.1 billion) people obtain no income security at all from their national social protection system.
<b>AUGUST 2021</b>		
Turning around the Power Distribution Sector- Learnings and Best Practices from Reforms	NITI Aayog, RMI (Rocky Mountain Institute), and RMI India	The report provides ways to transform India's Power distribution sector. Most of the power Distribution Companies (DISCOMS) incur losses every year, the total losses were estimated to be around INR90,000 crore in FY 21.
Shifting Global Value Chains: the India Opportunity	Kearney and WEF (World Economic Forum)	Coordinated action between the government and the private sector can help create globally competitive manufacturing companies in the country. India's manufacturing sector exports can help drive more than USD 500 billion in annual economic impact for the global economy by 2030.



India's turning point: How climate action can drive our economic future	Deloitte Economics	India needs an action on climate change that could pave a way for \$11 trillion economic gain, meanwhile, preventing a loss of \$35 trillion over the next 50 years due to unmitigated climate change. As per the report, there is a window time of 10 years which can be used by India as an opportunity to tackle the impacts of climate change. This can fetch a fruitful result of limiting rising average global temperatures to around 1.5°C by 2050
Technical report	National Centre for Coastal Research (NCCR)	32% of India's coastline underwent sea erosion and 27% of it expanded in a time span of 28 years i.e. between 1990 and 2018. The coastline of West Bengal is the most affected followed by Puducherry (56%); Kerala (41%); Tamil Nadu (41%); The maximum expansion was seen in the coastline of Odisha with 51%.
'Impact of Exemption under Article 15 (5) with regards to Article 21A of the Constitution of India on Education of Minority Communities'	National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR)	As per the report, 62.50 percent of students in minority schools belong to non-minority communities. Only 8.76 percent of total students in minority schools belong to socially and economically disadvantaged backgrounds. The minority schools have only 7.95 percent of the minority children population in the states.
The Climate Crisis Is a Child Rights Crisis: Introducing the Children's Climate Risk Index' (CCRI)	UNICEF	India is among the 33 extremely high-risk countries where approximately 1 billion children (half the world's 2.2 billion children population) are most at risk of the impacts of climate change that will affect their health, education, and protection. Children in the Central African Republic, Chad, Nigeria, Guinea, and GuineaBissau countries are at high risk. Children in Iceland, Luxembourg and New Zealand are at very low risk as per the index.
52nd Edition of the Key Indicators for Asia & the Pacific, 2021	Statistics and Data Innovation Unit (EROD-SDI) within the Economic Research and Regional Cooperation Department (ERCD) at the Asian Development Bank (ADB)	The COVID-19 pandemic has pushed around 75 to 80 mn population in the Asia-Pacific region into Extreme poverty from 2019 levels as compared with a scenario without Covid-19. In the Asia-Pacific region, the Extremely poor population has reduced from the size of 1.2 Billion in 1999 to 202.9 Million in 2017. Asia-Pacific Region's Economy grew from 27% of Global GDP in 2000 to 35% in 2019 (Exceeding the share of Europe & North America).
The Transparency Index: Rating of Pollution Control Boards on Public Disclosure report	Centre for Science and Environment (CSE)	The State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs) of Odisha and Telangana have been ranked 1st. Only 17 SPCBs and PCCs have scored 50% or above in Transparency. They are Odisha, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal, Goa, Karnataka, Haryana,



		Chhattisgarh, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Kerala, Maharashtra, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Andhra Pradesh and Rajasthan.
Quality of Life for Elderly Index 2021	Dr Bibek Debroy, Chairman of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM)	The index highlights the importance of investing in health, education and employment for young people in order to improve the lives of the current and future generations of older people. Rajasthan has topped the ranking of Aged states while Himachal Pradesh is top-scorer in Relatively Aged States. Chandigarh and Mizoram are top-scoring regions in Union Territory (UT) and North-East States category, respectively Lowest scorers: Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) scored the lowest among UTs. Arunachal Pradesh, among the northeastern states, scored the lowest
8th Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) – Quarterly Bulletin for the Q2 FY21 (July 2020 – September 2020).	National Statistical Office (NSO)	As per the PLFS, the Jobless/Unemployment rate (UR) in urban areas in Current Weekly Status (CWS) increased to 13.3 percent in Q2 FY21 when compared to 8.4 percent in Q2 FY20 (July 2019 – September, 2019).
COVID-19 Innovation report 2021	Startup Blink ,Health Innovation Exchange & UN AIDS	India ranked 32nd .US has topped the rankings, followed by Israel & Canada. India has 2 cities – Bengaluru, Karnataka (49th Rank), New Delhi (55th) in the top 100 rankings.
Global Youth Tobacco Survey – 4th round (GYTS-4), India, 2019	Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Mansukh Mandaviya	The average current tobacco usage percent among students of India 13-15 years was about 8.5 percent. <b>Highest in Arunachal Pradesh &amp; Mizoram</b> <b>Lowest in Himachal Pradesh &amp; Karnataka</b>
<b>JULY 2021</b>		
Regional status report on drowning in the Western Pacific & Regional status report on drowning in the Asia Pacific region	WHO	It is the 1st WHO regional assessment on drowning prevention.
COVID-19 and Tourism: An Update	UN (United Nations) Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and the UN World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO)	India has experienced a <b>54 percent</b> drop in tourist arrivals in 2020 due to COVID-19. The report has estimated a loss of \$4 trillion in terms of global GDP (Gross Domestic Product) for 2020 and 2021 due to the fall down of international tourism due to COVID-19. In 2020, a loss of \$2.4 trillion is estimated for 'International tourism and linked sectors' due to the sharp drop in international tourist arrivals.
Ethics and governance of artificial intelligence for health	WHO	WHO released the World's 1st report on the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the healthcare sector. WHO proposed 6 principles to maximize the utility of AI on Public Interest.
Report on United District Information System for Education Plus (UDISE+) 2019-20 for School Education in India	Union Minister for Education Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank	Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER), The Gender Parity Index (GPI) and Pupil Teacher Ratio (PTR) are increased at all levels of school education.

		Enrolment of girls from primary to higher secondary is more than 12.08 crore, an increase of 14.08 lakh compared to 2018-19. Total Students in school education from pre-primary to higher secondary has crossed 26.45 crore in 2019-20, which is an increase of 42.3 lakh compared to 2018-19.
Directory of Extramural Research & Development Projects 2018-19	Centre for Human and Organisational Resource Development (CHORD)	Women Principal Investigators (PIs) participation in research that received Extramural Research (EMR) support (support received through peer-reviewed competitive grant mechanism) stood at 28% during 2018-19, compared to 24% during 2016-17.
4th Global Survey on Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation 2021	UN	India's efforts in streamlining the assessment and clearance of shipments to ease and boost cross-border trade have fetched fruitful results as India's Trade facilitation score has increased to 90.32% from 78.49% in 2019. India was among the best-performing countries in South and South West Asia, and the Asia Pacific region.
Renewables Integration in India 2021	NITI Aayog & IEA	The report is based on the outcome of Workshops held with State Governments of Maharashtra, Karnataka and Gujarat. It states that India's power system is capable of efficiently integrating renewables (175 GW by 2022 and 450 GW by 2030).
The Future of Connectivity in India	US-India CEO Forum	The report prepared by Deloitte and the ICT Working Group formulated a plan for India's mobility business for adapting a digitized and interconnected world. The report provides recommendations for accelerating connectivity initiatives to make India at par with advanced digitized economies like the US, China and South Korea.
<b>JUNE 2021</b>		
World Drug Report 2021	United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime's (UNODC)	Report states that around 275 million people used drugs worldwide in 2020 of which 36.3 million people or 13% suffered from drug use disorders. The launch of the 2021 World Drug Report comes ahead of the <b>International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, observed on June 26, 2021</b>
World Employment and Social Outlook: Trends 2021(WESO Trends 2021)	International Labour Organisation (ILO)	Global unemployment rate will be 5.7% in 2022, 6.3% in 2021 & there will no recovery in global jobs until 2023( 5.4% in 2020)
Becoming #GenerationRestoration Ecosystem Restoration for People, Nature & Climate	Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and UN Environment Programme's (UNEP)	The report states, to avoid biodiversity loss, land equivalent to size of china or one billion hectares of degraded land should be restored by 2030.



'Report of the Expert Committee on Road Map for ethanol blending in India 2020-2025'	PM Narendra Modi	The report is provided by NITI Aayog (National Institution for Transforming India) and MoPNG, which lays out a comprehensive roadmap for the development of the ethanol sector. PM launched a pilot project of E-100 dispensing stations at 3 locations in Pune, Maharashtra.
Fast Tracking Freight in India: A Roadmap for Clean and Cost-Effective Goods Transport	NITI Aayog (National Institution for Transforming India), RMI (Rocky Mountain Institute), and RMI India	It mentioned the need for the transformation of the freight sector as it will enable India to save logistics Fuel worth Rs 311 lakh crore between 2020 and 2050.
Child Labour Global Estimates 2020, trends and roads forward'	United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) & International Labour Organization (ILO)	For the 1st time in two decades, 160 million children (63 million girls and 97 million boys) were in child labour globally at the beginning of 2020, accounting for almost 1 in 10 of all children worldwide.
All India Survey on Higher Education 2019-20 (AISHE 2019-20)	Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education	It provides key performance indicators on the current status of Higher Education (HE) in India.
The Costs of Climate Change in India: a review of the climate-related risks facing India, and their economic and social costs	Overseas Development Institute (ODI)	India might lose 3-10 percent of its gross domestic product (GDP) annually by 2100 due to climate change.
Aspirational Districts Programme: An Appraisal	United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)	The UNDP appreciated India's Aspirational Districts Programme (ADP) as 'a very successful model of local area development' and stated that it can be a best practice for other parts of the world.
Complicit: 2020 Global Nuclear Spending	International Campaign to Abolish nuclear weapons (ICAN)	Worldwide overall spending on atomic weapon arsenals in 2020 was increased by \$1.4 billion (1.2-billion-euro) to \$72.6 billion from \$71.2 billion of 2019. Top 3: US, Russia and China, India at 6 <sup>th</sup> position.
Estimating the burden of foodborne diseases: A practical handbook for countries	WHO	To provides detailed guidance to countries for measuring their foodborne disease burden caused by microbiological agents.
SIPRI Yearbook 2021 (52nd Edition)	Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)	India, Pakistan & China are expanding their nuclear arsenals. At the start of 2021, India with 156 Nuclear warheads (at the start of 2021) is behind Pakistan (165 Nuclear warheads) & US(5550), Russia(6255)China (350 warheads). Saudi Arabia, India, Egypt, Australia and China were the five largest importers of major arms in the world between 2016 and 2020.
UNESCO Science Report 2021: The race against time for smarter development	UNESCO	India's Investment in Research remains unsatisfactory. India's Gross Domestic Expenditure on Research & Development (GERD) remained at 0.7% of the GDP for several years.
'Renewable Energy Market Update - Outlook for 2021 and 2022	International Energy Agency (IEA)	India will add 17 GigaWatt (GW) renewable capacity in 2021 & 19.3 GW in 2022.



		However, the total Renewable Energy Capacity will be under 140 GW in 2022.
World Investment Report 2021	UNCTAD	India received Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflows worth USD 64 billion in 2020 making it the 5th largest recipient of inflows in the world. Top 3: The US(156 Billion),China (USD 149 billion) & Hong Kong, China (USD 119 billion).
Inward Investment Statistics for 2020-21	Department for International Trade (DIT)	India retained its position as the 2nd largest source of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) for the UK in 2020. The United States (US) took the top spot.
Global Wealth Report 2020	Credit Suisse	The overall wealth of India's super-rich decreased by 4.4% to USD 12.83 trillion in 2020 due to fall in Rupee value.
<b>MAY 2021</b>		
Protected Planet Report 2020	United Nations Environment Programme – World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC) and International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN)	It was Supported by National Geographic Society.The report stated that around 21 million square kms (which is 7 times the size of India) have been added within the Protected & Conserved Areas of the world since 2010.
S&P Global Market Intelligence Report	S&P Global Market	As per the report, India as the 2nd largest insurance-technology (insurtech) market in Asia-Pacific(AP) region after China, as it accounts for 35 percent/\$1.28 billion of the total venture capital (\$3.66 billion) poured into the insurtech sector in the AP region so far.
'2021 Global Report on Internal Displacement (GRID): Internal displacement in a changing climate'	Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC)	As per the report, globally the number of people living in Internal displacement reached 55 Million at the end of 2020.More than 85%(~48 Million) were displaced due to conflict and violence, and around 7 million due to Natural disasters.
Global Trade Update (May 2021)	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)	India, China, and South Africa performed 'relatively better' than other major economies in imports & exports during the 1st Quarter of 2021.
'Net Zero by 2050'	International Energy Agency (IEA)	According to the report by IEA, Halting new oil, gas, and coalfields will be key to achieving Net Zero Global Carbon emissions by 2050.Achieving Net Zero emissions is vital to limit the increase in average global temperatures to less than 1.5 degree Celsius.
'Over 100 Years of Snow Leopard Research'	World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF)	More than 70% of the habitat of the snow leopard (Panthera uncia) over 12 Asian countries remain under-researched. Only 23% of snow leopard's 1.7 million sq km habitat have been explored.
'Environmental Risk Outlook 2021'	Verisk Maplecroft	India has 43 of the World's 100 most environmentally riskiest cities. Jakarta in Indonesia was ranked as the most riskiest



		city in the world, followed by Delhi & Chennai (Tamil Nadu).
Resilience COVID-19 Crisis Through a Migration Lens	World Bank	India received USD 83 Billion as Remittances in 2020, a drop of just 0.2% from 2019 (USD 83.3 Billion in 2019). It topped the list of Low- and Middle-Income Countries with maximum Remittance Inflows, India was followed by China (USD 59.5 Billion), Mexico (USD 42.8 Billion).
'Nature in a Globalised World: Conflict & Conservation	International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)	Civil unrest and military exercises pose high risk to 219 Endangered Species (out of 30, 178 species assessed as threatened on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species). The report is the 1st in IUCN's Nature in a globalised world report series.
'Renewable Energy Market Update – Outlook for 2021 and 2022'	International Energy Agency (IEA)	India's Renewable Energy capacity addition declined by almost 50% to 5.62 GigaWatts (GW) in 2020 (compared to 2019). The decline in capacity addition in India has been attributed to the COVID-19 pandemic.
'Connected Commerce: Creating a Roadmap for a Digitally Inclusive Bharat'	NITI Aayog (National Institution for Transforming India) & Mastercard	It identifies the challenges in accelerating digital financial inclusion in India and provides recommendations for making digital services accessible to 1.3 billion citizens of India. The report was released by Dr Rajiv Kumar, Vice-Chairman of NITI Aayog and other key persons.
2021 Global Methane Assessment: Benefits and Costs of Mitigating Methane Emissions	Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC) & United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)	The report stated that human-caused methane emissions can be reduced by 45% in this decade (2020-30), these reductions would avoid 0.3°C of Global Warming by 2045.
Global Report on Food Crises 2021 (GRFC)	Global Network Against Food Crises (GNAFC)	At least 155 million people (an increase of 20 million people from 2019) faced Acute Food Insecurity in 2020 due to conflicts, extreme weather & economic shocks caused by COVID-19.
'Estimates of Global e-commerce 2019 and preliminary assessment of covid-19 impact on online retail 2020'	UNCTAD (United Nations Conference on Trade and Development)	Online Sales accounted for 19% (from 16% in 2019) of Overall Retail Sales in 2020.
The Global Forests Goals Report 2021	United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA)	Global Forests Goals Report 2021 is an inaugural report.
'Global EV Outlook 2021'	International Energy Agency (IEA)	Sale of Electric Vehicles (EVs) will be more than 30% in new vehicle sales in India by 2030.
The World in 2030 – Public Survey Report'	UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization)	Around 67% of the people chose Climate change and loss of biodiversity as the biggest challenges facing earth.
<b>APRIL 2021</b>		
Report of Bank of America(BofA)	Bank of America	India needs more than 400 Billion USD Capital investments as a part of its measures to control pollution under the 2015 Paris Climate Agreement, to save



		more than 100 GW of energy and 1.1 billion tonne greenhouse gases between 2015 and 2030.
'Responding to the COVID-19 Pandemic : Leaving no Country Behind'	ADB (Asian Development Bank), UNDP (United Nations Development Programme) & UNESCAP (United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific)	Richer countries in Asia-Pacific will recover faster than poorer countries from the pandemic due to Variation in degree of immunity, healthcare system & vaccine roll-out.
Demographic Growth Transition	People's Bank of China (PBOC), China's Central Bank	According to a report by, India's Demographic Advantage (% of Younger Population) will overtake China's Demographic Advantage by 2035.
'Beyond the pandemic: Building back better from crises in Asia and the Pacific'	United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN-ESCAP)	It analysed the socio-economic impacts of COVID-19 in Asia and the Pacific countries. It also suggests buying government bonds as bond yields declined, exchange rates will be stabilised. It stated India as an example for buying bonds as the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced buying bonds worth Rs 1 lakh crore under the G-SAP 1.0 in the first quarter (Q1) of FY22, to keep interest rates in check. The report mentioned Kerala state for its best public health service under pandemic.
'Global Energy Review 2021'	International Energy Agency (IEA)	Global CO2 emissions are set to touch 33 Billion Tonnes in 2021, an increase of 5% compared to 2020 Levels (up by 1.5 Billion Tonnes from 2020). It is the 2nd Largest increase in emissions ever.
'State of the Global Climate 2020'	World Meteorological Organization (WMO)	Cyclone Amphan which made Landfall in the India-Bangladesh border in May 2020 caused Economic losses of ~ USD 14 Billion (~Rs. 1.5 Lakh Crore) to India. It was the costliest tropical cyclone on record for the North Indian Ocean.
Climate Vulnerability Assessment for Adaptation Planning in India Using a Common Framework	Department of Science & Technology (DST)	8 Indian states are Jharkhand, Mizoram, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Assam, Bihar, Arunachal Pradesh, and West Bengal have been identified as Highly Vulnerable to Climate Change.
'Prime-Time for Real Time'-2021	ACI Worldwide and GlobalData, India	India with 25.5 Billion transactions topped the list of countries with the greatest number of real-time transactions in Digital Payments in 2020. It was followed by China (15.7 Billion) & South Korea (6.0 Billion).
"Sour Asia Economic Focus Spring 2021: South Asia Vaccinates"	World Bank	Report Estimated India's GDP (Gross Domestic Product) growth to be in the range of 7.5% to 12.5% for the Financial year FY22 and contraction of 8.5% (-8.5%) for FY21. It increased the GDP growth rate of India by 4.7% to 10.1% for FY22.
"Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific 2021: Towards post-COVID-19 resilient economies"	United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN-ESCAP)	The report has forecasted the Indian economy to grow at 7% in FY22 against a contraction of 7.7% (-7.7%) in FY21.



		It reported a “K-shaped recovery” in the economics of the Asia Pacific region, including India.
‘Investment Opportunities in India’s Healthcare Sector’	NITI Aayog	Highlights the range of investment opportunities in different segments of India’s Healthcare sector. Investments are expected to reach USD 372 Billion in 2022.
<b>MARCH 2021</b>		
‘Global Wind Report 2021’	Global Wind Energy Council (GWEC)	India may miss its 2022 Renewable Energy Capacity Targets (175 GW RE by 2022 – 100 GW Solar, 60 GW Wind, 10 GW Bio-Energy, 5 GW Small Hydro) due to several constraints.
‘World Development Report 2021 : Data for better lives’	World Bank Group	It states that only 11% low-income countries made available a license classifiable as ‘open’.  According to the World Bank’s World Development Report titled ‘Stronger Data Systems Needed to Fight Poverty’, India’s e-commerce regulations may be biased towards local companies, thus failing to provide a level playing field to foreign platforms.
India: Transforming to a net-zero emissions energy system	TERI (The Energy & Resources Institute) & Shell (otherwise known as Royal Dutch Shell plc)	Net Zero emissions in energy system in India is achievable by 2050. Amitabh Kant, CEO, NITI Aayog released the report.
Autocratization Turns Viral: Democracy Report 2021	Swedish-based V-Dem (Varieties of Democracy) Institute	India’s regime type has turned into ‘Electoral Autocracy’ in 2020 from ‘Electoral Democracy’ in 2010. Hungary & Turkey have also been demoted as ‘Electoral Autocracy’. Based on the LDI Index, the top 3 democratic countries in the world are Denmark, Sweden & Norway.
‘Mobilising Finance for EVs in India: A Toolkit of Solutions to Mitigate Risks and Address Market Barriers’ report	NITI Aayog along with Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI) India	The report analyses the risk & market barriers involved in transforming India’s Electric Vehicle (EV) Sector and provides Target Instruments to overcome the hurdles. Indian EV market size to be of USD 50 billion (Rs 3.7 lakh crore) by 2030.
‘Technology and Innovation Report 2021’	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)	The index ranked India at 43 and over performed other countries by 65 ranking positions. India is the biggest over performer in frontier technologies than it’s per capita gross domestic products (GDP) among 158 countries. India was followed by the Philippines, which over performed by 57 ranking positions.
Freedom in the World 2021: Democracy under Siege	Freedom House	India’s position has been downgraded to ‘Partly Free’ from ‘Free’ in 2020. India’s ranking has also fallen to 88 (from 83) out of 211 countries.
Food Waste Index Report 2021	United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) & WRAP (Waste	In India the per capita food wastage is 50 Kg (at the household level) & it is estimated that India generates 68, 760, 163 tonnes of food waste each year.



	& Resources Action Programme)	2015 Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 12.3 aims to halve food waste & reduce food loss by 2030.
First World Report on Hearing	World Health Organization's (WHO)	nearly 2.5 billion people worldwide or 1 in 4 people will suffer from hearing problems by 2050.
6th Edition of the Annual Cleanliness Survey 'Swachh Survekshan 2021 (SS2021)' (urban)	Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA)	MoHUA conducts the survey while the Quality Council of India (QCI) is the Implementing Agency.
<b>FEBRUARY 2021</b>		
Traffic Crash Injuries and Disabilities: The Burden on Indian Society'	World Bank	Report released with 1% of World's vehicles, India accounts for 11% of Global Road Accident deaths & 6% of total road crashes. According to WHO, India topped the world in road crash deaths with more than 400 fatalities per day and witnesses 53 road crashes every hour.
India Energy Outlook 2021	International Energy Agency's (IEA)	India will surpass European Union as the world's third-biggest energy consumer by 2030
Global 500 2021	Brand Finance	Reliance Jio has been ranked in 5th position as world's strongest brand with a Brand Strength Index (BSI). The list is topped by WeChat followed by Ferrari.
Mobilising Finance for EVs in India: A Toolkit of Solutions to Mitigate Risks and Address Market Barriers, January 2021	NITI Aayog & Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI)	India's transition towards Electric Vehicles (EVs) adoption between the years 2020-2030 will need a capital of INR 19.7 Lakh Crores (USD 266 Billion).
<b>JANUARY 2021</b>		
38th Global Investment Trends Monitor	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)	after 1990s, the year 2020 saw a fall down in Global foreign direct investment (FDI) which decreased 42% to \$859 billion from \$1.5 trillion in 2019. Contrarily, India saw a 13% increase in FDI to \$57 billion which is driven by investments in the digital sector.
5th edition of Adaptation Gap Report 2020	United Nations Environment Programme's (UNEP) in collaboration with UNEP DTU Partnership (UDP) and the World Adaptation Science Programme (WASP).	As per the report the actions required by the Paris Agreement are lagging behind. Though nations have successes in planning and implementation, there is a huge gap faced by developing countries, especially in Africa and Asia, in financing these planning.
Management Effectiveness Evaluation (MEE) of 146 National Parks & Wildlife Sanctuaries in India, 2018-19' report	Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), Prakash Javadekar	Great Himalayan NP & Tirthan WLS of Himachal Pradesh Scored high and topped among the National Parks (NP) & Wild Life Sanctuaries (WLS).
3rd edition of Digital Evolution Scorecard 2020	Tufts University's Fletcher School in partnership with Mastercard	India ranked 4th. The scorecard is topped by China followed by Azerbaijan, Indonesia. scorecard was published in the Harvard Business Review in December 2020.
Global Economic Prospects (GEP- January 2021)	World Bank (WB)	Global Economy is expected to expand by 4% in 2021. India is expected to grow at



		5.4% in the Financial Year (FY) 2021-22 & 5.2% in FY 2022-23
Report Action Agenda for AtmaNirbhar Bharat (AAN)	Union Minister of Science and Technology, Earth Sciences Health & Family Welfare Dr. Harsh Vardhan	It prepared by Technology Information, Forecasting and Assessment Council (TIFAC)

## APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNS

### APPOINTMENTS

#### Cabinet Reshuffle & Portfolio of New Ministers

S.No	Name	Rank	Portfolio
1	Narayan Tatu Rane	Cabinet Minister	Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
2	Sarbananda Sonowal	Cabinet Minister	Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways; and Ministry of AYUSH
3	Virendra Kumar	Cabinet Minister	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
4	Jyotiraditya M Scindia	Cabinet Minister	Ministry of Civil Aviation
5	Ramchandra Prasad Singh	Cabinet Minister	Ministry of Steel
6	Ashwini Vaishnaw	Cabinet Minister	Ministry of Railways; Ministry of Communications; and Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
7	Pashu Pati Kumar Paras	Cabinet Minister	Ministry of Food Processing Industries
8	Bhupender Yadav	Cabinet Minister	Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change; And Ministry of Labour and Employment
9	Pankaj Chaudhary	Minister of State	Ministry of Finance
10	Anupriya Singh Patel	Minister of State	Ministry of Commerce and Industry
11	Dr. Satya Pal Singh Baghel	Minister of State	Ministry of Law and Justice
12	Rajeev Chandrasekhar	Minister of State	Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship And Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
13	Sushri Shobha Karandlaje	Minister of State	Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
14	Bhanu Pratap Singh Verma	Minister of State	Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
15	Darshana Vikram Jardosh	Minister of State	Ministry of Textiles And Ministry of Railways
16	Meenakshi Lekhi	Minister of State	Ministry of External Affairs And Ministry of Culture
17	Annpurna Devi	Minister of State	Ministry of Education
18	A. Narayanaswamy	Minister of State	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
19	Kaushal Kishore	Minister of State	Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
20	Ajay Bhatt	Minister of State	Ministry of Defence And Ministry of Tourism
21	B. L. Verma	Minister of State	Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region And Ministry of Cooperation (newly formed Ministry)
22	Ajay Kumar	Minister of State	Ministry of Home Affairs
23	Chauhan Devusinh	Minister of State	Ministry of Communications



24	Bhagwanth Khuba	Minister of State	Ministry of New and Renewable Energy And Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers
25	Kapil Moreshwar Patil	Minister of State	Ministry of Panchayati Raj
26	Sushri Pratima Bhoumik	Minister of State	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
27	Dr. Subhas Sarkar	Minister of State	Ministry of Education
28	Dr. Bhagwat Kishanrao Karad	Minister of State	Ministry of Finance
29	Dr. Rajkumar Ranjan Singh	Minister of State	Ministry of External Affairs And Ministry of Education
30	Dr. Bharati Pravin Pawar	Minister of State	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
31	Bishweswar Tudu	Minister of State	Ministry of Tribal Affairs and Ministry of Jal Shakti
32	Shantanu Thakur	Minister of State	Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways
33	Dr. Munjapara Mahendrabhai	Minister of State	Ministry of Women and Child Development And Ministry of AYUSH
34	John Barla	Minister of State	Ministry of Minority Affairs
35	Dr. L. Murugan	Minister of State	Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying And Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
36	Nisith Pramanik	Minister of State	Ministry of Home Affairs And Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports

#### 7 Ministers who were promoted to Cabinet Rank

Cabinet Minister	Portfolio	Previous Portfolio
Kiren Rijiju	Minister of Law and Justice	MoS in Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
Anurag Singh Thakur	Minister of Information and Broadcasting; and Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports	MoS in Ministry of Finance & Ministry of Corporate Affairs
Hardeep Singh Puri	Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas; and Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs	MoS (I/C) in Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs & Ministry of Civil Aviation
Parshottam Rupala	Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying	MoS in Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
Mansukh Mandaviya	Minister of Health and Family Welfare; and Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers	MoS (I/C) in Ministry of Shipping
G Kishan Reddy	Minister of Culture; Minister of Tourism; and Minister of Development of North Eastern Region	MoS in Ministry of Home Affairs
RK Singh	Minister of Power; and Minister of New and Renewable Energy	MoS (I/C) in Ministry of Power & Ministry of New and Renewable Energy

#### List of Ministers who were allotted Additional Charges

Minister	Additional Portfolio
Amit Shah	Union Minister for Ministry of Cooperation (Newly Formed)



Piyush Goyal	Union Minister for Ministry of Textiles
Rao Inderjit Singh	MoS in the Ministry of Corporate Affairs
Dr. Jitendra Singh	MoS (I/C) in the Ministry of Science & Technology; MoS (I/C) in the Ministry of Earth Sciences
General (Retd.) V. K. Singh	MoS in Ministry of Civil Aviation

### Ministers who were Reshuffled to New Portfolios

Minister	Rank & New Portfolio
Dharmendra Pradhan	Union Minister for Ministry of Education & Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
Giriraj Singh	Minister of Rural Development; and Minister of Panchayati Raj
Dr. Mahendra Nath Pandey	Union Minister for Heavy Industries
Shripad Yesso Naik	MoS in the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways; and MoS in the Ministry of Tourism
Faggansingh Kulaste	MoS in the Ministry of Rural Development
Prahalad Singh Patel	MoS in the Ministry of Jal Shakti; and MoS in the Ministry of Food Processing Industries
Ashwini Kumar Choubey	MoS in the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution; and MoS in the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Arjun Ram Meghwal	MoS in Ministry of Culture
General (Retd.) V. K. Singh	Additional Charge as MoS in Ministry of Civil Aviation
Krishan Pal	MoS in the Ministry of Power; and MoS in the Ministry of Heavy Industries
Danve Raosaheb Dadarao	MoS in the Ministry of Railways; MoS in the Ministry of Coal; and MoS in the Ministry of Mines
Sadhvi Niranjana Jyoti	MoS in the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution; and MoS in the Ministry of Rural Development
Rameswar Teli	MoS in the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas; and MoS in the Ministry of Labour and Employment

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### NATIONAL

Name	Appointed As	Entity/Place	Points to Be Noted
<b>SEPTEMBER 2021</b>			
Justice AS Oka – CJ of the Karnataka HC Justice Vikram Nath – CJ of the Gujarat HC Justice Jitendra Kumar Maheshwari – CJ of the Sikkim HC Justice Hima Kohli – CJ of the Telangana HC Justice B V Nagarathna – judge of the Karnataka HC Justice C T Ravikumar – judge of the Kerala HC	Judges	Supreme Court of India	For the first time, 9 judges took the oath of office at one go in the Supreme Court of India.



Justice M M Sundresh – judge of the Madras HC Justice Bela M Trivedi – judge of the Gujarat HC Justice P S Narasimha – senior advocate & former Additional Solicitor General			
Banwarilal Purohit	Governor	Punjab	Currently he served as the Governor of Tamil Nadu.
Ravindra Narayan Ravi (RN Ravi)	Governor	Tamil Nadu	Currently he served as the Governor of Nagaland
Prof. Jagdish Mukhi	Governor	Nagaland	Currently he served as the Governor of Assam
Lieutenant General (retired) Gurmit Singh	Governor	Uttarakhand	Former Deputy Chief of Army Staff will succeed Baby Rani Maurya.
Justice Satish Chandra Sharma	Acting Chief Justice	Karnataka HC	He will take charge as the ACJ, succeeding Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka (AS Oka).
Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai	Acting Chief Justice	Sikkim HC	He will take charge as the ACJ succeeding Justice Jitendra Kumar Maheshwari.
Justice Mamidanna Satya Ratna Sri Ramachandra Rao	Acting Chief Justice	Telangana HC	He will take charge as ACJ succeeding Justice Hima Kohli.
Bhupendra Patel	17th Chief Minister (CM)	Gujarat	He succeeded Vijay Rupani, who had resigned earlier.
Nirlep Singh Rai	Chairman and Managing Director (CMD)	National Fertilizer Limited (NFL)	He takes over from Virendra Nath Datt, who serves as the additional charge as CMD of NFL after the superannuation of Manoj Mishra.
Sardar Iqbal Singh Lalpura	Chairman	National Commission of Minorities (NCM)	He succeeded the outgoing chairman of the commission, Ghayorul Hasan.
Justice M Venugopal	Acting chairperson	National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT)	He is the 3rd Acting chairperson to head the NCLAT since the retirement of Chairperson Justice S J Mukhopadhaya.
<b>AUGUST 2021</b>			
Brigadier (Dr.) B. D. Mishra (Retd),	Governor	Mizoram	He was the governor of Arunachal Pradesh
Ganga Prasad	Governor (additional)	Manipur	He was the Governor of Sikkim
La. Ganesan	17th Governor	Manipur	He Succeeded Najma Heptulla, who retired earlier this month.

Banwarilal Purohit	Governor	Punjab	He was also appointed as the Administrator of the Union Territory(UT) of Chandigarh
Deepak Da	25th Controller General of Accounts	Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure	He replaced Soma Roy Burman, (the 7th women CAS) who held the position from December 2019
Dhriti Banerjee	Director	Zoological Survey of India (ZSI)	She will be the 1st Woman Director of ZSI in 100 years. Dhriti Banerjee will succeed Dr. Kailash Chandra
Rekha Sharma	Chairperson	National Commission for Women(NCW)	Reappointed for another term of 3 years with effect from 7th August 2021 or till the age of 65 or until further orders.
Rajiv Guaba	Cabinet Secretary	Union Government	Cabinet has approved the extension of Tenure of Cabinet Secretary by 1 year. He will continue till August 30,2022.
Mansukh Mandaviya	Chairperson	Board of Stop TB partnership Board	He will hold the responsibility of the chairman of the board with immediate effect until 2024
<b>JULY 2021</b>			
Pushkar Singh Dhami	11th Chief Minister (CM)	Uttarakhand	He will replace Tirath Singh Rawat
Basavaraj S Bommai	23rd Chief Minister	Karnataka	He will succeed BS Yediyurappa who resigned on July 26, 2021.
P.S. Sreedharan Pillai (Currently Governor of Mizoram)	Governor	Goa	He will replace Bhagat Singh Koshyari
Satyadeo Narain Arya (Currently Governor of Haryana)		Tripura	He will replace Ramesh Bais
Ramesh Bais (Currently Governor of Tripura)	Governor	Jharkhand	He will replace Droupadi Murmu
Thaawarchand Gehlot (Currently Union Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment)	Governor	Karnataka	He will replace Vajubhai Vala
Bandaru Dattatraya (Currently Governor of Himachal Pradesh)	Governor	Haryana	He will replace Satyadeo Narain Arya
Dr. Hari Babu Kambhampati	Governor	Mizoram	He will replace P.S. Sreedharan Pillai
Mangubhai Chhaganbhai Patel	Governor	Madhya Pradesh	He will replace Anandiben Patel



Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar	Governor	Himachal Pradesh	He will replace Bandaru Dattatraya
Amitabh Kant	CEO	Niti Aayog	The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet approved the extension for a period of one year up to 30.06. 2022.
Vijay Thakur Singh	Director General	Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA)	The term of Dr. TCA Raghavan is set to come to an end on 23 July 2021.
Shambhu Nath Srivastava	Chairman	Indian Federation of United Nations Associations (IFUNA)	He succeeded Mukul Sangma, a former chief minister of Meghalaya.
Director Sanjay Gupta	Chairman	Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI)	He succeeding Amit Agarwal, Amazon Senior Vice President and India Country Manager.
<b>JUNE 2021</b>			
Jagannath Bidyadhar Mohapatra (J B Mohapatra)	Chairman	Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)	He will succeed Pramod Chandra Mody
Former Justice of Supreme Court, Arun Kumar Mishra	Chairperson	National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) of India	He succeeds Justice Prafulla Pant
Anup Chandra Pandey	Election Commissioner of India	Election Commission of India	He will succeeds Sunil Arora who retired on 12th April 2021.
Former Supreme Court Justice Arjan Kumar Sikri	Chairman	Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI)	To chair the Grievance Redressal Board (GRB), a part of the Digital Publisher Content Grievances Council (DPCGC).
Suresh N Patel	Central Vigilance Commissioner	Central Vigilance Commission (CVC)	He succeeded Sanjay Kothari whose term ended on June 23,2021.
K K Venugopal	Attorney General (AG)	Government	Gov extended the tenure of Attorney General by 1 year till June 30, 2022.
<b>MAY 2021</b>			
Rajesh Bansal	Chief Executive Officer (CEO)	Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH)	The board of the RBIH which is headed by Infosys co-founder S (Kris) Gopalakrishnan. Reserve Bank Innovation Hub would develop internal infrastructure to promote fintech research and facilitate engagement with innovators and start-ups.
Pinarayi Vijayan	Chief Minister	Kerala	He is the first Chief Minister in Kerala to get a second consecutive term..
M K Stalin	Chief Minister (CM)	Tamil Nadu	He was administered the oath of Office & Secrecy by TN Governor Banwarilal Purohit at Raj Bhavan, Chennai.

Mamata Banerjee	Chief Minister (CM)	West Bengal	She is the 8th Chief Minister of West Bengal (WB).
N Rangasamy	Chief Minister (CM)	Puducherry	He was administered the oath of Office & Secrecy by Puducherry Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan at Raj Niwas, Pondicherry.
Himanta Biswa Sarma	Chief Minister	Assam	He has replaced Sarbananda Sonowal. Both the candidates are from BJP(Bharatiya Janata Party).
Subodh Kumar Jaiswal	Director	Central Bureau of Investigation(CBI)	He has been serving as the Director-General(DG) of the Central Industrial Security Force(CISF).
Gunjan Shah	Chief Executive Officer (CEO)	Bata India Ltd	He will succeed Sandeep Kataria who was elevated as the global CEO of Bata Brand.
Padmakumar Madhavan Nair	Chief Executive Officer (CEO)	National Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd (NARCL)	He was the Chief General Manager of Stressed Assets Resolution Group at State Bank of India(SBI).
Ujjwala Singhania	National President	FLO (FICCI Ladies Organisation)	She succeeds Jahnabi Phookan who served as the 37 <sup>th</sup> National President for the year 2020-21.
Rahul Bajaj	Chairman Emeritus	Bajaj Auto	He appointed for the period of five years
Niraj Bajaj	Chairman	Bajaj Auto	He will succeed Rahul Bajaj with effect from 1st May 2021.
<b>APRIL 2021</b>			
TV Somanathan	Finance Secretary	Ministry of Finance	He was Expenditure Secretary.He will succeed Ajay Bhushan Pandey
Arun Raste	MD & CEO	National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange Limited(NCDEX)	He succeeds Vijay Kumar. Arun Raste is currently working as an executive director in National Dairy Development Board(NDDDB)
Rekha Menon	Chairman of IT industrial body	National Association of Software and Services Companies(NASSCOM)	She was Accenture India's Chairperson and Senior Managing Director Rekha Menon.Rekha Menon becomes the 1st woman Chairperson of NASSCOM.
Girish Chandra Murmu	External Auditor	Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW)	India was also selected as a member of the Executive council of the OPCW representing the Asia group for another 2-year term.
Sushil Chandra	24th Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) of India	Government of India	He succeeds Sunil Arora.He was appointed in pursuance of clause (2) of Article 324 of the Constitution of India.



Poonam Gupta	Director General(DG)	National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER).	Poonam Gupta, economist of World Bank(WB) was appointed as the first woman Director General(DG) of the NCAER.She will succeed Shekhar Shah.
Nuthalapati Venkata Ramana	Chief Justice of India	Supreme Court	He is the 48 <sup>th</sup> Chief Justice of India. The notification regarding the appointment was issued by the Department of Justice, Ministry of Law and Justice.He will succeed the incumbent Justice Sharad Arvind Bobde.
Mallika Srinivasan	Chairperson	Public Enterprises Selection Board(PESB)	PESB is responsible for the appointment of top management posts in Central Public Sector Enterprises(CPSEs).She was CMD of Tractors and Farm Equipment (TAFE).
Chintan Vaishnav	Mission Director	Niti Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission (AIM)	He will replace Ramanathan Ramanan and was the 1st mission director of AIM since June 2017.
Urjit Patel	Director	Britannia	He was a former Reserve Bank Governor
<b>MARCH 2021</b>			
K. VijayRaghavan	Principal Scientific Advisor (PSA)	Indian Government	order issued by the Department of Personnel and Training stated that the government has extended the term of K. VijayRaghavan as Principal Scientific Advisor (PSA) for one more year.
Soma Mondal	Chairman	Standing Conference of Public Enterprises (SCOPE)	Soma Mondal was the Chairman of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL)
Sanjeev Kumar	Chairman	Airports Authority of India (AAI).	He has taken up the position which was served by Anuj Aggarwal as the Interim Chairman.
Saurabh Garg	Chief Executive Officer (CEO)	Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)	He succeeds Ajay Bhushan Pandey as the CEO of UIDAI.
Deepak Mishra	Director & Chief Executive	Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations(ICRIER)	Deepak Mishra is the lead Economist and Practice Manager at the World Bank.He will replace the Rajat Kathuria.
GP Samanta	4th Chief Statistician of India(CSI)	CSI will also hold the post of the Secretary of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI).	Samanta replaces Dr. Kshatrapati Shivaji, a 1986 batch IAS officer who has been the CSI since September 2020.
Tirath Singh Rawat	Chief Minister (CM)	Uttarakhand	He became 9 <sup>th</sup> CM of that state following the

			resignation of Trivendra Singh Rawat on 9th March 2021
GR Chintala, the Chairman of (NABARD)	Chairman	Asia Pacific Rural and Agricultural Credit Association(APRACA).	He succeeds DPK Gunasekera, General Manager of Bank of Ceylon(BOC).
<b>FEBRUARY 2021</b>			
Vijay Sampla	chairman	6th National Commission for Scheduled Castes(NCSC)	Prior to him, Prof.(Dr.) Ram Shankar Katheria was the chairman of NCSC, whose term ended in May 2020.
Prime Minister Narendra Modi	chairperson	NITI (National Institution for Transforming India) Aayog Governing Council	Central Government has reconstituted the governing council PM also chaired the 6th meeting of NITI Aayog which saw the entry of Ladakh for the first time, along with participation of Jammu and Kashmir as a UT.
Dr. TAMILISAI Soundararajan, Governor of Telangana	additional charge of Governor.	Pudhucherry	Ms. Soundararajan is the fifth woman to hold the post of Lt. Governor of Puducherry and Chandrawati was the 1st LG of Puducherry.
Marc Llistosella	Chief Executive Officer(CEO)	Tata Motors Ltd	He succeeds Guenter Butschek who served the position since February 15, 2016
Padma Shri Sridhar Vembu	Advisory member	National Security Advisory Board (NSAB)	Generally, members of NSAB have a 2 year term. National Security Advisor (NSA) heads the NSAB. Currently, Ajit Doval is the NSA.
<b>JANUARY 2021</b>			
Kiren Rijju, Union Sports Minister	additional charge as Minister	Ministry of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, and Homeopathy (AYUSH)	temporarily appointed Union Minister of State (MoS)Kiren Rijju with additional charge of the Ministry of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, and Homeopathy (AYUSH) following the hospitalisation and treatment of Shripad Yesso Naik.
Dr. Rabi Narayan Mishra	full-time Director	College of Supervisors (CoS)	College of Supervisors (CoS), which was set up by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in May 2020, has now been fully operationalized for effective supervision of the regulated entities.
Soma Mondal	Chairman	Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL)	She becomes the 1st woman chairperson of SAIL. She succeeds Anil Kumar Chaudhary.



## INTERNATIONAL

### PRESIDENTS OF INTERNATIONAL COUNTRIES

Name	Country	Points to be noted
<b>SEPTEMBER 2021</b>		
Alar Karis	Estonia	He will be succeeding Kersti Kaljulaid, the first female president of Estonia. He will assume office on 11th October 2021.
<b>AUGUST 2021</b>		
Hakainde Hichilema	Zambia	He defeating the Incumbent President Edgar Lungu in the 2021 Presidential Elections. He is the 7th elected president of Zambia since independence in 1964.
<b>JULY 2021</b>		
Joseph Lambert	Haiti	He was appointed as the interim President of Haiti following the assassination of President Jovenel Moise.
Jose Pedro Castillo Terrones	Republic of Peru	He will be succeeding Francisco Sagasti, the incumbent president of Peru.
<b>JUNE 2021</b>		
Isaac Herzog	Israel	He will replace the outgoing President Reuven Rivlin
Ukhnaa Khurelsukh	Mongolia	He will be replacing the incumbent President Khaltmaa Battulga
Ebrahim Raisi	Iran	He will succeed Hassan Rouhani.
<b>MAY 2021</b>		
Assimi Goïta	Mali	Constitutional court of Mali has named Colonel Assimi Goïta, the interim Vice President of Mali who led the military coup as the transitional President of Mali. He ousted the transitional President Bah Ndaw and Prime Minister Moctar Ouane in the 2nd military coup of Mali in 9 months.
Bashar al-Assad	Syria	4th seven-year term as the President of Syria. He won his second term as the President of Syria in 2007.
Penpa Tsering	Tibet	He sworn in as the second democratically-elected president (Sikyong) of the 17 <sup>th</sup> Parliament-in-Exile of the Central Tibetan Administration (CTA), the Dharamshala-based Tibetan government-in-exile. Penpa Tsering succeeds Lobsang Sangay.
Yoweri Museveni	Uganda	He is expected to serve as the President of Uganda till 2025.
<b>APRIL 2021</b>		
Guillermo Lasso	Ecuador	Guillermo Lasso(65-year-old) former banker become the 47th President of Ecuador.He will take over the presidency from the incumbent Lenín Moreno.
Nguyen Xuan Phuc	Vietnam	Nguyen Xuan Phuc replaced Nguyen Phu Trong, who was serving as both the President and General Secretary of Vietnam.
VjosaOsmani-Sadriu	Kosovo	She became the nation's seventh president and its second female leader in the post-war period by succeeding Hashim Thaci.
<b>MARCH 2021</b>		
SamiaSuluhu Hassan	Tanzania	SamiaSuluhu Hassan,61 sworn in as Tanzania's first woman President
<b>FEBRUARY 2021</b>		
Mohamed Bazoum	Niger	He won the election with 55.75% of the vote cast against the former President Mahamane Ousmane who secured 44.25%.

Mohammad Younes Menfi	Libya	UN-led Libyan Political Dialogue Forum (LPDF) selected Mohammad Younes Menfi as interim president
<b>JANUARY 2021</b>		
Joseph R. Biden Jr. (Joe Biden)	United States of America(USA)	46th President of the United States of America(USA) US Capitol building, Washington, USA. 78-year-old Joe Biden became the oldest President in the history of the USA.
Yoweri Kaguta Museveni	Uganda	Currency: Ugandan shilling Capital: Kampala
JaparovSadyrNurgojoevich	Kyrgyzstan	He served as the acting president of the country after the resignation of SooronbayJeenbekov.
FaustinArchangeTouadéra	Central African Republic	This is his 2nd term as president of the country. He belongs to the United Hearts Movement, which is led by him.

## PRIME MINISTER'S OF INTERNATIONAL COUNTRIES

Name	Country	Points to be noted
<b>JUNE 2021</b>		
Choguel Kokalla Maïga	Mali	Choguel Kokalla Maïga succeeds Moctar Ouane, the previous PM of Mali who was arrested by the Military on 24th May 2021.
Henri Marie Dondra	Central African Republic(CAR)	He will succeed Firmin Ngrebada .
Naftali Bennett	Israel	He succeeds Benjamin Netanyahu who has been serving as the PM of Israel for the past 12 years.
<b>MAY 2021</b>		
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<b>APRIL 2021</b>		
Ulisses Correia e Silva	Cape Verde	He was reappointed as the Prime Minister for second 5 year term.
Kim Boo-kyum	South Korea	Kim Boo-kyum will be the 3rd PM under the government headed by President Moon Jae-in.He will replace former PM Chung Sye-kyun who resigned to run in the 2022 presidential election.
Claude Joseph	Haiti	He succeeds Joseph Jouthe who resigned from power because of the ongoing political crisis and unrest among the people.
OuhoumoudouMahamadou	Niger	He Succeeds BrigiRafini.He was aformer Minister & the Chief of Staff of former President Mahamadou Issoufou.
Pham Minh Chinh	Kosovo	The National Party Congress has re-elected Nguyen PhuTrong as the General Secretary for a 3rd term.
Eduard Heger	Slovakia	Former Slovak Finance Minister Eduard Heger was appointed PM by its president Zuzana Caputova.He succeeds, Former Prime Minister Igor Matovic who now became Finance Minister of Slovakia.
<b>MARCH 2021</b>		
Patrick Achi	Ivory Coast	Patrick Achi as the interim Prime Minister of Ivory Coast due to the poor health condition of incumbent Hamed Bakayoko
<b>FEBRUARY 2021</b>		
Irakli Garibashvili	Georgia	He was the defence minister of Georgia
Abdul Hamid Dbeibah	Libya	Abdul Hamid Dbeibah becomes interim Prime Minister of the country.



Jean-Michel Sama LukondeKyenge	Democratic Republic of the Congo	He succeeds Sylvestre Ilunga Ilunkamba, who resigned on January 28, 2021 after a no-confidence vote in the parliament.
Mario Draghi	Italy	He accepted the request of Sergio Mattarella, President of Italy, to form a new government. Italy's Capital- Rome and Currency- Euro.
<b>JANUARY 2021</b>		
Kaja Kallas	Estonia	she becomes the 1st female PM of the country since the nation regained independence in 1991. She succeeds JüriRatas.

## OTHER INTERNATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Name	Appointed as	Entity/place	Points to be noted
<b>JUNE 2021</b>			
Antonio Manuel de Oliveira Guterres (72) aka Antonio Guterres	Secretary General	United Nations (UN)	Re-elected for a 2nd 5-year term from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2026.
Nagaraj Adiga	Asia and Oceania Representative	International Association of Ultrarunners (IAU)	He was elected during the 2021 International Association of Ultrarunners (IAU) Congress.
Dr Patrick Amoth of Kenya	Chairman	WHO Executive Board	He succeeds Dr Harsh Vardhan, Union Health Minister of Government of India.
Dr. R S Sodhi	Member	Board of International Dairy Federation (IDF)	The decision has been taken in IDF General meeting on June 1,2021 i.e. World Milk Day.
Virendra Nanavati	Member	International Swimming Federation (FINA) Bureau	He was elected as a at the FINA General Congress held at Doha,Qatar.He is the first Indian to be elected as a Bureau member of the FINA.
Abdulla Shahid	President	76th session of the United Nations (UN) General Assembly	He was the Maldives' Foreign Minister . Turkish Volkan Bozkır is the president of the 75th session of the UN General Assembly
Ranjitsinh Disale	Educational Advisor	World Bank	He was one of the 12 advisors from the World to be appointed by the World Bank.
Kakanur Nagaraj Naidu	Chef de Cabinet	76th United Nations General Assembly(UNGA)	Maldives Diplomat Thilmeeza Hussain as the Special Envoy of the President of the General Assembly (PGA)
Rebeca Grynspan	secretary-general	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)	She became the first woman secretary-general of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)and and will succeed Mukhisa Kituyi of Kenya.
Mukesh Sharma	Honorary member	WHO	Appointed as honorary member of WHO's (World Health Organization) Global Air Pollution and Health-Technical Advisory Group (GAPH-TAG).
Satya Nadella	Chairman	Microsoft	He will succeed John Thompson who will now serve as lead independent director.
Aashish Chandorkar	Counsellor in India's Permanent Mission	World Trade Organisation (WTO)	For first time, private person appointed to this post for a period of three years.

Karim Khan	Chief prosecutor	International Criminal Court(ICC)	He succeeded Fatou Bensouda of Gambia,
<b>MAY 2021</b>			
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<b>APRIL 2021</b>			
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<b>MARCH 2021</b>			
Dr Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare(MoHFW)	Chairman	Stop TB Partnership Board	The appointment is in recognition of his contribution to the movement to eradicate Tuberculosis (TB) from India by 2025. He will succeed Dr. Luiz Henrique Mandetta, Minister of Health of Brazil.
India's CAG Girish Chandra Murmu	Chairman	Panel of External Auditors of the United Nations(UN) for the year 2021	He was born in Mayurbhanj District of Odisha. <b>Roles and responsibilities:</b> To lead the panel to report and audit the accounts and management operations of the UN and its specialised agencies.
Ajai Malhotra	Chairperson	Advisory Committee of the United Nations Human Rights Council(UNHRC)	He became the first Indian to be elected as the Chairperson of the Advisory Committee of the United Nations Human Rights Council(UNHRC).
<b>FEBRUARY 2021</b>			
Woochong Um	Managing Director General	Asian Development Bank (ADB)	He assumed office on 22nd February and will be reporting to Masatsugu Asakawa, President of ADB.
Seiko Hashimoto	President	Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games.	She succeeds Former chief Yoshiro Mori . She was seven time Olympian (speed skater and cyclist) who was serving as the Minister for the Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games
Preeti Sinha	Executive Secretary	United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF)	Sinha succeeds Judith Karl, who retired in February 2021.
Dr Ajay Mathur	Director-General	International Solar Alliance (ISA)	He succeeds Upendra Tripathy who was in the position since ISA was founded in 2015.
Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala	7th Director General	World Trade Organisation (WTO)	She succeeds former Director-General Roberto Azevêdo who announced his retirement 1 year before the expiry of his tenure. iii.With this appointment, Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala became the first woman and the first African to head the WTO.
Andy Jassy	CEO	Amazon	Jeff Bezos, the Founder and CEO of Amazon, will step down as the CEO of Amazon.Jeff Bezos will be taking up the role of executive chair of the Amazon's Board of Directors.



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Nazhat Shameem Khan	President	United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC)	Fiji became the first Pacific Island nations to win the presidency election of the UNHRC. She succeeds Elisabeth Tichy-Fisslberge of Austria.
Jayati Ghosh	High-level Advisory Board (HLAB-II)	United Nation's Economic and Social Affairs	She is an Indian development economist. She has been appointed for a 2-year term.

**BRAND AMBASSADOR**

Name	Entity/Organization	Points to be Noted
<b>SEPTEMBER 2021</b>		
Shooter Avani Lakhera	Rajasthan	Brand ambassador of the 'Beti Bachao and Beti Padhao' project under the Department of Woman and Child Development
Indian Women's hockey player Rani Rampal and Indian women's cricketer Smriti Mandhana	Equitas Small Finance Bank (ESFB)	
Subedar Neeraj Chopra	Tata AIA Life Insurance	He will promote the health and wellness among policyholders, and going deeper into the tier II and III markets across the country.
Lovlina Borgohain	Samagra Sikhsha Abhiyan (SSA) in the state of Assam	In order to increase digital learning, Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) is also collaborating with the state government.
Rahul Dravid	Piramal Realty	Brand ambassador for its portfolio of 4 residential projects and one commercial project.
<b>AUGUST 2021</b>		
John Abraham	MotoGP	India ambassador for its flagship motorsport property MotoGP
Vandana Kataria	State's Department of Women Empowerment & Child Development	During the 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo, Vandana became the 1st Indian Woman to score an Olympic hat-trick in hockey
Mahendra Singh Dhoni	Neuberg Diagnostics	The agreement will bring health awareness and spread its importance throughout the world.
Alia Bhatt	Samsung India	To endorse Galaxy Z, a series of foldable smartphones, in India
Sonu Sood	Delhi Government "Desh Ke Mentor" programme	It's a mentorship programme where around 3 lakh experts and professionals will guide the 10 lakh Delhi government school students.
Leander Paes	Sporjo	He was roped Paes as its Strategic Advisor and Ambassador.
<b>JULY 2021</b>		
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<b>JUNE 2021</b>		
Yuvraj Singh	PUMA Motorsport in India	He has been associated with the brand for over a decade.
Upasana Kamineni Kondinela	Ambassador of Forest Frontline Heroes' by	Her appointment was made to recognize the efforts of frontline workers or field level forest staff protecting wildlife and habitats.

	WWF (World Wide Fund for Nature) India	
<b>MAY 2021</b>		
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<b>APRIL 2021</b>		
Virat Kohli	Digit Insurance	Digit Insurance, a general insurance company, which became the first unicorn of 2021 with a valuation of 1.9 Billion USD (around Rs. 13918 crores).
<b>MARCH 2021</b>		
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<b>FEBRUARY 2021</b>		
Deepika Padukone	Levi	Global Brand Ambassador
Natalia Vodianova, a Russian Supermodel	United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), UN's sexual and reproductive health agency	She became new Goodwill Ambassador to tackle stigma and advance women's health
Sachin Tendulkar	Unacademy	As a part of the partnership, Sachin will host a series of live interactive classes which can be accessed by the users of Unacademy at free of cost.
Rana Daggubati	CEAT Limited, a tyre company of RPG Enterprises	to promote the new 'Puncture Safe' range of bike tyres. CEAT has launched 'Puncture Safe' range of tyres in Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Kerala.
<b>JANUARY 2021</b>		
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<b>RESIGNATION</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Resigned as</b>	<b>Entity/Place; Imp points to be Noted</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER 2021</b>		
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<b>AUGUST 2021</b>		
Nitin Chugh	MD & CEO	With this resignation, He will also cease to be the Director of Ujjivan Small Finance Bank with effect from 30th September 2021
<b>JULY 2021</b>		
Manu Sawhney	CEO	CEO of the International Cricket Council (ICC) has resigned from his post with immediate effect.
Shiv Nadar	Managing director and director	HCL Technologies Ltd
<b>JUNE 2021</b>		
Stefan Lofven	Prime Minister	Sweden
<b>MAY, APRIL &amp; MARCH 2021</b>		
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<b>FEBRUARY 2021</b>		
V Narayanasamy	Chief Minister	Puducherry, India
Dr. Kiran Bedi	Lieutenant-Governor (LG)	Puducherry, India
Giorgi Gakharia	Prime Minister	Georgia; He served as the Prime Minister since September 2019



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Sylvestre Ilunga Ilunkamba	Prime Minister	Democratic Republic of the Congo(DRC)
Giuseppe Conte	Prime Minister	Italy
UkhnaaKhurelsukh	Prime Minister	Mongolia

## AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

### AWARDS

The Highest sporting honour of India, “**Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award**”, has been renamed as “**Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award**” in honour of the hockey Wizard Dhyan Chand.

### Overview of 74th Cannes Film Festival 2021

The 74th Cannes Film Festival 2021 was held from July 6-17, 2021 at Palais des Festivals et des Congrès Convention Center in Cannes, France.

Feature Films		
Award	Film	Winner
Palme d'Or	Titane	· Julia Ducournau (2nd female filmmaker to win the festival's top honor & 1st to win not jointly with another director) · New Zealand's Jane Campion was the first woman to win the Palme d'or for "The Piano" in 1993.
Grand Prix	A Hero	Asghar Farhadi
	Compartment No. 6	Juho Kuosmanen
Best Director	Annette	Leos Carax
Best Screenplay	Drive My Car	Hamaguchi Ryusuke & Takamasa Oe
Jury Prize	Memoria	Apichatpong Weerasthakul
	Ahed's Knee	Nadav Lapid
Best Actress	The Worst Person In The World	Renate Reinsve
Best Actor	Nitram	Caleb Landry Jones
Short Films		
Award	Film	Winner
Palme d'Or	All the Crows in the World	Tang Yi
Special Mention	August sky	Jasmin Tenucci

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### Overview of 93rd Academy Awards – Oscar 2021

- 93rd Academy Awards, also known as the Oscar 2021 held at Union Station Los Angeles and the Dolby Theatre at Hollywood & Highland Center in Hollywood. The hostless ceremony was opened by Regina King.
- The nominations of the Oscar 2021 were announced by Priyanka Chopra and Nick Jonas in March 2021.
- The Academy Awards is annually presented by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

### Highlights of 93rd Academy Awards:

- Indian Actor Irrfan Khan and costume designer BhanuAthaiya who passed away in 2020 were honoured in the “In Memoriam” section of the 2021 Oscars.

- Nomadland directed by Chloé Zhao(Chinese Film Maker) won the most awards including the awards for Best Picture, Best Actress and Best Director.
- Chloé Zhao is the 2nd woman and also the first woman of colour (Asian) to win the award for Best Director.
- Welsh actor, 83 years old became the oldest person to win the Best Actor for the film “The Father”.
- American actress and producer Frances McDormand won the Best Actress award for Nomadland...[Click here for full article..](#)

### Overview of 67th National Film Awards for the Year 2019

Awards were presented by Directorate of Film Festivals, an organisation which comes under the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting.

- Awards are categorised in three sections – Feature Films, Non-Feature Films & Best Writing on Cinema. Feature and Non-Feature Films certified by Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) between 1 January 2019, and 31 December 2019

#### Notable Awards

- ❖ Best Non-Feature Film – An Engineered Dream (Hindi Film)
- ❖ Best Feature Film – Marakkar-Arabi Kadalinte-Simham (Malayalam)
- ❖ Best Children’s Film award – Kastoori (Hindi)
- ❖ Best Arts and Culture Film – Shrikshetra-Ru-Sahijata (Odia)
- ❖ Most Film Friendly State – Sikkim (Medal – Rajat Kamal)
- ❖ Best Cinematography – Gireesh Gangadharan for Malayalam film Jallikattu
- ❖ Best Actor - Manoj Bajpayee for Bhonsle (Hindi) & Dhanush for Asuran (Tamil)
- ❖ Best Actress - Kangana Ranaut for Manikarnika-The Queen Of Jhansi (Hindi) & Panga (Hindi)
- ❖ Best Child Artist - Naga Vishal for KD (A) KaruppuDurai (Tamil)..[Click here for more winners list](#)

### Sahitya Akademi Awards 2020

Sahitya Akademi Awards 2020 winners were announced by the National Academy of Letters during an event organised for the annual Festival of Letters. The Sahitya Akademi has announced its Sahitya Akademi Awards 2020 in 20 languages, Yuva Puraskar 2020 in 18 languages and Bal Sahitya Puraskar 2020 in 21 languages.

#### Important Awardees:

Author	Title of Book/Poem	Language
Poet Arundhati Subramaniam	“When God is a Traveller”	English poem
M Veerappa Moily, Former Chief Minister of Karnataka	Sri Bahubali Ahimsa Digvijayam	Kannada epic poem
Mani Shankar Mukhopadhyay popularly known as Shankar	Eka Eka Ekashi	Bengali

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### 78th Golden Globes Awards 2021 held from Los Angeles and New York City

78th Golden Globes Awards 2021 took place in a Hybrid Format on 28th February 2021. It was the first bi-coastal ceremony, filmed from Los Angeles and New York City, United States of America (USA) hosted by Amy Poehler from Beverly Hills, Los Angeles and Tina Fey from New York’s Rainbow Room.

- Satchel Lee and Jackson Lee, children of filmmakers and three-time Golden Globe Nominee Spike Lee and his wife Tonya Lewis Lee, philanthropist.
- Jackson Lee is the first Black male ambassador of Golden Globes.
- Nomadland by Chinese female director Chloé Zhao won the Best Pictures Drama and Chloé Zhao won the Best Director Motion Picture.
- Nomadland became the first film directed by a female to win the award in this category.

[Click here to read about all winners](#)



## AWBI National Awards for Animal Welfare and Protection – 2021

WBI (Animal Welfare Board of India) conferred AWBI National Awards for Animal Welfare and Protection – 2021 namely 'Prani Mitra' & 'Jeev Daya' awards to 14 Individuals/Organizations/Corporates.

Name of the award	Winner
Prani Mitra Award – Individual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yogender Kumar, New Delhi</li> <li>Manish Saxena, Jaipur</li> <li>Shayam Lal Choubisa, Udaipur</li> </ul>
Prani Mitra Award – Shaurya	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anil Gandas, Gurugram</li> <li>Late Smt. Kalpana Vasudevan, Coimbatore</li> </ul>
Prani Mitra Award – LifeTime Animal Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. S.R. Sundram, Chennai</li> <li>Dr. S. Chinny Krishna, Chennai</li> <li>Maj. General (Retd) Dr. R.M. Kharb, AVSM, Gurugram</li> </ul>
Prani Mitra Award – Animal Welfare Organization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>World Sankirtan Tour Trust, Palwal</li> <li>Shri Karuna Foundation Trust, Rajkot</li> <li>People for Animal, Ahmedabad</li> </ul>
Prani Mitra Award – Corporate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tata Trust Foundation, Mumbai</li> </ul>
Jeev Daya Award – Animal Welfare Organisation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dhyan Foundation, New Delhi</li> <li>Animal Aid Charitable Trust, Udaipur</li> </ul>

## Padma Awards 2021

The Padma Awards, one of the highest civilian Awards of the country are conferred under 3 categories namely, Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri.

**List of Key Persons who Received the Award:** [Click here for all award winners](#)

Category	Winner	KeyPoints
Padma Vibhushan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Former Japan Prime Minister Shinzo Abe,</li> <li>S.P.Balasubramaniam(Posthumously) and</li> <li>Eminent sculptor Sudarshan Sahoo, Father of Fiber Optics Narinder Singh Kapany (posthumously).</li> </ul>	7 receives Padma Vibhushan and second-highest civilian award of India, after the Bharat Ratna.
Padma Bhushan	Ram Vilas Paswan and Tarun Gogoi	10 receives Padma Bhushan.It is the third-highest civilian award
Padma Shri	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Famous illustrator of children's magazine KC Sivasankar(posthumously),</li> <li>Sridhar Vembu, Founder &amp; CEO of Zoho and</li> <li>Rajini Bector, promoter of FMCG company Mrs Bectors Food Specialities</li> </ul>	102 receives Padma Shri Awards.It is fourth-highest civilian award.

## 2021 Pulitzer Prizes:

Winners of 2021 Books, Drama & Music Pulitzer Prizes:

Category	Winner
Fiction	The Night Watchman, by Louise Erdrich
Drama	The Hot Wing King, by Katori Hall
History	Franchise: The Golden Arches in Black America, by Marcia Chatelain
Biography	The Dead Are Arising: The Life of Malcolm X, by the late Les Payne and Tamara Payne
Poetry	Postcolonial Love Poem, by Natalie Diaz

General Nonfiction	Wilmington's Lie: The Murderous Coup of 1898 and the Rise of White Supremacy, by David Zucchino
Music	Stride, by Tania León

### Winners of 2021 Journalism Pulitzer Prizes:

Category	Winner
Public Service	The New York Times
Breaking News Reporting	Staff of the Star Tribune, Minneapolis, Minn.
Investigative Reporting	Matt Rocheleau, Vernal Coleman, Laura Crimaldi, Evan Allen and Brendan McCarthy of The Boston Globe
Explanatory Reporting	· Andrew Chung, Lawrence Hurley, Andrea Januta, Jaimi Dowdell and Jackie Botts of Reuters · Ed Yong of The Atlantic
Local Reporting	Kathleen McGrory and Neil Bedi of the Tampa Bay Times
National Reporting	Staffs of The Marshall Project; AL.com, Birmingham; IndyStar, Indianapolis; and the Invisible Institute, Chicago
International Reporting	Megha Rajagopalan, Alison Killing and Christo Buschek of BuzzFeed News
Feature Writing	Mitchell S. Jackson, freelance contributor, Runner's World Nadja Drost, freelance contributor, The California Sunday Magazine
Commentary	Michael Paul Williams of the Richmond (Va.) Times-Dispatch
Criticism	Wesley Morris of The New York Times
Editorial Writing	Robert Greene of the Los Angeles Times
Breaking News Photography	Photography Staff of Associated Press
Feature Photography	Emilio Morenatti of Associated Press
Audio Reporting	Lisa Hagen, Chris Haxel, Graham Smith and Robert Little of National Public Radio

### AWARDS GIVEN TO THE SPORTS

#### AIFF Awards 2020-2021

Award 2020-2021	Winner
AIFF Women's Footballer of the year 2020-2021	Bala Devi
AIFF Men's Footballer of the Year 2020-2021	Sandesh Jhingan
AIFF Men's Emerging Footballer of the Year	Suresh Singh Wangjam(midfielder)
AIFF Women's Emerging Footballer of the Year	Manisha Kalyan(midfielder)
AIFF Awards for the Best Referee	Tejas Nagvenkar (Goa)
AIFF Award for Best Assistant Referee	Sumanta Dutta(Assam)

Name of Awards	Award Winner	Field	Points to be noted
<b>SEPTEMBER 2021</b>			
Guinness World Records	Portugal football player Cristiano Ronaldo	Highest Score	For becoming the highest-scoring man in International football history with his 111th goal for Portugal against Ireland in a World Cup qualifier. This marked his 180th game representing Portugal. He has surpassed



			the record held by Iranian footballer Ali Daei who has scored 109 goals in 149 games .
<b>AUGUST 2021</b>			
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<b>JULY 2021</b>			
Differently Abled Sportsman of the Year	Pramod Bhagat	Para-shuttler	He was honoured by Indian Sports Honour for 2019 (the award was delayed due to COVID-19).
<b>JUNE 2021</b>			
ICC Hall of Fame 2021	Aubrey Faulkner (South Africa) Monty Noble (Australia) Sir Learie Constantine (West Indies) Stan McCabe (Australia) Ted Dexter (England) Vinoos Mankad (India) Desmond Hayes (West Indies) Bob Willis (England) Andy Flower (Zimbabwe) Kumar Sangakkara (Srilanka)	Cricket	10 cricket icons inducted into the ICC Hall of Fame is to celebrate the prestigious history of Test cricket, and to coincide with the first ever ICC World Test Championship Final.
<b>MAY 2021</b>			
Europe's Golden Shoe	Bayern Munich's Robert Lewandowski (Poland)	Football	He finished as the top scorer in Europe's leading domestic leagues.
Etienne Glichitch Award	Hockey India	Hockey India's contribution towards the growth and development of Hockey.	Various individuals, teams and organisations received the Fédération Internationale de Hockey(FIH) Honorary Awards at the virtual conference organised by the FIH as a part of its 47th Congress.
22nd Laureus World Sports Awards 2021	Rafael Nadal Naomi Osaka	Sportsman of the year title Sportswomen of the year title	The Laureus World Sports Awards are awarded annually by Laureus Sport for Good Foundation.
<b>APRIL 2021</b>			
Global winners of ICC Development Awards for 2020	Argentina,  Brazil,  Uganda,	ICC Development Initiative of the Year  100% Female Cricket Initiative of the Year	Awards issued for their contribution to cricket through different exceptional programmes in 2020.

	Vanuatu	Cricket 4 Good Social Impact Initiative of the Year ICC Digital Fan Engagement of the Year	
Famous Cricketing Magazine, Wisden Cricketers' Almanack, has named 5 best cricketers for each decade from 1970's to 2010s	Vivian Richards, West Indies Kapil Dev, India Sachin Tendulkar, India Muthaiah Muralitharan, Sri Lanka Virat Kohli, India	ODI Cricketer for the decade – 1970's ODI Cricketer for the decade – 1980's, ODI Cricketer for the decade – 1990's ODI Cricketer for the decade – 2000's ODI Cricketer for the decade – 2010's	Ben Stokes was declared the 'Cricketer of the Year'

### MARCH 2021

BBC Indian Sportswoman of the year (BBC ISWOTY) 2020.	Padma Shri Koneru Humpy	achievements of women in sports	<b>Lifetime Achievement Award</b> – received by an Indian athlete Anju Bobby George <b>Emerging Player of the Year award</b> – received by Olympian Manu Bhaker, an airgun shooter.
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### FEBRUARY 2021

ICC Men's Player of the Month award for January 2021	Rishabh Pant (India)	Cricket	This is the first edition of the ICC Player of the Month Awards.
International Cricket Council (ICC) Women's Player of the Month award for January 2021	Shabnim Ismail (South Africa)	Cricket	This is the first edition of the ICC Player of the Month Awards.

### JANUARY 2021

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## AWARDS FOR LITERATURE/JOURNALISM/ACADEMIC

Name of Awards	Award Winner	Field	Points to be noted
<b>SEPTEMBER 2021</b>			
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<b>AUGUST 2021</b>			
Sahitya Akademi Awards 2020 for Odia and Malayalam	Yashodhara Mishra and Omcherry NN Pillai	Literature	Yashodhara Mishra has been awarded for her book titled "Samudrakula Ghara". Omcherry NN Pillai has been awarded for his memoir titled "Akasmikam: Omcheriyute Ormmakkurippukal".
<b>JULY 2021</b>			
Humboldt Research Award for Economics for 2021	Kaushik Basu	Economics	To do research on moral philosophy and game theory, and on law and economics.



ICAR Norman Borlaug Award 2020	Kajal Chakraborty	Research	For carrying out challenge research projects
<b>JUNE 2021</b>			
International Booker Prize 2021	French novelist David Diop won	Writer	For "At Night All Blood Is Black".The Book is translated from the French Book titled "Frere d'ame". It was Translated by Anna Moschovakis.David Diop became the first French writer to win the Award.
<b>MAY 2021</b>			
International Dublin Literary Award 2021	Valeria Luiselli	Literature	She received for her novel, Lost Children Archive.
15th Annual Sheikh Zayed Book Award in 2021	Tahera Qutbuddin	Arab Culture in Other Languages category.	The Sheikh Zayed Book Award named Prominent German philosopher Juergen Habermas as the "Cultural Personality of the Year(2021)".
<b>APRIL 2021</b>			
Saraswati Samman 2020	Dr.SharankumarLimale	Writer	He is a Marathi Writer and he received for his 2018 Marathi novel titled "Sanatan".
<b>MARCH 2021, FEBRUARY 2021 &amp; JANUARY 2021</b>			
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#### **AWARDS GIVEN TO ORGANIZATIONS/BANKS/MINISTRIES/STATE/CITY**

Name of Awards	Award Winner	Field	Points to be noted
<b>SEPTEMBER 2021</b>			
Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Energy Leader Award-2021	National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC), Ramagundam (Telangana)	Power	NTPC won the award in power category at the 22nd National Award Ceremony for Excellence in Energy Management 2021 hosted by the CII. It is also the only station of NTPC to win this award.
Association for Talent Development (ATD) 2021 BEST Award	Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID)	Development	It is the only PSU to win this award for its efforts in talent development practices and programmes.
<b>AUGUST 2021</b>			
Most Innovative in Digital Banking	DBS Bank	Innovation in Digital Banking Awards	The DBS has also won an award under the Cyber Security category for its Secure Access and Remote Working Solutions.
Golden Peacock National Training Award 2021 in the	Sai Life Sciences Ltd	Pharmaceutical	This awards for corporate excellence in India organized under the aegis of the Institute of Directors, India.
AI GameChanger Award 2021	Information Technology, Electronics and Communication(ITE&C	Scheme	For the implementation of the 'Crowd Monitoring using AI' scheme

	) Department of the Government of Telangana		
Prime Minister's Shram Awards (PMSA) for the year 2018	Total of 39 awards were presented to 69 workers of Departmental & Public Sector Undertakings of the Central & State Governments and Private Sector Units		Shram Bhushan Awards (a Sanad & Rs 1 Lakh each) – 4 Awards Shram Vir/Shram Veerangana Awards (a Sanad & Rs 60,000 each) – 12 Awards Shram Shree/Shram Devi Awards (a Sanad & Rs 40,000 each) – 17 awards
<b>JULY 2021</b>			
UNDP Equator Prize 2021	Aadhimalai Pazhangudiyinar Producer Company Limited and Snehakunj a Trust	Environment	For their exceptional achievement in showcasing local, innovative, nature-based solutions for tackling biodiversity loss and climate change and achieving their local development goals
Best Small Businesses of the Good Food for All competition	Edible Routes Private Limited, Oorja Development Solutions India and Taru Naturals	Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs)	The 3 Indian SMEs were among the 50 SMEs which were announced as the winners of the held in conjunction with the UN Food Systems Summit
Natwest Group Earth Heroes Award-2021 in	Satpura Tiger reserve in the state of Madhya Pradesh	Earth Guardian category for best management.	The Awards bring recognition and honour to individuals and institutions who work exceptionally hard to preserve and protect our critical ecosystems.
<b>JUNE 2021</b>			
Airports Council International (ACI) Asia-Pacific Green Airports Recognition 2021(Platinum and Gold Recognitions)	MR Airports-run Delhi and Hyderabad airports	For their environmentally sustainable initiatives.	This is the 5th consecutive year where DIAL has been awarded for its Green taxiing initiatives at Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGI) Airport based on TaxiBots.
Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement Award 2020	Delhi Metro's Phases I, II and III projects	For bringing awareness of safety and efficiency at construction sites in India	Recognised by Japan Society of Civil Engineers (JSCE)
<b>MAY 2021</b>			
India Biodiversity Awards(IBA) 2021	Shergaon Biodiversity Management Committee (BMC) of Arunachal Pradesh	Best 'Biodiversity Management Committee(BMC)' award	5th edition of the IBA was held virtually and the awards were given by the Union Minister of State for Environment, Forest and Climate Change(MoEFCC), Babul Supriyo.
Green Urja Award 2021	Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited (IREDA)	Green Energy Financing	The award was conferred by the Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC).



Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)	Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank (KVGB)	Lead to Leap, APY Makers of Excellence, Game Changers, Leadership Capital and Amazing Achievers	Bank is playing a key role in the implementation of social security schemes such as Atal Pension Yojana (APY), Prime Minister Jeevan Jyothi Bhima Yojana (PMJJBY), and Prime Minister Suraksha Bhima Yojana (PMSBY)
<b>APRIL 2021</b>			
E-Panchayat Puraskar 2021	Government of Uttar Pradesh (UP)	implemented the e-applications developed by the Centre and other applications developed by the State Government.	Uttar Pradesh was followed by Assam and Chhattisgarh in 2nd rank and Odisha and Tamil Nadu in 3rd rank.
National Award for Innovation Training Practices 2019-2020 at the 30th National Award Ceremony	Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)	best management and training institutes to provide the right training to the professionals.	The award was organised by the Indian Society for Training and Development(ISTD) in New Delhi.
<b>MARCH 2021</b>			
Asiamoney Best Bank Awards 2021	HDFC Bank	'India's Best Bank for Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)'	It received the award for the transformation of its Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) business.
King Bhumibol World Soil Day 2020 award	Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)	importance of healthy soils	Held in - Bangkok, Thailand. Reason - creating awareness on the importance of healthy soils in line with the theme of World Soil Day 2019 – Stop Soil Erosion, Save our Future.
<b>FEBRUARY 2021</b>			
5th Asia Environmental Enforcement Award, 2020	Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (WCCB), Government of India	Innovation category	United Nations Environment Programme(UNEP) issued this award.WCCB was selected as a winner for its contribution against transboundary environmental crime.This is the 2nd time for WCCB to win the award in the same category.
18th Computer Society of India (CSI) Special Interest Group on e-Governance(SIGe-Gov) Awards 2020	Ministry of tribal Affairs	Award of Appreciation under Project Category Award	Other awardees:- i.Gopan Department, Govt of Uttarakhand and the National Informatics Centre, Uttarakhand State Unit won the award of Excellence for the initiating the e-Cabinet (e-Mantrimandal), ii.CSI SIG EGovernance Awards is a series of awards instituted by the Computer Society of India (CSI) to recognise the contributions towards e-governance by the State,