



## Monthly Current Affair of February, 2021 in English

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**01-02-2021**

1. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has launched a mobile application named Union Budget Mobile App for hassle-free access of Budget documents by Members of Parliament and the general public using the simplest form of digital convenience.
2. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman presented the Union Budget for financial year 2021-22 on February 1.
3. Rajasthan has become the 5th State in the country to successfully undertake Urban Local Bodies (ULB).
4. The 'Beating Retreat' ceremony featured a special new composition 'Swarnim Vijay' to commemorate 50 years of victory in the 1971 war against Pakistan.
5. Infrastructure company Larsen & Toubro (L&T) has received an up to Rs 2,500-crore contract for Mumbai-Ahmedabad high speed rail corridor project.
6. Indian-American Congressman Dr Ami Bera has been re-elected as chairman of a key congressional subcommittee which plays a major role in the policies relating to Asia, Pacific, Central Asia and the non-proliferation.
7. Shaibal Gupta, the renowned economist and founder of the Asia Development Research Institute (ADRI), passed away in Patna. He was 67.
8. Nagaland Chief Secretary Temjen Toy died in Kohima. He was 57.
9. Vikram Solar has commissioned a 140 MW solar power project for state-run power giant NTPC at Bilhaur, Kanpur spread across 700 acres.
10. Minister of State (MoS) for Youth Affairs & Sports (I/C) and MoS, Minority Affairs Kiren Rijju gave away awards and prizes to participants of the Republic Day Parade 2021 in New Delhi.



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**02-02-2021**

1. Agreement for the financial support of the implementation of Strengthening Teaching-Learning and Results for States (STARS) project of Ministry of Education was signed between Department of Economic Affairs (DEA) and World Bank along with Ministry of Education.
2. State public sector undertaking Odisha Power Transmission Corporation Limited has signed an MoU with Indian Institute of Technology, Bhubaneswar for the establishment of OPTCL Chair in the premier engineering institute.
3. Happiest Minds Technologies Ltd will acquire US-based Pimcore Global Services for USD 8.25 million (about Rs 60 crore).
4. The BCCI will not be conducting its premier first-class domestic tournament Ranji Trophy for the first time in 87 years as the parent body opted for the Vijay Hazare Trophy as per the wishes of majority of the State units.
5. China launched the second naval missile frigate equipped with an improved radar system and long-range missiles for its all-weather ally Pakistan.
6. The Lucknow Metro has become the first metro in India to use ultraviolet (UV) rays to sanitise train coaches.
7. The government revised downwards the economic growth rate for 2019-20 to 4 per cent from 4.2 per cent estimated earlier.
8. The combined Index of Eight Core Industries stood at 133.8 in December, 2020, which declined by 1.3 (provisional) per cent as compared to the Index of December, 2019.
9. Jat Regimental Centre Marching Contingent has been adjudged as the best marching contingent among the three services during the Republic Day Parade at the majestic Rajpath on January 26, 2021.
10. Ministry of Tourism has dedicated three virtual pavilions, Dekho Apna Desh, Statue of Unity & Incredible India in Bharat Parv 2021.



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**03-02-2021**

1. Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan inaugurated on February 1 a three-day virtual global conclave that seeks to lay down the roadmap for Kerala's long-term development amid a changed world order due to COVID-19.
2. Indian Coast Guard celebrated its 45th Raising Day on 01 Feb 2021.
3. President Ram Nath Kovind launched the pulse polio programme for 2021 by administering polio drops to children below five years of age at the Rashtrapati Bhawan.
4. State-owned SJVN Ltd has bagged a 679 MW hydroelectric project in Nepal.
5. SBI Cards and Payment Services (SBI Card) said Rama Mohan Rao Amara has taken charge as the new MD & CEO of the company.
6. Realty major DLF's rental arm DCCDL has appointed consultants, including banker, tax advisor and law firm, to prepare itself for the launch of its Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT).
7. Veteran Bengali actor Indrajit Deb died in Kolkata. He was 73.
8. India's 24-member shooting contingent topped the medals tally in the first Asian Online Shooting Championship.
9. BCCI secretary Jay Shah was unanimously elected as the President of the Asian Cricket Council (ACC).
10. Talented grappler Sonam Malik stunned Rio Olympics bronze medallist Sakshi Malik 7-5 in the finals to claim the gold medal in the senior women's national wrestling championships.



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**04-02-2021**

1. Girish Karnad's memoir, which was to be translated from Kannada into English by the actor-playwright himself but could only finish a part of it before his death in 2019, will now be out in May after final touches by award-winning translator Srinath Perur.
2. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Haldia in West Bengal on February 7 to dedicate several infrastructure projects in the oil and gas sector.
3. Pope Francis has established an annual date to honour grandparents and other elders, lamenting that they are often forgotten despite the wisdom they have to offer society.
4. Haryana Chief Minister M L Khattar gave a cheque of Rs 5.10 lakh to Sri Rama Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra for the construction of Ram Temple in Ayodhya.
5. An arboretum showcasing the floral diversity of the Shivalik hills was inaugurated at Jeolikot in Nainital district.
6. The Animals guitarist Hilton Valentine, who created one of the most famous riffs in pop music in the 1960s, died at the age of 77.
7. The UK is applying to join a free trade area made up of 11 Asia and Pacific nations, under its post-Brexit plans. The Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP).
8. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's parliamentary constituency, Varanasi , received the second cruise boat under the Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive scheme of the Central Government.
9. The Goods and Services Tax (GST) revenue collection for January 2021 has almost touched 1.2 lakh crore rupees.
10. Dinesh Karthik-led Tamil Nadu clinched their second national T20 championship as they beat Baroda by seven wickets in the final of Syed Mushtaq Ali T20 Trophy in Ahmedabad.



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1. US President Joe Biden has appointed Indian-origin Raj Panjabi to lead his Malaria Initiative, which is mainly in African and Asian countries.
2. Indian-American Bhavya Lal was appointed by NASA as the Acting Chief of Staff of the US space agency.
3. The government set aside Rs 7,524 crore for the Ministry of Tribal Affairs in the Union Budget for the financial year 2021-22, an increase of 36 per cent over the last fiscal year.
4. The launch of the first unmanned mission of Gaganyaan is slated for December 2021, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said.
5. The Centre has announced a maiden gas pipeline project for the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.
6. Ryszard Szurkowski, a two-time Olympic cycling silver medalist from Poland, died. He was 75.
7. Air Marshal Manavendra Singh took over as Air Officer Commanding-in-chief of the Southern Air Command.
8. Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced an outlay of Rs 4071.23 crore for the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting in the 2021-2022 fiscal.
9. Alok Kumar, a 1988 batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer of Uttar Pradesh cadre, took over as Union Power Secretary.
10. The Ministry of Education has been allocated Rs 93,224.31 crore in the 2021-22 Budget, an increase of more than Rs 8,100 crore from the revised estimates for the current fiscal.



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**06-02-2021**

1. On the occasion of the World Wetland Day, the Minister of State for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Babul Supriyo announced the establishment of a Centre for Wetland Conservation and Management (CWCM), as a part of the National Centre for Sustainable Coastal Management (NCSCM), Chennai, an institution under the Ministry.
2. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Chauri Chaura Centenary Celebrations at Chauri Chaura, Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh, via video conferencing.
3. The Indian Air Force host a Chiefs of Air Staff (CAS) Conclave on 3rd and 4th Feb 21 at Air Force Station Yelahanka.
4. Union Budget for Financial Year 2021-22 has proposed to set up 100 new Sainik Schools in the country, in partnership with NGOs/private schools/state owned schools etc. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had presented the Budget in Parliament on February 01, 2021.
5. PFC issued USD 500 million Senior Unsecured USD Bonds for more than 10 years.
6. CSIR-CMERI-Centre of Excellence for Farm Machinery has developed Off-grid Solar Biodiesel Hybrid Minigrad of 50kW peak capacity system for providing 24X7 power to Center for Excellence in Farm Machinery (CoEFM) Residential Colony at Gill Road, Ludhiana (Punjab).
7. Tata Consumer Products will acquire Bengaluru-based Kottaram Agro Foods for Rs 155.8 crore to expand its product portfolio.
8. Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) has received approval from the Department of Revenue for undertaking e-KYC services for NPS and APY subscribers.
9. Veteran India and Bengal pacer Ashoke Dinda announced his retirement from all formats of cricket, bringing the curtains down on a career spanning one and a half decade.
10. Trivitrion Healthcare Chairman G S K Velu was appointed as Chairman of trade body Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry - Tamil Nadu State council for 2021.



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**07-02-2021**

1. Union Minister, Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and Rural Development, Narendra Singh Tomar; Union Minister of Petroleum, Natural Gas and Steel, Dharmendra Pradhan; Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Giriraj Singh; Union Minister for Jal Shakti, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and Union Minister of State, Jal Shakti, Rattan Lal Kataria jointly launched the Unified Portal of Gobardhan.
2. Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare digitally presided over the 58th National Conference of the Indian Academy of Pediatrics.
3. The inaugural function of the 2nd CCTNS Hackathon and Cyber Challenge 2020-21 of the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) was held in New Delhi.
4. India hosted Indian Ocean Region (IOR) Defence Ministers' Conclave on February 04, 2021 on the margins of Aero India 2021 - Asia's largest Aero show to be held at Bengaluru from February 3-5, 2021.
5. Reduction of import duty on copper scrap from 5% to 2.5% announced in Union Budget 2021-22 to boost recycling of copper in the country.
6. An NHAI contractor has created a World Record for the laying of Pavement Quality Concrete (PQC) for a four-lane highway of 2,580 meters length within 24 hours.
7. The Union budget for FY 21-22 has allocated Rs 650 crore for the Mumbai Urban Transport Project (MUTP), undertaken for expansion and capacity augmentation of Mumbai's suburban network.
8. The US extended by five years the last remaining nuclear arms pact with Russia on limiting their stockpiles of atomic weapons.
9. Pakistan on Wednesday successfully test-fired a nuclear-capable surface-to-surface ballistic missile which can strike targets up to 290 kilometres.
10. CBI Additional Director Praveen Sinha, a 1988-batch Gujarat cadre IPS, has been appointed acting chief of the agency till a decision on a new director is taken to succeed Rishi Kumar Shukla who retired after a two-year fixed stint.



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**08-02-2021**

1. US aerospace major Boeing has entered into a strategic collaboration with Air Works Group for the maintenance, repair and overhaul of its Poseidon 8I maritime reconnaissance aircraft and the VIP transport fleet which are being operated by the Indian Navy and the IAF respectively.
2. Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated four projects worth around ₹ 4700 crore in oil, gas and infrastructure sectors at Haldia during his visit to West Bengal on February 7.
3. Fujifilm plans to invest around USD 200 million (about Rs 1,450 crore) to open 100 health-screening centres in India.
4. The Gujarat government is setting up an Indian Institute of Skills (IIS) at Nasmed village in Gandhinagar district.
5. The Indian Army's Ahmednagar cantonment recently hosted a victory flame brought from the National War Memorial in Delhi to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the 1971 Indo-Pak war.
6. Chief minister Trivendra Singh Rawat inaugurated the state's first small hydroelectric project on Kali Ganga river in Rudraprayag district.
7. State-owned CIL has entered into a pact with Energy Efficiency Services Ltd (EESL) for reducing its carbon footprint and improving the overall operational efficiency and profitability.
8. Google Cloud announced the appointment of Bikram Singh Bedi as the Managing Director for its India business.
9. IIT Kharagpur has inked an MoU with the National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) to develop a framework for universal city planning inclusive for all sections of the society.
10. State-owned BHEL has commissioned the second unit of 1600 MW Gadawara thermal power project in Narsinghpur district of Madhya Pradesh.



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**09-02-2021**

1. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has handed over three Advanced Light Helicopters (ALH) Mk III to Indian Navy and two ALHs to Indian Coast Guard as part of its 16 ALHs contract during the ongoing Aero India 2021 at Air Force Station Yehalanka, Bengaluru on February 05, 2021.
2. "Sunny Side", the erstwhile ancestral house of General K S Thimayya, who served as the Chief of Army Staff from 1957 to 1961, has been converted into a museum, which inaugurated by President Ram Nath Kovind, in Kodagu district.
3. During the fiscal 2021-22, the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) will launch data analytics driven MCA21 Version 3.0.
4. Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh has revealed that 60 winners out of more than 1,200 start-ups and innovators who participated in Defence India Start-up Challenge (DISC) have received grants of up to Rs 1.5 crore each to build prototypes.
5. In a befitting honour to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, the Ministry of Education has decided to name residential schools/ hostels funded under Samagra Shiksha of MoE, as "Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose residential schools/hostels".
6. India has become the first country in the world to reach the 5 million Covid-19 vaccination mark in just 21 days, the Union Health Ministry said.
7. Retired IPS officer Bhavesh Kumar Singh was appointed as the new Chief Information Commissioner (CIC) of Uttar Pradesh.
8. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) governor Shaktikanta Das exuded confidence that it will able to manage the high quantum of government borrowings at Rs 12 lakh crore for the next fiscal in a "non-disruptive" manner.
9. A memorandum of understanding was signed between the Uttarakhand State Council for Science and Technology (UCOST) and National Council of Science Museums (NCSM) for building a science city in Dehradun at an estimated cost of Rs 173 crore.
10. The United Nations says American billionaire Michael Bloomberg has been reappointed as a special envoy to engage governments and businesses in tackling the threat of global warming.



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**10-02-2021**

1. The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (Nabard) has sanctioned Rs 30,200 crore and disbursed Rs 16,500 crore for various rural infrastructure projects across the country under the Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) in the first 10 months of the current financial year.
2. The prestigious Akashvani Music Festival has been renamed after Bharat Ratna Pandit Bhimsen Joshi, Information and Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar announced.
3. Bengal retained Anustup Majumdar as the captain for the upcoming Vijay Hazare Trophy domestic one-day tournament scheduled to be held from February 20 to March 14 across six cities.
4. Uttarakhand's Ankita Dhyani provided a glimpse of her immense potential as a long distance runner by breaking Sunita Rani's National U20 record in the women's 5000m on the opening day of the 36th National Junior Athletics Championships in Guwahati.
5. Uttar Pradesh Governor Anandiben Patel administered oath to the newly appointed Chief Information Commissioner (CIC), Bhavesh Kumar at a ceremony in Raj Bhawan.
6. Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister C N Ashwathnarayan said the 108-foot-tall bronze statue of Nadaprabhu Kempegowda, to be installed in front of Bengaluru international airport, is being made at Noida at an expense of about Rs 85 crore and will be ready by next year.
7. GAIL (India) Ltd, the nation's biggest gas utility, has put West Bengal on the gas map of India after it completed laying a Rs 2,433-crore pipeline.
8. Ahead of the assembly polls in Assam, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman distributed Rs 3,000 each to 7.47 lakh tea garden workers in the state, totalling Rs 224 crore.
9. Veteran Akali leader Satwant Kaur Sandhu passed away in Mohali. She was 80.
10. Noted colourist and theatre director Padma Shri Bansi Kaul passed away in Delhi. He was 72.



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**11-02-2021**

1. The Prime Minister, Narendra Modi laid the Foundation Stone of two hospitals and launched 'Asom Mala', a programme for state highways and major district roads, at Dhekiajuli in Sonitpur District, Assam.
2. Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting Prakash Javadekar flagged off a mobile exhibition awareness campaign on covid vaccination and Aatmnirbhar Bharat in Pune.
3. India has become the third topmost country in the world in terms of the number of COVID19 vaccine doses administered.
4. The 25th "Hunar Haat" is being organised at Maharaja College Ground, Chamarajapuram, Mysuru (Karnataka) from 06th to 14th February, 2021.
5. Ministry of Tourism organised webinar titled "Astro-Tourism: The Next Frontier of Nature-based Tourism" under Dekho Apna Desh campaign.
6. The third Bangladesh Film Festival 2021 opened in Kolkata.
7. Hospitality firm Asian Hotels (West) said that Sushil Kumar Gupta has resigned as Chairman and Managing Director of the company.
8. The Union finance ministry has finally approved the revised debt-fund raising plan for the Rs 64,000-crore semi-high speed rail project connecting Kerala capital Thiruvananthapuram with its northern tip Kasaragod.
9. Northern Warriors produced a clinical bowling show to beat Delhi Bulls by eight wickets in the summit clash and clinch their second title of the Abu Dhabi T10 tournament.
10. ITC Chairman Sanjiv Puri has announced the setting up of a 'Young Digital Innovators Lab' comprising of digital natives drawn from across ITC's businesses to crowd source transformative digital strategies.



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**12-02-2021**

1. India hockey team skipper Rani Rampal will compete with chess ace Koneru Humpy and young shooter Manu Bhaker for the BBC 'Indian Sportswoman of the Year' award after being nominated for the honour along with two others.
2. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the World Sustainable Development Summit 2021 via video conferencing.
3. India's first geothermal power project will be established at Puga village of eastern Ladakh.
4. Scientists have found the first geological evidence of an earthquake at Himebasti Village on the border of Assam and Arunachal Pradesh.
5. Scientists may soon develop robust algorithms that can provide more efficient machine learning applications by focusing on concepts that lie at the intersection of algebra and geometry.
6. A programme 'engage with science' has been initiated for engaging students, teachers, principals and leaderships of schools to develop scientific temper and foster a culture of continuous learning as well as to bring science and technology to the forefront.
7. Veteran fast bowler Ishant Sharma became the sixth Indian and third pacer from the country to take 300 wickets in Test cricket, joining legends such as Kapil Dev and Anil Kumble.
8. India wicket-keeper batsman Rishabh Pant was named the winner of ICC's inaugural Player of the Month Award for his heroics in the recently concluded Test series against Australia.
9. Indian tennis will be buzzing with a lot of activity next month with 78 tournaments, including the pending 2020 National Championships and six ITF tournaments, set to unfold across the country after a halt in action caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.
10. Indian drama "Pebbles", directed by filmmaker Vinodhraj PS, has won the top honour, the Tiger Award for best film, at the 50th International Film Festival Rotterdam (IFFR).



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**13-02-2021**

1. India will overtake the European Union as the world's third-largest energy consumer by 2030, the International Energy Agency (IEA) said as it forecast India accounting for the biggest share of energy demand growth over the next two decades.
2. The New Delhi National Marathon 2021, a qualification event for the Tokyo Olympics and recognised by Athletics Federation of India, will be held in New Delhi on March 7.
3. A team of researchers at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kharagpur has developed an energy-efficient pest controlling device for smaller agricultural tracts owned by marginal farmers.
4. Actor-director Rajiv Kapoor, son of celebrated filmmaker Raj Kapoor, died. He was 58.
5. The Tata Mumbai Marathon will be held on May 30, it's promoters Procam International announced.
6. Wipro 3D and Engine Division of Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL) have collaborated for the development, manufacturing and airworthiness certification of acritical aero-engine component operating in the hot zone, using metal 3D printing.
7. Indian spiritual leader Sri Sri Ravishankar has been recognised as a Global Citizenship Ambassador by a prominent American university in recognition of his pioneering work as peacemaker, humanitarian, spiritual teacher and global interfaith leader.
8. Indian-origin leading corporate lawyer Dilhan Pillay Sandrasegara will be chief executive officer and executive director of a state-owned wealth management group Temasek Holdings.
9. Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare distributed woolen blankets, masks and soaps among the destitute persons staying in Vishram Sadan at AIIMS, New Delhi.
10. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Afghan President Ashraf Ghani held a virtual summit.



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**14-02-2021**

1. The Union government has waived import duty and GST of Rs 6 crore on medicines for a five-month-old girl suffering from a rare medical condition.
2. The Finance Ministry has permitted Rajasthan to borrow an additional Rs 2,731 crore after the state undertook reform in "one-nation one ration card" system.
3. A signing ceremony of the Memorandum of Understanding [MoU] for the construction of the Lalandar [Shatoot] Dam in Afghanistan took place over VTC.
4. The Investor Education and Protection fund Authority (IEPFA) and Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for collaboration in utilising the tele-lecturing facility of Gyan Darshan Channel (EPMC) for telecast of Investor Awareness Programmes (IAPs) through distance learning mode.
5. Former India batsman Sanjay Bangar was appointed as the batting consultant of Indian Premier League side Royal Challengers Bangalore ahead of the upcoming season.
6. Gudaf Tsegay of Ethiopia set a new 1,500 meters indoor world record by finishing in 3 minutes 53.09 seconds at a meet in northern France.
7. Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan unveiled an ambitious 10-year space programme for his country that includes missions to the moon, sending Turkish astronauts into space and developing internationally viable satellite systems.
8. Indian technology major Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) and pharmaceutical major Wockhardt are among the big investment wins being celebrated in the United Kingdom as Britain's International Trade Secretary Liz Truss concluded her five-day visit.
9. Ahmedabad-based Bodal Chemicals Ltd will acquire Mawana Sugars Ltd's Siel Chemical Complex (SCC) in Punjab for nearly Rs 140 crore.
10. Veteran Malayalam singer M S Naseem passed away.



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**15-02-2021**

1. Indian Navy's largest war game – the biennial Theatre Level Operational Readiness Exercise (TROPEX 21) - which commenced in early January, is currently underway with participation of all operational units of Indian Navy including ships, submarines, aircraft as well as units of the Indian Army, Indian Air Force and Coast Guard.
2. Furthering the relationship between Indian Navy and IIT Delhi on research in underwater domain of Naval Electronic Systems, a Memorandum of Understanding has been signed.
3. Experienced left-arm pacer Jaydev Unadkat will lead the Saurashtra team in the Vijay Hazare Trophy, beginning February 20.
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5. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Gandhinagar director and Padma Shri awardee Sudhir K Jain has been elected as an international member of the US National Academy of Engineering (NAE).
6. Manasa Varanasi, an engineer from Telangana, was crowned as VLCC Femina Miss India World 2020 in Mumbai.
7. Hinduja group company, Gulf Oil Lubricants India has partnered with Gulf Oil International for investing and exploring opportunities in the electric vehicle charging space.
8. Salaries in India are projected to rise by an average of 6.4 per cent in 2021, marginally higher than the average actual increase of 5.9 per cent in 2020, according to a Willis Towers Watson survey.
9. Markets regulator Sebi imposed a penalty of Rs 1 crore on the NSE for failing to provide a level-playing field for trading members subscribing to its tick-by-tick (TBT) data feed system.
10. The Reserve Bank of India Limited, an independent co-operative bank based in Nashik, Maharashtra. (Independence Co-operative Bank) has banned the withdrawal of money.
11. The Pentagon has established a task force to provide recommendations in the next few months to address the challenge posed by China, US President Joe Biden said.



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**16-02-2021**

1. State-run power producer NTPC said the fourth 150 mega watt (MW) unit of Kameng Hydro-Electric Project of its subsidiary North Eastern Electric Power Corporation is commercially operational.
2. Short film 'Bittu' is shortlisted in top 10 films under Live Action Short film category for 93rd Oscar Awards.
3. The first India Toy Fair will be held virtually from February 27 to March 2, the government announced.
4. Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha inaugurated a Rs 213-crore general bus stand-cum-multi-level car parking and a commercial complex.
5. The Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir has joined hands with a UK-based space agency for a collaborative project on impact-based flood forecasting.
6. Kerala-based Inker Robotics has initiated a programme to preserve the 4,000-year-old puppetry art form, using technology and automation.
7. TMC leader Dinesh Trivedi announced his resignation as Rajya Sabha MP.
8. Indian Super League side Bengaluru FC appointed experienced Italian Marco Pezzaioli as its new head coach.
9. The 29th edition of NTLF (Nasscom Technology and Leadership Forum)- which will be held on February 17-19.
10. Senior Congress leader and sitting legislator in Himachal Pradesh Sujan Singh Pathania passed away. He was 77.



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**17-02-2021**

1. Chief Minister of Puducherry V Narayanasamy announced that the Territorial government has been remitting into bank accounts of each of the families in BPL (below poverty line) a sum of Rs 3,000 as cash equivalent to free rice for the last five months.
2. More than 120 countries elected British lawyer Karim Khan as the next prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (ICC).
3. An Indian-origin employee Arora Akanksha at the UN has announced her candidacy to be its next Secretary-General.
4. ICC elite panel umpires Michael Gough and Richard Illingworth of England will officiate in the sixth edition of the Pakistan Super League to be held in Karachi and Lahore from February 20 to March 22.
5. India gifted 2,000 metric tonnes of rice to Syria following a request from the Arab republic.
6. Justice Puligoru Venkata Sanjay Kumar, a judge of the Punjab and Haryana High Court, was appointed as the chief justice of the Manipur High Court.
7. Prime Minister Narendra Modi hands over the Arjun Main Battle Tank (MK-1A) to the Army in Chennai and also inaugurated and lay the foundation stones of several projects in Tamil Nadu and Kerala.
8. Tata Motors has appointed Marc Llistosella as its chief executive officer and managing director.
9. The reform measures announced in the Budget 2021-22 will play a big role in India becoming a USD 5-trillion economy and beyond, Chief Economic Adviser K V Subramanian said.
10. Six ATM vans that will make the rounds of remote villages and rural markets or 'haats' to help people in Chhattisgarh make cash withdrawals were flagged off by state Panchayat and Rural Development Minister TS Singh Deo.



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**18-02-2021**

1. To mitigate issues related to unscientific disposal of municipal solid waste in Jammu city, the administrative council approved establishment of an integrated solid waste management project by the National Agriculture Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED).
2. Rashmi Samant has made history after she became the first Indian woman to be elected president of the Oxford University Student Union (SU).
3. Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams Chairman YV Subba Reddy along with Kanchi Kamakoti Peetham pontiff Vijayendra Saraswati laid the foundation stone for Goddess Padmavathi Ammavari temple at Chennai in Tamil Nadu.
4. Chief Minister K Palaniswami launched a helpline system for expeditious redressal of people's grievances under which public may register their complaints by calling a toll free number '1100.'
5. Chief Minister K Palaniswami marked the rollout of the Rs 12,110 crore crop loan waiver scheme for over 16 lakh farmers in Tamil Nadu by giving away certificates to nine farmers.
6. Shankar Ramchandani an assistant professor in the department of medicine at Veer Surendra Sai Institute of Medical Sciences and Research (VIMSAR), Burla, has opened the clinic in Burla town where patients have to pay just one Rupee for treatment.
7. Bhim Singh has been elected as president of the Jammu and Kashmir National Panthers Party, days after his nephew Balwant Singh Mankotia resigned from the post.
8. Nabfoundation, a arm of National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development Bank (NABARD), has signed an agreement with Dalmia Bharat Foundation (DBF) to develop a skill mapping programme for unemployed youths in the north-eastern region.
9. Indian Premier League side Delhi Capitals appointed Colonel Vinod Bisht as its interim Chief Executive Officer.
10. Young opener Ruturaj Gaikwad will lead a 20-member Maharashtra squad in the upcoming Vijay Hazare Trophy.



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**19-02-2021**

1. Union Ministry of Minority Affairs is organising 26th “Hunar Haat” of indigenous artisans and craftsmen from across the country at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in New Delhi from 20th February 2021 which will be formally inaugurated by Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas Dharmendra Pradhan on 21st February 2021.
2. Prime Minister, Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of Maharaja Suheldev Memorial and development work of Chittaura Lake through video conferencing.
3. In a major boost to India’s rice exports potential, a consignment has been shipped from the Kakinada deep-water port.
4. Final production batch of Long Range Surface to Air Missiles (LRSAM), designed and developed by DRDO in collaboration with various industry partners and integrated by BDL, was flagged off at DRDL, APJ Abdul Kalam Missile Complex, Hyderabad.
5. FMCG firm Wipro Consumer Care and Lighting said its venture capital arm has invested in healthcare brand Onelife Nutriscience.
6. The Union Minister of Railways, Commerce & Industry and Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, Piyush Goyal flagged off Mau-Anand Vihar Biweekly Special train through video conferencing.
7. Major Ralengnao Bob Khathing, who was instrumental in bringing Tawang in Arunachal Pradesh under Indian Union, was honoured for the first time in presence of Chief of Defence Staff General Bipin Rawat, two chief ministers, a central minister and a governor.
8. Iran's army test fired a sophisticated short-range missile, state media reported.
9. The United Arab Emirates Space Agency released its first photo of Mars, taken by its Hope Probe.
10. Senior off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin surpassed Harbhajan Singh to become the second highest wicket-taker in Tests played in India.



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**20-02-2021**

1. Indian-American Pronita Gupta, an expert on labour issues, has been named US President Joe Biden's Special Assistant for Labour and Workers on the Domestic Policy Council.
2. The Kerala Sahitya Akademi awards for the year 2019 was announced and author S Hareesh's "Meesha" (Moustache) has been adjudged the best novel.
3. The UN Capital Development Fund has appointed Indian-origin investment and development banker Preeti Sinha as its Executive Secretary.
4. Nigeria's Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala was appointed as the first female and first African director-general of the World Trade Organization.
5. Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh launched E-Chhawani portal and mobile app in New Delhi.
6. The Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India and the World Health Organization South East Regional Office (WHO SEARO) signed a Letter of Exchange for the secondment/deputation of an AYUSH expert to WHO's regional traditional medicine programme.
7. Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh presented the trophies of best marching contingents of the Republic Day Parade 2021, in New Delhi.
8. Union Minister for Textiles and Women & Child Development, Smriti Zubin Irani inaugurated Certified Jute Seeds Distribution Program And Awareness Workshop For Jute Farmers.
9. Used car marketplace CARS24 announced the appointment of former CEAT Specialty Tyres top executive Kunal Mundra as CEO of its cars vertical in India.
10. Former Governor of Bihar and Jharkhand M Rama Jois died. He was 88.



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**21-02-2021**

1. Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched 'Mahabahu-Brahmaputra', laid the foundation stone of the Dhubri-Phulbari Bridge and perform the ground breaking ceremony for the construction of the Majuli bridge via video conferencing.
2. Senior Congress leader Mallikarjun Kharge has become the new leader of opposition in the Rajya Sabha.
3. Former South Africa captain Faf du Plessis announced his retirement from Test cricket to focus on the shorter formats with T20 being his priority.
4. Gold refiner Rajesh Exports has secured an order worth Rs 1,352 crore of designer range of gold jewellery from Germany.
5. Inox Wind announced new orders for the supply and installation of wind turbine generators of 62 megawatts from independent power producers and retail customers.
6. The centenary celebration of Nobel Laureate Rabindranath Tagore's visit to Houston in February 1921 was held amidst freezing temperatures at the Tagore Grove memorial in Ray Miller Park, followed by a virtual concert the next day with presentations of the poet's music and recitation.
7. The United Nations announced it is releasing \$15 million from its emergency relief fund to help Guinea and Congo combat new outbreaks of Ebola.
8. The Tata group is acquiring 68 per cent stake in online grocery platform BigBasket for around Rs 9,500 crore as it bids to expand in the fast growing e-commerce space in India.
9. Punjab's water supply and sanitation department has set up solar-based water supply project at Jagrawan-Muradpur and Talwara villages of the Jalandhar district.
10. Ecuadorian ex-president Gustavo Noboa died in the United States. He was 83.



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**22-02-2021**

1. The first phase of the 2021 Workforce and Increment Trends Survey by Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India LLP said the Companies in India are expected to dole out an average increment of 7.3 per cent to employees this year amid faster-than-expected economic recovery and revival in business and consumer confidence, according to a survey.
2. Five Indian-origin personalities, including Twitter's top lawyer Vijaya Gadde and UK's finance minister Rishi Sunak, and an Indian activist feature in TIME magazine's annual list of 100 emerging leaders who are shaping the future".
3. Rashmi Samant, who made Oxford University history as the first Indian woman to be elected President of the Oxford Student Union (SU), has resigned from the post just days later amid controversy surrounding some of her past remarks and references.
4. Seven time olympian Seiko Hashimoto was named as president of the Tokyo Olympic organising committee.
5. Infrastructure company Larsen & Toubro (L&T) said its construction arm has bagged a contract worth up to Rs 2,500 crore for building two units of Kudankulam Nuclear Power Project.
6. Telangana Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan, who was given additional charge of Puducherry, was sworn in as Lt Governor of the Union Territory.
7. Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the convocation of the Visva-Bharati University via video conferencing.
8. Fertiliser cooperative IFFCO has contributed Rs 2.51 crore for the construction of Ram Temple in Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh.
9. The Union Food Processing Industries Ministry has cleared 20 projects worth Rs 363.4 crore under two central government schemes.
10. Labour Minister Santosh Gangwar launched software applications for five all India surveys, including on migrant and domestic workers.



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**23-02-2021**

1. Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired the sixth meeting of the Governing Council of NITI Aayog via video conferencing.
2. The Belgian and Belarus pair of Elise Mertens and Aryna Sabalenka has won the women's doubles final of the Australian Open 2021.
3. India's Ankita Raina won her maiden WTA title as she and her Russian partner Kamilla Rakhimova clinched the doubles event in the Phillip Island Trophy.
4. Dutee Chand breezed to 100m victory in the Indian Grand Prix I athletics meet at the Netaji Subhash National Institute of Sports.
5. The American space agency, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), has successfully landed its Perseverance rover in a deep crater near the planet Mars' equator called Jezero.
6. Hyderabad has been recognised as a '2020 Tree City of the World' by the Arbor Day Foundation and the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of the United Nations.
7. Seeking to help the needy and improve its ranking in the Swachh survey, the South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC) opened a 'shoe bank', and claimed it was the first such initiative in Delhi.
8. Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla inaugurated the digital and online library of the Indian Embassy.
9. Jammu and Kashmir formally rolled out e-Kuber payments system of Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
10. Twenty-five cities, including Agartala, Bengaluru, Thiruvananthapuram, Vadodara and Ujjain, have been selected for the government's "Nurturing Neighbourhoods Challenge" to develop and implement initiatives to improve the quality of life of young children, caregivers and families.



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**24-02-2021**

1. India has sent a warship to Abu Dhabi to participate in two naval defence exhibitions from February 20 to 25, in reflection of its gradual expansion of military cooperation with the United Arab Emirates.
2. India and Ethiopia signed two agreements related to visa facilitation and leather technology.
3. Almost a year after the post of chairman of the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes fell vacant, the government appointed Harsh Chauhan as its chairperson.
4. External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar launched the BRICS-2021 website.
5. Israel has begun developing a long-range ballistic missile interceptor, named Arrow-4, together with the US.
6. The value of China's digital economy reached 35.8 trillion yuan (\$5.54 trillion) in 2019.
7. Global aerospace major Airbus will collaborate with FlyBlade India (BLADE) to develop the on-demand helicopter services market in South Asia.
8. Nearly 80 per cent of corporate banks in India are forecast to run their trade finance and treasury workloads on Cloud by 2024, said a new IDC report.
9. Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) have signed a memorandum of understanding to support the development, conduct and promotion of health research in the country.
10. Maharashtra Government is planning to set up a large incubation centre for start-ups near Mumbai in association with Nasscom.



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**25-02-2021**

1. Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of four-lane highways project worth Rs 2,000 crore during his visit to poll-bound Puducherry.
2. India will always be a reliable security partner for the Maldives, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said, as New Delhi signed a USD 50 million defence Line of Credit agreement with the island nation to facilitate capability building in the maritime domain.
3. Ivan Dodig and Filip Polasek upset defending champions Joe Salisbury and Rajeev Ram to win the Australian Open men's doubles title.
4. American Rajeev Ram and Czech Republic's Barbora Krejčíková captured their second major title as a pair after defeating local wildcards Matthew Ebden and Samantha Stosur in the Australian Open mixed doubles final.
5. Lt Gen B S Raju, the General-Officer-Commanding of the Srinagar-based Chinar Corps, will be the new Director General of Military Operations (DGMO) of the Indian Army.
6. The 100-day special campaign of the Jal Shakti Ministry to provide tap water connections in schools, anganwadi centres and ashramshalas has been extended to March 31 after some states indicated that they need more time to complete the task.
7. Karnataka has been able to maintain 'one of the lowest' unemployment rates in the country at 3.6 per cent, Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa told Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
8. State-owned NTPC announced commissioning of 5 mega watt (MW) solar capacity at a project in Auraiya, Uttar Pradesh.
9. Kerala took a major step forward in its progress towards a knowledge society with the inauguration of the country's first Digital University, based in Technocity at Mangalapuram near Thiruvananthapuram.
10. Renowned poet Prabha Varma has bagged this year's Mahakavi Kunchan Nambiar Award for his outstanding contributions to the Malayalam language and literature.



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**26-02-2021**

1. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee Institute of Medical Sciences and Research at IIT Kharagpur via video conferencing.
2. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Dhemaji Engineering College in Assam and lay the foundation stone of Sualkuchi Engineering College.
3. The first phase of Intensified Mission Indradhanush 3.0 started in Rajasthan to administer vaccines to pregnant women and children up to two years.
4. With a target of making Uttar Pradesh 'Aatmanirbhar', the Yogi Adityanath government presented a Rs 5,50,270.78 crore budget for 2021-22 in the state Assembly.
5. Melbourne Cricket Ground will host the first round of this year's State of Origin rugby league series between New South Wales and Queensland.
6. Karnataka will host the second Khelo India University Games (KIUG) later this year, state chief minister BS Yediyurappa and Union Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju announced.
7. Parasappa Madevappa Hajilol of Karnataka and Haryana's Sonika won the men and women's 10km races respectively in the SBI 55th National Cross Country Championships.
8. The Anantapuramu district of Andhra Pradesh has been chosen for the Prime Minister Kisan national award as it completed 99.6 per cent physical verification of the beneficiaries under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi.
9. Chasing the Le Mans dream, Racing Team India, the first all-Indian team to compete at the international endurance racing stage, ended its first Asian Le Mans Series campaign fifth in the overall championship standings.
10. Multiple-time world champion Pankaj Advani and Aditya Mehta have been appointed vice-presidents of the Billiards and Snooker Players Association of India (BSPAI), revived recently after a gap of nearly 15 years.
11. Sushant Singh Rajput got the Critics Best Actor award at the Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival Awards 2021.



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**27-02-2021**

1. Adani Enterprises has signed a joint venture (JV) agreement with US" EdgeConneX to form an equal partnership company to develop and operate data centers throughout India.
2. Amazon India announced its partnership with Mahindra Electric taking forward its commitment towards electric mobility in the country.
3. The Biden administration has appointed an Indian-American climate and energy expert Bidisha Bhattacharyya, who spent three years deploying solar energy solutions in rural India, to a key position in the agriculture department.
4. Former Shiv Sena MLC and three- time mayor of Thane city Anant Tare died. He was 67.
5. Information and Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar announced a national level film award after legendary filmmaker Satyajit Ray.
6. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated several railway projects in West Bengal.
7. Experienced lawyers Jasmeet Singh and Amit Bansal were appointed as judges of the Delhi High Court.
8. Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has conducted two successful launches of Vertical Launch Short Range Surface to Air Missile (VL-SRSAM).
9. Government has sanctioned over 56 thousand more houses under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban).
10. Jindal Power Ltd (JPL) announced the appointment of former bureaucrat Anil Kumar Jha as its Chairman.



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**28-02-2021**

1. US President Joe Biden has nominated Indian-American lawyer and rights activist Kiran Ahuja to head the Office of Personnel Management.
2. Poet, publisher and bookseller Lawrence Ferlinghetti, who helped launch and perpetuate the Beat movement, has died. He was 101.
3. The Uttar Pradesh Cricket Association confirmed that it will be hosting the eight-match limited overs series between the women's teams of India and South Africa in Lucknow from 7 March.
4. Zuari Agrochemicals (ZACL) will sell its fertiliser plant and the associated businesses at Goa to Paradeep Phosphates (PPL) for an enterprise value of USD 280 million (over Rs 1,100 crore).
5. The Kushinagar airport in Uttar Pradesh has received the necessary clearances from aviation regulator Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) to operate international flights.
6. State-owned Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) has opened a residential complex at its funded multi-specialty hospital in Sivasagar district of Assam.
7. The Centre signed an agreement with Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) for borrowing \$304 million (over ₹ 2,200 crore) to improve power transmission network in Assam.
8. The annual Under-19 European Championships in men's and women's soccer were canceled for the second straight year.
9. Andhra Pradesh government chose Liberty Steel India Limited as the joint venture partner for construction and development of YSR Steel Plant in Kadapa district.
10. Sathiyam Gnanasekaran ended his long wait for a national title with a convincing 4-2 win over nine-time champion Sharath Kamal in the 82nd National Table Tennis Championships in Panchkula.