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JANUARY 2021			
National Best Electoral Practices Award 2020	Delhi	Accessible Election category	The Office of Chief Electoral Office(CEO), Meghalaya received the special award for its Information Technology(IT) applications in Elections. Bihar has won the award under the Electoral management category and CEO HR Srinivasan received the award at the NVD event.
Coal Minister's Awards 2020	Northern Coalfields Ltd (NCL) in Madhya Pradesh, Central Coalfields Ltd (CCL) in Jharkhand & Western Coalfields Ltd (WCL) in Maharashtra	for adopting the best & sustainable practices for coal mining in India.	The awards were presented by Pralhad Joshi, Union Minister of Coal & Mines during a function held in New Delhi.
1st United Nations(UN) Women 2020 Asia-Pacific Women's Empowerment Principles (WEPs) Regional award	IKEA India Pvt Ltd	Gender-inclusive Workplace category	Regional award winners were announced in a ceremony on December 15, 2020 in Bangkok, Thailand.Tata Power- Delhi Distribution Ltd(DDL) became the 1st Runner Up in the Community & Industry Engagement category of the award.
National Kayakalp Awards for the year 2019-20	District Hospital Reasi of Jammu and Kashmir was awarded the First Prize of INR 50 Lakhs JIPMER (Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education & Research),Pondichery	under Kayakalp Scheme second under the Kayakalp award for Category Group 'A'	Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare Virtually Inaugurated the 5th National Kayakalp Awards.MoHFW launched the National Initiative 'Kayakalp' under Swachh Bharat Mission in 2015 to ensure Hygiene, Sanitation & Cleanliness in Public Health Facilities in India.
30th National Energy Conservation Awards 2020 (NECA 2020)	Energy Management Centre, Kerala bagged the 1st Prize	State Designated Agencies Category for its effective energy conservation programmes.	Indian Railways bagged 13 awards at NECA 2020.The 5 sectors under NECA 2020 are Industry, Transport, Building, Institution & Appliance.
Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) Awards-2019	Kanchipuram, Tamil Nadu Best Performing State Best Performance (North East Region and Hilly State)	Best Practices and Innovation Awards Uttar Pradesh (UP) Tripura	Award conferred for excellence in six categories for the implementation of PMAY-U.The PMAY(U) awards were instituted by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) in 2019.

	Click here for all other awards		
6th Digital India Awards(DIA) 2020	Department of Post won the gold icon award.. Click here for all winners in other categories	Excellence in Digital Governance Ministry/Department (Central)	President Ram Nath Kovind conferred all awards. 24 digital governance initiatives by Government entities under 7 categories received Digital India Awards 2020.

AWARDS GIVEN FOR SOCIAL SERVICE, SCIENCE & BRAVERY

Name of Awards	Award Winner	Field	Points to be noted
SEPTEMBER 2021			
International Lifetime Achievement Award in Neurosurgery	Basant Kumar Misra	Medical	Kumar will be the first Indian who received the prestigious AANS award. The award is given for the recognition of providing high quality medical services in the field of neurosurgery.
2021 Behler Turtle Conservation Award also known as "Nobel Prize for Turtle Conservation"	biologist Shailendra Singh	Conservation	For bringing three critically endangered turtle conservation species back from the edge of extinction
Ramon Magsaysay award 2021 or Asia's Nobel Prize	Bangladeshi scientist Firdausi Qadri, Muhammad Amjad Saqib (Pakistan) Steven Muncy (Southeast Asia) Watchdoc Indonesia (Indonesia) Filipino fisher and community environmentalist Roberto Ballon from philippines	Courageous service to the people for helping people through social entrepreneurship. For extending humanitarian and peace-building efforts across borders. for emergent leadership and for using journalism and filmmaking to give voice to the people.	
AUGUST 2021			
Lokmanya Tilak National Award, 2021	Dr. Cyrus Poonawalla	Social Service	Poonawalla will be honoured for his work during the COVID-19 pandemic by manufacturing Covishield vaccine and thereby saving many lives

Congressional Gold Medal	Mahatma Gandhi	Promote peace and non-violence	He was the first Indian to posthumously receive the Congressional Gold
Ram Nath Kovind, the President of India and the Supreme Commander of the Indian Armed Forces, has approved 144 Gallantry awards		Military	The awards include one Ashok Chakra, one Kirti Chakra, 15 Shaurya Chakras, four Bar to Sena Medals (Gallantry), 116 Sena Medals (Gallantry), five Nao Sena Medals (Gallantry) and two Vayu Sena Medals (Gallantry). He also awarded one Tatrakshak Medal(Gallantry) and 3 Tatrakshak Medal (Meritorious Service) to the Coast Guard Personnel to recognise their gallantry and service.
Ashoka Chakra	Assistant Sub Inspector(ASI) Babu Ram of Jammu & Kashmir(J&K) Police	Police Service	It was India's highest peacetime gallantry honour.
Kirti Chakra	Altaf Hussain Bhat a Constable in the Jammu and Kashmir Police		It was the 2nd in order of precedence of peacetime gallantry awards after Ashok Chakra.
Vayu Sena Medals	Squadron Leader Deepak Mohanan and Wing Commander Uttar Kumar	Military	It is an Indian military decoration, usually awarded in peacetime for a job well done. It can be awarded Posthumously.
Shaurya Chakra	Shaurya Chakra from the Navy was awarded to CAPTAIN SACHIN REUBEN SEQUEIRA. 2 Shaurya Chakra from Air Force were awarded to Group Captain Perminder Antil, Commanding officer of Su-30 MKI Squadron and Wing Commander Varun Singh, pilot in Light Combat Aircraft(LCA) Squadron from Air Force.	Military	Shaurya Chakra is the third highest peacetime gallantry award. 6 Shaurya Chakra from the Army were awarded for Counter Terror Operations in J&K
JULY 2021			
Commonwealth Points of Light award	Syed Osman Azhar Maqsusi	Social Service	Recognises outstanding individual volunteers – people who are making a change in their community.

			This award is given by UK Government.
JUNE 2021			
UNCCD Land for Life Award for 2021	Shyam Sundar Jyani	Familial Forestry	The environment conservation concept of Rajasthan-based climate activist has won the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification's (UNCCD) Land for Life Award for 2021.
European Inventor Award 2021	Sumita Mitra	Non-EPO countries category	For her work and invention in nanotechnology in the dental field.
MAY 2021			
Rudolf V Schindler Award 2021	Dr Duvvur(D) Nageshwar Reddy	endoscopy	American Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ASGE) has presented the award at the ASGE's 2021 Annual Crystal Awards virtual ceremony. Dr D Nageshwar Reddy won the Padma Shri award in 2002 and Padma Bhushan award in 2016. He is the Chairman and founder of Asian Institute of Gastroenterology (AIG), Hyderabad
Energy Frontier Award 2020	Chintamani Nages Ramachandra Rao (C.N.R. Rao)	renewable energy sources	Award received for research into renewable energy sources and energy storage.2020 International Eni Awards mark the 13th edition of the Eni Awards. It will be presented in Rome, Italy.
Spain's top award – Princess of Asturias Award 2021	Amartya Kumar Sen	Social Science	Amartya Sen won the award for his research on famines and his theory of human development, welfare economics and the underlying mechanisms of poverty have contributed to the fight against injustice, inequality, disease and ignorance.
2020 Millennium Technology Prize	Cambridge University Chemists – Professor Shankar Balasubramanian and Professor David Klenerman	for development of revolutionary DNA sequencing techniques - Next Generation DNA Sequencing (NGS)	The award is presented by the Technology Academy Finland (TAF).
International Invincible Gold Medal 2021	Dr Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank	extraordinary commitment and outstanding service to humanity through his	It was organised by Maharshi Organisation. The award will be formally presented to Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank on Guru

		writings, social and illustrious public life.	Purnima this year(24th July 2021).
Whitley Award 2021	Y Nuklu Phom , Nagaland	Biodiversity Peace Corridor	He is the only Indian to win the prestigious award. Whitley Award is also known as the 'Green Oscar'.
APRIL 2021			
Wild Innovator Award 2021	Krithi Karanth	Wildlife studies	She became the first Indian and Asian woman to receive such an award.
2020 ACM A.M. Turing Award.	Alfred VainoAho and Jeffrey David Ullman	fundamental algorithms and theory on programming language implementation	The award was presented to them for fundamental algorithms and theory on programming language implementation.The award is also referred to as the Nobel Prize of Computing.
MARCH 2021			

FEBRUARY 2021			
SERB Women Excellence Award 2021	Shobhna Kapoor Dr. Antara Banerjee Dr. Sonu Gandhi Dr. Ritu Gupta	Chemical Biology Health Sciences Bionanotechnology nanotechnology	to Four Young Women Fellows of National Science Academies for their excellence in Science and Engineering.
JANUARY 2021			
Nelson Mandela" World Humanitarian Award	Ravi Gaikwad	Philanthropist	for his dedication & service to humanity.
Eminent Engineer Award" 2020	Vinod Kumar Yadav	modernisation and reforms in Indian Railway	The award was presented by The Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET).

AWARDS GIVEN TO FILM/MUSIC INDUSTRY/ART

Name of Awards	Award Winner	Field	Points to be noted
JULY & JUNE 2021 ,AUGUST 2021 & SEPTEMBER 2021			

MAY 2021			
11 th Dadasaheb Phalke Film Festival 2021	"Jungle Cry"	Best Film (Jury) award	It is annually presented to appreciate the talents and skills of the film industry.
APRIL 2021			
2021 EE British Academy Film Awards	The film "Nomadland" directed by Chloé Zhao won the 2021 EE British Academy Film Awards Ang Lee	Received under 4 categories – Best Film, Best Director, Best Leading Actress and Best Cinematography. received a Bafta Fellowship, the organisation's highest honour.	The award ceremony was hosted by Edith Bowman and Dermot O'Leary at the Royal Albert Hall, London, United Kingdom. The opening night ceremony was hosted by Clara Amfo. Click here for full detail..
51st Dadasaheb Phalke Award for the year 2019	Actor Rajinikanth	Film	He received of his contribution to the film industry as Actor, Producer and screenwriter.

ii.Rajinikanth will be the 12th South Indian to receive the Dadasaheb Phalke Award.

MARCH 2021

FIAF Award 2021	Actor Amitabh Bachchan	Film	Presented by -International Federation of Film Archives (French: Federation Internationale des Archives du Film, FIAF). Hosted from – Mumbai,Maharashtra Amitabh became the first Indian to receive this award.
2021 GRAMMY Awards or 63rd Annual GRAMMY Award (2020)	Taylor Swift Beyonce Billie Eilish O'Connell	Best Album of the year for her album "Folklore". won 4 awards and broke the record of most ever Grammy wins by female artists with 28 Grammys. record of the year award	Click here for other award winners

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OTHER AWARDS CONFERRED

Name of Awards	Award Winner	Field	Points to be noted
JULY 2021, AUGUST 2021 & SEPTEMBER 2021			

JUNE 2021			
'WHO Director-General Special Award'	Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan	Health	For his accomplishments in the area of tobacco control.
Asia Pacific Productivity Champion 2020	Dr. Rupinder Singh Sodhi (RS Sodhi)	Enhanced productivity and efficient milk supply chain	R S Sodhi became the first Indian to receive this award in the past 20 years.
SDG Pioneers 2021	Sumant Sinha	Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)	During the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) Leaders Summit 2021, 10-Global leaders were named as the SDG Pioneers 2021.
MAY 2021			
Templeton Prize for the year 2021	Jane Goodall	expertise on chimpanzees and her globe-spanning	Jane Goodall is an English primatologist,anthropologist and the world's foremost expert on chimpanzees.

		advocacy of environmental causes.	
2021 World Food Prize	Shakuntala Haraksingh Thilsted	research, insights and innovations in developing holistic, nutrition-sensitive approaches to aquaculture and food systems	She becomes the first woman of Asian heritage to receive this award.
Arline Pacht Global Vision Award for 2021	Justice Gita Mittal	contribution of the sitting or retired women judges to the IAWJ and the goals of IAWJ.	This International Association of Women Judges (IAWJ). She became the first India Judge to receive the honour. She shared the award with Justice Margarita Luna Ramos of Mexico.
Shyamala Ganesh	3 rd highest order decoration of Japan, Order of the Rising Sun, under the class Gold and Silver Rays	for her contribution in spreading the Japanese culture and language in Karnataka and other parts of India and for promoting the friendship and goodwill between Japan and India.	She is also the former President of the Bengaluru Chapter of Ohara-Ryu Ikebana and supported to popularise the cultural traditions of Ikebana, Japanese flower arrangements. Along with her husband Ganesh she has started a Japanese language school in 1983.
APRIL 2021			
30th GD Birla Award for Scientific Research	Suman Chakraborty	outstanding contribution to engineering science	This award was Instituted in 1991 by KK Birla Foundation to recognise eminent Indian scientists below the age of 50 for their outstanding contributions in the field of science or technology with a cash prize of ₹5 lakh.
Lilavati Awards 2020	25 Winners were announced from a total of 456 entries.	6 Categories/sub-themes of Lilavati Awards – Women’s Health, Self-Defense, Sanitation and Hygiene, Literacy, Women Entrepreneurship & Legal Awareness.	Union Minister of Education Ramesh Pokhriyal ‘Nishank’ presented the awards which launched in November 2020, It is an initiative of AICTE to promote Women Empowerment in India. Theme – Women Empowerment. Click here for full detail
MARCH 2021			
International Ranger Award 2020	Ranger Mahindra Giri of Rajaji Tiger Reserve(RTR)	reducing the human-wildlife conflict	The award was announced for 10 professionals across the globe by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA).
Pritzker Architecture Prize 2021	Anne Lacaton and Jean-Philippe Vassal	architecture	The award was announced by Tom Pritzker, Chairman of The Hyatt Foundation

United Nations's 2020 Asia Environmental Enforcement Awards	Sasmita Lenka	Impact and Gender Leadership	She became the first Indian to receive the award. The 2020 theme of the 5th edition Asia Environmental Enforcement Awards "Fighting Transboundary Environmental Crimes".
2020 Ibrahim Prize(\$5 million award)	Niger's President Mahamadou Issoufou	Achievement in African Leadership	The prize was introduced by Sudanese billionaire Mo Ibrahim's foundation in 2006
Top 20 Global Women of Excellence award – 2021	Dr. Tamilsai Soundararajan ,Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry.	women's rights, gender parity, women empowerment and women equality.	The award was presented by the USA on the recommendation of a Multi Ethnic Advisory Task Force, headed by US Congressman Danny K. Davis.
CERAWEEK Global Energy and Environment Leadership Award	Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi	Energy and Environment Leadershi	Award conferred during 39th edition of annual CERAWEEK Conference 2021
FEBRUARY 2021			
Sanctuary Lifetime Service Award 2020	S Theodore Baskaran	wildlife conservation	his contribution towards wildlife conservation and for his legacy of writing in Tamil and English which contributes towards the discussions on conservation.
SKOCH Chief Minister of the Year Award	YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, the Chief Minister(CM) of Andhra Pradesh(AP)	based on the year long study on the government project- level outcomes across different states of India.	The efforts of the government of AP to make efficient and transparent governance was evident in the study of 123 projects from various sectors in Andhra Pradesh.
JANUARY 2021			
Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar(PMRBP) 2021	32 children	under 6 categories	Chirag Bhansali(16 year old) from Noida's Delhi Public School was conferred with the 2021 PMRBP for launching his website and mobile application called 'Swadeshi Tech', which acts as an alternative to Chinese apps. ii.Veer Kashyap(10-year-old) received this award for building a board game 'Corona Yuga' during the lockdown in Bengaluru and posted it on YouTube, where it went viral... Click here for more awards
11th India Digital Awards 2021	Sanjeev Bikhchandani, Info Edge Khatabook	Digital Person of the year Digital Startup of the year	Digital Agency of the Year: Gold – Wunderman Thompson, Silver – Kinnect, Bronze – WATConsult Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation Limited (AMUL) bagged 4 awards in the event.
SKOCH Awards 2021	Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA).inistry also	SKOCH Challenger Award-Best	Rail Dandora app also bagged the fourth place under the category of excellence of governance.

	received 3 Gold Awards	Performance in e-Governance	
	Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR)	SKOCH Challenger Award- Transparency in Governance for recognizing its IT-led initiatives	RailMadad, the grievance redressal portal of Indian Railways, had won gold in the category of excellence of governance.
	Southern Railway	'SKOCH Silver Award' for response to COVID-19 -	

RECOGNITIONS

Name of the Person/Organisation	Recognition	Key Points
JULY 2021		
Kakatiya Rudreswara Temple (also known as the Ramappa Temple)	UNESCO World Heritage Site	It was located at Palampet, Mulugu district, Warangal, Telangana was inscribed on UNESCO's World Heritage list. It will be India's 39th World Heritage Site & the 1st World Heritage Site from Telangana.
The tree-lined Paseo del Prado boulevard & the adjoining Retiro Park	UNESCO World Heritage Site	Both situated in Madrid, Spain
Kandla Special Economic Zone (KASEZ)	Indian Green Building Council (IGBC) Green Cities Platinum Rating	KASEZ became the 1st Green SEZ to achieve such a rating for Existing Cities.
UNESCO World Heritage Sites	United Kingdom's (UK) 'Liverpool Maritime Mercantile City'	Mercantile City' was delisted from the list of UNESCO World Heritage Sites
JUNE 2021		

MAY 2021		
MooFarm's Co-founders Jitesh Arora, Abhijeet Mittal, and Aashna Singh Shubham Sharma	2021 Forbes 30 under 30 Asia list.	They have been placed in the Industry, Manufacturing and Energy category. Nyaykarta's Founder, Shubham Sharma has also been placed under the Social Impact category.
Mexican Model Andrea Meza	Miss Universe 2020	She became the 3 rd Mexican woman to be crowned as Miss Universe. Miss Universe 2020 was the 69th Miss Universe pageant.
Prime Minister (PM) Jacinda Ardern.	Topped in 'World's 50 Greatest Leaders' list for 2021, Fortune Magazine	Serum Institute of India's CEO Adar Poonawalla is on the 10th spot and he is the only Indian among the top 10 names on the list.
APRIL 2021		
Vibha Harish, the founder of Cosmix	Forbes 30 under 30 Asia 2021 list	2021 list features 300 young Entrepreneurs and Trailblazers under the age of 30 from across Asia who faced the challenges of the pandemic and found new opportunities amid the new normal.
Harshil Mathur the co-founder and CEO of Razorpay	Forbes 30 Under 30 Asia 2021 list under the Finance & Venture Capital category	The list is announced for 10 categories each honouring 30 individuals under the age of 30.

India-based LT Foods Limited	1st company at the global level to be certified with the highest level of verification – L3, by UN-backed Sustainable Rice Platform (SRP) ecolabel.	It will enable the company to use the Sustainable Rice Platform (SRP) verified logo on packs of Rice produced by verified 1, 000+ farmers growing sustainable rice.
MARCH 2021		
ReNew Power, India's leading Renewable energy company	Global Lighthouse Company by World Economic Forum (WEF)	With this recognition, ReNew Power becomes World's first clean energy company to be recognised as a Lighthouse by World Economic Forum.
Kiran Bedi, Former Puducherry lieutenant governor	baton of honour and a letter of appreciation	for recognizing Kiran Bedi's service in the Union Territory of Puducherry and to appreciate her constitutional duties discharging method.
Central Revenues Control Laboratory (CRCL), New Delhi	Regional Customs Laboratory (RCL) of the WCO	World Customs Organisation (WCO) has given this recognition.
5 Indian-origin personalities & 1 Indian Activist	2021 TIME100 Next (TIME Magazine's 100 emerging leaders list).	Indian origin personalities are Vijaya Gadde (Chief Legal Officer of Twitter), Rishi Sunak (Britain's Finance Minister), Apoorva Mehta (Founder & CEO of Instacart), Shikha Gupta (Executive Director of Nonprofit 'Get Us PPE') & Rohan Pavuluri (Founder of Nonprofit 'Upsolve'). Bhim Army Chief Chandra Shekhar Azad is the sole Indian activist who has been named in the list.
IAF Chief RKS Bhadauria	'Mirpur Hall of Fame'	IAF Chief RKS Bhadauria was inducted into the 'Mirpur Hall of Fame' at Defence Services Command and Staff College (DSCSC), Dhaka, Bangladesh
FEBRUARY 2021		
Hyderabad (Telangana)	one of the '2020 Tree City of the World'	Hyderabad became the first and only city in India to be recognised as the 2020 Tree City of the World by Arbor Day Foundation and the United Nation's Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).
JANUARY 2021		
Futures Industry Association (FIA), National Stock Exchange of India Ltd (NSE)	world's largest derivatives exchange for the second consecutive year in 2020	in terms of number of contracts traded.
Patna Meteorological Observatory	Centennial Observing Station Status	Conferred by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) to recognize its contribution towards long-term meteorological observation exceeding over 100 years.
4 Asian Tea Cultivation Sites – 2(The Pu'er Traditional Tea Agrosystem & Fuzhou Jasmine & Tea Culture System) from China & 1 each from South Korea (Traditional tea-grass integrated system in Shizuoka) & Japan (Traditional Hadong	Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems (GIAHS).	Food & Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations has declared these names globally.

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WORD OF THE YEAR

Word of the year	Language	Recognized by	Key Points
"Aatmanirbharta or Self-Reliance" for 2020	Hidni	Oxford Languages	Hindi Word of the Year 2019 was "Samvidhaan or the Constitution"

GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATION(GI) TAG

PRODUCT	STATE IT BELONG TO
JANUARY 2021 to JULY 2021	

NOVEMBER(2020)	
Tezpur Litchi	Assam(It got GI tag under Horticulture Products(Fruits) – Litchi in the class 31 & valid up to 28th August 2023)
OCTOBER(2020)	
DalleKhursani	Sikkim
AUGUST(2020)	
Moira bananas, Harmal Chillies, Khaje	Goa

ECONOMY & BUSINESS

SEPTEMBER 2021

- Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (**MNRE**) tied a partnership with Smart Power India (**SPI**) & Deutsche Gesellschaft fur Internationale Zusammenarbeit (**GIZ**) to encourage Decentralised Renewable Energy (**DRE**) and Energy Efficiency (EE) innovation.

AUGUST 2021

- **MeitY Startup Hub** (MSH), the nodal entity under the Ministry of Electronics & IT (MeitY), collaborated with **India Accelerator**, the start-up accelerator, to support deep-tech startups.
- The market capitalisation(**market-cap or m-cap**) of the Tata Consultancy Services (**TCS**) reached around **Rs 13 Lakh crore** on BSE. TCS became the **first** Information Technology(**IT**) company and the **2nd Indian company** after Reliance Industries Limited (**RIL**) to achieve the feat.
- ANSR Global Corporation Private Ltd (**ANSR**) collaborated with **GIFT City** (Gujarat International Finance Tec-City) to attract companies to set up Global In-house Centres (**GICs**) and Global Capability Centres (**GCCs**) at GIFT City.

JULY 2021

- **Gujarat International Finance Tec-City** (GIFT City) has collaborated with **BIL Ryerson Technology Startups Incubator Foundation** (BRTSIF) to enhance fintech innovation. In this regard, Zone Startups India, a part of BRTSIF, will pursue ways to set up and promote a fintech hub in GIFT-SEZ (Special Economic Zone).
- **National Commodity and Derivatives Exchange (NCDEX)**, India's agricultural commodity exchange, launched India's **1st sectoral indices** in agricultural-commodities space such as **GUAREX** and **SOYDEX**.
- Ministry of Commerce and Industry has set up a **9-member Advisory Council** to advise the government on measures needed to design and fasten the adoption of 'Open Network for Digital Commerce' (ONDC). **Shailendra Singh**, Additional Secretary (ITeC), DPIIT has been appointed as the convener of the Advisory Council.

JUNE 2021

- **Wipro Limited** and **Finastra** has announced a partnership to help corporate banks across **Asia-Pacific** accelerate their digital transformation.

- **Wipro Limited** joined the World Economic Forum's (WEF) Partnership for **New Work Standards initiative** to establish a healthy, resilient and equitable future of work.
- **NTPC Limited**, India's leading power utility under the Ministry of Power signed with UN Global Compact's **CEO Water Mandate** for Water Conservation and Management.
- **National HydroElectric Power Corporation (NHPC)**, along with **Jammu & Kashmir State Power Development Corporation Ltd (JKSPDC)** formed a joint venture company(JVC), "Ratle Hydroelectric Power Corporation Limited" for the implementation of **850 MW Ratle Hydroelectric Project** J&K.
- Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) collaborated with Microsoft to introduce Coding and Data Science in schools for classes 6 to 12.
- India's export of agriculture and allied products (including marine and plantation products) increased by **17.34% to USD 41.25 Billion** during 2020-21. During 2020-21, **export of spices touched the highest ever level** of around **USD 4 billion** during 2020-21. India tea exports in 2020-21 dropped to 202 million kg (mkg) from 241.34 in 2019-20.
- Three Indian Start-ups Prantae Solutions, Jayon Implants & Ananya Technologies have been selected to undertake joint R&D (Research & Development) and technology transfer projects under the **India-Russia Joint Technology Assessment and Accelerate Commercialization Program**.
- Bharti Airtel & Tata Group announced a strategic partnership for implementing 'Made in India' 5G network solutions for India.
- Companies that have a market capitalization (M-cap) of more than **Rs 1 lakh crore** at the time of listing are now enabled to sell just **5 percent** of their shares.
- Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) is set to enter the Clean Energy Business under its 'New Energy and New Materials' division. It is set to make an **investment of INR 75, 000 crore** in the sector over the next three years. Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd is set to partner with Google Cloud to launch 5G services in India.
- Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) raised threshold turnover and borrowing limits of SMCs.
 - i.The turnover limit has been increased from Rs 50 crore to not exceeding Rs 250 crore.
 - ii.The borrowing limit has been increased from Rs 10 crore to not exceeding **Rs 50 crore**.

MAY 2021

- According to a new set of data released by the **Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)**, the **global FDI (Foreign Direct Investments) dropped by 38% in 2020** (compared to 2019) to USD 846 Billion, which is a 15-year low (lowest since 2005).
- The government(govt) sold 58 million shares in Axis Bank, which is held through the Specified Undertaking of the Unit Trust of India (SUUTI) to raise around Rs 4,000 crore.
- As per the data released by the Ministry of Commerce & Industry on May 17, 2021, India's annual rate of inflation (YoY), based on monthly WPI (Wholesale Price Index) accelerated to 10.49 percent in April 2021.
- Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (**CERC**) has approved the registration to start India's 3rd Power Exchange which will be established by Pranurja Solutions Ltd, a company promoted by BSE Investments, PTC Ltd & ICICI Bank.
- **Moody's Investors Service** reduced India's growth forecast for FY21 to 9.3 percent from 13.7 percent (February 2021's forecast) and has increased the growth projection for FY22 to 7.9 % from 6.2 %.
- **In its mid-year report of the UN's World Economic Situation and Prospects (WESP)** has increased India's GDP growth forecast to 7.5 percent in 2021 following a contraction of 6.8 % (-6.8) in 2020.
- **Carlyle Group**, a private equity firm through its entity CA Emerald Investment, sold a 4% stake (amounting to 4.1 crore shares) in SBI Life Insurance for over Rs 3,900 crore through an open market transaction.
- With Rs.55,500 crore **market capitalisation (m-cap)**, Steel Authority of India Limited (**SAIL**) enters 100 most-valued Indian firms' club.
- In the "**2021 Ranking of Global retail powerhouses**" by Deloitte, millionaire Mukesh Ambani's Reliance Retail Ltd has been ranked the 2nd fastest-growing retailer in the world.

- Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved the green channel notice filed by Kyndryl Holdings LLC and Grand Ocean Managed Infrastructure Services Private Limited in relation to the internal restructuring of International Business Machines Corporation (IBM Corporation).

APRIL 2021

- **Wipro Ltd regained its position** as the third-largest Indian IT services company by market capitalization (market-cap) of Rs 2.65 trillion by surpassing Noida-headquartered HCL Technologies'
- **Ministry of Finance, Government of India retained the General Provident Fund (GPF)** and other non-government PF, Gratuity funds interest rate unchanged at 7.1 per cent for the first quarter Q1 of FY22.
- As per Controller General of Accounts (CGA), the fiscal deficit for the 11 months of FY21 (April – February) stood at Rs 14.05 lakh crore i.e 76% of the revised estimates (RE) and for FY20 the deficit was about 135.2% of RE.
- **Asian Development Outlook (ADO) 2021 was released by Asian Development Bank** on April 26, 2021, it forecasted the Indian economy to grow at 11% in FY22 from 8% and also predicted a GDP expansion in FY22 at 7%.
- **Government has infused Rs 200 crore capital** in Industrial Finance Corporation of India (IFCI) through issue of equity shares.
- South Korea's LG Electronics has announced that it is closing down its mobile phone business unit worldwide after nearly six years of losses totalling \$4.5 billion.
- **ReNew Power, a Clean Energy firm of India** has pledged to achieve net-zero emission by 2050.
- **Larsen & Toubro's Power Transmission & Distribution Business** has bagged a Turnkey EPC (Engineering, Procurement & Construction) contract to set up Sudair Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Project of 1.5 GigaWatt (GW) in Riyadh Province of Saudi Arabia.
- **As per the Commerce and Industry Ministry data released**, the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) equity inflows into the country during April-January 2020-21 grew up by 28% to \$54.18 billion.
- **As per the data released by MoPNG's Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas** Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell (PPAC), India's fuel demand declined by 9.1% in FY 2020-21 due to nationwide COVID-19 lockdown.
- **Government in consultation with the RBI decided to borrow ₹7.24-lakh crore** for the first six months of FY22. In terms of percentage, the borrowing was 5.5% less than FY21's borrowing.
- **International Monetary Fund (IMF) in its biannual World Economic Outlook report** has hiked its growth projection of India for FY22 by 1% to 12.5% from 11.5% of its January 2021 estimation. For FY23 the growth forecast was revised to 6.9% from 6.8%.

MARCH 2021

- **Government has fully exited from Tata Communications Ltd (TCL)**, a part of the Tata Group, through the sale of its outstanding 26.12% stake for ₹8,846 crores.
- **HPCL-Mittal Energy Limited (HMEI)** a joint venture between state-run Hindustan Petroleum Corp and steel tycoon L.N. Mittal, became India's first company to buy cargo from the oil producers of Guyana.
- **An 'Equal' Joint Venture (JV) called 'IOC Phinergy Private Limited'** of Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) & Israeli firm Phinergy was formalized to undertake research and development, assembly, manufacturing & sale of Aluminium-Air batteries for the Indian market.
- According to a **report by Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)**, India's import of arms decreased by 33% between 2011-15 and 2016-20 due to 'Make-in-India' initiative.
- Government of India **planned to sell 16% stake or 7.52 crore shares in IRCON International Limited** under the Ministry of Railways, through an Offer For Sale (OFS).
- As per the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) data, **India's Foreign exchange (Forex) reserves to become the world's fourth-largest** by surpassing Russia. As of March 2021, International Monetary Fund (IMF) table, China has the largest reserves, followed by Japan, Switzerland, India, and Russia.

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- India's seventh Trade Policy Review (TPR) headed by the Commerce Secretary, Dr. Anup Wadhawan initiated at the World Trade Organization in Geneva, Switzerland. Report acknowledged India's strong economic growth at 7.4% during in the last five years i.e. 2015-20.
- In accordance with the data by Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Foreign direct investment (FDI) equity inflow into India was increased by 37% to USD 43.85 billion during April-November 2020 (FY21). It was the highest ever for the first 8 months of a financial year and also 37% more compared to the first 8 months of FY20 (US\$ 32.11 billion).
- Flipkart & NITI Aayog have collaborated to launch the updated Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP).

ACQUISITIONS & MERGERS

ACQUISITION BETWEEN	AMOUNT	KEY POINTS
SEPTEMBER 2021		
TVS Supply Chain Solutions Private Limited by T.S. Rajam Rubbers Private Limited and Dhinrama Mobility Solution Private Limited	-----	Under Section 31(1) of the Competition Act, 2002. This transaction will be carried out through a secondary purchase from CDPQ Private Equity Asia Private Limited(CDPQ), an existing shareholder.
Inflow Technologies Private Limited (Inflow) by Savex Technologies Private Limited (Savex).	-----	This transaction allows Savex and Inflow to deliver higher value to their clientele.
ONGC Tripura Power Company Limited by GAIL (India) Limited from Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services (IL&FS) group	-----	CCI approved acquisition of 26% equity share capital of entities under Section 31(1) of the Competition Act, 2002.
Indiabulls AMC and Indiabulls Trustee Company Limited (Indiabulls Trustee) by Nextbillion Technology Private Limited	-----	This is the 1st transaction in India under the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)'s new "sponsor" eligibility criteria for mutual funds.
First Policy Insurance Brokers & Amicus Insurance Brokers	-----	To consolidate its position in the market. After the merging, they will become one of the leading insurance brokers in the country.
HDFC Life Insurance Company(HDFC Life) & Exide Life Insurance Company	Rs 6687 crore	This is the biggest insurance deal in India.
ICICI Lombard & Bharti Axa General Insurance	-----	The shareholders of the demerged company- Bharti and AXA will be allotted equity shares with Bharti General Ventures and Societe Beaujon shares.
Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) of India & Bank of India(BOI)	Rs 2550 crore	LIC picked up around 3.9% stakes (around 159007791 shares) of Bank of India(BOI) through Open Market Acquisition on 2nd September 2021

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PNB Housing Finance Limited (PNBHFL) & Pluto Investments , Salisbury Investments Private Limited		Competition Commission of India approved the acquisition under the Green channel facility with an investment of Rs 4000 crore.
Zomato Limited & (Grofers India) and Hands-on Trades Private Limited (HoT)	100 million USD(around Rs 745 crore)	Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved the acquisition of a 9.3% stake in each .
Adani Road Transport Ltd (ARTL) & Maharashtra Border Check Post Network Limited(MBCPNL).	Rs 1680 crore	ARTL acquired 49% stake in Maharashtra Border Check Post Network Limited(MBCPNL)with an option to acquire additional stakes subject to regulatory approval.
IDBI Bank & Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Ltd	6,23,23,800	Divest its entire stake – 19.18% in Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Ltd (ARCIL)

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SB Energy Holding Limited & Adani Green Energy Limited	\$3.5 billion	The Competition Commission of India (CCI) under Section 31(1) of the Competition Act, 2002 has approved the acquisition. It is the largest acquisition in the renewable energy sector in India.
International Finance Corporation (IFC) & Federal Bank	Rs.916 crore	I FC has acquired a 4.99% stake in the for Rs.916 crore. This is IFC's first investment in India in line with Greening Equity Approach.
HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank and Axis Bank & Indian Banks' Blockchain Infrastructure Co (IBBIC) Pvt Ltd	-----	HDFC Bank and Axis Bank invested Rs 5 lakh each for the shares. ICICI Bank paid-up share capital of IBBIC. It paid Rs 4.9 lakh for the shares.
Union Territory(UT) of Ladakh & Jammu and Kashmir Bank (J&K bank)	-----	RBI given its approval to acquire 8.23% of the paid-up equity capital of Jammu and Kashmir Bank (J&K bank) as of the date of enforcement of Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act 2019, i.e, 31st October 2019.
ONGC (Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Limited) Tripura Power Company(OTPC) by Summit India (Tripura).	-----	Competition Commission of India (CCI), approved acquisition of 23.5 per cent stake equity share capital in ONGC (Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Limited) Tripura Power Company (OTPC) by Summit India (Tripura).
Reliance Retail Ltd & with Just Dial Ltd	-----	RIL made an agreement and its founder & managing director VSS Mani to acquire an aggregate of 40.95 percent share of controlling stake in Just Dial for a total of Rs 3,497 crore.

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BharatPe & PAYBACK India	--	This is the first-ever acquisition by BharatPe from from American Express (90%)and ICICI Investments Strategic Fund(10%)
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Canara Bank & National Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd (NARCL) or Bad Bank	--	Canara Bank will be the lead sponsor and biggest shareholder with a 12 percent stake in the entity.
Adani Power Limited (APL) & 1,200 megawatt (MW) Essar Power	Rs 3,000 crore	APL acquired of 1,200 megawatt (MW) Essar Power's Mahan Project located at Singrauli district of Madhya Pradesh.
Indian Bank & Life Insurance Corporation (LIC), SBI Life Insurance and Canara Bank	--	Indian Bank has raised a total of Rs 1650 crore in its qualified institutional placement (QIP) of shares which were issued at Rs 142.15 apiece. The LIC, India's largest and the only state-owned life insurer, has picked up 17.80 % shares issues under QIP.
MAY 2021		
Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) & Union Bank of India (UBI)	--	LIC acquired around a 2 percent stake in the state-run UBI and hiked its stake hold in UBI to 5.06 percent.
Adani Green Energy Limited (AGEL) & SB Energy Holdings Limited	\$3.5 billion	Adani Green Energy Limited (AGEL) agreed to acquire the 100 percent stake of SB Energy Holdings Limited, the largest acquisition in the renewable energy sector in India.
Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Limited (APSEZL) & Adani Krishnapatnam Port Limited (AKPL) of Vishwa Samudra Holdings	Rs 2,800 crore	CCI approved the acquisition of the remaining 25% shareholding of Adani Krishnapatnam Port Limited (AKPL) by Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Limited (APSEZL) from Vishwa Samudra Holdings
GPL Finance and Investments Limited (GPL) acquires YES Asset Management Company (AMC) (India) (YES AMC) and YES Trustee Limited (YES Trustee)	--	Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved the acquisition of 100 percent equity shares.
Piramal Capital and Housing Finance (PCHF) & Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Ltd. (DHFL)	--	Reserve Bank of India (RBI) approved the resolution plan of PE to acquire DHFL through PCHF with a total payment of around Rs 35,000 crores.
APRIL 2021		
DCB Bank Limited & Techfino Capital Private Limited (TCPL)	--	DCB Bank Limited acquired a minority stake of around 9 per cent equity stake in Techfino Capital Private Limited (TCPL), a non-banking financial company (NBFC).
Adani Ports and Special Economic Zones (APSEZ) Limited & Gangavaram Port Limited (GPL)	--	Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved the acquisition of 89.6 per cent equity shareholding of GPL by APSEZ Limited.
Magma Fincorp Limited (Magma Fincorp) & Rising Sun Holdings Private Limited (Rising Sun)	Rs.3456 crore	Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved the acquisition of 60% stake holdings in Magma Fincorp Limited (Magma Fincorp) by Rising Sun Holdings Private Limited
Axis Bank & Max Life Insurance company	--	Axis Capital Limited & Axis Securities acquired 12.99% stake in Max Life

		Insurance company to become a co-promoter of the insurance provider.
Principal Asset Management Private Limited (PAMPL), Principal Trustee Company Private Limited (PTCPL), Principal Retirement Advisors Private Limited (PRAPL) & Sundaram Asset Management Company Limited (SAMC).	--	Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved the proposed combination which is related to the 100% acquisition of Principal firm along with its subsidiaries by Sundaram Asset Management Company Limited (SAMC).
Byju & Aakash Educational Services Limited (AESL)	\$1 billion (about Rs 7,300 crore)	This deal is the biggest acquisition by Byju's until now. Byju's aims to increase its presence in the test prep space as its competitors/rival Unacademy made close to six acquisitions in the test prep space and Amazon India made an entry with Amazon Academy in 2020.
Adani Ports and Special Economic Zones (APSEZ), & Krishnapatnam Port from Vishwasamudra Holdings	Rs 2,800 crore	APSEZ has acquired the outstanding 25% stake in Krishnapatnam Port for Rs 2,800 crore from Vishwasamudra Holdings
YES Bank & Reliance Centre of Reliance Infrastructure Limited (RInfra)	Rs.1200 crores	This sale of the office building of 21432.28 square meter plot in Santacruz, Mumbai, Maharashtra is utilised to repay the debt of YES Bank.
MARCH 2021		
Indian Energy Exchange (IEX) & National Stock Exchange of India (NSE).	--	Indian Energy Exchange (IEX) has divested 26% of its equity holding in the Indian Gas Exchange (IGX) to National Stock Exchange of India (NSE).
Power Grid Corporation of India (Powergrid) and Jaiprakash Power Ventures (JPVL)	Rs 351.64 crore.	Powergrid acquired 74% stake of JPVL in Jaypee PowerGrid (JPL)
Tata Power Company Limited (TPCL) & North Eastern Electricity Supply Company of Odisha (NESCO Utility)	---	TPCL acquired 51% of the equity share capital of NESCO Utility in Grid Corporation of Odisha Limited (GRIDCO)
Adani Ports and Special Economic Zones (APSEZ) Ltd and Gangavaram Port Limited (GPL)	Rs 1,954 crore.	Adani Group acquired a 31.5 % stake in Gangavaram Port Limited (GPL) which is held by Windy Lakeside Investment Limited (an affiliate of Warburg Pincus)
FEBRUARY 2021		
NTPC Ltd (formerly- National Thermal Power Corporation Limited) & GAIL (India) Ltd	--	As per the agreement NTPC will buy GAIL's 25.51% in Ratnagiri Gas and Power Pvt Ltd (RGPP), which is commonly known as Dabhol project. Apart from this, NTPC will sell its 14.82% stake. Konkan LNG Ltd (KLL) on a fully diluted basis to GAIL.
Dewan Housing Finance Corporation (DHFL) & Piramal Capital and Housing Finance (PCHFL), a company of Piramal group	Rs 35,000 crores	RBI has approved the acquisition of DHFL. Committee of Creditors (CoC) has approved the resolution plan to revive the debt-ridden of DHFL. This approval paves way for Piramal group to acquire DHFL.

Central Government's stake in National Fertilizers Ltd (NFL) through an Offer for Sale (OFS) method	Rs 400 crore	Central Government is all set to sell 20% stake in National Fertilizers Ltd (NFL) out of its shareholding of 74.71% through an Offer For Sale (OFS) method of shares
Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) & of Bharat Oman Refineries Limited (BORL) from OQ S.A.O.C. (formerly known as Oman Oil Company S.A.O.C.)	Rs 2,399.26 crore	36.62% stake (88.86 crore equity shares) of Bharat Oman Refineries Limited (BORL) from OQ S.A.O.C. (formerly known as Oman Oil Company S.A.O.C.) approved by CCI
Bank of India (BOI) acquires stake in each BOI AXA Investment Managers Private Limited (BAIM) & BOI AXA Trustee Services Private Limited (BATS)	--	Competition Commission of India (CCI) under Section 31(1) of the Competition Act, 2002 gave approval for the acquisition of 49% stake each in BOI AXA Investment Managers Private Limited (BAIM) & BOI AXA Trustee Services Private Limited (BATS) .
100% shares of common stock and sole control of Varian Medical Systems, Inc. (Varian) by Siemens Healthineers Holding I Gmb (SHS GmbH)	---	The approval was given under Section 31(1) of the Competition Act, 2002 by CCI.
JANUARY 2021		
Aditya Birla Fashion and Retail Limited (ABFRL) & Flipkart Investments Private Limited (FIPL)	Rs.1500 crore	acquisition is 7.8% minority stake...Competition Commission of India (CCI) also approved The acquisition of Altico Capital India Ltd (Altico) by Ares SSG Capital Management (Singapore) Pte. Ltd (Ares SSG). ii.The deal between Max Life Insurance Company Ltd and Axis entities (Axis bank Ltd, Axis Capital Ltd and Axis Securities Ltd).
Total SE acquires minority share capital acquisition in Adani Green Energy Ltd (AGEL), part of Adani Group by.	-	CCI gave approval for acquisition under Section 31(1) of the Competition Act, 2002
Acquisition of 100% shareholding of Columbia Asia Hospitals Private Limited (CAHPL) by Manipal Health Enterprises Private Limited (MHEPL).	-	Competition Commission of India (CCI) gave approval . After this acquisition MHEPL will become India's 2nd largest healthcare chain, after Apollo Hospitals.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

APP & WEB PORTAL

Mobile app/portal	Launched by	Purpose
SEPTEMBER 2021		
Y Break App	Union Minister of Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, Homeopathy (AYUSH), Sarbananda Sonowal	A platform to make Yoga an integral part of people's life at Workplace. A 5 minutes Yoga protocol for Office goers which includes Asanas, Pranayama & Dhyan.

Dashboard (https://svamitva.nic.in/)	Giriraj Singh, Union Minister for Panchayati Raj and Rural Development	The dashboard is set to monitor the implementation of SVAMITVA Scheme, which is targeted to be implemented across India by 2024.
PRANA – Portal for Regulation of Air-pollution in Non-Attainment Cities(NACs)	Bhupender Yadav, Union Minister of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC)	To monitor the implementation of India's National Clean Air Programme (NCAP).
Portal for the National Livestock Mission (NLM)	Union Minister Parshottam Rupala	It is developed by Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) in collaboration with the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying
AUGUST 2021		
Indian Customs Compliance Information Portal (CIP)- https://cip.icegate.gov.in/CIP	Central Board for Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC)	For providing free access to information on all customs procedures and regulatory compliance for nearly 12,000 customs tariff items.
e-GOPALA application's web version and IMAP web portal	National Dairy Development Board's (NDDB)	It would help the farmers to buy and sell disease-free germplasm in all forms (semen, embryos, etc).
e-Shram Portal	Union Minister for Labour & Employment, Bhupender Yadav	For registration of Unorganised workers across the country. The portal is the 1st of its Kind initiative for the Unorganised workers in India.
Geo-spatial planning portal "Yuktdhara" under Bhuvan	Giriraj Singh, Minister of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj	It would enable MGNREGA (Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act) assets planning by using remote sensing and Geographic Information System (GIS) data.
1.GeoSpatial Data Dissemination Portal 2.SOI's Sarathi Web Geographical Information System (GIS) Application 3.Manchitran portal	Department of Science & Technology (DST)	Launched 3 Online Applications which will provide geospatial data collected by the government freely and easily available to citizens and Organisations in India for the 1st time
PM-DAKSH' Portal and 'PM-DAKSH' Mobile App	Virendra Kumar, the Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment	To ease the access of skill development schemes by the target groups under the scheme PM-DAKSH (Pradhan Mantri Dakshta Aur Kushalta Sampann Hitgrahi) Yojana
Mobile App of National Legal Services Authority (NALSA)	CJI NV Ramana	To provide Free Legal aid to the poor and needy people, and to seek victim compensation.
Portal TAPAS (Training for Augmenting Productivity and Services	Dr. Virendra Kumar, Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment, I	To offer access to lectures, study materials and others, supplementing the physical classroom without compromising teaching quality.
JULY 2021		
CTRI portal along with AMAR, RMIS, SAHI and e-Medha portals.	Minister of State (Independent Charge)- Additional Charge Kiran Rijju	i.CTRI (Clinical Trials Registry India) is a primary Register of Clinical Trials under the world health Organization's International Clinical Trials Registry Platform. . ii.SHAHI : An acronym for Showcase of Ayurveda Historical Imprints , this portal incorporates authentic resources

		<p>and showcases inscriptions, Archeo-botanical Information, Sculptures, Philological sources and advanced Archeo Genetic studies.</p> <p>iii.e- Medha: This electronic Medical Heritage Accession portal provides online access to more than 12 thousand books related to Indian Medical Heritage</p> <p>iv.AMAR: An acronym for Ayush Manuscripts Advanced Repository, it is a repository for Ayurveda, Yoga, Unani, Siddha and Sowa- Rigpa Manuscripts and catalogues.</p> <p>v.CCRAS-Research Management Information System- A collaborative effort of Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), this portal will be a one stop solution for Research and Development in Ayurveda based studies.</p> <p>iv.PathapathyaVinishcaya: An important book of Ayurveda and has details of diet and lifestyle.</p>
ICAI BOS	Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) Board of Studies-BoS (Academics)	For students of foundation, intermediate and final CA
CPGRAMS (Centralized Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System) app	Rajnath Singh	It was developed by the Ministry of Defence (MoD) along with the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)-Kanpur. This web-based application is the 1st system developed based on AI, data science, and Machine Learning (ML) techniques to improve the public grievance redressal system of the Government.
Kisan Sarathi portal	Union Minister for Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Narendra Singh Tomar and Union Minister for Electronics & Information Technology, Ashwini Vaishnav	To help farmers get 'right information at the right time' in their desired language.
Kala Vishwa	Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR)	Virtual Platform launched to reach out to traditional folk artists, local artists/ artisans
JUNE 2021		
Bal Swaraj portal	National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR)	It is an online tracking portal for real-time tracking & monitoring of Children who lost both or either of their parents in COVID-19.
The integration of e-GOPALA app (Generation of wealth through Productive Livestock) with UMANG (Unified Mobile Application for New-age Governance) platform	Giriraj Singh, Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying	It was announced during the virtual program organised as a part of the World Milk Day (June 1 2021).

AmbiTag	Indian Institute of Technology, Ropar (IIT Ropar), Punjab	India's first IoT(Internet of Things) device which will record the real-time temperature of perishable products like food and dairy, vaccines, and body organs and blood during transportation.
e-filing portal (www.incometax.gov.in)	Income Tax Department	The portal aims to provide a convenient, modern, and seamless experience to taxpayers.
Namaste Yoga app	Ministry of AYUSH	This app is an information platform for the public to raise awareness about yoga and make it accessible for the larger community.
Trusted Telecom Portal	Government	It is a part of the national security directive on the telecommunications sector under the National Security Directive on Telecommunication Sector (NSDTS) to declare a list of trusted sources and products for installation in the country's telecom networks.
Adi Prashikshan portal	Union Minister of Tribal Affairs, Arjun Munda	To provide quality training to Tribal population.
TV Channel Selector Web Portal	Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)	Similar to the TV Channel Selector App released for smartphones in the year 2020 by TRAI.
'itat e-dwar'	Union Minister for Law & Justice Ravi Shankar Prasad	Launched the e-filing portal of Income Tax Appellate Tribunal (ITAT) to enable parties to file their Appeals, Miscellaneous Applications, documents, paper books etc electronically
NMBA Website	Union Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment Thawarchand Gehlot	For the Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan (NMBA) scheme to root out the threat of drug abuse.
Enforcing Contracts Portal	Department of Justice	For improving the Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) in India.
MAY 2021		
'Ayush Clinical Case Repository (ACCR)' Portal (https://accr.ayush.gov.in/) and 3rd version of Ayush Sanjivani App.	Minister of State (Independent Charge) for AYUSH (Ayurveda, Yoga, Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, Sowa-Rigpa and Homoeopathy) Kiren Rijju	The ACCR Portal will help in collecting information on how Ayush practitioners responded to the COVID-19 pandemic. The portal and app are part of the National Digital Health Mission (NDHM).
'Services e-Health Assistance & Tele-consultation – Outpatient Department (SeHAT OPD)' Portal (https://sehatopd.in/)	Union Minister of Defence Rajnath Singh	It is an online medical consultation service for Armed Forces Personnel, veterans of Armed Forces and their families.
National Mobile Monitoring Software app (NMMS) & Area officer monitoring App	Union Minister for Rural Development Narendra Singh Tomar	Purpose - For monitoring the MGNREGS (Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme) worksites.
MOMA Market Mobile application	Manipur	It introduced to solve the issues of home delivery of fresh vegetables. The application was introduced by the Manipur Organic Mission Agency (MOMA)
'Dost For Life'	Central Board of Secondary Education(CBSE)	It aims to maintain psycho-social wellness during Covid-19. The app will

		be available for students from classes 9 to 12.
'ID-Art'	International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL)	It helps to identify the stolen cultural property, reduce smuggling and increase the possibility of recovering stolen works and artefacts.
APRIL 2021		
Amazon Pay for Business	Amazon Pay, the fintech subsidiary of Amazon India,	to simplify the payment needs of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) and it has on boarded around 5 million merchants.
'Poshan Gyan' website	NITI Aayog	It is a National Digital Repository on Health & Nutrition. It has been developed in collaboration with Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) & Centre for Social and Behaviour Change, Ashoka University.
'e-SANTA' portal (Electronic Solution for Augmenting NaCSA farmers' Trade in Aquaculture)	Union Minister of Commerce & Industry Piyush Goyal	It is an electronic marketplace providing a platform to connect Aqua Farmers and the Buyers (both at National & International levels).It is an initiative of NaCSA (National Centre for Sustainable Aquaculture)
Directorate General of Foreign Trade(DGFT)'s 'Trade Facilitation' app	Union Minister of Commerce & Industry Piyush Goyal	for promoting Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) in India and providing quick access to information to importers/exporters.App developed by Tata Consultancy Services (TCS).
MyNEP2020	Union Education Minister, Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'	for receiving digital consultation from various stakeholders for preparing a draft of 2 policy related to Teachers Skill development – National Professional Standards for Teachers (NPST) & National Mission for Mentoring Program membership(NMM).
Madhukranti Portal	Narendra Singh Tomar, Union Minister, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare (MoA&FW)	It is an initiative of the National Bee Board(NBB) under the National Beekeeping and Honey Mission (NBHM). Indian Bank is the technical and banking partner of the digital platform.
Supreme Court Portal for Assistance in Court's Efficiency (SUPACE)"	Chief Justice of India (CJI) SA Bobde	It is 1st of its kind Artificial Intelligence (AI) driven tool in the World that collects relevant facts and laws related to the case, thereby easing the research process for Judges.
MARCH 2021		
E-Tendering Portal 'PRANIT'	Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID)	to minimize the paperwork and ease of operation and expects the tendering process to become more transparent.
UPFPO (Uttar Pradesh Farmer Producer Organization) Shakti Portal	Uttar Pradesh (UP)	To benefit the farmers at the grassroots level and it became first kind of its in India
"Mobile Seva Appstore"	MeitY	It became India's first indigenously developed mobile app store.
'Mera Ration' Mobile app	Department of Food & Public Distribution, Ministry of	It was launched 'One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC)' plan. It aims to benefit ration card holders who move to new

	Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution	areas for livelihoods. The mobile app has been developed by the Department of Food & Public Distribution along with the National Informatics Centre (NIC).
'Sugamya Bharat App'	Union Minister Thaawarchand Gehlot, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MoSJE)	Also launched a handbook entitled 'Access – The Photo Digest'. Both of the new launches are developed by Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD), MoSJE
FEBRUARY 2021		
E-Daakhil	National Consumer Dispute Redressal Commission (NCDRC)	Portal launched for Consumer Grievance Redressal (e-filing) is now operational in 15 States/UTs across India. "edaakhil.nic.in" has been developed by the National Informatics Centre (NIC).
E-Chhawani	Rajnath Singh, Union Defence Minister	It has been developed by eGov Foundation, Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL), Director General Defence Estates (DGDE) & National Informatics Centre (NIC).
Aaple Sarkar MahaDBT Portal (Direct Benefit Transfer)	Government of Maharashtra	The Portal provides the benefits of various schemes of the Department of Agriculture on a single application by the Farmers.
'Innovation Sandbox' portal	BSE (formerly Bombay Stock Exchange)	To create an ecosystem which promotes innovation in the securities market.
JANUARY 2021		
Krishi Sakha App	Bharti AXA General Insurance	a one-stop-shop for Indian farmers that offers them relevant information to cater their daily farming needs. It also provides guidance to farmers to adopt best farming practices and enhance their productivity.
Udyam Sarathi	UttarPradesh CM Adityanath	for the Youths of UP to explore self-employment opportunities. It has been developed under the One District One Product (ODOP) Scheme of Uttar Pradesh
Union Budget Mobile App	Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman	developed by the National Informatics Centre (NIC) under the guidance of the Department of Economic Affairs (DEA).
Shramshakti	Union Minister Arjun Munda, Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA)	The focus of the portal is the smooth formulation of state and national level programs for migrant workers. The minister also launched a tribal migration cell, a tribal museum at Goa and "ShramSaathi", a training manual for migrant workers.
Aero India 2021	Defence Minister Rajnath Singh	App was developed by EventEdge to provide an interactive interface to the issues related to the 13th edition of Aero India 2021, a 3 day business event which will be conducted from 3rd to 5th February 2021 in Air Force Station, Yelahanka, Bengaluru, Karnataka.

		iii.The theme of the Aero India Exhibition 2021 is “Runway to a Billion Opportunities”
SatarkNagrik' Mobile app & Departmental Vigilance Officers (DVO) Portal of J&K Anti Corruption Bureau	Lieutenant Governor (LG) of Jammu & Kashmir (J&K), Manoj Sinha	To facilitate flow of information about corruption & enable citizens of J&K to submit grievances with ease and mobility.
NCD PHC	Dell Technologies, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) & Tata Trusts	for the management of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) at Government Primary Health Centres (PHCs) across India. The app is based on Dell's DigiLifeCare.
mPension Manipur	Manipur	enables pensioners to update their photograph by themselves (via online through this App) without the need to visit the Treasury Offices.
e-commerce portal – https://www.ekhadiindia.com/ .	Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) under MSME Ministry	a first of its kind government online shopping platform to enhance rural economy and promote self reliance.
DigiNest	Punjab	enable people to have digital access to the directory of state govt, this enables people to reach out to the officers easily by calling or sending Email.
Global Pravasi Rishta Portal & Mobile application	Ministry of External Affairs (MEA)	to connect with 3.12 Crore Indian Diaspora across the world.

SATELLITES

NAME OF THE SATELLITE/ROCKET	LAUNCHED BY	PURPOSE
SEPTEMBER 2021		
SpaceX's Dragon spacecraft from a recycled Falcon 9 rocket	NASA's Kennedy Space Center on Merritt Island, Florida	It was carrying shipment of ants, avocados and a human-sized robotic arm toward the International Space Station (ISS).After the launch, the rocket's first-stage booster returned and landed upright on SpaceX's newest ocean platform, named 'A Shortfall of Gravitas'.
Hyper spectral observation satellite Geofan-502	China National Space Administration	Launched its at the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center using the Long March 4 Bingyao 40 carrier rocket.It was the 387th flight mission by a Long March carrier rocket.The satellite will improve the hyperspectral observation capacity of China's atmosphere,water, air and land.
INSPIRESat-1 CubeSat	ISRO	Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology (IIST) developed under the International Satellite Program in Research and Education (INSPIRE) is all set for launch through an upcoming Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) mission of the Indian Space Research Organisation.

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Eutelsat Quantum	European Space Agency (ESA)	World's 1st commercial reprogrammable satellite launched into space aboard Ariane 5 rocket from French Guiana. It is a fully flexible software-defined satellite.
Largest Launch Vehicle Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV) F-10 rocket	Indian Space Research Organisation's (ISRO)	Failed to put Earth Observation Satellite (EOS-03) satellite (GISAT-1) into the Geosynchronous orbit. It was launched from Satish Dhawan Space Center (SDSC), Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh. The mission is the 1st flight of GSLV with Ogive Payload fairing which can accommodate larger payloads.

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Geo-Imaging Satellite 'EOS-3' (also known as GISAT-1)	Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)	It will be launched into the Geosynchronous orbit by GSLV-F10 Rocket from Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC), Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh.
Fengyun-3E (FY-3E)	China National Space Administration (CNSA)	It is the world's 1st meteorological satellite for civil service in a dawn-dusk orbit.

JUNE 2021

Batch of 36 Low Earth Orbit (LEO) satellites	OneWeb, carried out by European satellite launch company, Arianespace, from the Russian spaceport, Vostochny Cosmodrome.	This launch is a part of its 'five to 50' programme to bring satellite-based broadband Internet and the current launch increased its total LEO satellite count to 218.
Fengyun-4B" (FY-4B) Meteorological satellite	China National Space Administration (CNSA)	FY-4B is the 1st of China's New-Generation Meteorological Satellite. It will synchrony with its predecessor FY-4A (launched in December, 2016) to provide accurate weather data.
Shenzhou-12	China	China is all set to blast off its first human spaceflight since 2016, It will be launched from Gobi Desert on a Long March rocket in the coming days with three men onboard.
WISA Woodsat	European Space Agency (ESA)	World's first wooden satellite, designed and built in Finland, WISA Woodsat on Earth's orbit by the end of 2021. It will be launched on a Rocket Lab's Electron rocket from the Mahia Peninsula launch complex in New Zealand.

MAY 2021

'Haiyang-2D (HY-2D)', Ocean Observation Satellite	China	It was launched by a Long March-4B rocket from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre, Gobi Desert, China.
Yaogan-30 (08) remote sensing satellites	China	It was China's 13th launch of 2021 & 369th mission of the Long March rocket series. 'Tianqi-12' – a small satellite for Internet of Things (IoT) data connectivity built by Beijing based firm 'Guodian Gaoke' was also launched.

'DOGE-1'	SpaceX in 2022	It is set to launch the 'DOGE-1' Satellite to the Moon in 2022. It will accept the cryptocurrency 'Dogecoin' as full payment for the mission. It will be the 1st ever commercial lunar payload in history to be paid entirely with a Cryptocurrency.
Yaogan-34 remote sensing satellite	Long March 4C rocket	It will be used for the survey of land resources, urban planning, the confirmation of land rights, road network design, crop yield estimation, and disaster prevention and reduction.
APRIL 2021		

MARCH 2021		
New Sounding rocket from its Rohini Series, RH-560	Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)	Launched from Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC), Sriharikota Range (SHAR), Andhra Pradesh.
Arktika-M	Russia from a Soyuz-2.1b carrier rocket from the Baikonur Cosmodrome, Kazakhstan.	1st satellite to monitor climate change in the Arctic Region.
'Amazonia-1' & 18 co-passenger satellites	Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre SHAR (SDSC-SHAR), Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh.	Successfully launched 1 primary satellite 'Amazonia-1' & 18 co-passenger satellites from India (5) & USA (13) from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre SHAR (SDSC-SHAR), Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh. The satellites were launched using Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle-C51 (PSLV-DL Variant). Developed by INPE, Brazil.
FEBRUARY 2021		
Brazil's Amazonia-1	set to launch by Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)	ISRO is set to launch Amazonia-1 through India's Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV)- C51 on February 28, 2021. This also marks ISRO's 1st space mission in 2021. Launch Site- Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC)-SHAR, Sriharikota. It is PSLV-C51 is the 53rd mission of PSLV.
JANUARY 2021		

MOUs IN RELATED TO SCIENCE

MoU between	Purpose
SEPTEMBER 2021	
OneWeb & Hughes Network System	In a collectively hosted session at Satellite 2021 in Maryland, US for Low Earth Orbit (LEO) satellite service in US and India.
Skyroot Aerospace & Department of Space (DOS)	Becomes the first private company to formally sign a Framework MoU with Under this agreement, the startup company can undertake multiple tests and access facilities at various ISRO (Indian Space Research Organisation) centers.
AUGUST 2021	
BRICS nations (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa)	For the cooperation in remote sensing satellite data sharing.

JUNE 2021 & JULY 2021

MAY 2021

Google Cloud & SpaceX	This partnership is to provide Cloud services to help deliver high speed internet through SpaceX's Starlink satellites.
US Space Agency NASA & Axiom Space	The agreement made to send the 1st private astronaut mission to the International Space Station (ISS) by January 2022. The mission has been designated as 'Axiom Mission 1 (Ax-1)'.

APRIL 2021

MARCH 2021

Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) & Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology (IIST)	to undertake Joint Research Activities. The partnership model will be similar to the JPL-Caltech model followed by US Space Agency NASA.
Russian space agency "Roscosmos" & China National Space Administration (CNSA)	for jointly creating an International Lunar Scientific Research (ILSR) Station, built on the lunar surface and/or on the lunar orbit.

FEBRUARY 2021

JANUARY 2021

NEW INITIATIVE/INNOVATION

SEPTEMBER 2021

AUGUST 2021

- Ordnance factory Tiruchirappalli (OFT) in Tamil Nadu launched a new high-tech and low sound weapon called TriCa (**Trichy Carbine**). Size: 7.62 X 39 mm, Weight: 3.17 kg (including the magazine) and Range: 150 to 175 metre
- The [draft Indian Satellite Navigation Policy - 2021 \(SATNAV Policy 2021\)](#) was uploaded on DoS website seeking public consultation till August 29, 2021. Under this, DoS will also push global usage of Indian Navigation systems viz. **NavIC (Navigation with Indian Constellation)** on the lines of Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative.
- Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India (GoI) and BRICS have collaborated to implement SARS-CoV-2 NGS-BRICS consortium and multi centric programme to study the impact of severe COVID-19 conditions on Tuberculosis (TB) patients.
- Rajeev Chandrasekhar, Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY) launched '**QSim - Quantum Computer Simulator Toolkit**'. It is a product of project 'Design and Development of Quantum Computer Toolkit (Simulator, Workbench) and Capacity Building' which is executed collaboratively by IISc (Indian Institute of Science) Bengaluru (Karnataka), IIT (Indian Institute of Technology) Roorkee (Uttarakhand) and C-DAC (Centre for Development of Advanced Computing) with the support of MeitY.
- ISRO successfully conducted the **first hot test of the System Demonstration Model (SDM)** of the Gaganyaan Service Module Propulsion System for duration of 450 seconds at the new test facility of ISRO Propulsion Complex (IPRC), **Mahendragiri**, Tamil Nadu

JULY 2021

- The **Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises** launched 6-Technology Innovation platforms for exchange of knowledge for research & development of technologies
- **USA's Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)** developed a tool called 'Space Data Integrator (SDI)' which will help in better tracking of rocket launches and space vehicles returning to Earth.
- **US private Spaceflight company 'Virgin Galactic'** announced the 6-member crew of its human commercial space mission "Unity 22".
- **ISRO successfully conducted the 3rd Long duration** Hot test of the Liquid propellant Vikas Engine for the core L110 liquid stage of human rated GSLV MkIII vehicle.
- **Chief Justice of India (CJI) Nuthalapati Venkata Ramana** led bench has initiated a secure electronic transmission mechanism namely FASTER (Fast and Secure Transmission of Electronic Records) that will fast forward the process of bail.
- **New Shepard' Rocket System** built by Blue Origin successfully completed its 1st human spaceflight with 4 people on board. It was launched from a private launch site near Van Horn, Texas.
 - The 4 members in the spaceflight were Jeff Bezos, Mark Bezos, Wally Funk (82 years, oldest to ever fly in space) & Oliver Daemen (18 years, youngest ever to fly in space).
- **NASA selected Space Exploration Technologies Corporation (SpaceX)** for the Europa Clipper Mission. It will be Earth's 1st mission to conduct detailed investigations of Jupiter's moon Europa.
- **The Ministry of Science and Technology (MoST)** launch a first-of-its-kind **Centre of Excellence (CoE)** in the Northeast i.e. 'Centre for Bio-Resources and Sustainable Development' at Kimin in Papum Pare district of Arunachal Pradesh (AR). The outlay of the project is Rs 50 crore.
- **Chinese scientists unveiled plans for a first of its kind commercial Nuclear reactor** which runs on liquid Thorium rather than uranium. A full scale commercial reactor is expected to be ready by 2030.

JUNE 2021

- National Aeronautics and Space Administration (**NASA**) plans to implement two new missions **DAVINCI+ and VERITAS to Venus**. NASA will spend \$500 million for each mission. Both missions will be expected to launch between 2028-2030.
- **China** launched Human Space Mission through the '**Shenzhou 12**' spacecraft using the Long March 2F rocket. The **3-member space mission** is set to assemble '**Tianhe**', the core module of China's newest Space Station – "**Tiangong**". The mission headed by Nie Haisheng will study various aspects of the upcoming Chinese space station.

MAY 2021

- **United Launch Alliance (ULA)** launched the Space-Based Infrared System Geosynchronous Earth Orbit Flight 5 (SBIRS Geo-5) into orbit for the United States Space Force (USSF).
- India's 1st Privately Build Hall-effect Thruster, a highly efficient electric propulsion system for microsatellites has been tested by Bellatrix Aerospace, a Bengaluru Space Transportation company.
- **National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)** has announced the plan to send its first mobile robot **Volatiles** Investigating Polar Exploration Rover (VIPER) to the Moon in 2023.
- **BEML Ltd (formerly known as Bharat Earth Movers Ltd)** launched the first prototype of Mechanical Minefield Marking Equipment Mk-II (MMME Mk-II) for the Indian Army.
- **Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd (Jio), a subsidiary of Jio Platforms Ltd** is constructing the largest international submarine cable system with India as the center of the submarine cable system.

APRIL 2021

- **Roscosmos, the Space Agency of Russia** is set to launch its own Space Station in 2025.
- **Microsoft and the United Kingdom(UK)'s Met Office** are collaborating to build the world's most powerful weather and climate forecasting supercomputer in the UK.
- **China National Space Administration (CNSA)** launched the Core Module named 'Tianhe or Heavenly Harmony' for its new permanent space station called 'Tiangong Space Station'.

MARCH 2021

- **World's most powerful supercomputer 'Fugaku'** is now fully developed in Japan, and the machine is available for research use.
- **World's first PC using plastic waste** from the ocean was made by HP (Hewlett-Packard).
- **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** has completed the development of an Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) called 'NISAR' (NASA-ISRO SAR) which is capable of producing high-resolution images.

FEBRUARY 2021

- **Chinese Spacecraft 'Tianwen-1' (Means "Quest for Heavenly Truth")** entered the Mars Orbit and became the World's second one in two days after United Arab Emirates' 'Hope' Space Probe entered the Mars Orbit on February 9, 2021.
- **World's first all civilian mission to space plan** announced by SpaceX, the mission is named Inspiration4 in recognition of the 4-person crew to support St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

JANUARY 2021

- Ravi Shankar Prasad, Union Minister for MeitY who attended the event as Chief Guest released TEJAS – A Visual Intelligence Tool, e-Auction India, Work from AnyWhere Portal (WAW) and NIC Products Portfolio.

OTHERS

SEPTEMBER 2021

AUGUST 2021

- Hindustan Aeronautics Limited's (HAL) **1st Civilian Aircraft Hindustan-228(VT-KNR)** has carried out Ground Run and Low Speed Taxi Trials (LSTT) successfully at its facility in Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh. This is the **1st fixed wing Made in India** civil Aircraft.

JUNE 2021 & JULY 2021

MAY 2021

- SpaceX Crew Dragon capsule, Resilience carrying 4 astronauts returned from the International Space Station (ISS) and splashdown into the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Panama City, Florida, USA after a six-and-a-half-hour flight.
- International Astronomical Union (IAU)'s Working Group for Planetary System Nomenclature (WGPSN) approves 8 Features on Moon with Chinese names.
- Chinese Spacecraft **Tianwen 1 carrying rover Zhurong** landed on Utopia Planitia region, Mars successfully. This makes China only the second country after the United States.
- **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited's (HAL) Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH), Dhruv MK III Maritime Variant (MR) 2.5t helicopter** has successfully demonstrated its deck-operations capabilities and flight operation trials aboard an Indian Coast Guard ship (ICGS) Sujay at Chennai Coast, Tamil Nadu.

APRIL 2021

- Dr K J Sreeram, Director of CSIR-CLRI laid the Foundation Stone of the Integrated Solar Dryer and Pyrolysis Pilot Plant in CSIR-CLRI, Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
- 'Ingenuity', the experimental Mars helicopter of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) became the first helicopter to take powered, controlled flight on another planet (Mars).
- Aditya-L1 Support Cell (AL1SC), the Community service centre, was established at the Aryabhata Research Institute of Observational Sciences (ARIES) transit campus in Haldwani, Uttarakhand.

- SpaceX announced the 4 member crew for the World's 1st all-civilian Earth Orbiter Mission, "Inspiration4".
- National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) aims to land the first woman and first person of colour to the surface of the Moon by 2024.
- Russia is Testing a new 'Super Torpedo' namely Poseidon 2M39 Torpedo in the Arctic region. The Super Torpedo is capable of producing Radioactive Tsunamis.

MARCH 2021

- Cochin Shipyard Ltd (CSL) delivered the indigenously built 'MV Sindhu', a 150 MT Cargo Vessel to the Andaman & Nicobar (A&N) Island Administration.
- ITI Limited (ITI and Thalamus Irwine, Delhi based AI (Artificial Intelligence) Firm, have developed a first of its kind technology called Garuda Blockchain Platform for storing medical data on the blockchain.
- India and France are working on the third joint satellite mission, as a bilateral space collaboration is entering into multiple domains like space exploration and human spaceflight programmes.
- For the 1st time in India, Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully demonstrated free-space Quantum Communication over a distance of 300 Metres.
- Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) & Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) virtually reviewed the progress made under the Joint Lunar Polar Exploration (LUPEX) mission.
- Data Patterns India Pvt Ltd handed over the Indigenously developed 'Checkout System' to the ISRO for its 'Gaganyaan' Mission (India's 1st Human Space Flight Programme) at Chennai, Tamilnadu.

FEBRUARY 2021

JANUARY 2021

ENVIRONMENT

SEPTEMBER 2021

- India's **largest Open-air Fernery**, consisting 120 different varieties of ferns, was inaugurated by the famous expert on Pteridophyte (Ferns), Dr Nilambar Kunetha in Ranikhet, **Uttarakhand**

AUGUST 2021

JULY 2021

- Biologists from the Central University of Punjab discovered **Bryum bharatiensis**, a new native species of moss from Antarctica. The species is named "**Bharati**".
- Bhupender Yadav, Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (**MoEF&CC**) announced that **14 Tiger reserves** across India have received the accreditation of the global Conservation Assured Tiger Standards (**CA|TS**).

State	Tiger Reserve
Assam	Manas Tiger Reserve, Orang Tiger Reserve, Kaziranga Tiger Reserve
Madhya Pradesh	Satpura Tiger Reserve, Kanha Tiger Reserve, Panna Tiger Reserve
Tamil Nadu	Mudumalai Tiger Reserve, Anamalai Tiger Reserve
Maharashtra	Pench Tiger Reserve
Bihar	Valmiki Tiger Reserve

Uttar Pradesh	Dudhwa Tiger Reserve
West Bengal	Sunderbans Tiger Reserve
Kerala	Parambikulam Tiger Reserve
Karnataka	Bandipur Tiger Reserve

JUNE 2021

- **World's first genetically modified (GM) rubber sapling** was planted at the Rubber board's Sarutari research farm on the outskirts of Guwahati, **Assam**.

MAY 2021

- **Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC)** has notified 48.32 Square Kilometres area around the Thane Creek Flamingo Sanctuary (TCFS), Thane, Maharashtra as an Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ).
- **Indian Meteorological Department (IMD)** stated that the 'extremely severe cyclonic storm' – 'Tauktae' made landfall in the Saurashtra region of Gujarat.

APRIL 2021

- **Argyreisharadchandraji** – a new species of flowering plants Discovered in Maharashtra Named to honour Sharad Pawar, former Union Agriculture Minister of India.
- A New Global Partnership called '**Blue Nature Alliance**' has been launched jointly by several Philanthropic Organizations across the world to protect 18 Million Sq.Km of the ocean (5% of the World's Ocean) over the next 5 years.

MARCH 2021

- **Hemiandrusjacinda** is a species of weta, a giant flightless cricket was named after New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern and was published in Zootaxa journal.

FEBRUARY 2021

JANUARY 2021

- 'Statement on Climate of India during 2020' issued by Climate Research and Services (CRS) of India Meteorological Department (IMD) mentioned that 2020 was the 8th warmest year in India since records commenced in 1901.

DEFENCE

EXERCISES

Name of the Exercise	Participating Countries	Venue	KeyPoints
SEPTEMBER 2021			
1st Ever Maritime Partnership Exercise	Indian Navy & Algerian Navy	Mediterranean Sea	Indian Naval Ship (INS) Tabar, representing India, participated in the Exercise with a frontline Algerian Naval Ship (ANS) Ezzadger, as a part of its goodwill Visit to Europe & Africa.
Bilateral maritime exercise	Indian navy & Sudan Navy	Red Sea off the Sudanese coast.	India Navy Ship (INS) Tabar and two Sudanese Navy ships- Almazz and Nimer- participated in the maiden exercise.

Zapad 2021	Armenia, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, India, Kyrgyzstan, Serbia and Sri Lanka, and observers are to be sent by China, Vietnam, Myanmar, Pakistan and Uzbekistan.	Russia	Indian Army took part in 'ZAPAD 2021' with 200 personnel mainly from the Naga.
AUSINDEX 21	Indian Navy and the Royal Australian Navy (RAN)	North Australian Exercise Area	Indian Naval Ships (INS) Shivalik & Kadmatt, under the Command of Rear Admiral Tarun Sobti, participated in the Naval exercise.
SIMBEX 2021	Indian Navy and Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN)	South China Sea	The India Navy was represented by the following: Guided Missile Destroyer INS (Indian Naval Ship) Ranvijay with a ship borne helicopter, ASW (Anti-submarine warfare) Corvette INS Kiltan Guided Missile Corvette INS Kora, P8I Long Range Maritime Patrol Aircraft
KAZIND-21	Indian Army & Kazakhstan Army	Aisha Bibi village of Kazakhstan	The 10-day long exercise is designed to share expertise between the armies in the field of Counter-terrorism operations.
1st ever Maritime Partnership Exercise	Indian Navy & Moroccan Navy	Europe & Africa	INS Tabar participated in a Maritime Partnership Exercise with Royal Moroccan Navy ship 'Lieutenant Colonel Arrahman' off Casablanca port
Exercise Bright Star 2021	21 countries including US, Jordan, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Saudi Arabia, France, Britain, Greece, Italy and India	Egypt	INS Tabar has reached Alexandria harbour in Egypt. INS Tabar was received by officials from the Egyptian Navy and the Indian defence attache.
AUGUST 2021			
The 36 th Edition of Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT)	India and Indonesia	Indian Ocean region (IOR).	Indian Naval ship (INS) Saryu, an indigenously built Offshore Patrol Vessel (OPV) along with Indonesian Naval ship KRI Bung Tomo took part in the coordinated patrol.
Joint maritime exercise	India and Germany	Gulf of Aden	The Indian Navy was represented by frigate 'Trikanth' while frigate 'Bayern' participated from the German Navy
25th Edition of Naval Exercise Malabar	India Navy, the United States (US) Navy,	Western Pacific Ocean	The exercise is hosted by the US Navy. The Indian Navy's participation includes Indian Naval

	Japanese Maritime Self Defence Force (JMSDF) & the Royal Australian Navy (RAF)		Ship (INS) Shivalik and INS Kadmatt and P8I patrol aircraft.
Maritime Partnership Exercise	Indian Navy & Philippines Navy	Philippine Sea at the South China Sea region	The Indian Navy was represented by Indian Naval Ship (INS) Ranvijay and INS Kora, with the Philippine Navy's BRP Antonio Luna, Frigate FF151.
Exercise Konkan- 2021	Indian Navy and the Royal Navy of Britain	Portsmouth, United Kingdom (UK).	Indian Naval Ship (INS Tabar), a Talwar class stealth frigate of Indian Navy and HMS Westminster of the Royal Navy undertook the exercise in non contact form due to Covid-19 pandemic.
Maritime Partnership Exercise	Indian Navy and Royal Bahrain Naval Force (RBNF)	Manama, Bahrain in the Persian Gulf region.	Indian Naval Ship, INS Kochi, led by Rear Admiral Ajay Kochhar participated in the exercise.
Bilateral maritime exercise	India and Vietnam	South China Sea	India was represented by INS Ranvijay and INS Kora & Vietnam was represented by Vietnam's People's Navy (VPN) frigate VPNS Ly Thai To(HQ-012).
Exercise INDRA-2021	Indian Army and the military forces of Russian Federation	Volgograd, Russia	It will further strengthen mutual confidence and interoperability between the Indian and Russian Armies and enable sharing of best practices between the contingents of both the countries.
Table-Top (TT) war-gaming exercise	Indian Army, Indian Air Force, Indian Navy		For the 1st time, It was held between India's 3 Armed Services . It was held to fine-tune the model of Integrated tri-service theatre commands
Zayed Talwar 2021	Indian Navy and United Arab Emirates	Abu Dhabi	Indian Navy deployed INS Kochi and 2 Integral Sea King MK 42B helicopters, whereas the UAE participated in the exercise with Al-Dhafra.
AL-MOHED AL-HINDI-2021	Indian Navy and the Royal Saudi Naval Forces	Saudi Arabia	INS Kochi, the flagship Destroyer of the Indian Western Naval Fleet participated in this exercise. Indian Navy deployed INS Shivalik and INS Kadmatt to Muara, Brunei to participate in various bilateral professional interactions with the Royal Brunei Navy (RBN).
Bilateral Maritime Exercise Zair-Al-Bahr (Roar of the Sea) 2021	Indian Navy and Qatar Emiri Naval Force (QENF)	Persian Gulf	Indian Navy Guided Missile Stealth Frigate INS Trikand participat in the sea phedase.From QENF, two Anti-Ship Missile equipped Barzan Class Fast Attack Craft and Damsah class Fast Attack Craft along with AW-139

			helicopter and Rafale Fighter Aircraft participated.
Exercise South East Asia Cooperation and Training (SEACAT) 2021	Australia, Bangladesh, Brunei, Canada, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Maldives, New Zealand, Philippines, South Korea, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, East Timor, United Kingdom, United States, and Vietnam.	Singapore	It was led by United States (US) Navy.
JULY 2021			
Maritime Partnership Exercise	Indian Navy and Italian Navy	Tyrrhenian Sea	Indian Naval Ship (INS) Tabar participated in a with ITS Antonio Marceglia, a frontline frigate of the Italian Navy.
Trilateral Tabletop Exercise 2021 (TTX-2021), 'Exercise Shield'	India, Sri Lanka and the Maldives	Maritime Warfare Centre, Mumbai	Enhancing mutual understanding, exchanging best practices & procedures for countering common transnational crimes like curbing narcotics and assistance in maritime search and rescue were discussed.
Bilateral Passage Exercise (PASSEX) with	Indian Navy and UK's Royal Navy	Bay of Bengal	From the Indian side, IN ships Satpura, Ranvir, Jyoti, Kavaratti, Kulish While from the UK side, Royal Navy Carrier Strike Group (CSG)-21 participated in the exercise.
Exercise Cutlass Express 2021 (CE21)	US, Comoros, Djibouti, Georgia, India, Kenya, Mozambique, Rwanda, Seychelles, Somalia, Sudan, Tanzania, United Kingdom, and the US are participating in the exercise.	East Coast of Africa.	Indian Naval Ship (INS) Talwar visited Mombasa, Kenya to participate in . the Annual Maritime Exercise .
INDRA Navy-21	India & Russia	Baltic Sea	Stealth Frigate INS Tabar represented the Indian Navy, while Corvettes RFS Zelyony Dol and RFS Odintsovo of the Baltic Fleet

			represented the Russian Federation Navy.
JUNE 2021			
CORPAT	Indian Navy and Royal Thai Navy	Andaman Sea	31st Edition of India-Thailand Coordinated Patrol (Indo-Thai CORPAT) (Bi-Annual) took place. From the Indian side, INS Saryu, an indigenously built Naval Offshore Patrol Vessel (OPV) took part in the exercise. From Thailand's side, His Majesty's Thailand Ship (HTMS) Krabi, an OPV took part in the exercise.
EU NAVFOR also known as Operation Atalanta	Indian Navy (IN) & European Union Naval Force Somalia	Gulf of Aden	The inauguration edition of the Joint Naval Exercise between held. From the Indian side, Indian Naval Ship Trikanth participated in the exercise. From the European side a total of 5 warships participated in the exercise.
PASSEX	US & India	During its asset transit through Indian Ocean Region (IOR)	India was represented by Indian Naval Ship (INS) Kochi and INS Teg along with P8I and MiG 29K aircraft.
MAY 2021			
DEFENDER-Europe 21	US and NATO Countries	Durres in Albania	North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) launched the Joint Multinational Military Exercise 'DEFENDER-Europe 21'. 'DEFENDER-Europe 21' is led by the United States (US).
APRIL 2021			
VARUNA-2021	Indian and French Navy	Arabian Sea	19th Edition of the Indian and French Navy Bilateral Exercise 'VARUNA-2021' took place. From the Indian Navy – Guided Missile Stealth Destroyer INS Kolkata & other Indian Navy assets took part in the exercise. From the French Navy – Aircraft Carrier Charles-de-Gaulle and other assets took part in the exercise.
Khanjar	India-Kyrgyzstan Joint Special Force	Kyrgyz Republic in Bishkek, Capital of Kyrgyzstan.	'Khanjar' exercise has been held annually between the two countries since 2011, it intends to boost the strategic partnership between India & Kyrgyz Republic.
'ShantirOgroshena 2021'	Indian Army along with Royal Bhutan Army, Sri Lankan Army & Bangladesh Army	Bangabandhu Senanibas (BBS), Bangladesh	It is an UN-mandated Counterterrorism exercise. Theme – 'Robust Peacekeeping Operations' Aim – To Strengthen the procedures and enhance interoperability among neighbourhood countries.
La Perouse	US, Japan and Australia	Eastern Indian Ocean Region	It is a Multilateral French Maritime Exercise led by French Navy. It is the 1st time ever that Indian Navy assets

			are participating in the French defence exercise.
Vajra Prahar 2021	India & US	Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh	India-US Special Forces participated to enhance interoperability between the Special Forces of the two countries.
MARCH 2021			
'PASSEX'	India & US	Bay of Bengal	For the 1st time, Indian Air Force (IAF) fighters also took part in the exercise. Indian Navy deployed its warship 'Shivalik' & Long-range maritime patrol aircraft P8I in the 'PASSEX' exercise.
Passage Exercise (PASSEX).	India & Madagascar	Madagascar's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ)	This is 1st ever Joint Naval Patrol took place between the navies of India & Madagascar
PASSEX	Indian Navy & Royal Bahrain Naval Force (RBNF)	Persian Gulf	It was conducted under Operation Sankalp to enhance interoperability, strengthen Maritime cooperation, Reassure safety of Diaspora.
'DUSTLIK-II'	India, Uzbekistan	Chaubatia, near Ranikhet, Uttarakhand.	both teams will share their expertise and skills in counter-terrorism operations in mountain or rural or urban settings.
"AsterX"	France along with US and Germany	1st Military Exercise in Space	AsterX" is the 1st Space Military Exercise of France & also the 1st among European Countries.
'Desert Flag VI'	Indian Air Force along with Bahrain, France, Saudi Arabia, South Korea and USA	Al-Dhafra Air Base, United Arab Emirates.	It is the 1st time that IAF is participating in a multilateral exercise in the Gulf Region.
FEBRUARY 2021			
PASSEX	India & Indonesia	Arabian Sea	Indian Navy conducted a Bilateral Military Exercise 'PASSEX' (Passage Exercise) with the Indonesian Navy to increase interoperability & strengthen the Bilateral Maritime Cooperation between the two navies.
TROPEX 21	Within India	Indian Ocean Region (IOR)	Indian Navy's Largest War Game – the Biennial 'Theatre Level Operational Readiness Exercise (TROPEX 21)' is currently taking place at the Indian Ocean Region (IOR). TROPEX 21 is being conducted in 3 phases. Phase I – Coastal Defence Exercise 'Sea Vigil', Phase II – Tri-Service Joint Amphibious Exercise – AMPHEX-21, Phase III – Weapon Workup Phase of TROPEX.
13th Edition of the Biennial Military Exercise – 'Aero India 2021: A Big Step	Within India	Bengaluru, Karnataka	It was inaugurated by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.

Towards Aatmanirbhar Bharat'			organized by -- Defence Ministry of India, Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), Indian Air Force, Department of Space & Union Civil Aviation Ministry. Aero India 2021 was centered on the theme 'Conceive, Indigenize, Collaborate' It is the World's 1st ever Hybrid Aero and Defence Exhibition (show with both physical and virtual elements)
YudhAbhyas 20	India and the United States	near the India-Pakistan border in Rajasthan	Indian side is represented by the 11th Battalion of Jammu and Kashmir Rifles, part of the South Western Command while U.S. Army delegation will be represented by the troops of 2nd battalion, 3rd Infantry Regiment of 1-2 Stryker Brigade Combat Team along with respective brigade headquarters.
JANUARY 2021			
Amphibious Military Exercise 'AMPHEX-21'	Indian Navy	Andaman & Nicobar group of Islands	Defence Exercise 'KAVACH' for defence of Andaman & Nicobar Islands was also a part of AMPHEX-21 exercise.
Exercise Desert Knight-21 (Ex DK-21)	India & France	Jodhpur, Rajasthan	1st Edition of Bilateral Air Exercise 'Ex DK-21' held at Air Force Station, Jodhpur for 5 days from January 20-24, 2021.
Sea Vigil-21	Second Edition of the Biennial Pan-India, Largest Coastal Defence Exercise	entire 7516 Km coastline & Exclusive Economic Zone of India.	Defence Exercise involved 13 Coastal States/Union Territories. First Edition of the exercise was conducted in January, 2019.

MISSILES

Name of the Missile	Testing Location	Other Key facts
SEPTEMBER 2021		
Hyunmoo-2B ballistic missile	South Korea	South Korean military conducted its first successful underwater test of a Submarine-Launched Ballistic Missile (SLBM). It became the 8th country with this capability joining the United States (US), China, Russia, the U.K., France and India.
AUGUST 2021		
Manik	Odisha	DRDO successfully test fired the Indigenous Technology Cruise Missile (ITCM) with a new Made-in-India Turbofan Engine 'Manik' from the Integrated Test Range (ITR) in Odisha. The missile flew for around 150 km with an indigenous cruise engine.

Ballistic Missile Ghaznavi (Hatf-III)	Pakistan	It has a range of upto 290 Km.
Fatah-1	Pakistan	An Indigenously developed Guided Multi Launch Rocket System (MLRS) which has the capability of precision target engagement deep into the enemy territories upto 140 km
JULY 2021		
S-500 Air Defence Missile Systems	Kapustin Yar Training ground, Russia.	The Long-range Surface-to-Air Missile considered as the most advanced anti-missile system, successfully hit a high-speed ballistic target. It can destroy incoming hostile aircraft, missiles, and drones at ranges of up to 600 kms.
'AKASH-NG' Missile	Integrated Test Range (ITR) off the coast of Odisha	The Surface-to-Air missile has a range of 60 kms and can travel up to 2.5 times the speed of sound (2.5 Mach).
Man Portable Anti-Tank Guided Missile (MPATGM)	Man portable launcher	MPATGM is a low weight, fire and forget Missile. It has a maximum range of 2.5 km with a launch weight of less than 15 kg. It is developed by DRDO.
JUNE 2021		
Nirbhay	Chandipur, Odisha	Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully test-fired the subsonic cruise. It is India's 1st indigenously developed cruise missile.
Pinaka rocket & 122mm Caliber rocket	Chandipur, Odisha	Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully test fired the rockets. The enhanced range version of the Indigenous Pinaka Rocket System test fired from a Multi-Barrel Rocket Launcher (MBRL) can destroy targets at distances up to 45 Kms . The Enhanced Range 122mm Caliber Rocket was test fired from a MBRL. It will replace the existing 122mm Grad rockets.
Agni-P (Prime)	Balasore, Odisha.	DRDO successfully test-fired the nuclear capable, Surface-to-Surface Missile 'Agni-P (Prime)' . It is a new generation advanced variant of the Agni class of missiles and has a range capability between 1,000 and 2,000 kms.
MAY 2021, APRIL & MARCH 2021		

FEBRUARY 2021		
Vertical Launch Short Range Surface to Air Missile (VL-SRSAM)	Chandipur, Odisha	Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully conducted 2 launches of Vertical Launch Short Range Surface to Air Missile (VL-SRSAM) from the Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur, Odisha. This is the maiden launch of the missile system.

HELINA (Helicopter Launched Nag) (Army version) & Dhruvastra (Air Force Version) of the Anti-Tank Guided Missiles (ATGM)	Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) platform in Pokhran, Rajasthan.	Missiles have been developed indigenously by DRDO (Defence Research & Development Organization)
Babur	Pakistan	The missile is capable of hitting land and sea targets with a range of 450 Kilometer & has a high precision up to 490 kilometers (about 280 miles) away.
Ghaznavi	Pakistan	Can strike targets up to 290 kilometres. It was launched on the culmination of Annual Field Training Exercise of Army Strategic Forces Command.
Combat Kh35E' anti-ship missile and Operational Exercise 2021 (TROPEX-21)	Indian Ocean Region (IOR)	The IL38SD is a maritime patrol & anti-submarine aircraft developed by Soviet Union.
JANUARY 2021		
'Shaheen-III' Ballistic Missile	Pakistan	Missile has a range of 2,750 Kms and is the Longest-range missile developed in Pakistan.

COMMISSION/DECOMMISSION

SEPTEMBER 2021

- India has launched its first satellite and nuclear-missile tracking ship **INS (Indian Naval Ship) Dhruv-VC-11184**. It is the first of its kind **ocean surveillance ship (OSS)** that is capable of tracking ballistic missiles at a long-range. It is built by the Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL) with an outlay is around Rs 750 crore. The MRSAM defence system was inducted into the 2204 Squadron.

AUGUST 2021

- India's 1st Indigenous Aircraft Carrier (IAC-1) **INS Vikrant** has been launched for sea trials off the coast of Kochi, Kerala.
- Union Defence Minister, Rajnath Singh commissioned the Indian Coast Guard's (ICG) **7th** Offshore Patrol Vessel (OPV), '**Vigraha**' at the Chennai Port. This is the **1st time** that a private sector shipyard (L&T) has designed & constructed an OPV ship.

JULY 2021

JUNE 2021

- **Offshore Patrol Vessel (OPV) Sajag** was commissioned into Indian Coast Guard (ICG). OPV Sajag was built under the 'Make in India' initiative by Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL) with State-of-Art technology.
- Indian Navy decommissioned its **Oldest Hydrographic Survey Vessel, "INS Sandhayak"** at Naval Dockyard in **Visakhapatnam**. The ship served the Indian Navy for 40 years.
- Indian Navy inducted 3 Indigenous Advanced Light Helicopters (ALHs) MK III into its Eastern Naval Command (ENC) at **INS Dega** (Naval Air Station), Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
- India's 1st Indigenous Aircraft Carrier (IAC) will be commissioned into Indian Navy's Eastern Naval Command as '**INS Vikrant**' by mid-2022. It is being built at **Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL)**.

MAY 2021

- Indian Navy's 1st destroyer **INS Rajput** was decommissioned at Naval Dockyard, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh after 41 years of service (commissioned on May 4, 1980).

APRIL 2021

- **Indian Naval Air Squadron (INAS) 323, the 1st Unit of the Indigenously built ALH (Advanced Light Helicopter) Mk-III Aircraft** was commissioned into the Indian Navy at INS Hansa, Goa.

MARCH 2021

- **Indian Coast Guard Ship (ICGS) 'Vajra' (meaning Thunderbolt)**, the 6th Offshore Patrol Vessel (OPV) was formally commissioned into service at Kattupalli in Chennai.
- **Indian Naval Landing Craft Utility (LCU) 'L58'**, the 8th and last ship of the LCU Mark IV Class was commissioned into the Indian Navy at Port Blair, Andaman & Nicobar Islands.
- **Indian Naval Ship(INS) Karanj, India's 3rd Scorpene class submarine** was commissioned into the India Navy at the Naval Dockyard, Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- **India commissioned its Ocean Surveillance & Nuclear Missile Tracking Vessel** called 'INS Dhruv' (codenamed as VC 11184), with this it became the 5th Country after USA, France, Russia & China.

FEBRUARY 2021

JANUARY 2021

IMPORTANT DEALS & MoU's

DEFENCE MoU		
Armed Force/Entity	Entity	Purpose of MoU
SEPTEMBER 2021		
Indian Navy	Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)	For the manufacture and supply of India's 1st indigenously developed Naval Anti Drone System (NADS) with both 'hard kill' and 'soft kill capabilities.
Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Ltd., (GRSE)	Naval Group, European Naval Defence Industry from France	In the field of offering high-end surface ships which based on the sea-proven "Gowind" design and to fulfil the requirements of India and international naval forces.
India	Russia	For the purchase of around 70,000 AK-203 assault rifles to replace the existing Indian Small Arms System (INSAS) 5.56mm*45mm assault rifle
Indian Army	India's Alpha Design & Israel's Elbit Security Systems,	Rs. 100 crore worth contract for the procurement of over 100 - 'SkyStrikers' under its emergency procurement powers.
India's Ministry of Defence	United States (US) Department of Defence	For co-development of Air-Launched Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (ALUAV), under the Joint Working Group Air Systems in the Defence Technology and Trade Initiative (DTTI).
AUGUST 2021		
Indian Navy	Royal Australian Navy	A 'Joint Guidance for the Australia-India Navy to Navy Relationship' document was signed .The document aims to ensure a shared approach towards regional and global security that will cater to their

		commitment to promote peace, stability and prosperity in the Indo - Pacific region.
Ministry of Defence (MoD)	Mahindra Defence Systems Limited (MDS),	Approved contracts worth INR 1349.95 crore for supplying 14 Integrated Anti-submarine warfare Defence Suite (IADS) to the warships of the Indian Navy.
India	Russia	For the procurement of a sizeable number of AK-103 series of assault rifles for the Indian Army under the provisions of emergency financial powers granted to the three services to make urgent purchases.
India	Lockheed Martin, US	Received USD 328 Million worth Contract from the Indian Government to provide comprehensive support for the Indian Air Force (IAF) fleet of 12C-130J-30 Super Hercules Aircraft for a period of 5 years.
JULY 2021		
Ministry of Defence (MoD)	Bharat Dynamics Ltd (BDL)	Signed a INR 499 crore contract for manufacture and supply of Akash Missiles (Surface-to-Air Missile System) to the Indian Air Force (IAF).
JUNE 2021		
Ministry of Defence (MoD)	Mahindra Telephonics Integrated Systems Limited	for procurement of 11 Airport Surveillance Radars for the use of Indian Navy & Indian Coast Guard.
Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers (SIDM)	Swedish Security and Defence Industry (SOFF)	To boost the Bilateral Defence Industrial Relations between Indian & Sweden.
Ministry of Defence (MoD)	Goa Shipyard Ltd (GSL)	For the construction of 2 Pollution Control Vessels (PCVs) for Indian Coast Guard (ICG) at a cost of about INR 583 crore.
MAY 2021		

APRIL 2021		

MARCH 2021		
Ministry of Defence (MoD)	Mahindra Defence Systems Ltd (MDSL)	signed a contract worth INR 1, 056 Crore for supply of 1, 300 Armored Light Specialist Vehicles (ALSV) to Indian Army.
Ministry of Defence (MoD)	Bharat Dynamics Ltd (BDL)	INR 1, 188 Crore deal for acquiring 4, 960 MILAN-2T Anti-Tank Guided Missiles (ATGM) for the Indian Army.
FEBRUARY 2021		
Indian Navy	BHEL (Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited)	for supplying two Super Rapid Gun Mounts (SRGM), main guns standardised for all warships of the Indian Navy.
Ministry of Defence (MoD)	Defence Public Sector Undertaking (DPSU) Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)	for procurement of Software Defined Radio Tactical (SDR-Tac) worth over Rs 1,000 crore in New Delhi
JANUARY 2021		
India's Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL) under the Ministry of Defence	United Kingdom's Thales	have signed a 'Teaming Agreement' to develop STARStreak Air Defence system in India under the 'Make in India' programme.

Indian Army	ideaForge	procure unmentioned numbers of high-altitude variant of Indigenous SWITCH UAV (Unmanned Aerial Vehicle) over a period of 1 year.
Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)	Maharashtra Metro Rail Corporation (MAHA-METRO)	DRDO will provide technical support for the implementation of advanced biodigester Mk-II technology for treatment of human waste (night soil) in the metro rail network.
Ministry of Defence (MoD)	Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)	for procurement of 4th generation 10 Lynx U2 Fire Control systems for frontline warships of Indian Navy at a cost of Rs 1,355 crore under Buy (Indian) category in New Delhi.
Indian Army	Goa Shipyard Ltd(GSL)	to procure the 12 high-performance patrol boats to boost its surveillance of major water bodies like Pangong Tso or Pangong Lake in eastern Ladakh
Indian Navy	Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)	to supply 20 Indigenously developed Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation Dazzlers (Laser Dazzlers).

IMPORTANT DEFENCE EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2021

- The President of India **Ram Nath Kovind** presented the President's Colour to Indian Naval Aviation at **INS Hansa, Dabolim, Goa**.
- 7th edition of the **International Army Games 2021** was hosted by **Russia**. A 101-member contingent was sent by the Indian army to participate in various army games. Russia, with a total of 34 medals was ranked 1st in the event.
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh announced the '**Delegation of Financial Powers to Defence Services (DFPDS) 2021**', providing enhanced Revenue Procurement provisions to Indian defence forces to strengthen India's security infrastructure.
- India handed over Indian Navy's **Dornier aircraft** to **Mauritius** on lease as part of Vision SAGAR (Security and Growth for All in the Region) for enhanced maritime security of the Indian Ocean region (IOR).
- **Indian Armed Forces** allowed the entry of **female** candidates into the armed forces through National Defence Academy (**NDA**) after the intervention of the Supreme Court(SC) of India.

AUGUST 2021

- Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (**HAL**) placed an order in **GE Aviation** for purchasing **99 F404-GE-IN20 engines** worth Rs 5,375 crore (US \$716 million) to power the Tejas Light Combat Aircraft (LCA). This order is the largest purchase order placed by HAL for LCA.
- DRDO **Defence Laboratory, Jodhpur** (DLJ), Rajasthan and High Energy Materials Research Laboratory (HEMRL), Pune (Maharashtra) have developed an advanced **Chaff material and chaff cartridge-118/I** for Indian Air Force (IAF).
- Ministry of Defense (MoD) has launched **Defense India Startup Challenge (DISC) 5.0** under Innovations for Defense Excellence-Defense Innovation Organisation (iDEX-DIO) .
- Indian Army received the delivery of 1st batch of Multi-Mode Hand Grenade (**MMHG**) manufactured by Nagpur based private company Economic Explosives Limited (**EEL**) .

JULY 2021

- The Ministry of Defence (MoD) implemented SPARSH, an acronym for **System for Pension Administration** (Raksha), for automation of sanction and disbursement of defence pension.
- The **French** Armed Forces used '**HELMA-P (High-energy Laser for Multiple Application – Power)**' to destroy a drone during a test of technology conducted near the Atlantic coast in Southwestern part of France.
- Ministry of Defence issued a Request of Proposal (RFP) for construction of 6 fitted Conventional Submarines named Project 75 (India) [**P-75(I)**] for the **Indian Navy** with a cost of **INR 40,000 Crore**.
- Indian Navy Chief Admiral Karambir Singh attended the **325th Russian Navy Day celebrations** held at St. Petersburg, Russia. **INS Tabar** participated in the Navy Day Celebrations of Russia.

JUNE 2021

- The Defence Minister, Rajnath Singh approved the '**Second Positive Indigenisation List**' comprising **108 items**. 2nd Positive Indigenisation List is proposed by Department of Military Affairs, Ministry of Defence
- Defence Acquisition Council (**DAC**) approves Request For Proposal (RFP) for construction of **6 Conventional Submarines** at a cost of Rs. 43,000 crores and allocated Rs. 6,000 crores for modernisation of Indian Army's **Air Defence Guns and Ammunition**.
- Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh approved INR 498.8 Crore budgetary support to **Innovations for Defence Excellence-Defence Innovation Organisation (iDEX-DIO)** for boosting Defence Innovation in India.

MAY 2021

- Indian Army Inaugurated its **1st Green Solar Energy Harnessing Plant of 56 KVA (KiloVolt-Ampere)** in North Sikkim.
- Defence Metallurgical Research Laboratory (DMRL), a lab of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has developed an Indigenous Isothermal Forging Technology for Air Engines.
- **DRDO's Centre for Artificial Intelligence and Robotics (CAIR)** along with 5C Network & HCG Academics has developed an Artificial Intelligence (AI) tool named ATMAN AI for COVID-19 detection from chest X-rays.
- Indian Armed Forces has launched operation "CO-JEET" to support anti-COVID-19 efforts of the country.
- United States State Department has approved the proposed sale of **6 Poseidon-8I (P-8I) Patrol Aircraft** and other equipment to India. The deal is estimated to cost USD 2.42 Billion (~ INR 18, 000 Crore).

APRIL 2021

- **Bharat Dynamics Ltd (BDL)** started the delivery of the 'Akash Missile' (surface-to-air Missile System) to the Indian Army. The Missile system has been designed and developed by DRDO.
- **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** has developed Single Crystal blades technology for helicopter engine application.
- **Defence Laboratory Jodhpur (DLJ)**, a DRDO Laboratory has indigenously developed an Advanced Chaff Technology to safeguard Indian naval ships from Missile Attack.

MARCH 2021

- **India is the 4th Strongest Military Force in the World** according to the study conducted by Defence Website 'Military Direct'.
- **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** was achieved in the development of Air Independent Propulsion (AIP) by proving the land-based prototype.
- The maiden flight trials of the indigenously developed '**Advanced Light Torpedo (TAL) Shyena**' was conducted successfully from Indian Navy's Ilyushin Il-38 Patrol Aircraft.
- **Indian Navy** signed a contract for the construction of 11 Ammunition-Cum-Torpedo-Cum-Missile (ACTCM) barges, with Thane based MSME Suryadipta Projects Private Limited.

- **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** successfully conducted the flight demonstration of Solid Fuel Ducted Ramjet (SFDR) technology from Chandipur in Balasore, Odisha.
- **Indian Army has leased 4 Heron TP medium-altitude, long-endurance (MALE) Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs)** from Israel for 3 years.

FEBRUARY 2021

- **Indian Navy Ship (INS) 'Pralaya'** participated in NAVDEX 21 (Naval Defence Exhibition) & IDEX 21 (International Defence Exhibition) held at Abu Dhabi, UAE (United Arab Emirates) from February 20-25, 2021.
- **Defence Acquisition Council (DAC)** approved 3 Acceptance of Necessities (AoNs) worth INR 13, 700 Crore for procurement of various weapons/platforms/equipment/systems for the Indian Army, Indian Navy & Indian Air Force.
- **INS Karanj** - Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) delivered the Third of Six Kalvari-class submarines based on 'Scorpene Class' to the Indian Navy at Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- **Aero India 2021**- During the Inaugural event of 'Aero India 2021, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh released DRDO's Export Compendium.
 - INR 48, 000 Crore Contract for manufacturing of 83 LCA Tejas was handed over to Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL).
 - HAL delivered 3 Advanced Light Helicopters (ALH) Mk-III to Indian Navy & 2 ALHs to Indian Coast Guard (ICG) during the event. The 5 ALH MK-III are part of the 16 ALHs contract.

JANUARY 2021

- Indian Government is set to procure 21 MiG(Mikoyan-Gurevich)-29 fighter jets and 12 Sukhoi(Su)-30 MKI(Modernizirovannyi, Kommercheskiy, Indiski) aircrafts from Russia.
- **'Ayushman CAPF' scheme** for personnel and dependents of the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) launched by the Union Minister Amit Shah, Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) in Guwahati, Assam.
- **Smart Anti Airfield Weapon (SAAW)** from the Hawk-i aircraft close to the coast of Odisha has been successfully Test Fired by the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL).
- **'SAHAYAK-NG'**, a maiden trail conducted by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)& Indian Navy of which is India's 1st indigenously designed and developed Air Droppable Container.
- **India's first indigenous 9mm machine pistol ASMI** has developed by DRDO Armament Research & Development Establishment (ARDE), Pune (Maharashtra) in collaboration with the Indian Army's Infantry School, Mhow.
- **Landing Craft Utility (LCU) MK IV class vessel 'IN LCU L-58' (Yard 2099)** has been delivered by Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd (GRSE), Kolkata, West Bengal to the Indian Navy (IN).
- Indian Army has created a **new human right cell first time** at its headquarters (New Delhi). Major General Gautam Chauhan has been appointed as the 1st Additional Director General-ADG (Human Rights-HR).
- **"e-office", Indian Air Force(IAF) E-governance portal** launched by Chief of Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal RKS Bhadauria.
- **BEML Ltd (previously known as Bharat Earth Movers Limited) has received orders** worth ~ INR 758 crores from the Ministry of Defence (MoD) for supplying high-mobility vehicles to the Indian army.

SPORTS

Overview of Tokyo 2020 Summer Olympics

32nd Edition of Olympic Games took place in Tokyo, Japan from 23rd July, 2021 – 8th August, 2021. Summer Olympic Mascot – 'MIRAITOWA'; The 2020 Games mark the 2nd time that Japan is hosting the Summer Olympic Games, the 1st one also took place in Tokyo in 1964. It is the 1st City in Asia to host the Summer Games Twice (Including Winter Games, it is the 4th Olympic Games in Japan). There are 339 Medal Events in the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

- **Karate, Skateboarding, Sport Climbing, Surfing, and 4x400m mixed relay** are set to make their Olympic debut in the 2020 Olympics.

India's Squad

India is sending a 228-member Contingent to the Tokyo Olympics, which includes 119 athletes (67 male & 52 female). It will be India's largest ever contingent of athletes at the Olympics.

- It is competing in 85 medal events.
- **Mary Kom** (Boxing) & **Manpreet Singh** (Hockey) will be India's flag bearers in the Opening Ceremony, while Bajrang Punia (Wrestling) will be the flag bearer for the Closing ceremony.

Key Points

i. **Deepak Kabra** has become the 1st Indian to be selected for judging the Gymnastics competition of the Olympic Games. He will officiate the men's artistic gymnasts.

ii. Union Minister for Youth Affairs & Sports Anurag Thakur virtually launched The official cheer song '**Hindustani Way**' for the Indian Contingent. It is performed by singer Ananya Birla and composed by veteran Indian music composer AR Rahman.

iii. Bangladesh's **Muhammad Yunus** is set to receive the **Olympic Laurel award for 2020** during the inauguration event. He is 2nd recipient of the Olympic Laurel Award (1st recipient – Kip Keino of Kenya).

India's Performance:

- India finished with **7 Medals (1 Gold, 2 Silver, 4 Bronze)** and has been ranked at 48th Position. This was India's highest ever medals tally in an Olympics (Previous one was 6 medals 2016 Rio Olympics)
- The US topped the Medals tally with 113 Medals (39 G, 41 S, 33 B) followed by China & Japan.

Rank	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
48	India	1	2	4	7
1	US	39	41	33	113
2	China	38	32	18	88
3	Japan	27	14	17	58

India's Medal Winners

Neeraj Chopra (Haryana) won the **Gold medal** in Javelin throw event. It is India's 1st medal in a Track & Field Event. With this win, he ends India's 100-year wait for a track and field medal in the Olympics

Indian Men's Hockey Team Wins Bronze

The Indian Men's Hockey Team led by Manpreet Singh clinched the Bronze Medal by defeating Germany in the Bronze Medal Match. This is **India's 1st Medal from Hockey in 41 years**

Lovlina Borgohain wins Bronze Medal in Boxing

Lovlina Borgohain (Assam) clinched the Bronze Medal in the Women's WelterWeight (64-69kg) Boxing Category. She was defeated by Busenaz Surmeneli (Turkey) in the semi-finals.

Wrestling

Ravi Kumar Dahiya (Haryana) bagged the **Silver Medal** in 57 Kg Freestyle Wrestling after being defeated by Zavur Uguev (ROC – Russian Olympic Committee).

Bajrang Punia (Haryana) clinched the **Bronze medal in the Men's Freestyle 65 Kg** category Wrestling after defeating Daulet Niyazbekov (Kazakhstan).

KD Jadhav won **India's first-ever wrestling medal**, a bronze medal in the men's freestyle bantamweight event at the 1952 Helsinki Olympics.

Sakshi Malik became the **1st Indian female wrestler** to win an Olympic medal when she won bronze at Rio 2016.

Other Significant Achievements by Indians

- **Aditi Ashok (Karnataka)** finished 4th in the Olympic Games' golf competition.
- Indian Women's Hockey Team led by Rani Rampal reached the Semi-finals for the 1st time in History. However, it was defeated by Argentina in the Semi-finals & by Great Britain in the Bronze Medal match.
- Avinash Sable (Maharashtra) failed to qualify for the finals of the Men's 3000m Steeplechase event. However, in the process of qualification, he set a new national mark in Steeplechase with a timing of 8:18.12s.
- Indian Men's 4X400m relay team (Muhammed Anas Yahiya, Tom Noah Nirmal, Rajiv Arokia and Amoj Jacob) created an Asian Record by timing 3:00:25 secs, but they failed to qualify for the final round. The earlier Asian record was held by Qatar.

Youngest & Oldest Medal Winners

i. **Momiji Nishiya (Japan)** at 13 years old became the Youngest Gold Medallist in the history of Olympics. She won the Women's Street Skateboarding event of the 2020 Olympics.

ii. At 37 years, Lyu Xiaojun (China) became the oldest man to win an Olympic Gold Medal in Weightlifting. He clinched the Gold Medal in Men's 81 Kg Category Weightlifting.

Overview of Tokyo 2020 Summer Paralympic Games

The Tokyo 2020 Summer Paralympic Games will be held from 24th August – 5th September, 2021. The official Mascot is 'Someity'. For the 1st time, Badminton & Taekwondo will be Introduced by replacing Sailing and 7-a-side football.

India sends largest ever contingent for Paralympics: A total of **54 Athletes** will compete in **9 Sporting events**. Only 19 Indian Athletes competed in the 2016 Rio Paralympics.

Theme song: Union Sports Minister, Anurag Thakur and Minister of State for Home Affairs Nisith Pramanik launched the Theme Song, 'Kar De Kamaal Tu' for India's Paralympic Contingent at the 2020 Tokyo Summer Paralympics Games. The song is composed & sung by **Sanjeev Singh**, Divyang Cricket Player.

Highlights:

- **High Jumper Mariyappan Thangavelu** will be the flag-bearer of India in the opening ceremony of the Tokyo Paralympics.
- Javelin thrower **Devendra Jhajharia** (won Gold at Rio Paralympics) and high jump ace **Mariyappan Thangavelu** are the two Paralympic champions in the current Indian contingent.
- **Prachi Yadav** is set to become India's 1st paracanoe at the Tokyo Para Games
- **Avani Lekhera** will be the 1st Indian woman para shooter to compete at the Paralympics.
- Harvinder Singh and Vivek Chikara are the 1st Men Archers from the country to qualify for the Games.

Overview of Ongoing Tokyo 2020 Summer Paralympic Games

The **16th** Edition of Paralympic Games is taking place in **Tokyo, Japan** from 24th August to 5th September, 2021. It is organised by International Paralympic Committee (IPC).

- A total of **22 sports** are scheduled. For **the 1st time, Badminton and Taekwondo** will be making their debut at the 2020 Paralympic Games by replacing Sailing & 7-a-side Football.
- The official Mascot is 'Someity'. The opening ceremony took place at the Newly-built National Stadium, Tokyo.
- **The Paralympic Games symbol** of the "Three Agitos" has been installed on a giant floating platform in the Tokyo Bay area. **The 94-tonne steel monument** stands 17.5 m tall, is 23.4 m long and 2m wide.
- **Tek Chand** (Shot put Thrower) was the **flag-bearer of India** in the opening ceremony of the Tokyo paralympics. He has been replaced on behalf of **High-Jumper Thangavelu Mariyappan**.

India's Performance:

A total of 17 athletes have won 19 medals, with 2 athletes – **Avani Lekhara & Singhraj Adhana** have won **2 medals each**. India was ranked **24th** in the overall medal tally with 19 medals, while the top 3 positions in the medal tally were occupied by **China**, Great Britain & USA.

Ranking	Country	Total Medals
1 st	China	207 (96 Gold)
2 nd	Great Britain	124 (41 Gold)
3 rd	USA	104 (37 Gold)
24th	India	19 (5 Gold)

1. **Avani Lekhara** (Rajasthan) has won the **Gold** Medal in the Women's R2 10 m Air Rifle Standing 1 (SH 1) Shooting event by scoring 249.6 in the final. She became the first Indian woman to win a Paralympic gold by claiming the top honours in the 10m air rifle standing SH1 event
2. **Sumit Antil** (Haryana) has won the **Gold** Medal in the Men's Javelin Throw F-64 event by throwing a distance of 68.55 m in the finals.
3. **Devendra Jhajharia** (Rajasthan) has won the **Silver** Medal in the Men's Javelin Throw, F-46 category by throwing a distance of 64.35 m.
4. **Bhavinaben Patel** (Gujarat) won the **Silver** Medal in the Women's Singles Class 4 Table Tennis event by losing 7-11, 5-11, 6-11 in the finals.
5. **Yogesh Kathuniya** (Delhi) has won the **Silver** Medal in Men's **Discus Throw F-56** by scoring **44.38 m** in the final

6. **Nishad Kumar** (Himachal Pradesh) has won the **Silver** medal in the **Men's High Jump T-47 category** by jumping **2.06 m** in the finals.
7. **Vinod Kumar** lost his **bronze** medal that he clinched in the men's F52 discus throw event on 29th August after the competition panel found that he was 'ineligible' under disability classification assessment
8. **Pramod Bhagat & Manoj Sarkar** :The current World Number 1 badminton para-athlete, Pramod Bhagat won the **Gold** medal in the men's singles SL3 class while Manoj Sarkar bagged a **bronze** medal in the Badminton Men's Singles SL3.This is India's first medal in badminton at the Paralympics Games
9. **Suhas Lalinakere Yathiraj** won **Silver** medal in Badminton at the Tokyo Paralympics, to become the 1st ever IAS Officer to win a medal in the Paralympic games.
10. Indian table tennis player **Bhavinaben Patel** creates history, becomes the first Indian para-paddler to win **silver** medal
11. **Krishna Nagar** won the **gold** medal in the Badminton Men's singles SH6 event against Hong Kong's Chu Man Kai. He becomes the first-ever SH6 gold medallist in the history of the Indian Paralympics.
12. **Manish Narwal** creating a new Paralympics shooting record of 218.2 points in the mixed 50m pistol SH1 event finals by winning **gold** medal in the event
13. **Mariyappan Thangavelu** won **Silver medal** in the Tokyo T42 category high jump event with a best jump of 1.86m, while **Sharad Kumar** won **Bronze** with the best jump of 1.83m.
14. India's 1st ever medal in an archery event in Paralympic games was won by **Harvinder Singh** the current World Number 23. He defeated Korea's Kim Min Sun in the Bronze medal match of Men's individual recurve.

APPOINTMENTS IN SPORTS

Name	Appointed as	Association	Points to be noted
JULY & JUNE 2021, , AUGUST 2021 & SEPTEMBER 2021			

MAY 2021			
Narinder Batra	President	International Hockey Federation(FIH)	He reappointed as president of the International Hockey Federation(FIH) for a 2nd term
Pusarla Venkata Sindhu(PV Sindhu) and Michelle Li	Athlete Ambassador	International Olympic Committee (IOC)'s "Believe in Sports" Campaign	Both the badminton players(shuttlers) will work towards creating awareness about competition manipulation among the athletes.
APRIL 2021			

MARCH 2021			
Thomas Bach	President	International Olympic Committee (IOC)	Executive Board (IOC) re-elected him for an additional term of 4 years as the President of ICO until 2025.
Mary Kom or Chungneijang Mary KomHmangte, India	chairperson	AIBA Champion and Veterans Committee.	Olympic medalist Michael Philip Carruth of Ireland was appointed as the Vice Chairperson of the committee by the board of directors.
FEBRUARY 2021			
Jay Shah	President	Asian Cricket Council (ACC)	Jay Shah(32 years) is the youngest administrator to be appointed as the President of ACC. He will succeed Nazmul Hasan Papon, the Chief of Bangladesh Cricket Board(BCB).

Ajay Singh	President	Boxing Federation of India(BFI)	Hemanta Kumar Kalita was elected as the secretary and Digvijay Singh as treasurer.
JANUARY 2021			
Sanjay Kapoor	President	All India Chess Federation	He representing Uttar Pradesh Chess Sports Association, was elected as the president of the All India Chess Federation (AICF) and became the youngest president of the federation. He succeeds PR Venketrama Raja of Tamil Nadu.

RETIREMENT

Name of the Person	Sport they belong to/ Country	Points to be Noted
SEPTEMBER 2021		
Dale Willem Steyn	Cricket / South Africa	Retirement from all forms of Cricket (ODIs, T20Is).The Right arm bowler has played 93 Tests, picking 439 wickets at an average of 22.95. Steyn ranks 8th in the all-time list of Wicket-takers in Test cricket.In One Day Internationals (ODIs), he has played 125 ODIs, picking 196 wickets & 47 Twenty20 Internationals (T20Is) by taking 64 wickets.
Lasith Malinga	Cricket/Sri Lanka	He announced his retirement from all forms of cricket.He retired from Test cricket in 2011 and ODI in 2019. Malinga played 30 Tests, 226 ODIs and 84 T20Is.He picked 546 wickets (101 in Tests, 338 in ODIs and 107 in T20Is) across formats.
Brendan Taylor	Cricket / Zimbabwe	Retired from international cricket during the ongoing One Day International (ODI) series against Ireland. The 34-year old batsman has scored 6677 runs from 204 ODI matches in his 17-year-old career since his debut in 2004.
AUGUST 2021		
Isuru Udana	Cricket/Sri Lanka	He announced his retirement from International cricket. He has played in 21 One Day Internationals (ODIs), 35 Twenty20 Internationals (T20Is) picking up 45 wickets.
Stuart Binny	Cricket/India	Announced retirement from International cricket.He has played 6 Tests, 14 One Day Internationals (ODIs) & 3 Twenty20 Internationals (T20Is).In First-class Cricket, He made his debut in the Karnataka state team in 2003-04 season and he has played 95 matches, scoring 4796 runs & picking up 148 wickets.
Paras Khadka	Cricket/Nepal	He is the 1st Nepalese batsman to score a century in both ODI and T20 formats.

		i.He has played 10 One Day internationals (ODIs) and 33 Twenty 20 International (T20Is) scoring 1114 runs and 17 wickets.
Unmukt Chand	Cricket/India	He was the captain of the Indian Under-19 team which won the World Cup in 2012 held at Australia.
JULY & JUNE 2021		

MAY 2021		
Boyd Rankin	England	He was a former Ireland and England fast bowler 18-year long cricket career. Boyd Rankin is the only cricketer who have played for two countries in all three formats of the game.
Harry Frederick Gurney	England	He has represented the England Cricket Team in 10 One Day Internationals (ODIs) & 2 Twenty20 Internationals (T20Is).
APRIL 2021		

MARCH 2021		
Gary Wilson	Cricket/Ireland	Former captain of Ireland Cricket and He is the 2nd Highest wicket-taker for Ireland
Ranganath Vinay Kumar	Cricket/India	Announced his retirement from First Class & International Cricket at the age of 37. He hails from Davanagere, Karnataka and is called as 'The Davanagere Express'.
FEBRUARY 2021		
Yusuf Pathan	Cricket/India	He has announced retirement from all forms of Cricket at the age of 38. Yusuf Pathan hails from Vadodara (Baroda), Gujarat.
Dharmika Prasad	Cricket/ Sri Lanka	Sri Lankan Fast Bowler Dharmika Prasad announced his retirement from International Cricket at the age of 37.
Faf du Plessis	Cricket/South Africa	announced Retirement from Test Cricket format of the game
Naman Ojha	Cricket/India	Former Indian Wicketkeeper – Batsman announced his retirement from all forms of Cricket(international and BCCI/MPCA domestic first-class cricket).
Ashok Dinda	Cricket/India	Indian bowler Ashok Dinda announced his retirement from all formats of Cricket at the age of 36.
JANUARY 2021		

TENNIS

SEPTEMBER 2021

Overview of 2021 US Open Tennis Championship

141st edition of the US Open Tennis Championship was held in USA's New York City, which is also the 4th & last Grand Slam title of 2021 being conducted in a 'Hard Court' between 30th August and 12th September 2021. The finals of the tournament were held at **Arthur Ashe Stadium**, New York, USA.

US Open 2021

Category	Winners	Runner-ups
Men's Singles	Daniil Medvedev(Russia)	Novak Djokovic(Serbia)
Women's Singles	Emma Raducanu(Britain)	Leylah Fernandez(Canada)
Men's Doubles	Rajeev Ram – Joe Salisbury(USA – UK)	Bruno Soares – Jamie Murray(Brazil – UK)
Women's Doubles	Sam Stosur – Zhang Shuai(Australia – China)	Coco Gauff – Caty McNally(USA)
Mixed Doubles	Desirae Krawczyk – Joe Salisbury(USA – UK)	Giuliana Olmos – Marcelo Arevalo(Mexico – El Salvador)

AUGUST 2021

JULY 2021

134th Edition (127th staging of the Ladies' Singles Championship event, the 53rd in the Open Era) of Wimbledon Championships 2021 was held at the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, London, UK from 28th June – 11th July, 2021.

- It is Djokovic's 6th Wimbledon Title (3rd consecutive one) & **20th Grand Slam Title**. With 20 Grand Slam Titles, he has equalled the men's record for most Grand Slams won by a man, which is jointly held by Roger Federer (Switzerland) and Rafael Nadal (Spain). Djokovic is the **only man since Australia's Rod Laver (1969) to win the first 3 major Grand Slams** (Australian Open, French Open & Wimbledon) of a season in a single year.

Category	Winner	Runner-up
Men's Singles	Novak Djokovic (Serbia)	Matteo Berrettini (Italy)
Women's Singles	Ashleigh Barty (Australia)	Karolina Pliskova (Czech Republic)
Men's Doubles	Nikola Pietrangeli & Mate Pavić (Croatian Pair)	Marcel Granollers (Spain) & Horacio Zeballos (Argentina)
Women's Doubles	Elise Mertens (Belgium) & Hsieh Su-wei (Chinese Taipei)	Veronika Kudermetova & Elena Vesnina (Russian Pair)
Mixed Doubles	Neal Skupski (UK) & Desirae Krawczyk (US)	Joe Salisbury & Harriet Dart (UK Pair)

JUNE 2021

Overview of 125th Edition of French Open 2021

- Djokovic became the **1st player in the Open Era to win all 4 Major Grand Slams twice** (which is called a double career Grand Slam).
- Barbora Krejčíková also became the 1st player to win Women's Single and Doubles Titles in the same year since Mary Pierce (France) in 2000.

Men's Singles	Novak Djokovic (Serbia)	Stefanos Tsitsipas (Greece)
Women's Singles	Barbora Krejčíková (Czech Republic)	Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (Russia)
Men's Doubles	Pierre-Hugues Herbert & Nicolas Mahut (France)	Alexander Bublik & Andrey Golubev (Kazakhstan)
Women's Doubles	Barbora Krejčíková & Katerina Siniakova (Czech Republic)	Bethanie Mattek-Sands (USA) & Iga Świątek (Poland)
Mixed Doubles	Desirae Krawczyk (USA) & Joe Salisbury (UK)	Elena Vesnina & Aslan Karatsev (Russia)

MAY 2021

Overview of 2021 Italian Open

The Italian Open 2021 (also known as Rome Masters or Internazionali BNL d'Italia) took place at the Foro Italico venue in Rome, Italy. Clay court Tournament is an ATP Tour Masters 1000 event & a WTA 1000 event.

- Spain's Rafael Nadal defeated Serbia's Novak Djokovic to win the Men's Singles Title of 2021 Italian Open (78th Edition), also known as Rome Masters. This is Nadal's 10th Italian Open Title.
- In the Women's Category, Iga Swiatek (Poland) defeated Karolina Pliskova (Czech Republic) to win the Women's Singles Title of Italian Open 2021.

Tennis-2021 Madrid Open

2021 Madrid Open was held from 30th April 2021 – 9th May 2021 at Manzanares Park Tennis Center (also known as Manolo Santana Stadium), Madrid, Spain.

- Germany's Alexander Zverev defeated Matteo Berrettini of Italy to win the Men's Singles Title of the 2021 Madrid Open (19th Edition on ATP).
- In the Women's Singles Category, Belarus' Aryna Sabalenka defeated World No.1 Ashleigh Barty (Australia) to clinch her maiden Madrid Open Title.

APRIL 2021

Overview of 2021 Barcelona Open

- 68th Edition of Barcelona Open 2021 (sponsored by Banc Sabadell) took place from April 17-25, 2021 at Real Club de Tennis Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain.
- Spain's Rafael Nadal defeated Greece's Stefanos Tsitsipas to win the 2021 Barcelona Open.
- Barcelona Open is an annual tennis tournament for male professional players and is played on clay courts.

MARCH 2021

FEBRUARY 2021

Overview of 2021 Australian Open

- 109th Edition of Australian Open (53rd in Open Era) took place from February 8-21, 2021 at the Melbourne Park, Melbourne, Australia.
- Organised by -International Tennis Federation (ITF).
- It takes place on a Hard surface (called as Hard Courts).

Winners of 2021 Australian Open

Category	Winner	Runner-up
Men's Singles	Novak Djokovic (Serbia)	Daniil Medvedev (Russia)
Women's Singles	Naomi Osaka (Japan)	Jennifer Brady (USA)
Men's Doubles	Ivan Dodig (Croatia) & Filip Polasek (Slovakia)	Rajeev Ram (USA) & Joe Salisbury (Great Britain)
Women's Doubles	Elise Mertens (Belgium) & Aryna Sabalenka (Belarus)	BarboraKrejckikova& Katerina Siniakova (Czech Republic pair)
Mixed Doubles	Rajeev Ram (USA) &BarboraKrejckikova (Czech Republic)	Matthew Ebden& Samantha Stosur (Australian pair)

JANUARY 2021

CRICKET

SEPTEMBER 2021

- India lead in the **5-match Test Series against England** by winning 2 of the 4-matches played and drawing the 1st match, that was held between 4th August and 6th September 2021, in England.
 - **Virat Kohli** broke the long-standing record of Sachin Tendulkar to become the fastest to score 23,000 international runs in Cricket.
 - Indian fast bowler, **Jasprit Bumrah** became the fastest Indian bowler to take 100 test wickets. He achieved this in just 24 games, surpassing Kapil Dev, who reached the mark in 25 Test matches.
 - Indian opening batsman **KL Rahul** scored a Test century during the Lord's Test to become the 1st Indian Opener to score a Test hundred in Lord's in the last 31-years.
 - BCCI has appointed former Indian Captain **Mahendra Singh Dhoni** as the mentor of India's 15-member **T20 World Cup squad**

AUGUST 2021

JULY 2021

- **Mongolia, Tajikistan and Switzerland** were inducted as Members of the International Cricket Council (ICC) during ICC's 78th Annual General Meeting. With this, the total number of ICC members stands at 106 (12 Full Members, 94 Associate Members).

JUNE 2021

- Indian women cricketer **Shafali Verma**(17 years old), became the first women's cricketer to hit 3 sixes in a test match during the one-off test match between India and England held in Bristol, England.
- New Zealand defeated India in the finals of the 2019-2021 ICC World Test Championship to win the **Inaugural Edition of ICC World Test Championship 2021** (for men). The finals was held at **Rose Bowl, Southampton, England** .

MAY 2021

- Sri Lanka all-rounder and former limited overs captain for Sri Lanka – Thisara Perera announced his retirement from International Cricket at the age of 32.

APRIL 2021

MARCH 2021

Indian Cricket Team defeated England in the 5th T20I Match

- Held at - Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- Player of the Series – Virat Kohli.
- Virat Kohli became the 1st Cricketer to score 3,000 runs in T20 Internationals.

India retains Anthony de Mello Trophy by Defeating England in 2020-21 Test Series

Indian Cricket Team defeated England in the 4th Test Match held at Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad, Gujarat to win the Match & consequently the 2020-21 Test series by 3-1.

- Player of the Series – Ravichandran Ashwin

FEBRUARY 2021

- **Tamil Nadu Cricket Team** defeated Baroda in the finals of the 2020-21 Syed Mushtaq Ali T20 Competition held at Sardar Patel Stadium, Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- **International Cricket Council (ICC)** announced BYJU's as its global partner from 2021 to 2023.

JANUARY 2021

India retains Border-Gavaskar Trophy by Defeating Australia in 2020-21 Test Series

India won against Australia by 2-1 in 2020-21 Test Series and retained the Border-Gavaskar Trophy in 2020-21 edition. India created history by defeating Australia for the 1st time at the Gabba, Brisbane in 32 years.

- India's Stand-in Captain Ajinkya Rahane became the 1st Recipient of Mullagh Medal.
- Ravichandran Ashwin set a new World Record for dismissing the most number of Left-handed batsmen in Tests: 192.
- Claire Polosak becomes 1st Woman to officiate an Men's Test Match...[Click here for complete overview](#)

FOOTBALL

AUGUST 2021 & SEPTEMBER 2021

JULY 2021

- **Italy** National Football Team won the 16th Edition of '2020 UEFA European Football Championship (**UEFA Euro 2020**)' by defeating England on penalties in the finals held at Wembley Stadium, London, UK.
- **Argentina** won the **2021's Copa America football tournament** against Brazil at Maracana stadium in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

JUNE 2021

MAY 2021

- Manchester City clinched a fourth consecutive 2020-21 League Cup or EFL Cup or Carabao Cup Football title after beating Tottenham Hotspur at Wembley Stadium, England.

APRIL ,MARCH 2021 FEBRUARY 2021

MARCH 2021

FEBRUARY 2021

JANUARY 2021

BADMINTON

AUGUST 2021 & SEPTEMBER 2021

JUNE, MAY 2021 & APRIL 2021

MARCH 2021

Overview of Yonex All England Open Badminton Championships 2021

2021 All England Open (officially known as the Yonex All England Open Badminton Championships 2021) took place from March 17-21, 2021.

- **Place** - Arena Birmingham in England
- **Organised by** - Badminton England; Sanctioned by BWF.

Category	Winner	Runner-up
Men's Singles	Lee Zii Jia (Malaysia)	Viktor Axelsen (Denmark)
Men's Doubles	Yuta Watanabe & Hiroyuki Endo (Japan)	Takeshi Kamura & Keigo Sonoda (Japan)
Women's Singles	Nozomi Okuhara (Japan)	Pornpawee Chochuwong (Thailand)
Women's Doubles	Mayu Matsumoto & Wakana Nagahara (Japan)	Yuki Fukushima & Sayaka Hirota (Japan)
Mixed Doubles	Yuta Watanabe & Arisa Higashino (Japan)	Yuki Kaneko & Misaki Matsutomo (Japan)

2021 Swiss Open Super 300 (Officially known as Yonex Swiss Open 2021)

- **Place** - Basel, Switzerland
- **Organized by** - Swiss Badminton & sanctioned by the Badminton World Federation.
- Indian Shuttler PV Sindhu clinched the Silver Medal.

Category	Winners	Runners
Men's Singles	Viktor Axelsen (Denmark)	Kunlavut Vitidsarn (Thailand)
Women's Singles	Carolina Marin (Spain)	PV Sindhu (India)
Men's Doubles	Kim Astrup & Anders Rasmussen (Denmark)	Mark Lamsfuss & Marvin Sadel (German)
Women's Doubles	Pearly Tan & Thinaah Muralitharan (Malaysia)	Gabriela & Stefani Stoeva (Bulgaria)
Mixed Doubles	Thom Gicquel & Delphine Delrue (France)	Mathias Christiansen & Alexandra Boje (Denmark)

FEBRUARY 2021

JANUARY 2021

Yonex Thailand Open 2021 Super 1000 - Badminton Tournament

- **Place** - Impact arena, Bangkok, Thailand.
- **Organized by** - Badminton Association of Thailand & sanctioned by the Badminton World Federation (BWF).
- **India's Saina Nehwal** lost in the women's singles second round to Thailand's Busanan Ongbamrunphan.

World Junior Rankings released by BWF post COVID, 6 Indians have featured in the Top-10 Spots

- Men's Category, Varun Kapur (Maharashtra) - World Number 2.
- Women's Category, Samiya Imad Farooqi (Telangana) - World Number 2.

Winners:

Category	Winner	Runner-up
Men's Singles	Viktor Axelsen (Denmark)	Angus Long (Hong Kong)

Women's Singles	Carolina Marin (Spain)	Tai Tzu-ying (Taiwan)
Men's Doubles	Lee Yang & Wang Chi-Lin (Taiwan)	Goh V Shem & Tan Wee Kiong (Malaysia)
Women's Doubles	Greysia Polii & Apriyani Rahayu (Indonesia)	Jongkolphan Kititharakul & Rawinda Prajongjai (Thailand)
Mixed Doubles	Dechapol Puavaranukroh & Sapsiree Taerattanachai (Thailand)	Praveen Jordan & Melati Daeva Oktavianti (Malaysia)

SHOOTING

AUGUST 2021 & SEPTEMBER 2021

JULY 2021

India bagged 4 Medals (1 Gold, 1 Silver & 2 Bronze) and finished 10th at the ISSF World Cup 2021 Rifle/Pistol/Shotgun held at Osijek, Croatia from June 22 – July 3, 2021. The Medals table was topped by **Russia** with 18 Medals followed by Italy & Germany with 10 Medals.

Indian Medal winners

S.No	Winner	Medal	Category
1	Rahi Sarnobat	Gold	Women's 25m Pistol
2	Saurabh Chaudhary	Bronze	Men's 10m Air Pistol
3	Manu Bhaker & Saurabh Chaudhary	Silver	Mixed Team – 10m Air Pistol
4	Manu Bhaker, Rahi Sarnobat & Yashaswi Deswal	Bronze	Women's Team event 10m Air Pistol

JUNE 2021 & MAY 2021

APRIL 2021

2021 ISSF World Cup

- Held in - Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Ranges, New Delhi.
- Organised by - International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF).
- It is an annual edition of the ISSF World Cup in the Olympic shooting events.

India topped the Medals Tally with 30 Medals (15 Gold, 9 Silver, 6 Bronze), while USA Grabbed the 2nd place with 8 Medals & Italy took the 3rd place with 4 Medals...[Click here for complete list](#).....

MARCH 2021

India Finished 3rd in 2021 Para Shooting World Cup with 7 Medals

India bagged 7 medals (2 Gold, 1 Silver & 4 Bronze) and finished at 3rd Position in the 2021 World Shooting Para Sport World Cup .

- Organized by - International Paralympic Committee (IPC)
- From March 15-25, 2021
- Held at - Al Ain, UAE
- Ukraine topped the table with 11 Medals (5 Gold, 5 Silver, 1 Bronze), while UAE finished Second with 5 medals (3 Gold, 2 Silver).

India's Medals Tally

Winner	Event	Position
Singhraj	P1 – Men's 10m Air Pistol SH1*	Gold
Manish Narwal	P4 – Mixed 50m Pistol SH1	Gold
AvaniLekhara	R2 – Women's 10m Air Rifle Standing SH1	Silver
Rahul Jakhar	P3 – Mixed 25m Pistol SH1	Bronze
Singhraj	P4 – Mixed 50m Pistol SH1	Bronze
Sriharsha DEVARADDI RAMAKRISHNA	R4 – Mixed 10m Air Rifle Standing SH2*	Bronze
Sidhartha BABU	R6 – Mixed 50m Rifle Prone SH1	Bronze

FEBRUARY 2021

First Asian Online Shooting Championship 2021

- Organized by - Kuwait Shooting Federation
- From- January 29-30, 2021
- The championships took place for 4 events – Pistol, Rifle, Trap & Skeet.

Gold Medal

Winner	Category
Saurabh Chaudhary	Men's 10m Air Pistol
Divyansh Singh Panwar	Men's 10m Air Rifle
Kynan Chenai	Men's Trap
Rajeshwari Kumari	Women's Trap

JANUARY 2021

BOXING

SEPTEMBER 2021

2021 ASBC Asian Youth & Junior Boxing Championship

Indian Contingent completed with **20 Medals** (6 Gold, 9 Silver & 5 Bronze) in the **ASBC Asian Youth Boxing Championship** at Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (UAE). The combined overall medal table was topped by **Kazakhstan** with 19 Gold medals, followed by Uzbekistan and India in the 2nd and 3rd positions respectively.

India's Performance at 2021 ASBC Senior Boxing Championship

Medal	Category	Personality
Gold	Women's 54 kg	Neha
	Women's 60 kg	Preeti Dahiya
	Women's 66 kg	Sneha Kumari
	Women's 75 kg	Khushi
	Men's 51 kg	Bishwamitra Chongtham
	Men's 80 kg	Vishal
Silver	Women's 48 kg	Nivedita Karki
	Women's 50 kg	Tamanna
	Women's 52 kg	Simran Verma

	Women's 57 kg	Preeti
	Women's 63 kg	Khushi
	Women's 81 kg	Tanisha Sandhu
	Men's 48 kg	Vishvanath Suresh
	Men's 63.5 kg	Vanshaj
	Men's 71kg	Jaydeep Rawat
Bronze	Women's 70 kg	Lashu Yadav
	Men's 67 kg	Daksh Singh
	Men's 75 kg	Deepak
	Men's 92 kg	Abhimanyu Loura
	Men's 92+ kg	Aman Singh Bisht

India's Performance at 2021 ASBC Junior Boxing Championship

India won 19 medals with 8 gold, 5 silver, and 6 bronze medals in the **2021 ASBC Junior Boxing Championship**.

AUGUST 2021

JULY, JUNE & MAY 2021

APRIL 2021

2021 AIBA Youth Men's and Women's World Boxing Championships

- **India topped** the overall medals tally; it was followed by Russia & Uzbekistan.
- **India's Medals** - 11 Medals (8 Gold, 3 Bronze)
- It is a biennial event held in Kielce, Poland.

MARCH 2021

35th Boxam Elite International Tournament 2021

- **India's Medals** -10 Medals (1 Gold, 8 Silver, 1 Bronze).
- **From** -March 1-7, 2021.
- **held at** - Castellon de la Plana, Spain.
- **Hosted by** - Spanish Boxing Federation.

Winners List of India :-

Winners	Category	Medal
Manish Kaushik	Men's 63 Kg	Gold Medal
Jasmine	Women's 57 Kg	Silver Medal
Simranjit Kaur Baatth	Women's 60 Kg	Silver Medal
Pooja Rani	Women's 75 Kg	Silver Medal
Mohammed Hussam Uddin	Men's 57 Kg	Silver Medal
Vikas Krishan	Men's 69 Kg	Silver Medal

Ashish Kumar	Men's 75 Kg	Silver Medal
Sumit Sangwan	Men's 81 Kg	Silver Medal
Satish Kumar	Men's 91 Kg	Silver Medal
MC Mary Kom	Women's 51 Kg	Bronze Meda

FERBRUARY 2021

RANKING

IMP. NOTE - All sports ranking revised/checked by our team with its official sports sites on **SEPTEMBER 16, 2021**. In tabular column, we had provided the 'As on date' which updated in appropriate official sports sites.

TENNIS

Men's Singles Ranking(As on 30.08.2021 Last updated in official site)		Women's Singles Ranking(As on 30.08.2021 Last updated in official site)	
Rank	Player	Rank	Player
1	Novak Djokovic (Serbia)	1	Ashleigh Barty (Australia)
2	Daniil Medvedev (Russia)	2	Aryna Sabalenka (Belarus)
3	Stefanos Tsitsipas(Greece)	3	Karolína Plíšková (Czech Republic)
Indian Player Ranking		Indian Player Ranking	
165	Prajnesh Gunneswaran	101	Ankita Raina
186	Sumit Nagal		

BOXING

Indian Men Ranking(As of SEP. 2020 updated in official site) in AIBA World Men's Ranking 2020		Indian Women's Ranking(As of SEP updated in official site) in AIBA World Women's Ranking 2020	
Rank	Player	Rank	Player
1	Amit Panghal in 52kg category	2	Manju Rani in 48 kg category

*Need to know ranking detail of World Boxing Association -[Click here..](#)

CRICKET

Men's T20I Ranking

Team Ranking (Last Updated on 16 th Sep 2021)		Men's Batting Rankings (Last Updated 16 th Sep 2021)		Men's Bowling Rankings (Last Updated 16 th Sep 2021)		Men's All-Rounder Rankings(Last Updated 16 th Sep 2021)	
Rank	Country	Rank	Player	Rank	Player	Rank	Player

2	India	1	Dawid Malan (England)	1	Tabraiz Shamsi (South Africa)	1	Shakib Al Hasan (Bangladesh)
1	England	2	Babar Azam (Pakistan)	2	Wanindu De Silva (Sri Lanka)	2	Richard Berrington (Scotland)
3	Pakistan	3	Aaron Finch (Australia)	3	Rashid Khan (Afghanistan)	3	Khawar Ali (Oman)
4	New Zealand	Indian Player's Ranking		Indian Player's Ranking		Indian Player's Ranking	
		4	Virat Kohli	12	Bhuvneshwar Kumar	20.Hardick Pandiya	
		6	Lokesgh Rahul	18	Washington Sundar		
		21	Rohit Sharma	25	Yuzvendra Chahal		
		30	Shikhar Dhawan	31	Shardul Thakur		

Men's ODI Ranking

Team Ranking (Last Updated on 16 Sep 2021)		Men's Batting Rankings (Last Updated on 16 Sep 2021)		Men's Bowling Rankings (Last Updated on 16 th Sep 2021)		Men's All-Rounder Rankings (Last Updated on 16 th Sep 2021)	
Rank	Country	Rank	Player	Rank	Player	Rank	Player
4	India	1	Babar Azam (Pakistan)	1	Trent Boult (New Zealand)	1	Shakib Al Hasan (Bangladesh)
1	New Zealand	2	Virat Kohli (India)	2	Josh Hazlewood (Australia)	2	Mohammad Nabi (Afghanistan)
2	England	3	Rohit Sharma (India)	3	Mujeeb Ur Rahman (Afghanistan)	3	Chris Woakes (England)
3	Australia			7	Jaspri Bumrah (India)		
		Indian Player's Ranking		Indian Player's Ranking		Indian Player's Ranking	
		16	Shikhar Dhawan	17	Bhuvneshwar Kumar	9	Ravindra Jadeja
		27	Lokesh Rahul	20	Yuzvendra Chahal	13	Hardik Pandya
		45	Kedar Jadav	28	Mohammed Shami		
47	Hardick Pandiya	31	Ravindra Jadeja				

Men's Test Ranking

Team Ranking (Last Updated on 16 Sep, 2021)		Men's Batting Rankings (Last Updated on 16 th Sep 2021)		Men's Bowling Rankings (Last Updated on 16 th Sep 2021)		Men's All-Rounder Rankings (Last Updated on 16 th Sep 2021)	
Rank	Country	Rank	Player	Rank	Player	Rank	Player
2	India	1	Joe Root (England)	1	Pat Cummins (Australia)	1	Jason Holder (West Indies)
1	New Zealand	2	Kane Williamson (New Zealand)	2	Ravichandran Ashwin (India)	2	Ben Stokes (England)
3	Australia	3	Steve Smith (Australia)	3	Tim Southee (New Zealand)	3	Ravindra Jadeja (India)
		Indian Player's Ranking		Indian Player's Ranking		Indian Player's Ranking	
		5	Rohit Sharma	9	Jaspri Bumrah	3	Ravindra Jadeja

	6	Virat Kohli	18	Mohammad Shami	5	Ravichandran Ashwin
	13	Rishab Pant	19	Ishant Sharma		
	15	Cheteshwar Pujara	21	Ravindra Jadeja		

BADMINTON (Last Updated on Sep 7,2021)

Men's Singles Ranking		Women's Singles Ranking	
Rank	Player	Rank	Player
1	Kento Momota (Japan)	1	Tai Tzu Ying (Chinese Taipei)
2	Viktor AXELSEN (Denmark)	2	Chen Yu Fei (China)
3	Anders Antonsen (Denmark)	3	Nozomi Okuhara (Japan)
Indian Player Ranking		Indian Player Ranking	
14	KIDAMBI Srikanth	7	Pusarla V. Sindhu
15	SAI PRANEETH B.	19	Saina Nehwal

FOOTBALL

Men's Team Ranking (16 th Sep, 2021)		Women's Team Ranking (16 th April 2021)	
Rank	Team	Rank	Team
107	India	57	India
1	Belgium	1	USA
2	Brazil	2	Sweden
3	England	3	Germany

CHESS (Updated as on Sep 2021)

Rank	Player	Country
Indian Players		
17	Viswanathan Anand	India
22	Santosh Gujrathi Vidit	India
24	Pentala Harikrishna	India
Top 3 Players		
1	Magnus Carlsen	Norway
2	Fabiano Caruana	United States of America (USA)
3	Liren Ding	China

OTHER SPORTS

SEPTEMBER 2021

- **Max Verstappen** (23 years) from the Netherlands won the 2021 Formula 1 (F1) **Heineken Dutch Grand Prix** held at the Circuit Zandvoort.
- McLaren's **Daniel Ricciardo** (Australia) won the 2021 **Italian Grand Prix**, making his 1st victory since 2018, notably this is McLaren's 1st win after 9-years.
- For the first time in Asian games, eight **electronic sports (esports)** are included in the medal events at the 19th **Asian Games 2022** which are going to be held in Hangzhou, China. The games will start from September 10, 2022 and continue till September 25.

List of esports

- Arena of Valor Asian Games Version
- Dota 2
- Dream Three Kingdoms 2
- EA SPORTS FIFA branded soccer games
- HearthStone
- League of Legends
- PUBG Mobile Asian Games Version
- Street Fighter V

Demonstration events

1. AESF Robot Masters-Powered by Migu

AUGUST 2021

JULY 2021

- The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports recognised **WAKO India Kickboxing Federation** as National Sports Federation (NSF) of India.
- Indian Chess Grandmaster **Nihal Sarin** won the **Serbia Open Chess Championship** in Belgrade, Serbia
- India's Vishwanathan Anand finished 2nd in the **2021 Croatia Grand Chess Tour** Rapid and Blitz tournament held at Zagreb, Croatia .Maxime Vachier-Lagrave of France finished 1st in the tournament.

Highlights of Tokyo 2020 Summer Olympics

32nd Edition of Olympic Games is set to take place in Tokyo, Japan from 23rd July, 2021 – 8th August, 2021. As many as 206 National Olympic Committee (NOC) Countries are participating in the games. Summer Olympic Mascot – 'MIRAITOWA'.

The Specific Motto of the Tokyo Olympics is 'United by Emotion'.

Karate, Skateboarding, Sport Climbing, Surfing, and 4x400m mixed relay are set to make their Olympic debut in the 2020 Olympics.

- Mary Kom (Boxing) & Manpreet Singh (Hockey) will be India's flag bearers in the Opening Ceremony, while Bajrang Punia (Wrestling) will be the flag bearer for the Closing ceremony.
- The US topped the Medals tally with 113 Medals (39 G, 41 S, 33 B) followed by China & Japan.

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India's Performance

- India finished with 7 Medals (1 Gold, 2 Silver, 4 Bronze) and has been ranked at 48th Position. This was India's highest ever medals tally in an Olympics(Previous one was 6 medals 2016 Rio Olympics)
- Neeraj Chopra (Haryana) won the Gold medal in Javelin throw event.
- Indian Men's Hockey Team led by Manpreet Singh clinched the Bronze Medal by defeating Germany.
- Lovlina Borgohain (Assam) clinched the Bronze Medal in the Women's WelterWeight (64-69kg) Boxing Category.
- Ravi Kumar Dahiya (Haryana) bagged the Silver Medal in 57 Kg Freestyle Wrestling after being defeated by Zaur Uguev.
- Bajrang Punia (Haryana) clinched the bronze medal in the Men's Freestyle 65 Kg category Wrestling.
- Aditi Ashok (Karnataka) finished 4th in the Olympic Games' golf competition...[Click here for more detail.](#)

Rank	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
48	India	1	2	4	7
1	US	39	41	33	113
2	China	38	32	18	88
3	Japan	27	14	17	58

India wins 13 Medals at World Cadet Wrestling Championships 2021

India has finished the World Cadet Wrestling Championships 2021 with **13 Medals (5 Gold, 1 Silver, 7 Bronze)** 2021 at Budapest, Hungary.

S.no	Winner	Category	Medal
1	Priya Malik	Women's 73 kg	Gold
2	Tannu	Women's 43 kg	Gold
3	Komal Panchal	Women's 46 kg	Gold

4	Aman Gulia	Men's 48 kg FS	Gold
5	Sagar Jaglan	Men's 80 kg FS	Gold
6	Jaskaran Singh	Men's 60 kg FS	Silver
7	Chirag	Men's 51 kg FS	Bronze
8	Jaideep	Men's 71 kg FS	Bronze
9	Ankit Gulia	Men's 65 kg GR	Bronze
10	Antim	Women's 53 kg	Bronze
11	Varsha	Women's 65 kg	Bronze
12	Sahil	Men's 110 kg FS	Bronze
13	Sumit	Men's 60 kg GR	Bronze

JUNE 2021

- **Red Bull Racing Honda's Max Verstappen (Netherlands)** won the 2021 French Grand Prix (GP) held at Paul Ricard Circuit, France. It was the 7th GP of 2021.

MAY 2021

- **Mercedes' driver Lewis Hamilton (Britain)** won the Portuguese Grand Prix 2021 of Formula One (F1) held at Algarve International Circuit in Portimao, Portugal. It is Hamilton's 97th Career Victory.
- Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton (Britain) won the Spanish Grand Prix 2021 Formula one for the 6th time (5th consecutive victory). The Spanish GP was held at Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya in Montmela, Spain.
- Red Bull Racing Honda's Max Verstappen (Netherlands) finished 2nd followed by Mercedes driver Valtteri Bottas (Finland).

APRIL 2021

- **2020 Asian Weightlifting Championships**
 - Held at - Tashkent, Uzbekistan
 - India won 2 medals (1 Gold, 1 Bronze)
 - JhilliDalabehera (Odisha) – Gold Medal in Women's 45 Kg weightlifting & Chanu (Manipur) – Bronze Medal in Women's 49 Kg weightlifting
- **Arjun Kalyan, 18 from TamilNadu became** India's 68th Chess GrandMaster(GM) after winning against Dragan Kotic of Montenegro in the 5th round of the ongoing GM Round Robin "Rujna Zora-3" in Serbia.
- **Asian Wrestling Champions 2021**

34th edition of the 2021 Asian Wrestling Championships held at Almaty, Kazakhstan.

- India bagged 14 Medals (5 Gold, 3 Silver, 6 Bronze) in the
- Iran & Kazakhstan both finished at the Top Position with 17 Medals each.
- It is organized by the United World Wrestling (UWW).

Winner	Category	Medal
Ravi Kumar Dahiya	Men's Freestyle – 57 Kg	Gold
Vinesh Phogat	Women's Freestyle – 53 Kg	Gold
Anshu Malik	Women's Freestyle – 57 Kg	Gold
Sarita Mor	Women's Freestyle – 59 Kg	Gold
DivyaKakran	Women's Freestyle – 72 Kg	Gold

MARCH 2021

- **Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has officially recognised the Indian Style Wrestling Association of India (ISWAI) as a National Sports Federation (NSF) for promotion and regulation of “Indian Style Wrestling” in India.**
- **Achanta Sharath Kamal, an Indian table tennis player,** win over Muhammad Rameez (Pakistan) in the Asian Olympic Qualification tournament held in Doha, Qatar and became the first Indian Paddler to qualify for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games.
- **2nd Edition of Khelo India Winter Games** - Jammu & Kashmir retained the top spot in the 2nd Edition of Khelo India Winter Games, which was held at Gulmarg, J&K. Karnataka and Maharashtra were second and third respectively.
- **Indian Wrestler Vinesh Phogat** won the Gold Medal in the Women’s 53 Kg Category of XXIV Outstanding Ukrainian Wrestlers and Coaches Memorial Tournament held at Kyiv (also known as Kiev), Ukraine.

FEBRUARY 2021

JANUARY 2021

SPORTS PERSON IN NEWS

Name	Sport & Country they belong	Points to be Noted
AUGUST 2021 & SEPTEMBER 2021		

JULY 2021		
Abhimanyu Mishra (12 years 4 months, 25 days old)	Chess/India	He became the youngest ever Chess Grandmaster after he scored his third Grandmaster (GM) norm in Budapest, Hungary. He won the title against 15-year-old Indian chess player Leon Luke Mendonca.
JUNE 2021		
Deepika Kumari	Archery/India	Created history by winning Gold in all 3 recurve events – Women’s individual, team and mixed pair events in the Archery World Cup Stage-3 event that was held in Paris, France.
MAY 2021 & APRIL 2021		

MARCH 2021		
Mithali Raj	Cricket/India	She became 1st Indian Woman Cricketer & 2nd International Women Cricketer (after England’s Charlotte Edwards) to score 10, 000 runs in International Cricket across all 3 formats of Cricket.
Chadalavada Anandha Bhavani Devi	Fencer/ India	She hails from Tamil Nadu became the 1st ever Indian Fencer to qualify for an Olympics.
FEBRUARY 2021		

JANUARY 2021		

UPCOMING SPORTS EVENTS

- Haryana State government which is set to host the **4th edition of Khelo India Youth Games** in November 2021, has postponed the event to **February 2022**.

2nd Edition of Khelo India University Games (KIUG) in 2021

- International Boxing Association (AIBA) announced that 2021's Edition of Asian Boxing Championship will be held between May 21-31 at New Delhi, India.
- Karnataka is set to host the 2nd Edition of Khelo India University Games (KIUG) in 2021 in Jain University, Bengaluru and other venues in Karnataka in collaboration with Association of Indian Universities (AIU).
- KIUG is the largest University level sports competition in India.
- 2 new native sports namely 'Yogasana' & 'Mallakhamb' in the medal events. The total number of medal events/sports will be 19.
- 1st Khelo India University Games 2020 held in Bhubaneswar, Odisha
 - ◆ Mascots - 'Jay and Bijay'.
 - ◆ Panjab University (PB) topped by winning 45 medals. It is followed by Savitribai Phule Pune University, MS, Punjabi University, Patiala (PB).

OLYMPICS GAMES

- Mumbai to host 2023 International Olympic Committee (IOC) session.
- 35th Olympiad or **2032 Summer Olympics** to **Australia's Brisbane city**. World athletics championships which is to be held in Eugene, Oregon, US (United States) will be postponed to 2022.

Summer Olympic :

- Venue of Summer Olympic Games 2021 – Tokyo, Japan
 - ◆ Tokyo 2020 Olympics postponed to 2021; First time in 124 years
 - ◆ Tokyo Olympics will feature Table Tennis Mixed Doubles event.
 - ◆ Miraitowa is the mascot of Tokyo Olympics
 - ◆ Someity is the mascot of Tokyo Paralympics
 - ◆ Torch unveiled, on the concept of ""Share Your Light". The torch is made from the same recycled aluminum and is modeled after the Japanese cherry blossom or "sakura". The color of the torch is "Sakura Pink".
 - ◆ Tokyo Olympics Motto- "United By Emotion", which reflects the "universal values" and "unifying power of sport".
- Venue of Summer Olympic & Paralympic Games 2024 – Paris, France.
- Venue of Summer Olympic & Paralympic Games 2028 – Los Angeles, United States.
- International Olympic Committee (IOC) Executive Board added "Breaking" – a competitive form of breakdancing & 3 other sports – Skateboarding, Sport Climbing, and Surfing to Medal Events Program in Olympic Games.

Winter Olympic :

- Venue of Winter Olympic Games 2022 – Beijing, China
- Venue of Winter Olympic Games 2026 – Italy's Milan and Cortina d'Ampezzo

ASIAN GAMES

- Venue of Asian Games 2022 – Hangzhou, China.
- Venue of Asian Games 2026 – Nagoya, Japan
- India to host Asian Football Confederation (AFC) Women's Asian Cup 2022- for the 1st time since 1979.
- 4th Asian Youth Para Games to be Held in Bahrain in December 2021.
- 3rd edition of Asian Youth Games – Shantou in Southern China in November 20 to 28, 2021.
- 2022 Asian Games (19th edition) mascot "smart triplets" unveiled in Hangzhou, China.
 - ◆ Smart Triplets - Congcong, Lianlian and Chenchen.
- India will host the Women's and Men's Asian Boxing Championships 2020 in November-December.
- 4th Asian Para Games 2022-scheduled to be held in Hangzhou, China from 9 – 15 October 2022-Official Mascot - 'Fei Fei'.
- Qatar's Doha city will be host of 2030's edition, while the runner-up in voting, Saudi Arabia will host 2034 edition of Asian games at Riyadh city.

Commonwealth Games (CWG)

- Venue of CWG Games 2022 – Birmingham, England.
- 7th season of 2021 Commonwealth Youth Games which is to be held in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago has been postponed to 2023.

NATIONAL LEVEL GAMES

- 2020-21 edition of Hero Indian Women's League Football tournament will be hosted by Odisha state.
- 39th National Games in 2022-Meghalaya.
- 36th National Games in Goa
 - ◆ Mascot-Flame-Throated Bulbul or Rubigulabird(State Bird of Goa).
 - ◆ It was designed by Sharmila Coutinho (Goa based Artist).
- National snooker championship 2020(Indian National Billiards & Snooker Championship 2020) held in Pune, Maharashtra
 - ◆ Aditya Mehta (34) & Vidya Viswanathan Pillai (42) won their men & women's title.
- Ladakh & Kongdori, Gulmarg of J&K will host Khelo India Winter Games 2020.
- Haryana to host the 4th edition of Khelo India Youth Games 2021.

TENNIS

- India is all set to host the BWF's (Badminton World Federation) World Badminton Championships in 2026.

CRICKET

Asia Cup

- Sri Lanka to host 2021 Edition of Asia Cup Cricket Tournament; Pakistan to host 2022 Edition of Asia Cup.

ICC ODI World Cup Cricket

- Venue of ICC ODI World Cup 2023 – India.

ICC World Cup T20

- Venue of Men's T20-World Cup 2020 – postponed to 2022 -Australia will host in 2022.
- ICC men's T20 World cup 2021 – India
 - ◆ The tournament will replace the 8-team Champions Trophy ODI held in England in 2017.

ICC Women's Cricket World Cup

- Venue of ICC ODI Women Cricket World Cup 2022 – New Zealand.
 - ◆ It will be held in 6 cities namely Auckland, Wellington, Hamilton, Tauranga, Dunedin and Christchurch.
 - ◆ Christchurch to host the final.
 - ◆ India among 5 teams seals direct qualification for Women's World Cup 2022.

ICC Women's World Cup T20

- Venue of T20I World Cup 2020 – Australia.

Indoor World Cup

- 11th Edition of the Indoor Cricket World Cup-Australia in Casey Stadium and CityPower Centre.

FOOTBALL

FIFA -

- Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) has announced the 9 host cities & 10 stadiums for the 2023 Women's Football World Cup spread across Australia & New Zealand. Australia and New Zealand to Host
- the 2023 Women's Football World Cup.
- Venue of FIFA World Cup 2022 – Qatar.
- Men's Under-20 World Cup in Indonesia and Under-17 tournament in Peru have been moved to 2023 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup for the year 2020 to be conducted in Ahmedabad, Gujarat. But It was cancelled in 2020 and 2021 due to COVID-19 Pandemic. India to host the FIFA Under-17 Women's World Cup 2022.
- FIFA Under-20 Women's World Cup - to be held in 2022 Costa Rica.
- China to host the inaugural edition of expanded FIFA 24-team Club World Cup in 2021.

- 18th edition of FIFA U-17 World Cup for the year 2019-Brazil.

Others -

- Asian Football Confederation (AFC) & the AFC Women's Asian Cup India 2022 Local Organising Committee (LOC) announced the 3 final venues for the 2022 AFC Women's Asian Cup in India from January 20 to February 6, 2022.
 - D.Y. Patil Stadium – Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra
 - TransStadia (EKA Arena) – Ahmedabad, Gujarat
 - Kalinga Stadium – Bhubaneswar, Odisha
- China-to host-football Asian Cup 2023.
- India to host 2022 AFC(Football)Women's Asian Cup.
- 2022's Women's Asia Cup tournament to be held at Mumbai & Pune both from Maharashtra

BADMINTON

- Manila, Philippines host Badminton Asia Championships 2020.Earlier Wuhan, China is said to host the Championships.
- BWF postponed Badminton World Championship 2020 to the November - December,2021.The tournament will take place at the Caroline Marin Stadium, Huelva, Spain.

HOCKEY

- Hockey5s World Cup to be host by the country Oman in January 2024 and all matches will be held in its capital Muscat.
- India –to host-International Hockey Federation (FIH)Junior Men's World Cup 2021;South Africa to host International Hockey Federation (FIH)Junior Women's World Cup .

Hockey Men's World Cup

- 2023 FIH Men's hockey world cup-Bhubaneswar and Rourkela, Odisha, India.

Hockey Women's World Cup

- International Hockey Federation (FIH) 2022 Women's FIH Hockey World Cup-will be held in-Terrassa, Spain and Amstelveen, Netherlands.

OTHER SPORTS

- International Boxing Association (AIBA) announced Tashkent, the capital city of Uzbekistan as the host city for 2023 Men's Boxing World Championship.
- 23rd edition of the World Corporate Games-Qatar.
- 2023 IAAF World Championships- Budapest, Hungary.
- Belgrade, Serbia to host its first-ever World Athletics Indoor Championships 2022.
- Yangzhou, China - host city of the World Athletics Half Marathon Championships 2022.
- India to host 2022 Commonwealth Archery and Shooting Championships in Chandigarh.
- Swimming Federation Internationale de Natation(FINA) - postponed - 2021 aquatics world championships, Fukuoka, Japan to May 2022.
- 2020 World Archery Field Championships-postponed-2022- to be held in-National Field Archery Association(NFAA) Easton Yankton Archery Centre(NEYAC).
- 2021 World Games in Birmingham, Alabama postponed to 2022.
- World Games 2021 Birmingham - renamed to "World Games 2022 Birmingham" – it is to be held in Birmingham, Alabama, US.
- Serbia to host 2021 Men's World Boxing Championships; India lost the hosting rights to Serbia.
- 2023 ITTF World Table Tennis Championships-to be held in Durban, South Africa.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

Book Name	Author	Other Information
SEPTEMBER 2021		
Know Your Rights and Claim Them: Guide for Youth	Angelina Jolie ,Geraldine Van Buren and Amnesty International	The book is like a guide for every child and young person who access their rights.
Gita Govinda: Jayadeva's Divine Odyssey	Dr Utpal K. Banerjee	The book was launched by GK Reddy.He also launched an exhibition on "Gita Govinda " and a program 'BujurgonkiBaat-DeshKeSaath' in New Delhi.
AUGUST 2021		
Zohra! A Biography In Four Acts	Ritu Menon	Published by - Speaking Tiger Books is a biography of Padma Awardee Zohra Segal, an Indian actress, dancer, and choreographer.
Reflecting, Recollecting, Reconnecting	--	The book is an account of the 4th year of Venkaiah Naidu as the Vice President of India. Published by - Publications Division (India), a division of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting(MIB).
JULY 2021		
Policymaker's Journal: From New Delhi to Washington, D.C.	Kaushik Basu	The book features the journal records of his career of 7 years, during which he served as the Chief Economic Adviser (CEA) to the Indian Government and the Chief Economist at the World Bank in Washington D.C.,
Pregnancy Bible: The ultimate manual for moms-to-be	Kareena Kapoor Khan & Aditi Shah Bhimjyani	This book features her experiences and learnings during her pregnancies.
The India Story: An Epic Journey Of Democracy And Development	Dr Bimal Jalan	This book was based on extensive research and data, and his experience as RBI Governor.
Renegades: Born in the USA	Barack Obama & Bruce Springsteen	Published by - 'Crown Publishing Group'.The book contains the conversation between Obama and Springsteen about their origin stories, career-defining moments , and America's polarized politics.
Shifting Orbits: Decoding the Trajectory of the Indian Start-up Ecosystem	Amitabh Kant	The book explains the rise of the start-up landscape in India in 4 different sections viz innovation, incubation, funding and industry perspectives.
JUNE 2021		
Home in the World	Amartya Sen	Published by - Penguin Random House The book describes the early life of Amartya Sen and explores the idea of 'home'.
Will	Will Smith and Mark Manson	Published by - Penguin Press, an imprint of Penguin Random House.
Growing Up Biden	Valerie Biden Owen	A memoir "Growing Up Biden", written by Valerie Biden Owen, who is the sister of Joe Biden, The President of United States of America(USA) will be released on April,2022

MAY 2021

'Stargazing: The Players in My Life'	Ravi Shastri	Published by - Harper Collins India. Author was a Cricket legend, commentator and one of Team India's most successful coach.
"Savarkar: A contested Legacy (1924-1966)"	Vikram Sampath	Published by - Penguin Random House India. The book covers the life story of Veer Savarkar(Vinayak Damodar Savarkar), one of the most contentious and iconoclastic political thinkers from 1924 to his death in 1966.
"India and Asian Geopolitics: The Past, Present"	Shivshankar Menon	Published by - Brookings Institution. The book talks about the changes in Independent India's foreign policy choices throughout its history and maps its present-day challenges.
'Sach Kahun Toh'	Neena Gupta	Published by - Penguin Random House India
"Buddha in Gandhara"	Sunita Dwivedi	Published by - Rupa Publications. It is a Travelogue about the journey through the cities that once dotted the highroad connecting India with Central Asia and China.
'Sikkim: A History of Intrigue and Alliance'	Preet Mohan Singh Malik	Published by - HarperCollins India The book's objective is to clarify the strategic issues behind India's decision to accept Sikkim's demand to be merged with India.
"Klara and the Sun Novel"	Kazuo Ishiguro	Published by - Penguin Random house. Author was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature in 2017 & also won the Man Booker prize in 1989 for his novel 'The Remains of the Day'.
"Elephant In The Womb"	Actress Kalki Koechlin	Published by - the Penguin Random House. India(PRHI).
"All Time Favourites for Children"	Ruskin Bond	Published by - Puffin, children's imprint of Penguin Random House. Author was awarded the Padma Shri in 1999 and the Padma Bhushan in 2014 for his contribution to the field of literature.
"1971: The Beginning of India's Cricketing Greatness"	Boria Majumdar and Gautam Bhattacharya	Published by - HarperCollins
"Elephant"	Paul Pickering	Published by - Salt Publishing .This book is about the love story between Natasha and the man in Paris and it explores the interface between fact and fiction.
"The Bench"	Meghan Markle, The Duchess of Sussex	Published by - Random House Children's Books.It is a children book that narrates the bond between a father and son through the mothers perspective.
"Climate Change Explained – For One and All"	Aakash Ranison	The book features a collection of data and information about climate change.

APRIL 2021

The Living Mountain: A Fable for Our Times	Amitav Ghosh	It will be Published by Harper Collins India.The Book is written in the Structure of a fable about Mahaparbat,the living mountain.
The Christmas Pig	JK Rowling, the British author	'The Christmas Pig' is a standalone book and it is aimed at kids aged 8 years and above. The book is illustrated by Jim Field.JK Rowling is well known for the Harry potter fantasy series
Being Gandhi	Paro Anand	The book was published by HarperCollins Children's Books. Paro's story captures the growing relevance of Gandhi's philosophy and the

		need to rethink it over the course of a decade and with the plagues of social and political division.
Suresh Raina penned his Memoir 'Believe — What Life and Cricket Taught Me'	Suresh Raina and Bharat Sundaresan	The book will be published by Penguin Random House. The Book is all about the Suresh Raina, it describes about his life, challenges he faced as a young cricketer.
4 books based on Baba Saheb Bhimrao Ambedkar's life Dr Ambedkar Jivan Darshan, Dr Ambedkar Vyakti Darshan, Dr Ambedkar Rashtra Darshan, and Dr Ambedkar Aayam Darshan.	Kishor Makwana	Prime Minister Narendra Modi released 4 books based on Baba Saheb Bhimrao Ambedkar's life
'India's Power Elite: Class, Caste and a Cultural Revolution'	Sanjaya Baru	The book discusses the socio-cultural changes that happened in India after the 2014 General Elections.
"Exam Warriors" (Revised and Updated Edition)	PM Narendra Modi	Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi was released with many new mantras & range of engaging activities for students as well as parents.
Suparipalana	Dr Shailendra Kumar Joshi (SK Joshi)	M. Venkaiah Naidu, Vice President of India released the book.
Agriculture in India: Contemporary Challenges – in the Context of Doubling Farmers Income	Dr. Mohan Kanda, former Chief Secretary (CS) of Andhra Pradesh (AP)	The book is published by BSP Books Private Limited. M. Venkaiah Naidu, Vice President of India released the book
MARCH 2021		
"Indians: A Brief History of a Civilization"	Namit Arora	The book is published by India Viking, an imprint of Penguin Random House.
"My Experiments With Silence"	Bollywood Actor Samir Soni	The book is set to be published by OM Books International and is set to be released by late 2021.
Bringing Governments and People Closer	Dr M Ramachandran.	On the World Happiness Day, 20th March 2021, Vice President of India M. Venkaiah Naidu virtually launched the book. This is the 10th book authored by retired IAS officer Dr M Ramachandran.
My Life in Full: Work, Family and Our Future	Indra Nooyi	She is a Padma Bhushan awardee. She was the former CEO of PepsiCo.
"The Frontier Gandhi: My Life and Struggle"-autobiography of Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan	The book was translated into English by Imtiaz Ahmad Sahibzada.	The foreword of the book is written by historian Rajmohan Gandhi, Grandson of Gandhi and The book was originally written in Pashto and published in 1983.
"Joe Biden: American Dreamer"	Evan Osnos	About the book - Portrays President Joseph R. Biden 's 50-year political career and became the President. Published by - Bloomsbury Publishing
"The Mystery of the Parsee Lawyer: Arthur Conan Doyle, George Edalji and the Case of the Foreigner in the English Village"	Shrabani Basu	About the book - Mystery case of George Edalji in the village of Great Wyrley in the early 20th Century which became first investigation on real-life by Arthur Conan Doyle, the creator of Sherlock Holmes. Published by - Bloomsbury Publishing
"Advantage India: The Story of Indian Tennis"	Anindya Dutta	About the book - a well-researched account of the journey of Indian Tennis. Published by - Westland publications.

FEBRUARY 2021

Rashtra Pratham – 82 varshon ki Swarnim Gatha (Nation First – The Golden Story of 82 Years)	Compiled by historian Dr Bhuwan Kumar Jha	Amit Shah, Home Minister of India released a book
Indian Economy's Greatest Crisis: Impact of Coronavirus and the Road Ahead'	Arun Kumar	Published by Penguin Random House.
Fractured Mosaic	Sabarna Roy	It is a sequel to his 5th literary work, titled: Random Subterranean Mosaic: 2012 – 2018 Time Frozen in Myriad Thoughts .
Sarasvati's Gift	Kavita Kane	The book is the story of Sarasvati, the goddess of Art, Music and Knowledge told in the perspective of nameless celestials, powerful gods and mortals. The book will be published by Ebury Publishing and Vintage of Penguin Random House India.
'ASOCA: A Sutra', a memoir of Ashoka The Great	Irwin Allan Sealy	book is to be published by Penguin Random House's Viking imprint and will be released in July 2021.
TipaneKashmirchi (Notes on Kashmir), untold stories	Arun Karmarkar	Manoj Sinha, Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir released the book.The book features the researched facts about Jammu and Kashmir.
Trust Exercise: A Novel	Susan Choi	It was the winner of the 70th annual National Book Award 2019 for fiction. The book was published by Henry Holt and Co.
Kamala's Way: An American Life	Dan Morain	The book is a biography of Kamala Harris, the first woman vice president of the United States of America and published by Simon & Schuster.
Turn Around India: 2020 – Surmounting Past Legacy	RP Gupta	Jual Oram, Member of Parliament and the chairman of the standing committee on defence released the book.
Beautiful Things	Hunter Biden, son of President Joe Biden	The book is published by Gallery Books, an imprint of Simon & Schuster.The book focuses on the life of Hunter Biden's struggle with substance abuse.The book was published by Himalaya Publishing House.
By Many a Happy Accident: Recollections of a Life'	Mohammad Hamid Ansari	The book is published by Rupa Publications.It describes the unplanned happenings that took place in the life of M. Hamid that changed his way from his deferred fancy for academia to professional diplomacy
Platform Scale: For A Post-Pandemic World	Sangeet Paul Choudary	The book has been published by Penguin Random House India.The first edition of 'Platform Scale' was published in 2015.
The Little Book of Encouragement	14th Dalai Lama and edited by Renuka Singh	is published by Penguin Random House and is set to be released.
Whereabouts	Jhumpa Lahiri	The book is published by Penguin Random House India is about a woman protagonist and her journey through life.
'1857 – The Sword of Mastaan'	Vineet Bajpai	It is published by Delhi-based publishing house, TreeShade Books.It is part two of the Mastaan Trilogy. The first part of the trilogy, Mastaan – The Fallen Patriot of Delhi.

JANUARY 2021

The Law of Emergency Powers: Comparative Common Law Perspectives	Dr. Abhishek Singhvi and Prof. Khagesh Gautam	The book was Published by Springer Publications
India 2030: The Rise of a Rajasic Nation	Gautam Chikermane,	describes about the likes of 20 forecasts by 20 thought leaders from India based on 20 themes. The book was published by Penguin eBury Press.
Ten Lessons for a Post-Pandemic World	Fareed Zakaria	The book published by Penguin book speaks about the nature of the post pandemic world and the social, political, technological and economical effects that may take years to develop.
Flying Blind: India's Quest for Global Leadership	Mohamed Zeeshan	The book is published by Penguin Random House. Book tries to explain why the ordinary Indian citizen should care about foreign policy and how a more proactive foreign policy can deliver economic growth at home.
A textbook of Urban Planning and Geography	Dr. Sameer Sharma	Vice President of India virtually released the book. The book is published by PHI Learning Private Limited. The book bridges the gap between the urban geography and urban planning ideas of the west and the experiences of the Indian cities. lished by PHI Learning Private Limited.
The Population Myth: Islam, Family Planning and Politics in India'	Dr. S Y Quraishi	This book looks into the questions about the politicisation of demographics in India based on the standard research of SY Quraishi. The book is published by HarperCollins India.
Abdul Kalam- Ninaivugalukku Maranamillai' (im mortal memories)	Dr APJM Nazema Maraikayar, managing trustee, Abdul Kalam International Foundation (AIKF) and space scientist, Dr Y.S. Rajan.	M Venkaiah Naidu, Vice President of India released this tamil book. It is a biography of late former President, Dr A. P. J. Abdul Kalam.
'Manohar Parrikar- Off the Record'	Waman Subha Prabhu	Pramod Sawant, Chief Minister of Goa released a book. The book is a collection of memories of the author who was with late Manohar Gopalkrishna Prabhu Parrikar, former CM of Goa during the journey of his life.
CollabCAD 3D modelling 1.0	--	National Informatics Centre (NIC), Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) and Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), Ministry of Education (MoE) along with Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI (National Institution for Transforming India) Aayog
Unscripted: Conversations on Life and Cinema	Vidhu Vinod Chopra and Abhijat Joshi	Penguin eBury Press' is the publisher of the book. book gives a glance into the mind, method and madness of Vidhu Vinod Chopra, one of contemporary Hindi cinema's best filmmakers.
Gazing Eastwards: Of Buddhist Monks and Revolutionaries in China, 1957	Romila Thapar	The book is published by Seagull Books London Ltd. Author declined the Padma Bhushan award in 1992 and 2005.
Making of a General – A Himalayan Echo'	(Redt) Lt. Gen. Kansom Himalay Singh	It is published by Konark Publishers Pvt Ltd.
India's 71-Year Test: The Journey to Triumph in Australia	R Kaushik, Senior Cricket Journalist.	Ravi Shastri, Former Indian all-rounder and current head coach of Indian Cricket team

		released a book .The book is a Bradman Museum initiative and published by Churchill Press.
Right Under Your Nose	R Giridharan	The book is published by Rupa Publications India Pvt Ltd.

OBITUARY

NATIONAL

Name of the person who passed away	Field	Birth Place	Points to be noted
SEPTEMBER 2021			
Buddhadeb Guha	Writer	West Bengal	Guha is well known for his novel 'Madhukari' which is considered as one of the milestones in Bengali literature.
Bhabani Roy	Football player	West Bengal	Roy joined Mohun Bagan in 1966 and played for the club till 1972.He made his international debut in the Merdeka Cup in 1969 and represented Indian national team in three matches.
Oscar Fernandes	Politician	Karnataka	He has served as the Union Cabinet Minister for Transport, Road and Highways during the time of 2013-14. He was elected as the Member of Parliament (MP) in Lok Sabha from Udupi constituency during 1980-1996 and MP of Rajya Sabha during 1998-2021 from Karnataka constituency.
AUGUST 2021			
Padma Sachdev	Writer	Maharashtra	The 1 st Modern woman poet of Dogri language and Padma Shri awardee authored many books in Dogri and Hindi.She also won the Sahitya Akademi Award in 1971 for her anthology of poems - 'Meri Kavita Mere Geet'.
Bonbehari Vishnu Nimbkar (B V Nimbkar)	Agricultural Scientist	Goa	Nimbkar was the founder of Nimbkar Agricultural Research Institute (NARI) is an NGO and a non-profit research and development institute in Maharashtra He was awarded with Padma Shri Award in 2006
Kalyan Singh	Politician	Uttar Pradesh	Kalyan Singh served as Governor of Himachal Pradesh, Governor of Rajasthan(2014-19).He served as the Chief Minister of UP for 2 terms, i.e.,1991-92 & 1997-99.
Othayothu Madhavan(O M Nambiar	Coach	Kerala	He was also the coach of PT Usha.He was one of the first Dronacharya Award Winners and Padma Shri awardee of the year 2021
Shankar Subramaniam Narayan	Footballer	Kerala	Narayan was a part of Indian team that finished 2nd in the 1964 AFC Asian Cup and the 1958 Asian Games.He represented India in the Melbourne 1956

			Summer Olympics and Rome 1960 Summer Olympics as Indian football team's Goalkeeper.
JULY 2021			
Dilip Kumar	Bollywood Actor	Maharashtra	He has starred in more than 65 films. He was honoured him with the Padma Bhushan in 1991 and Padma Vibhushan in 2015.
Surekha Sikri	Actress	New Delhi	3-time national Award winner was well known for her role in Badhaai Ho, starring Ayushmann Khurrana.
Keshav Datt	Hockey Palyer	Lahore	He was part of the 1948 London Olympics Gold medal winning Indian Hockey team and later as Vice-Captain Indian team that won Gold in 1952 Helsinki Olympics. In 2019, Mohun Bagan conferred him with the Mohun Bagan Ratna award.
Virbhadra Singh	Politics	Punjab	Former Chief Minister(CM) of Himachal Pradesh Singh was popularly known by the honorific 'Raja Sahib'.
Panniyampalli Krishnankutty Warriar (PK Warriar)	Ayurvedic physician	Kerala	He was a well-known ayurvedic physician who has contributed to popularising Ayurveda medicine.
Yashpal Sharma	Sports (Cricket)		He represented India in the 1983 ICC World winning Cricket team. He represented India in 37 Test matches and 42 One-Day Internationals (ODI).
Danish Siddiqui	Photojournalist	New Delhi	He has covered the war in Iraq, the Hong Kong pro-democracy protests of 2019-2020, the deadly earthquakes in Nepal in 2015, the Mass Games in North Korea and the living conditions of asylum seekers in Switzerland.
Nandu Natekar	Sports	Maharashtra	He was the 1st Indian Badminton Player to win an International event, when he won the Selangor International title held at Malaysia in 1956. He was one of the 1st sportsmen to receive the Arjuna Award, when they were introduced in 1961.
JUNE 2021			
Buddhadeb Dasgupta	Bengali film director	West Bengal	He won National Film Award – for Best Feature Film 5 times in his career.
Professor Radha Mohan	Environment	Odisha	Along with his daughter Sabarmatee, he had formed a social organisation to create awareness among farmers on sustainable organic farming.
Dr Ashok Panagariya	Neurologist	Jaipur,Rajasthan.	Panagariya was the first Indian doctor to become Doctor of Medicine in Neurology.
Surat Singh Mathur	Sports	New Delhi	Mathur, the first athlete from Independent India to complete the Olympic marathon race, at the 1952 Helsinki Games.
JUNE 2021			

Milkha Singh	Sports	Pakistan	Indian Sprinter Singh is popularly known as 'Flying Sikh' in the athletic field.
Nirmal Kaur	Sports	Punjab	Former Indian women volleyball team captain Kaur who is the wife of sprint legend Milkha Singh.
MAY 2021			
Srikumar Banerjee	Former chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC)	--	Srikumar Banerjee was awarded Padma Shri in 2005 for his service in the field of science. He also won the Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Award in 1989.
Om Prakash Bhardwaj(O P Bhardwaj)	Boxing	--	In 1985, O P Bhardwaj became India's first Dronacharya Awardee, India's highest award in the field of coaching of sports and athletics.
Jagannath Pahadia	Former Rajasthan Chief Minister(CM)	Bhusawar, Rajasthan	He was the first Dalit chief minister of the Rajasthan and He was also a former Governor of Haryana and Bihar.
Ki. Rajanarayanan	Tamil writer, novelist	Kovilpatti,TamilNadu	Ki. Rajanarayanan was honored with Sahitya Academy award in 1991 for his novel 'Gopalla Purathu Makkal'.
Dr.Krishan Kumar Aggarwal(KK Aggarwal)	Former National President of the Indian Medical Association(IMA)	New Delhi	In 2010, the Government of India honoured Dr.KK Aggarwal with the Padma Shri, India's fourth-highest civilian award, for his contributions to the field of medicine.
Raghunandan Lal Bhatia(R L Bhatia)	Senior Congress leader and former Governor of Kerala, Bihar	Amritsar, Punjab.	R L Bhatia was elected as Member of Parliament (MP), six times from Amritsar parliamentary constituency. He had also served as the governor of Kerala from 2004 to 2008 and the governor of Bihar from 2008 to 2009.
Prof. Mudumbai Seshachalu Narasimhan(MS Narasimhan)	Mathematician	Thandarai, Madras Presidency, British India (now Tamil Nadu).	He was the only Indian to receive the King Faisal International Prize in Science. He received Padma Bhushan(Science and Engineering) – 1990
Indu Jain	Chairperson of Times Group	Faizabad, United Provinces, British India (present Uttar Pradesh).	Padma Bhushan in 2016 for Trade and Industry.
Vanraj Bhatia	Famous music composer	Mumbai,Maharashtra	He won Padma Shri award in 2012 for his contribution towards Indian Cinema.
Gutha Muniratnam	Social Activist	Tiruvallur,Andhra Pradesh	Gutha Muniratnam was honored by the Government of India, in 2012, with the fourth highest Indian civilian award of Padma Shri for his contribution towards social service.
Jagmohan Malhotra	Former Union Minister, Padma Awardee and Jammu and Kashmir(J&K) governor	Punjab (British India)	He was honoured with the Padma Shri in 1971, Padma Bhushan in 1977 and Padma Vibhushan in 2016 for his contributions in different spheres as a public servant.

Soli Sorabjee	Former attorney general	Mumbai, Maharashtra	Soli Sorabjee was designated Senior Advocate of the Bombay High Court in 1971. He was honored with the Padma Vibhushan award, the second-highest civilian award in India in 2002 for his defence of freedom of speech and the protection of human rights.
Manas Bihari Verma	Aeronautical scientist	Darbhanga, Bihar	He was born on 29th July 1943 in Darbhanga, Bihar and worked as a scientist at the Defence Research Development Organization (DRDO) in the aeronautical stream for around 35 years.

APRIL 2021

MaidavoluNarasimham	Former 13 th Reserve Bank of India(RBI) Governor	Guntur,Andhra Pradesh	M Narasimham was popularly known as The Father of Banking sector reforms in India for his contribution to the Indian banking and financial sector.He was honoured with Padma Vibhushan award in the year 2000
Bachi Singh Rawat	Former Union Minister	Almora,Uttarakhand	He belongs to Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).He was elected as Member of Parliament (MP) from the Almora for four times.
Bhumidhar Barman	Former Chief Minister(CM) of Assam	Nalbari,Assam	Bhumidhar Barman had served as CM of Assam twice.He belonged to Indian National Congress(INC).
Vivekh	Film Actor	Thoothukudi,Tamilnadu	He was awarded Padma shri in 2009 for his contribution to the film industry.He had launched a Project Green Kalam ,under the mentorship of former Indian President A.P.J.Abdul Kalam.
Dr.KakarlaSubba Rao	radiologist	Krishna, Andhra Pradesh.	He was awarded Padma Shri in the year 2000 for his contributions to the field of medicine.
Balbir Singh Junior	Former Indian Hockey Player	Jalandhar, Punjab	He was a member of the Indian Hockey team which won silver medal at the 1958 Asian games.He is popularly considered as the nursery of Hockey players in India.
Fatima Rafiq Zakaria	educationist and journalist	Mumbai,Maharashtra	She was honoured with Padma Shri in 2006 for her contribution to Literature and Education. She was also the recipient of the Sarojini Naidu Integration Award for Journalism 1983.

MARCH 2021

Dilip Kumar Mansukhlal Gandhi	Ministry of Shipping	Pune, Maharashtra.	He was a former Union Minister and Bharatiya Janata Party(BJP) leader
Laxman Pai	Art/Painting	Goa	He received the third highest civilian honour of Padma Bhushan award in 2018.

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Shri Vishnu Narayanan Namboothiri	Malayalam Poet	Iringolil, Thiruvalla in Pathanamthitta district of Kerala.	He was honoured with Padma Shri for Literature and education in 2014.
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Mandagadde Rama Jois	Justice , former governor of Bihar and Jharkhand	Shimoga, Karnataka	M Rama Jois served as the Chief Justice of Punjab & Haryana High Court.He passed away at the age of 89 in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
Captain Satish Sharma	Congress leader and the former Member of Parliament	Secunderabad, Andhra Pradesh	Captain Satish Sharma was a professional commercial pilot with Air India.He served as the Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas from 1993 to 1996 under the premiership of Narasimha Rao.
Bansi Kaul	theatre director and the founder of Rang Vidushak	Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir.	He received the Padma Shri, India's 4th highest civilian award in 2014 for Arts.

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Dr V Shanta	Indian oncologist and chairman of Cancer Institute (WIA), Adyar,	Mylapore, Chennai	She is the recipient of Padma Shri, Padma Bhushan and Padma Vibushan. She was born on 11th March 1927, at Mylapore, Chennai.
Ustad Ghulam Mustafa Khan	Indian classical vocalist and musician	Badaun in Uttar Pradesh	He passed away in Mumbai, Maharashtra. He was a renowned vocalist and musician of Rampur-Sahaswan Gharana of Hindustani classical music.
Prakash Rao	Social Worker	Cuttack, Odisha	A Tea Seller, D Prakash Rao was conferred with Padma Shri in 2019 to recognize his contribution towards boosting the value of education among slum & orphan kids in Cuttack.
TurlapatiKutumba Rao	Telugu Journalist	Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh(AP)	He is the 1st journalist from AP to receive Padma Shri in 2002. He won the award for Literature and education.

INTERNATIONAL

Name of the person who passed away	Field	Birth Place	Points to be noted
SEPTEMBER 2021			
Yuriy Sedykh	track and field athlete	Ukraine	He set the world record for the hammer throw with a throw of 86.74 metres at the European Championships in Stuttgart in 1986 which is still not broken.
AUGUST 2021			
Gerd Mueller	Footballer	Germany	Nicknamed "Bomber der Nation", has represented West Germany and scored around 68 goals in 62 International matches and has won the World Cup in 1974.
JULY 2021			
Richard Donald Schwartzberg	Hollywood Director	USA	He was the creator of multiple blockbuster movies from various genres including Thriller, Comedy & Adventure movie was also the creator of the 1st 'Superman' movie.
Jovenel Moïse	Politics	Haiti	President of the Republic of Haiti was assassinated on 7th July 2021 at his

			private residence at Pèlerin 5, Port-au-Prince, Haiti
Mamnoon Hussain	Former President of Pakistan	Pakistan	Mamnoon Hussain served as the 12th President of Pakistan from 2013 to 2018.
Steven Weinberg	Scientists	USA	Steven Weinberg won the 1979 Nobel Prize in Physics with Sheldon Lee Glashow and Abdus Salam "for his contribution to the theory of the unified weak and electromagnetic interaction between elementary particles, including, inter alia, the prediction of the weak neutral current.
JUNE 2021			
Anerood Jugnauth	Former President and Prime Minister of Mauritius	Palma, British Mauritius.	He was honoured with Padma Vibhushan in 2020 by the Government of India
Kenneth David Kaunda	Zambia's founding president and liberation hero	Zambia	Kenneth Kaunda popularly known as "KK" was the 1 st President of Zambia and also ruled Zambia for 27 years.
Benigno Aquino III	Former Philippine President	Manila, Philippines.	Benigno Aquino III served as the 15th president of the Philippines from 2010 to 2016
MAY 2021			
Poul Schlüter	Former Denmark's prime minister	Tønder, Denmark	Poul Schlüter was the longest-serving Danish prime minister for over a decade from 1982 to 1993, since World War II.
Yuan Longping	Chinese agricultural scientist	Beijing, Republic of China	He also known as the "father of hybrid rice". Yuan Longping was known for developing the first hybrid rice varieties in the 1970s.
APRIL 2021			
Idriss Deby Itno	Chad's President	Berdoba, Chad	He was re-elected as the President for the 6 th term.
Britain's Prince Philip	Duke of Edinburgh, husband of Queen Elizabeth II	Prince of Greece and Denmark, Greece	He renounced his Greek title and became a British citizen and took his mother's anglicised name, Mountbatten.
Isamu Akasaki	Inventor	Kagoshima Prefecture, Japan	He won the 2014 Nobel prize for the invention of the world's first efficient blue LED (Light Emitting Diode)
Didier Ratsiraka	Madagascar's Former president	Vatomandry, Madagascar	He also nicknamed "Red Admiral"
MARCH 2021			
Moudud Ahmed	former Prime Minister of Bangladesh	Noakhali district in Bangladesh.	one of the founding member of Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), Barrister Moudud Ahmed, passed away at the age of 80 in Singapore.
John Pombe Magufuli	President of Tanzania	Chato, Tanzania	Due to his sudden demise, Samia Hassan Suluhu, the first female Vice President of Tanzania is set to become the First Female President of Tanzania.
Hamed Bakayoko	Prime Minister (PM)	Abidjan, Ivory Coast.	Prime Minister (PM) of Ivory Coast and Minister of Defence passed away at the

			age of 56 in a hospital in Germany due to cancer.
FEBRUARY 2021			
Michael Somare	Former Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea	New Guinea	first Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea (PNG) and is popularly known as the “Father of the nation(PNG)” and he is also referred to as the Chief by the people of PNG.
Carlos Menem	former president of Argentina	Anillaco, Argentina	He was elected as the 44th President of Argentina and served from 1989 to 1999. With the Peronist coalition “Front of All” Carlos was re-elected as the senator for a term which ends in 2023.
Ezra Moseley	West Indies cricketer and fast bowler	Barbados	the current coach of the Barbados Women’s team passed away at the age of 63 in Barbados after a road accident. He was born on 5th January 1958 in Barbados.
Leon Spinks	heavyweight champion and Boxer	St. Louis, Missouri, USA.	He won the bronze at the 1974 world championship, silver in the 1975 Pan American Games. ii. He won the gold medal in the light heavyweight at the 1976 Olympics in Montreal against Sixto Soria.
Christopher Plummer	Actor	Ontario, Canada	Canadian Actor Christopher Plummer, the star of “The Sound of Music” and the oldest person to win the Oscar Award passed away at the age of 91 at his residence in Connecticut, United States of America.
JANUARY 2021			
Cloris Leachman	American actress and comedienne	Des Moines, Iowa, U.S.	she released her autobiography titled, “Cloris-My Autobiography”.
Neil’ Sheehan	American journalist and Pulitzer	Massachusetts, US.	He gained popularity when he obtained Pentagon Papers for New York Times and became the first to do so.
Modibo Keita	former Prime Minister of Mali	Koulikoro, French Sudan(now Mali).	Modibo Keita served as the PM of Mali on 2 occasions. Capital- Bamako Currency- West African CFA(CommunauteFinanciereAfricaine) franc

IMPORTANT DAYS

Observed date/week	Day	Other information
SEPTEMBER 2021		
September 1-30, 2021	Poshan Maah	It was organized by Union Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD) .The weekly theme for the activities to be taken up are, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> September 1 to 7 – Plantation Activity as “PoshanVatika” September 8 to 15 – Yoga and AYUSH for Nutrition

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> September 16 to 23 – Distribution of ‘Regional Nutrition Kit’ to Anganwadi beneficiaries of High Burden Districts. September 24 to 30 – Identification of children with SAM and distribution of nutritious food.
September 1-7, 2021	National Nutrition Week (NNW)	Theme: feeding smart right from start
September 2, 2021	World Coconut Day	Theme: Building a Safe Inclusive Resilient and Sustainable Coconut Community Amid COVID-19 Pandemic & Beyond
September 5, 2021	International Day of Charity	To commemorates the death anniversary of Nobel laureate Mother Teresa of Calcutta.
September 5, 2021	National Teachers Day	To commemorate the birth anniversary of the respected teacher and prolific statesman Bharat Ratna awardee Dr Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan.
September 6-12, 2021	Food Processing Week	As a part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebration to commemorate 75 years of India’s independence
September 7, 2021	International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies	Theme: Healthy Air, Healthy Planet”.
September 8, 2021	International Literacy Day	Theme: Literacy for a human-centred recovery: Narrowing the digital divide
September 9, 2021	International Day to Protect Education from Attack	To create awareness about the importance of preserving education and protecting it against attacks.
September 9, 2021	Telangana Language Day	To mark the birth anniversary of eminent Telangana poet, Padma Awardee Kaloji Narayana Rao.
September 9, 2021	Himalaya Diwas	To create awareness about the importance and significance of the Himalayas.
September 9, 2021	World EV Day	To mark the celebration of e-mobility.
September 10, 2021	World Suicide Prevention Day	Theme: Creating hope through action
September 11, 2021	National Forest Martyrs Day	To pay tribute to the people who laid down their lives to protect the environment, forests and wildlife across India.
September 11, 2021	World First Aid Day	2nd Saturday of September to promote and celebrate the importance of first aid in preventing injuries and saving lives in critical situations. The theme of World First Aid Day 2021 is “Be a hero at school and in your community”.
September 11, 2021	Mahakavi Day	M.K. Stalin, Chief Minister(CM) of Tamil Nadu(TN) announced that the 11th September of every year observed as the “Mahakavi Day”.
September 12, 2021	International Day for South-South Cooperation	To highlight the economic, social and political developments of the countries in the southern region.
September 14, 2021	National Hindi Diwas	To commemorate the adoption of Hindi in the Devanagari Script as one of the official languages of India. Hindi Pakhwada from 1st September 2021 to 15th September 2021 to encourage the use of practical Hindi among the officers and officials.
September 15, 2021	International Day of Democracy	To provide an opportunity to review the state of democracy across the globe.
September 15, 2021	National Engineers Day	To mark the birth anniversary of eminent Engineer, Bharat Ratna Sir Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya.
AUGUST 2021		
August 1-7, 2021	World Breastfeeding Week (WBW)	Theme: Protect Breastfeeding: A Shared Responsibility.

August 1, 2021	Muslim Women's Rights Day	To celebrate the enactment of the law against triple
August 1, 2021	World Lung Cancer Day	To create awareness about lung cancer, one of the most common forms of cancer across the globe and the preventive measure against lung cancer.
August 4, 2021	National Bone and Joints Day	Theme: Save Self and Save one
August 6, 2021	76th anniversary of Hiroshima Day	Aims to create awareness about the adverse effects of Nuclear power and nuclear weapons and to promote world peace.
August 7, 2021	National Handloom Day(NHD)	To create awareness about the handloom works in India
August 7, 2021	National Javelin Throw Day	The day will commemorate the feat of Indian athlete(javelin) Neeraj Chopra, who won the gold medal at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. He became the first Indian athlete in the country's independent history to win an athletics medal at the Olympics.
August 8, 2021	Quit India Movement Day	To commemorate the launch of the Quit India Movement on 8th August 1942
August 9, 2021	International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples	Theme: Leaving No One Behind: Indigenous peoples and the call for a new social contract
August 9, 2021	Nagasaki Day	To create awareness about the hazards of nuclear power and to promote world peace
August 10, 2021	World Biofuel Day	Theme: Biofuels for Sustainability and Rural Income
August 10, 2021	World Lion Day	To create awareness about the Lions(Panthera leo), and to educate people about the challenges faced in the conservation and protection of lions.
August 12, 2021	World Elephant Day	To create awareness about the dangers faced by Asian elephants (Elephas maximus) and African elephants (Loxodonta africana) and the threats to their survival.
August 12, 2021	International Youth Day	Theme: Transforming Food Systems: Youth Innovation for Human and Planetary Health".
August 13, 2021	World Organ Donation Day	To create awareness about the importance of organ donation .
August 13, 2021	International Left-Handers Day	To celebrate the <i>sinistrality</i> or left-handedness, the quality of having a more efficient left hand
August 14, 2021	World Prediabetes Day	To create awareness about Prediabetes and to reduce the increasing rate of diabetes.
August 14, 2021	Partition Horrors Remembrance Day	To acknowledge the difficulties faced by the Indians during the partition of India in 1947.
August 15, 2021	75th Independence Day of India	Theme: Nation First, Always First The government of India announced a new website for the celebration of the 75th Independence day: https://indianidc2021.mod.gov.in/ . The government of India unveiled the official logo of the 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' celebrating the 75 years of independence.
August 19, 2021	World Humanitarian Day(WHD)	To honour and recognise the efforts of Humanitarians across the globe on protecting and supporting the people in need
August 19, 2021	World Photography Day	To celebrate the art, craft, science and history of photography.
August 20, 2021	Sadbhavana Diwas	Birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.
August 20, 2021	World Mosquito Day	To commemorate the discovery of British doctor Sir Ronald Ross in 1897 that female mosquitoes transmit malaria between humans.

August 20, 2021	Akshay Urja Diwas or National Renewable Energy Day	To create awareness about the benefits of natural energies such as Biogas, Solar Energy, Wind Energy and Hydroelectric Power
August 21, 2021	World Senior Citizen's Day	To recognise and acknowledge the contribution of the elders to society and their inclusiveness in society
August 21, 2021	International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism	Theme : Connections The day also aims to promote and protect the human rights and fundamental freedom of the victims of terrorism.
August 21, 2021	World Entrepreneurs' Day	To create awareness about entrepreneurship, innovation and leadership among the stakeholders.
August 22, 2021	International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief	To commemorate the victims of the violence based on religion or belief.
August 22, 2021	World Sanskrit Day or Vishva-Sanskrita-dinam and Sanskrit Diwas	To create awareness, promote and revive Sanskrit, one of the ancient Indian languages. The Sanskrit Week 2021 is celebrated from 19th August to 25th August 2021
August 23, 2021	International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition	To remember the tragedy of the slave trade across the globe during colonial rule.
August 23-27, 2021	World Water Week(WWWeek)	Theme : "Building Resilience Faster".
August 29, 2021	National Sports Day	To commemorate the birth anniversary of Olympian and Indian Hockey legend, Major Dhyan Chand. Sports Minister Shri Anurag Singh Thakur launched the Fit India Mobile App
August 29, 2021	International Day against Nuclear Tests	To create awareness about the hazards of testing nuclear weapons
August 30, 2021	International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances	To create awareness about enforced or involuntary disappearance in various regions across the globe.
August 30, 2021	National Small Industry Day	To recognise the contribution of small-scale industry to the development of India
JULY 2021		
July 1, 2021	73 rd National Chartered Accountants'(CA) Day	To commemorate the establishment of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India(ICAI) by the Parliament under the Chartered Accountants Act, 1949.
July 1, 2021	International Fruit Day	The motto of the International Fruit Day was "Create Change Together" and the Fruit Of The Year 2021 is Watermelon.
July 1, 2021	National Doctors Day	To recognise the efforts and contributions of the doctor's community to society and the commitment of the doctors towards their profession.
July 1-7, 2021	Goods and Services Tax (GST) Day	The day marks the commemoration of the unprecedented reform of Indian taxation – Goods and Services Tax (GST).The day is observed by the Central Board of Indirect Tax and Customs(CBIC) across India.
July 1, 2021	Crop Insurance week 2021	Narendra Singh Tomar, Union Minister of MoA&FW launched the Crop Insurance Awareness Campaign for Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) during the Crop Insurance Week.The campaign is a part of the India@75 campaign 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav', celebrating the 75 years of India's Independence.
July 1, 2021	66th Foundation Day of SBI	--

July 2, 2021	World Sports Journalists Day	To recognise the efforts and devotion of the sports journalists across the globe.
July 3, 2021	International Plastic Bag Free Day	To create awareness about the issues of plastic pollution
July 3, 2021	International Day of Cooperatives (#CoopsDay)	It is observed annually on the First Saturday of July. Theme: 'Rebuild better together'.
July 6, 2021	World Zoonoses Day	To create awareness about zoonoses or zoonotic disease, a disease or infection transmitted from vertebrate animals to humans.
July 10, 2021	National Fish Farmers Day	The day is observed in memory of the Scientists – Dr K. H. Alikunhi and Dr Hiralal Chaudhuri – who successfully demonstrated the induced breeding in Indian Major Carps on 10th July 1957.
July 11, 2021	World Population Day	To create awareness about the urgency and importance of population issues
July 12, 2021	Malala Day	To mark the birthday of Malala Yousafzai, Pakistani activist for female education and the youngest-ever Nobel laureate.
July 15, 2021	World Youth Skills Day	Theme: Reimagining Youth Skills Post-Pandemic
July 17, 2021	Day of International Criminal Justice	To recognise the efforts of modern justice against international criminal acts and its role in bringing peace and security to the world.
July 18, 2021	Nelson Mandela International Day	Theme: is "One Hand Can Feed Another".
July 19, 2021	52 nd Bank Nationalisation Day	To commemorates the issuance of the Banking Companies (Acquisition and Transfer of Undertakings) Ordinance, 1969 on 19th July 1969, that nationalised 14 major banks in India with a deposit of more than Rs 50 crores each.
July 20, 2021	World Chess Day	The day focuses on the importance of chess in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals(SDG).
July 20, 2021	Space Exploration Day or Moon Day	To marks the anniversary of America's Apollo 11, the first manned mission to land on the Moon.
July 22, 2021	Pi Approximation Day	To honour the concept of pi, represented using the Greek alphabet – 'π'.
July 22, 2021	World Brain Day	Theme : Stop Multiple Sclerosis
July 23, 2021	National Broadcasting Day	To commemorate the first radio broadcast aired from the Indian Broadcasting Company(IBC) on 23rd July 1927
July 24, 2021	161st Income Tax Day or Aaykar Diwas	It was on July 24, 1860 that income tax was introduced in India by Sir James Wilson to compensate the British government for the losses incurred during the First War of Independence in 1857.
July 25, 2021	World In Vitro Fertilization (IVF) Day	To mark the birth of Louise Joy Brown, the World's first IVF baby, on 25th July 1978 in Manchester, England.
July 25, 2021	World Drowning Prevention Day	Theme: Anyone Can Drown, No One Should
July 26, 2021	22nd Anniversary of Kargil Vijay Diwas	The day marks the victory of India over Pakistan in the war fought from 3rd May to 26th July 1999 in Kargil, Jammu & Kashmir.
July 26, 2021	International Day for the Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystem	The day aims to create awareness on the importance of the mangroves in preserving ecosystems and

July 27, 2021	83rd Central Reserve Police Force Raising Day	The day recognises the valour and professionalism of the CRPF and recognises their contribution to securing the internal security of India and maintaining peace.
July 28, 2021	World Nature Conservation Day	To highlight the importance of nature and the environment. The day also creates awareness about the significant role of nature conservation in protecting the Earth.
July 28, 2021	World Hepatitis Day	Theme: "Hepatitis can't wait".
July 29, 2021	International Tiger Day	To spread awareness about the decreasing population of tigers and the importance of Tiger conservation and their natural habitats.
July 29, 2021	Earth Overshoot Day(EOD)	The day on which humanity's demand for ecological resources and services in the year exceeds the regeneration capacity of Earth in that year.
July 30, 2021	World Day Against Trafficking in Persons	Theme: Victims' Voices Lead the Way
JUNE 2021		
June 1, 2021	Global Day of Parents	Theme: Appreciate all parents throughout the world
June 1, 2021	World Milk Day	The theme of World Milk Day 2021 will focus on Sustainability in the dairy sector with messages around the environment, nutrition, and socio-economics.
June 2, 2021	International Sex Workers Day	To honours and recognises the exploited working conditions of sex workers.
June 3, 2021	World Bicycle Day	Theme: Uniqueness, versatility, and longevity of the bicycle as a simple, sustainable, economical, and reliable mode of transportation
June 4, 2021	International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression	To highlight the pain suffered by children across the world who are the victims of physical, mental, and emotional abuse.
June 5, 2021	World day Against Speciesism	To remind people that speciesism, like racism or sexism, has no place in a civilized society.
June 5, 2021	World Environment Day	World Environment Day 2021 is focused on ecosystem restoration and its theme is "Reimagine. Recreate.Restore."
June 6, 2021	24th BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation) Day	BIMSTEC member countries are Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Myanmar and Thailand. BIMSTEC has contributed to peace, stability and prosperity co-operation in the past 24 years.
June 7,2021	World Food Safety Day	Theme: Safe food today for a healthy tomorrow.
June 8,2021	World Oceans Day	Theme: The Ocean: Life and Livelihoods.
June 9,2021	World Accreditation Day(WAD)	Theme: Accreditation: Supporting the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
June 10,2021	International Level Crossing Awareness Day(ILCAD)	Theme: Distraction with the motto, "Distraction kills!".
June 12,2021	World Day Against Child Labour	Theme: Act now: end child labour UN declared 2021 as the International Year for the Elimination of Child Labour.
June 13,2021	International Albinism Awareness Day(IAAD)	Theme: Strength Beyond All Odds
June 14,2021	World Blood Donor Day	Theme : Give blood and keep the world beating The World Blood Donor Day 2021 is hosted by Italy
June 15,2021	Global Wind Day	To create awareness on the importance of Wind Energy and its contribution to the energy system.
June 15,2021	World Elder Abuse Awareness Day	Theme: Access to Justice

June 15,2021	ASEAN Dengue Day	Theme: ASEAN Unite Against Dengue Amidst the Pandemic
June 16,2021	International Day of Family Remittances(IDFR)	To recognise more than 200 million migrant workers across the globe who provide financial support to around 800 million family members
June 17,2021	World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought	Theme: Restoration.Land.Recovery: We build back better with healthy land
June 18,2021	Sustainable Gastronomy Day	To acknowledge gastronomy as a cultural expression related to the natural and cultural diversity of the world.
June 18,2021	Autistic Pride Day	To create awareness about Autism and to provide space for people with autism to celebrate their neurodiversity and difference.
June 19,2021	International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict	To create awareness about the needs to end the conflict-related sexual violence, to honour the victims and survivors of sexual violence around the world.
June 19,2021	World Sickle Cell Day	To raise awareness about the sickle cell disorders,
June 20,2021	World Refugee Day	Theme: Together we heal, learn and shine
June 21,2021	International Day of the Celebration of the Solstice	To create awareness about solstices and equinoxes
June 21,2021	World Hydrography Day	Theme: One Hundred Years Of International Cooperation In Hydrography
June 21,2021	International Day of Yoga	Theme:Yoga for well-being On the occasion of the 7th International Day of Yoga, PM Modi addressed the nation and launched the M-Yoga app in collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO). For the 1st time, India Post issued a special pictorial cancellation stamp to mark the 7th International Day of Yoga.
June 23,2021	International Widows' Day	To create awareness about the experiences of the widows and to provide the support they need.
June 23,2021	International Olympic Day	IOC has Launched the #StrongerTogether, a global campaign to celebrate the Olympic Heroes and highlight the message of hope and solidarity on Olympic Day.
June 23,2021	United Nations Public Service Day	Theme : Innovating the Future Public Service: New Government Models for a New Era to Reach the SDGs(Sustainable Development Goals)
June 25,2021	Day of the Seafarer	To create awareness and educate the public about the danger faced by seafarers during sea travel.
June 26,2021	International Day in Support of Victims of Torture	To create awareness about the sufferings of the victims of torture
June 26,2021	International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking	Theme: Share Facts On Drugs, Save Lives The 2021 World Drug Report was lunched ahead of the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, observed on June 26, 2021
June 27,2021	Micro-, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises Day (MSME Day)	Theme: MSME 2021: Key to an inclusive and sustainable recovery.
June 28,2021	National Insurance Awareness Day	To create awareness about the importance of insurance and to encourage people to review their insurance policies.

June 29,2021	International Day of the Tropics	To celebrate the diversity of the tropical region and to highlight the challenges and opportunities faced by the nations of the tropic.
June 29,2021	National Statistics Day	Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)-2: End Hunger, Achieve Food Security and Improved Nutrition and Promote Sustainable Agriculture
MAY 2021		
May 2,2021	World Tuna Day	The day aims to create awareness about the importance of Tuna and to promote sustainable fishing practices.
May 2,2021	World Laughter Day	The day is celebrated to raise awareness about laughter and its many healing benefits.
May 3,2021	World Press Freedom Day	The theme of World Press Freedom Day 2021 is "Information as a Public Good".
May 4,2021	Coal Miners Day	It aims to recognise the hard work of the professionals and the Miners working in the coalfields.
May 5,2021	International Day of the Midwife (IDM)	It aims to is annually celebrated across the globe on 5th May to recognise and celebrate the work of midwives across the world. The theme of the IDM 2021 is " Follow the data: Invest in Midwives ".
May 5,2021	World Portuguese Language Day	It is annually observed across the globe on 5th May to celebrate the Portuguese language and Lusophone cultures.
May 8,2021	World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day	It aims to celebrate and acknowledge the volunteers, members and staff who support the people in need.The theme of the World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day 2021 is "Together we are #unstoppable!".
May 8,2021	World Thalassemia Day	The day is celebrated to encourage the patients suffering from Thalassemia, to raise awareness amongst the general public and decision-makers about thalassaemia. Theme : "Addressing Health Inequalities Across the Global Thalassemia Community".
May 8,2021	World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD)	It is bi-annually observed across the world on the 2nd Saturday in May and in October. The day aims to create awareness about the importance of the conservation of migratory birds and their habitats.
May 8-9, 2021	Time of Remembrance and Reconciliation for Those Who Lost Their Lives during the Second World War 2021 – May 8-9	This day is aims to create to awareness about the misfortune of war and to pay tribute to all the victims of World War II(WWII). 2021 marks the 76th anniversary of the end of World War II.
May 10, 2021	1st International Day of Argania	It aims to recognise the importance of the Argan tree in achieving the 3 dimensions (Economic, Social and Environmental) of sustainable development at the local level.Starting from 2021 the International Day of Argania will be observed annually across the globe on 10th May.
May 11, 2021	National Technology Day	It aims to celebrate India's major advancement in the field of Science and Technology. The theme of National Technology Day 2021 is "Science and Technology for a Sustainable Future".
May 12, 2021	International Nurses Day (IND)	It celebrated across the globe on May 12 to highlight the importance of nurses in healthcare and to appreciate their work towards healthcare. The theme

		of IND 2021 is Nurses: A Voice to Lead – A vision for future healthcare.
May 15, 2021	International Day of Families	It aims to promote the awareness of the issues related to families and to educate the social, economic and demographic processes affecting families. The theme of 2021 is “Families and New Technologies”.
May 16, 2021	International Day of Living Together in Peace 2021	The day aims to celebrate the role of lights in science, culture and art, education and sustainable development, medicine, communications, and energy.
May 16, 2021	International Day of Light(IDL)	The day aims to promote peace, tolerance, inclusion, understanding and solidarity.and to support the desire to live and act together, united in differences and diversity, to build a sustainable world of peace, solidarity and harmony.
May 16, 2021	National Dengue Day	The day aims to create awareness about measures on dengue prevention and to control the spread of the vector-borne disease and to reaffirm nationwide efforts to tackle the scourge by using both education and medical intervention.
May 16, 2021	World Agri-Tourism Day	The day aims to educate the tourists on how agricultural activities are done in farms. The theme of the conference is – “Rural Women Sustainable Entrepreneurship Opportunities through Agri”
May 17-23, 2021	Global Road Safety Week (UNGRSW)	It is a biennial global road safety campaign hosted by the World Health Organisation (WHO). The day aims to create awareness of road safety and make changes that will reduce the number of road deaths. The theme of UN Global Road Safety Week 2021 is “Streets for Life #Love30”
May 17, 2021	World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (WTISD)	The day is to help raise awareness of the possibilities that the use of the Internet and other information and communication technologies (ICT) can bring to societies and economies, as well as of ways to bridge the digital divide. The theme of 2021 : Accelerating digital transformation in challenging times.
May 17, 2021	World Hypertension Day	The day aims to raise awareness about the symptoms of hypertension to prevent and control it. The theme for 2021: ‘Measure Your Blood Pressure Accurately, Control It, Live Longer’
May 18, 2021	World AIDS Vaccine Day	Aims to create awareness about the requirement of HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) vaccines to prevent HIV infection and AIDS.
May 18, 2021	International Museum Day 2021	Aims to create awareness on the importance of museums towards the development of society. The theme of 2021 is “The Future of Museums: Recover and Reimagine”.
May 20, 2021	World Bee Day	Aims to create awareness on the importance of bees and other pollinators and the threats faced by them and highlights their contribution towards sustainable development.
May 20, 2021	World Metrology Day (WMD)	Aims to celebrate the International system of Unit. The theme of 2021 is “Measurement for Health”.
May 21, 2021	Anti Terrorism Day	The day aims to wean away youth from terrorism and to highlight the suffering of the common public and its effect on the national interest. The day also marks the

		death anniversary of former prime minister Rajiv Gandhi.
May 22, 2021	International Day for Biological Diversity	The day aims to create awareness of biodiversity issues and provide a better understanding of the importance of biodiversity as a global asset of high value to the future generation. The theme 2021 is “We’re part of the solution”.
May 23, 2021	World Turtle Day	The day aims to support the people to celebrate and protect the tortoise and turtles and their habitats across the globe. The theme of 2021 is “Turtle Rocks!”
May 25, 2021	World Thyroid Day	The day aims to create awareness about the importance of Thyroid and educate about the prevention and treatment of Thyroid diseases.
May 25, 2021	International Missing Children’s Day(IMCD)	The day aims to create awareness about the issues of child abduction and educate the parents about the measures to protect and safeguard their children. ‘Forget me not flower’ is the official emblem of the International Missing Children’s Day.
May 25 to 31, 2021	International Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories	The week was first observed in 2000.
May 28,2021	International Day of Action for Women’s Health or International Women’s Health Day	The day aims to create awareness about the sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) movement across the globe. The theme of the International Day of Action for Women’s Health 2021 campaign is “Women’s Health Matters: Ending the Inequality Pandemic and Ensuring SRHR remains essential!”.
May 28,2021	World Hunger Day	The day aims to create awareness about the 815 million people across the globe who are living in chronic hunger. The theme of World Hunger Day 2021 is “Access Ends Hunger”.
May 29,2021	International Day of UN Peacekeepers	The aims to pay tribute to the uniformed and civilian personnel contribution towards the UN and to honour the peacekeepers who lost their lives in the line of service to the UN since 1948. The theme of the International Day of UN Peacekeepers 2021 is “The road to a lasting peace: Leveraging the power of youth for peace and security.”
May 29,2021	World Digestive Health Day(WDHD)	The day focuses on the digestive disease with an aim to increase general public awareness of prevention, prevalence, diagnosis, management and treatment of the disease. The theme of World Digestive Health Day 2021 is “Obesity: An Ongoing Pandemic”.
May 29,2021	International Everest Day	The day aims to mark the first summit of Mount Everest by Sir Edmund Hillary of New Zealand and Tenzing Norgay Sherpa of Nepal on 29th May 1953.
APRIL 2021		
April 2,2021	World Autism Awareness Day	To highlight the needs to improve the quality of the life of the people living with autism. The World Autism Awareness Day was first observed on 2nd April 2008.

April 2,2021	International Children's Book Day(ICBD)	To mark the birth anniversary of Danish Author Hans Christian Andersen, famous for his fairy tales for children. Theme of ICBD 2021 is "The Music of words"
April 4,2021	International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action 2021	to provide support to the mine action work, raise awareness about landmines and work toward its eradication.2021 highlights the importance of"Perseverance, Partnership, and Progress" in the mine sector.
April 5,2021	National Maritime Day	to create awareness about intercontinental commerce and the economy. 2021 marks the celebration of the 58th Edition of the National Maritime Day. Theme of 2021 is 'Sustainable Shipping beyond COVID-19'.
April 5,2021	International Day of Conscience	to promote peace and love throughout the globe in accordance with the culture and customs of local, national and regional communities through education and awareness-raising activities.
April 6,2021	International Day of Sport for Development and Peace 2021	To recognise the role of sports in communities and in individuals towards building resilience. The theme of 2021 is focused on – recovery from the pandemic
April 7,2021	World Health Day	To draw attention towards a specific health topic that concerns people across the globe to highlight the priority area of concern for the World Health Organisation(WHO). The theme of 2021 is "Building a Fairer, Healthier World".
April 7,2021	International Day Of Reflection On The 1994 Genocide Against The Tutsi In Rwanda 2021	To recognise the importance of combating impunity for all violations that constitute the crime of genocide.7th April 2021 marks the27th anniversary of the start of the genocide.
April 8,2021	International Romani Day or International Roma Day	to celebrate the culture and heritage of Romani and to raise awareness of the issues facing Roma people.
April 11,2021	World Parkinson's Day	to create awareness and raise the funds to support the people living with Parkinson's disease.
April 12,2021	International Day of Human Space Flight	to promote the aspirations to explore and maintain outer space for peaceful purposes.The day is commemorated to remember the first human space flight on 12th April 1961.
April 12,2021	International Day for Street Children	to acknowledge the strength and resilience of the street children across the globe. The 2021 theme of the campaign is "Access to Essential Services".
April 13,2021	102nd anniversary of the Jallianwala Bagh Massacre	3th April 2021 marks the 102nd anniversary of the Jallianwala Bagh Massacre, which took place on 13th April 1919 in a public garden (Jallianwala Bagh) in Amritsar, Punjab.
April 14,2021	National Fire Service Day	to commemorate the commitment and sacrifices of the 71 fire service personnels who died in the fire accident at freighter SS Fort Stikine at the Victoria Dock, Bombay Port on 14th April 1944. The theme of National Fire Service Day 2021 is "Maintenance of Fire Safety Equipment Is Key To Mitigate Fire Hazards".

April 14,2021	World Chagas Disease Day	to raise awareness about Chagas disease, a life-threatening illness caused by the protozoan parasite <i>Trypanosoma cruzi</i> (T. cruzi).
April 15,2021	World Art Day	International Association of Art (IAA/AIAP) a Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO), a partner of UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) celebrated the World Art Day on 15th April annually.
April 16,2021	World Voice Day	to celebrate the phenomenon of voice and to encourage the people across the globe to seek help to train their voices. Theme of 2021 & campaign is “One World Many Voices”.
April 17,2021	World Hemophilia Day	to create awareness about Hemophilia and other bleeding disorders. Theme of 2021 is “Adapting to change: sustaining care in a new world”.
April 18, 2021	International Day for Monuments and Sites	to preserve human heritage which has ancient importance and to recognise the endeavours of the organisations which are working for it. In many countries the day is celebrated as – World Heritage Day. Theme of 2021 is ‘Complex Pasts: Diverse Futures’.
April 19, 2021	World Liver Day	to create awareness about the importance of liver and liver related diseases. The day aims to inform the general public about liver infections and to provide timely treatment for the preventable illness.
April 21,2021	World Creativity and Innovation Day	to create awareness about the role of creativity and innovation in all the aspects of human development.
April 21,2021	National Civil Services Day	to acknowledge and appreciate the contribution of the civil servants towards ensuring the seamless functioning of the public administration.
April 22,2021	Earth Day or International Mother Earth Day 2021	to create awareness about the deteriorating environment, to protect the people’s livelihood and to stop the biodiversity decline. The theme of the Earth Day 2021 is “Restore Our Earth”.
April 24 to 31,2021	World Immunization Week	Annually across the globe in the last week of April to promote the use of vaccines to protect people against diseases. The theme of World Immunization Week 2021 is “Vaccines bring us closer”.
April 24,2021	International Day for Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace 2021	to promote the 3 pillars of the United Nations – Peace and Security; Development; and Human Rights.
April 24,2021	World Day for Laboratory Animals	The day is observed as a movement to end the suffering of the animals in laboratories across the globe and replace animal testing with advanced scientific non-animal techniques.
April 24,2021	World Veterinary Day	Annually observed across the globe on the last Saturday of April to promote animal health and welfare and to provide global leadership to veterinary professionals across the globe. The theme of World Veterinary Day 2021 is “The Veterinarian Response to the Covid-19 Crisis”.

April 25,2021	World Malaria Day	The day aims to educate and provide a better understanding of Malaria, a preventable and curable disease. The theme of World Malaria Day 2021 is “Reaching the zero malaria target”. As a part of the World Malaria Day 2021, Dr Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare(MoHFW) virtually chaired the “Reaching Zero” Forum on malaria elimination.
April 25,2021	World Penguin Day	It is annually observed across the globe on 25th April to create awareness about the challenges faced by the Penguins due to the overfishing in their ecosystem.
April 26,2021	International Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance Day	To mark the anniversary of the 1986 Chernobyl nuclear power plant disaster. ii.The day aims to create awareness about the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster and the risks of nuclear energy.
MARCH 2021		
March 1,2021	Zero Discrimination Day	to highlight the needs to take actions to end the inequalities based on income, sex, age, health status, occupation, disability, sexual orientation, drug use, gender identity race, class, ethnicity and religion.A butterfly” which is recognised as the sign of transformation is the symbol of Zero Discrimination.
March 1,2021	World Civil Defence Day	to honour and signify the importance of civil protection. Theme of 2021- “Strong Civil Protection To Preserve The National Economy”.
March 1,2021	Civil Accounts Day	Annually observed by the Indian Civil Accounts Service(ICAS)on 1st March since the inception of ICAS on 1st March 1976.
March 3,2021	World Wildlife Day	To celebrate the wild fauna and flora across the globe and to create awareness about conservation of wildlife. Theme of 2021- “Forests and Livelihoods: Sustaining People and Planet”.
March 3,2021	World Hearing Day	to raise awareness on how to prevent deafness and hearing loss. Theme of 2021 - “Hearing care for ALL! Screen. Rehabilitate. Communicate”.
March 4,2021	National Safety Day	to create awareness about the safety and hygienic measures Theme of 2021- “Learn from Disaster and Prepare for a Safer Future”.
March 4,2021	National Security Day	also known as the Rashtriya Suraksha Diwas to acknowledge and appreciate the works of the security forces of the country.
March 10,2021	Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) Raising Day	to commemorate the service and commitment of the personnels of CISF towards protecting the major installations and integrity of the nation.The 10th March 2021 marks the CISF’s 52nd Raising Day.
March 10,2021	National Gestational Diabetes Mellitus (GDM) Awareness Day	to create nationwide awareness about the connection between maternal health and diabetes.
March 11,2021	World Kidney Day	Observed across the globe on the 2nd Thursday of March.The theme of World kidney Day 2021 is “Kidney Health for Everyone Everywhere – Living Well with Kidney Disease”.
March 15,2021	World Consumer Rights Day	The theme of World Consumer Rights Day 2021 is “Tackling Plastic Pollution”.The world Consumer Rights

		day is coordinated by Consumers International. Celebrated to highlight the power of consumers and their rights for a fair, safe and sustainable marketplace for everyone.
March 18,2021	Global Recycling Day	to promote the importance of recycling across the globe. Theme of 2021 is “Recycling Heroes”.
March 18,2021	National Ordnance Factory Day	to mark the foundation of the first Ordnance Factory at Cossipore near Kolkata in 1801. The day is celebrated by the Indian Ordnance Factories, under the Ministry of Defence.
March 19,2021	World Sleep Day	is annually observed on the Friday before the Spring Vernal Equinox. The day is aimed to celebrate sleep and create awareness about the importance of sleep. The Slogan or theme of the 14th World Sleep Day is “Regular Sleep, Healthy Future”.
March 20,2021	International Day of Happiness	Theme of 2021 is “Keep Calm. Stay Wise. Be Kind”.
March 20,2021	World Oral Health Day	Theme of 2021 is “Be Proud of your Mouth” and this theme will be followed in 2022 and 2023.
March 20,2021	World Sparrow Day	Theme of 2021 is “I Love Sparrows”.
March 20,2021	World Frog Day	is annually observed across the globe on 20th March to create awareness and save the different species of tailless amphibians from being extinct.
March 20,2021	French Language Day	Theme of 2021 is “Francophone Women, Resilient Women”.
March 21,2021	International day of Forests	Theme of 2021 is “Forest restoration: a path to recovery and well-being”.
March 21,2021	International Day of Nowruz	to create awareness about Nowruz and to organise annual events to commemorate the festival of Nowruz.
March 21,2021	World Poetry Day	to recognize the poetry movements nationally as well as internationally.
March 21,2021	World Puppetry Day	to promote the puppetry arts, launched by UNIMA, a non-governmental organisation affiliated with UNESCO, in 2003.
March 21,2021	World Down Syndrome Day	#LotsOfSocks campaign – An online campaign was conducted. As an observance to the 3rd chromosome 21, the date 21/3 (21st March) is chosen as “World Down Syndrome day”.
March 21,2021	International Day for the elimination of Racial Discrimination	Theme of 2021 is “Youth standing up against racism”.
March 22,2021	World Water Day	Theme of 2021 is “Valuing water”. In India, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the “Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain” campaign over a virtual platform
March 23,2021	World Meteorological Day	Theme of 2021 is “The ocean, our climate and weather”.
March 23,2021	Shaheed Diwas or Martyr’s day	to honour the 3 young freedom fighters- Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev Thapar, and Shivaram Rajguru. 30th January, the death anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi is also observed as Martyr’s day.
March 24,2021	World Tuberculosis Day	Theme of 2021 – ‘The Clock is Ticking’
March 24,2021	International Day for the Right to the Truth Concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims	observed across the globe on 24th March to pay tribute to the memory of Monsignor Óscar Arnulfo Romero, who was murdered on 24th March 1980.

March 25,2021	International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade	Theme of 2021 is “Ending Slavery’s Legacy of Racism: A Global Imperative for Justice”.
March 31,2021	World Backup Day 2021	The day aims to create awareness about the importance of the role of data and regular backups.
FEBRUARY 2021		
February 1,2021	Indian Coast Guard Day	1st February 2021 marks the 45th Raising day of the Indian Coast Guard
February 2,2021	World Wetlands Day	2nd February 2021 marks the 25th World Wetlands Day. The theme of World Wetlands Day 2021 is “Wetlands and Water”.
February 4,2021	World Cancer Day	to create awareness and educate the general public about the stigma around cancer and to reduce the preventable deaths. The theme of the World Cancer Day for 2019 to 2021 is “I Am and I Will”. The theme of World Cancer Day 2021 is “I Am and I Will: “Together, all our actions matter”.
February 4,2021	First International Day of Human Fraternity	to raise awareness about different cultures and religions or beliefs and to promote cultural and religious tolerance, understanding.The theme of the International Day of Human Fraternity 2021 is “A Pathway to the Future”.
February 6,2021	International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation 2021	to heighten the efforts towards eliminating the process of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM). ii.The theme of International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation 2021: “No Time for Global Inaction, Unite, Fund, and Act to End Female Genital Mutilation”.
February 8,2021	International Epilepsy Day 2021	International Epilepsy Day is annually observed across the globe on the second Monday of February to create awareness about epilepsy and its treatment.The theme of the International Epilepsy Day 2021 is “Epilepsy is more than seizures”.
February 9,2021	Safer Internet Day 2021	Safer Internet Day 2021 observed on 9th February 2021 marks the 18th edition of Safer Internet Day and it is annually observed across the globe on the 2nd day of the 2nd week (i.e. 2nd Tuesday) of February to create awareness about the emerging new online issues and current issues.The theme of the 2021 Safer Internet Day is “Together for a better internet”.
February 10,2021	World Pulses Day	to celebrate the contribution of the pulses to the sustainable food system, healthy growth and environmental benefits.
February 10,2021	National Deworming Day	National Deworming Day (NDD) is a biannual event celebrated across India to create awareness about worm infection and to eradicate the intestinal worms which is also known as soil Transmitted Helminths(STH) in children aged 1 to 19.
February 11,2021	International Day of Women and Girls in Science	The theme of 2021 International Day of Women and Girls in Science is “Women Scientists at the forefront of the fight against COVID-19”. The day aims to address the gender gap in the field of science, technology, engineering and mathematics(STEM) at all levels across the globe.

February 11,2021	World Unani Day	observed across the globe on 11th February to create and spread awareness about health care delivery through the Unani system of medicine. The day marks the birth anniversary of Hakim Ajmal Khan, a great Unani scholar and social reformer.
February 13,2021	World Radio Day(WRD)	2021 marks the 10th edition of World Radio Day(WRD) and more than 110 year of radio.The theme of the world radio day 2021 is “New World, New Radio.”The UNESCO marks World Radio Day 2021 with 3 sub themes: Evolution, Innovation, Connection.
February 13,2021	National Women’s Day	celebrated across India on 13th February to honour Sarojini Naidu, the “nightingale of India”, on her birth anniversary.
February 15,2021	International Childhood Cancer Day	The year 2021 marks the 20th Commemoration of the International Childhood Cancer Day (ICCD) since it was created in 2002 by Childhood Cancer International (CCI).
February 20,2021	World Day of Social Justice	to promote and ensure Social justice in letter and spirit in the world where the social inequality persists.The theme of the 2021 World Day of Social Justice is “A Call for Social Justice in the Digital Economy”
February 21,2021	International Mother Language Day	Observed across the globe on 21st February to promote linguistic and cultural diversity and multilingualism. The theme of the 2021 International Mother Language Day is “Fostering multilingualism for inclusion in education and society”.
February 27.,2021	World NGO (Non-Governmental Organization) day	to create awareness about the importance of social work and to recognise and honour the contributions of the Social workers, NGO founders, employees, volunteers, members and supporters who are working towards the betterment of the society.
February 27.,2021	National Protein Day	to create and raise awareness about the importance and health benefits of Protein. Theme of 2021 is ‘Powering with Plant Protein’
February 28.,2021	National Science day	Annually observed across India on 28th February to commemorate the discovery of ‘Raman Effect’ by Indian Physicist Sir Chandrasekhara Venkata Raman(CV Raman). Theme of 2021 - “Future of Science and Technology and Innovation (STI): Impact on Education, Skills and Work”.
JANUARY 2021		
January 4,2021	World Braille Day	to promote and create awareness about the importance of Braille as a means of communication in the complete realization of the human rights of the visually impaired and partially sighted people and to mark the remembrance of Louis Braille
January 6, 2021	World Day of War Orphans	To raise awareness about the difficult situation of the children who have been orphaned due to war and the need to care for these children who live in traumatic conditions in war-torn areas.
January 9 2021	PravasiBharatiya Divas (PBD) 2021, & PBD Convention 2021 virtually in New Delhi,	to strengthen the participation of the overseas Indian community with the government of India and reconnect them with their roots.Theme of the 16th PBD Convention 2021- “Contributing to Aatmanirbhar Bharat”.

January 10, 2021	World Hindi Day(Vishwa Hindi Divas)	to promote Hindi language worldwide and to present Hindi as an international language. The then Prime Minister Manmohan Singh declared January 10 as World Hindi Day in 2006.
January 12, 2021	National Youth Day(Yuva Diwas)	to recognise and honour the teachings of Swami Vivekananda.This year(2021) marks the 158th birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda.
January 15, 2021	Indian Army Day	15th January 2021 marks the celebration of the 73rd Army Day by the Indian Army to honour the contribution and sacrifices of the Indian Soldiers who lost their lives in the line of duty towards the nation.
January 18, 2021 to February 17 2021	National Road Safety Month	Theme – “Sadak Suraksha- Jeevan Raksha”. Ministry of Road Transport and Highway(MoRTH) observes the first National Road Safety Month from 18th January 2021 to 17th February 2021, instead of the 32nd National Road Safety Week, to create and spread awareness about road safety and its importance in reducing the road accidents in India.
January 19,2021	National Disaster Response Force (NDRF)	2021 marks the celebration of 16th NDRF Raising Day.
January 23 2021	First Parakram Diwas or National Courage Day	The day honours and remembers the contributions of Netaji towards the nation.Ministry of Culture and Tourism published the gazette notification to annually observe the 23rd January as Parakram Diwas starting from 2021.
January 24,2021	International Day of Education	to celebrate the role of education for peace and development and theme of the 3rd International day of Education is “Recover and Revitalize Education for the COVID-19 Generation”.
January 24,2021	13th National Girl Child Day	to raise awareness about the rights of the girl child and importance of their education, health and nutrition. The year 2021 marks 13th National Girl Child Day.
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January 25 ,2021	11th National Voters Day	to spread awareness among the voters and to promote informed participation in the electoral process.The theme of the National Voters Day 2021 is “Making Our Voters Empowered, Vigilant, Safe and Informed”.
January 25 ,2021	National Tourism Day	to encourage tourism in India and to highlight the role of tourism in the economic development of the nation. The theme of National Tourism Day 2021 is “Dekho Apna Desh”.
January 26,2021	72nd Republic Day	On January 26, 2021 India celebrated its 72nd Republic Day. On this date, in 1950 the Constitution of India came into effect by replacing the Government of India Act (1935).This is the 1st time in 55 years that the Republic Day Celebrations took place without a Chief Guest.
January 26,2021	International Customs Day(ICD)	to recognise the contributions and roles of the customs officials and agencies in maintaining border security.The theme of the 2021 ICD is “Customs bolstering Recovery, Renewal and Resilience for a sustainable supply chain”
January 27,2021	International Day of Commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust	to commemorate the victims of the Tragedy of Holocaust during the World War II. The date marks the anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi Concentration

		and Extermination Camp of Auschwitz-Birkenau by Soviet troops on 27 January 1945. The theme of 2021 International Holocaust Remembrance Day is “Facing the Aftermath: Recovery and Reconstitution after the Holocaust”.
January 30,2021	2nd World Neglected Tropical Diseases Day	is annually observed across the globe on 30th January to highlight the global commitment to eliminate Neglected Tropical Diseases that has affected the most marginalized communities of the World.
January 30,2021	73rd Martyrs’ Day or Shaheed Diwas”	to pay respect to the martyrs who lost their lives during India’s freedom struggle. The day also to mark the death anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.
January 31,2021	World Leprosy Day	is annually observed across the globe on the last Sunday of January to create awareness about leprosy, also known as Hansen’s Disease. World Leprosy Day 2021 falls on 31st January 2021. iii. The theme of the 2021 World Leprosy day is “Beat Leprosy, End Stigma and Advocate. Annually, India celebrates the World Leprosy day on 30th January, the death anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi

Other News Related on Important Days

- Central Industrial Security Force observes 2020 as the ‘Year of Mobility’.
- World Health Organisation designated 2020 as International Year of the Nurse and Midwife.
- UN- declared the year 2020 as the International Year of Plant Health (IYPH) to raise the global awareness on how, protecting the plant health can help to end hunger, reduce poverty, protect the environment, and boost economic development.
- UNGA- declared the year 2021 as the International Year for the Elimination of Child Labour to eradicate forced labour and child labour across the world.
- UN has declared 2021 as the International Year of Creative Economy for Sustainable Development at the 74th session of the UN General Assembly.
- UN has adopted the Resolution on declaration of 2021 as International Year of Peace and Trust to strengthen the ideals of peace, both within and between countries.
- United Nations designates the year 2021 as the International Year of Fruits and Vegetables based on the request of Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).
- September to be Observed as “Nutrition month”.