

01-03-2021

- 1. Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways is organizing 'Maritime India Summit 2021' on a virtual platform www.maritimeindiasummit.in, from 2nd March to 4th March 2021, to promote both international and domestic investment in the Ports and Maritime Sector.
- 2. International Commission on Large Dams (ICOLD) in collaboration with Central Water Commission (CWC), Dam Rehabilitation Improvement Project (DRIP) and National Hydrology Project (NHP) organised Symposium on "Sustainable Development of Dams and River Basins" under the aegis of ICOLD at New Delhi as Hybrid event from 24th 27th February 2021.
- 3. Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of multiple infrastructure projects worth over 12 thousand 400 crore rupees in Coimbatore, the manchester of South India.
- 4. President Ram Nath Kovind performed Bhoomi Pujan of a huge sports enclave in Ahmedabad, Gujarat named after Bharat Ratna and brave son of Gujarat, Sardar Vallabhbhai Pate.
- 5. Rear Admiral Ajay Kochhar, NM took over as the Flag Officer Commanding Western Fleet (FOCWF) from Rear Admiral Krishna Swaminathan, AVSM, VSM at a formal ceremony held onboard the aircraft carrier INS Vikramaditya.
- 6. Vijay Sampla assumedthe charge of Chairman National Commission for Scheduled Castes(NCSC) in New Delhi
- 7. A contract for construction of Eight Missile Cum Ammunition Barges (MCA) has been concluded with M/s SECON, Visakhapatnam a MSME.
- 8. India hosted a Meeting of BRICS Finance and Central Bank Deputies virtually.
- 9. Scientists have developed a small molecule that disrupts the mechanism through which neurons become dysfunctional in Alzheimer's disease (AD).
- 10. President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated the newly constructed world's largest Cricket Stadium at Motera in Ahmedabad.



02-03-2021

- 1. The 2nd Khelo India National Winter Games was held from February 26 to March 2, 2021 in Gulmarg.
- 2. UN chief Antonio Guterres has appointed economist Ligia Noronha as Assistant Secretary-General and Head of the New York Office of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).
- 3. Dilip Buildcon has emerged as the lowest bidder for four-laning of a stretch of national highway in Tamil Nadu and Puducherry.
- 4. Brazil health ministry signed a deal with Indian pharmaceutical company Bharat Biotech for the purchase of 20 million doses of the Covaxin vaccine.
- 5. Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs Nirmala Sitharaman virtually inaugurated the Competition Commission of India's (CCI) Regional Office (South) in Chennai.
- 6. Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurated the latest technology Integrated Bamboo Treatment Plant near Guwahati.
- 7. The City Innovation Exchange (CiX) platform was launched by Shri Durga Shanker Mishra, Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs at an online event.
- 8. To decongest ticket booking counters & to ensure smooth compliance of social distancing norms, facility to book unreserved tickets through UTS ON MOBILE app is being reactivated by Indian Railways.
- 9. A. Sakthivel, founder of Poppys Group of Companies, has been elected president of the Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO).
- 10. Punjabi singer Sardool Sikander has passed away at the age of 60.





03-03-2021

- 1. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will receive the CERAWeek global energy and environment leadership award during an annual international energy conference.
- 2. India's Aditi Ashok overcame an early double bogey with three birdies in the second round to make the cut in her first start of 2021 at the Gainbridge LPGA.
- 3. The Sports Ministry has restored the recognition of the faction-ridden Gymnastics Federation of India (GFI) after 10 years, taking into records Sudhir Mittal's election as president in the polls held in November 2019.
- 4. The Indian trio of Mairaj Ahmed Khan, Angad Vir Singh Bajwa and Gurjoat Khangura won the bronze medal in men's skeet team event at the ISSF Shotgun World Cup in Cairo.
- 5. Om Prakash Chouhan of Mhow dominated the final day's proceedings to win the Glade One Masters 2021 with a massive four-shot margin.
- 6. Rear Admiral Sanjay Sharma took over as Admiral Superintendent, Naval Ship Repair Yard, Kochi.
- 7. Rear Admiral S Venkat Raman assumed command of the prestigious Naval War College (NWC) in Goa.
- 8. Retail inflation for industrial workers eased to 3.15 per cent in January against 7.49 per cent in the same month last year, mainly due to lower prices of certain food items.
- 9. Croma, India's first omnichannel electronics retailer from the Tata Group announced the launch of its #AppleYou&Croma programme to commemorate the birth anniversary of Apple founder Steve Jobs.
- 10. The Indian packaged food market is expected to be double and grow up to USD 70 billion in the next 5-10 years, said Nestl India Chairman and Managing Director Suresh Narayanan.



04-03-2021

- 1. Suryakirans, Sarang and Light Combat Aircraft Tejas will participate in an air show in Colombo from March 3 to 5 as part of the 70th anniversary celebrations of the Sri Lankan Air Force, the Indian Air Force said.
- 2. India's Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle-C51 (PSLV C51) carrying Amazonia-1 and 18 other satellites took off from Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota.
- 3. Insurance has become the most-preferred financial product to protect the family against health emergencies post the COVID-19 pandemic with more people inclined to invest in insurance products in the next six months, according to a survey from Tata AIA Life Insurance.
- 4. Senior advocate Vikas Singh was elected as the president of the Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA).
- 5. The Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) declaring senior advocate Vikas Singh as its next president.
- 6. Private sector lender Axis Bank said its board has approved a proposal to reclassify United India Insurance Company Ltd (UIICL) as a public shareholder category investor in the bank from promoter category.
- 7. Commissioned into the army over a year before running into live action with infiltrating terrorists along the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir, Captain Rahul Sharma''s heroics have won him the prestigious Sena Medal.
- 8. The Indian Air Force carried out a long-range precision strike against a practice target to mark the second anniversary of the Balakot Operations.
- 9. Innovator and educationist Sonam Wangchuk has developed an eco-friendly solar heated tent that Army personnel can use in extremely cold places like Siachen and Galwan valley in the Ladakh region.
- 10. HDFC Mutual Fund has offloaded 2.73 per cent stake in local search engine Just Dial for over Rs 108 crore through an open market transaction.



05-03-2021

- 1. The Centre has extended the tenure of Pramod Chandra Mody as the Chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) by three months till May 31, 2021.
- 2. The drama film "Minari" about a Korean immigrant family was named the best foreign language film at the Golden Globe Awards.
- 3. Chadwick Boseman was posthumously honoured with a Golden Golden for his performance as the strong-willed trumpet player Levee who marches to his own beat in the musical period drama "Ma Rainey"s Black Bottom", the actor"s swansong.
- 4. 'Nomadland', directed by Chloé Zhao, was named the Best Picture Drama at the 78th Golden Globe Awards.
- 5. The Indian Space Research Organisation launched 'Sindhu Netra', a satellite developed by the DRDO to monitor the activities of military and merchant navy ships in the Indian Ocean Region.
- 6. Realty firm Godrej Properties Ltd has bought around 1.5 acre land parcels for Rs 166 crore in Mumbai to develop a residential project.
- 7. Former Australia all-rounder Tom Moody has been appointed as the Sri Lanka director of cricket.
- 8. The Rajasthan State Industrial Development and Investment Corporation (RIICO) will develop a FinTech park to attract IT and financial firms in Jaipur over 4,08,590.85 sqm area.
- Asian Games and Commonwealth Games gold medallist Vinesh Phogat reached the women's 53kg category final of the XXIV Outstanding Ukrainian Wrestlers and Coaches Memorial competition in Kiev, Ukraine.
- 10. Government has decided to form Centre of Excellence in gaming and other related areas in collaboration with IIT Bombay.



06-03-2021

- 1. Union Ministers of State for Agriculture Parshottam Rupala and Kailash Choudhary inaugurated professional training programmes on the occasion of the anniversary of the Central Sector Scheme titled Formation and Promotion of 10 thousand Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs).
- 2. In Nagaland, an 89 year old man from Longleng district became the oldest beneficiary to be vaccinated with COVISHIELD vaccine.
- 3. Public-sector lender Canara Bank said its Executive Director Matam Venkata Rao has been appointed as the new MD & CEO of Central Bank of India.
- 4. Nand Kumar Singh Chauhan, the BJP Lok Sabha member from Khandwa in Madhya Pradesh, died in Gurugram. He was 69.
- 5. India captain Virat Kohli has recorded another century, albeit not on the pitch this time, as he became the first cricketer in the world to have 100 million followers on social media platform Instagram.
- 6. The British government will provide 2.8 million pounds (\$4 million) to pursue a five-nation bid for a World Cup with Ireland.
- 7. US announced a \$125 million military aid package for Ukraine, including two armed patrol boats to help the country defend its territorial waters.
- 8. Punjab Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh has appointed election strategist Prashant Kishor as his principal advisor.
- 9. A 2014-batch IAS officer of UP-cadre, Rahul Pandey, assumed the charge of the director of Jammu and Kashmir''s Department of Information and Public Relations.
- 10. Siemens Ltd has completed the acquisition of 99.22 per cent equity shares in C&S Electric Ltd from the company's promoters for Rs 2,100 crore.



07-03-2021

- 1. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that India will invest 82 billion dollars in port projects by 2035.
- 2. Seasoned India off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin along with England captain Joe Root and West Indies' new batting sensation Kyle Mayers were nominated for the ICC 'Player of the Month' for their exceptional performances in February.
- 3. Rhode Island Governor Gina Raimondo was confirmed by the Senate as the new US commerce secretary, about two months after President Joe Biden's announcement of the nomination.
- 4. The African continent has faced its first economic recession in 25 years due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, according to the UN Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) report.
- 5. The Hindu temple in Dubai will virtually celebrate the upcoming Maha Shivratri festival virtually this year in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic, while the premises will be closed to prevent the spread of the virus.
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- 7. Telecom operator Vodafone Idea Ltd (VIL) said spectrum acquired by it in five circles will help boost 4G coverage and capacity, enabling the company to offer "superior digital experience" for its customers.
- 8. Bharti Airtel has acquired 355.45 MHz spectrum across Sub GHz, mid band and 2300 MHz bands for a total consideration of Rs 18,699 crore in the latest spectrum auction conducted by the government.
- 9. Nagaland launched its first air cargo services from Dimapur airport.
- 10. Former Liverpool and Scotland striker Ian St. John has died aged 82.



08-03-2021

- 1. Bengaluru ranked top on government's Ease of Living Index; Pune second, Ahmedabad ranked third among 111 cities.
- 2. Indian-American Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal has been named vice chair of the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law.
- 3. Samsung Electronics has signed a partnership with artificial intelligence (AI) solutions provider Kakao Enterprise Corp. to boost its smart home business.
- 4. Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare virtually inaugurated six new 'Outreach Service Centers for Communication Disorders' across the country by All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH), Mysuru on the occasion of World Hearing Day.
- 5. The Government on 2nd March 2021 notified comprehensive amendments to the Insurance Ombudsman Rules, 2017, with a view to improve the working of the Insurance Ombudsman mechanism to facilitate resolution of complaints regarding deficiencies in insurance services in a timely, cost-effective and impartial manner.
- 6. The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi has approved the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare of the Republic of India and Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Fiji for cooperation in the field of Agriculture and Allied Sectors.
- 7. On 3rd day of Jan Aushadhi Diwas week, team comprising of BPPI, Jan Aushadhi Mitra and Jan Aushadhi Kendra owners organised special awareness programme on the theme 'Teach Them Young', across the country.
- 8. On the World Hearing Day, Dr Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare as Chairman of Executive Board of WHO released WHO's World Report on Hearing.
- 9. The Union Minister of Railways, Commerce & Industry and Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, Piyush Goyal flagged off Kotdwar-Delhi Junction-Kotdwar Siddhabali Jan Shatabdi Special train through video conferencing.
- 10. The Sri Lanka Air Force celebrated its 70th anniversary on Mar 02, 2021.



09-03-2021

- 1. Women from Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka and China have been selected for a prestigious award for demonstrating exceptional courage and leadership in advocating for justice, gender equality and women's empowerment, the US State Department has said.
- 2. HT Imam, the political adviser to Bangladeshi Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, died. He was 81.
- 3. Retired bureaucrat Sanjay Kumar has been appointed the new chairman of the Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission (MERC).
- 4. Maker ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India (AM/NS India) inked an agreement with the Odisha government for setting up a 12 million tonnes per annum (MTPA) greenfield integrated steel plant in Kendrapada district with an investment of Rs 50,000 crore.
- 5. Union Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' congratulated 12 Indian Institutions on securing a position in the top 100 in the QS Subject Rankings for the year 2021.
- 6. Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal and Odisha are the best performing states in land record digitisation, according to NCAER Land Records and Services Index 2020-21 released.
- 7. Indian women''s trap team trio Kirti Gupta, Manisha Keer and Rajeshwari Kumari lost 4-6 to Russia to settle for a silver medal on the concluding day of the ISSF World Cup in Cairo.
- 8. Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' announced opening of two new Kendriya Vidyalayas in Karnataka and Punjab.
- 9. The Bengaluru model of development of citizen-centric initiatives and delivery of services have ensured the top ranking of Bengaluru.
- 10. Cricket South Africa appointed Temba Bavuma and Dean Elgar as the national team captains for limited overs and Tests respectively.



10-03-2021

- 1. Glasgow Commonwealth Games silver-medallist and Arjuna awardee boxer Mandeep Jangra has decided to turn professional and will make his debut in Florida on March 19 against a yet-to-be-decided opponent.
- 2. The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) honoured former India cricketer and batting legend Sunil Gavaskar on the 50th anniversary of his Test debut against West Indies.
- 3. The Delhi government approved the formation of a separate school board for nearly 2,700 schools in the city.
- 4. Noted Kannada poet, critic and translator N S Lakshminarayana Bhatta died. He was 84.
- 5. India's Sarita Mor won a silver medal while Kuldeep Malik bagged a bronze in their respective events at the Matteo Pellicone Ranking Series wrestling event in Rome.
- 6. The government has made airbag mandatory for passenger in the front seat of a vehicle.
- 7. An Indian-origin veteran Naureen Hassan of the financial services industry has been appointed as the first vice president and chief operating officer of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.
- 8. The Arunachal Pradesh government has dedicated 2021 as the 'Year of Education with a planned investment of ₹1,000 crore for the sector, Chief Minister Pema Khandu said.
- 9. M.G. George Muthoot, chairman of the Muthoot Group and former lay secretary of the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church, died in New Delhi. He was 71.
- 10. Russia's leading telecom operator MTS announced that it has launched the country's first 5G network for trial use in Moscow.



11-03-2021

- 1. Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated to the nation the 7,500th Janaushadhi Kendra at NEIGRIHMS in Shillong.
- 2. Veteran Marathi stage and film actor Shrikant Moghe passed away in Pune. He was 91.
- 3. The book, "The Ventilator Project: How the IIT Kanpur Consortium Built a World-class Product during India"s Covid-19 Lockdown", is written by Srikant Sastri and Amitabha Bandyopadhyay.
- 4. Former Indian Premier League chief operating officer (COO) Sundar Raman has been roped in as consultant by three-time champion Chennai Super Kings ahead of the 2021 IPL beginning next month.
- 5. China will operate bullet trains in Tibet, close to the Indian border in Arunachal Pradesh before July this year, marking the opening of high-speed train services to all Chinese mainland provincial-level regions.
- 6. The national capital stands third on the list of states and Union territories with most contaminated sites, according to the Central Pollution Control Board data.
- 7. Indian boxer Lalrinsanga Tlau defeated Ghana's Eric Quarm to claim the vacant WBC youth world super featherweight title in an eight-round contest held in Aizawl.
- 8. Living up to the expectations, star Indian wrestler Vinesh Phogat won her second gold medal with a dominant win in the Matteo Pellicone Ranking Series event and reclaimed the top rank in the her category.
- 9. The Jharkhand government signed memorandums of understanding (MoUs) with the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) and Flipkart Internet Pvt Ltd.
- 10. Army's Srinu Bugatha and Asian Games gold medallist Sudha Singh won the men's and women's titles respectively of the sixth New Delhi Marathon.



12-03-2021

- 1. Prime Minister Narendra Modi released 11 volumes of manuscript with commentaries by 21 scholars on shlokas of Srimad Bhagavadgita at his residence.
- 2. Adani Green Energy said its arm Adani Wind Energy Kutch Three Limited (AWEKTL) has commissioned a 100 megawatt (MW) wind power plant located at Kutch, in Gujarat.
- 3. Danish teenager Clara Tauson clinched her first career title in style, beating Viktorija Golubic 6-4, 6-1 to win the Lyon Open without dropping a set after coming through two qualifying rounds.
- 4. Tokyo-bound Indian wrestler Bajrang Punia pulled off a two-pointer in the last 30 seconds of the gold medal bout to defend his title at the Matteo Pellicone Ranking Series event, a result that pushed him back to world number one rank.
- 5. Haryana Police won the Indian File competition while Indian Navy clinched the Paired Tent Pegging event at the National Equestrian Tent Pegging Championship.
- 6. The design for a sculpture of an early 20th century Sikh fighter pilot, cricketer and golfer from Oxford University has been approved for a new memorial to be erected in the England port city of Southampton in memory of all Indians who fought in the World Wars.
- 7. The Delhi Sikh Gurudwara Management Committee (DSGMC) launched "India's biggest" kidney dialysis facility at the Gurudwara Bangla Sahib complex.
- 8. The first Indian woman to conquer world's highest summit Mount Everest, Bachendri Pal will lead a 10-member team of women aged above 50 in a five-month long expedition from eastern to western Himalaya beginning in May.
- 9. Former President, the late APJ Abdul Kalam's elder brother Mohammed Muthu Meeran Maraickayar died. He was 104.
- 10. Former Rajasthan Governor Anshuman Singh passed away in Lucknow at the age of 86.



13-03-2021

- 1. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated 'Maitri Setu' built over Feni river between India and Bangladesh via video conferencing.
- 2. ISRO has completed the development of a Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) capable of producing extremely high-resolution images for a joint earth observation satellite mission with the US space agency NASA.
- 3. The Delhi government presented a Rs 69,000-crore budget themed on "patriotism" for financial year 2021-22.
- 4. Engineering firm JMC Projects (India) has bagged construction order worth Rs 1,000 crore from Maldives' Fahi Dhiriulhun Corporation.
- 5. Inox Wind has signed a binding agreement with Integrum Energy Infrastructure for 92 mega watt (MW) of wind power projects.
- 6. Around 25 million new jobs will be created by the Indian retail sector by 2030, as per Retail 4.0 Report released by Nasscom in partnership with Technopak.
- 7. Nine women's including PepsiCo Chief Executive Indra Nooyi, Former first lady Michelle Obama and soccer star Mia Hamm have been chosen for the 2021 National Women's Hall of Fame.
- 8. The Madhya Pradesh government's public relations department has launched a "Factcheck" portal aimed at curbing misinformation and making right information available to the public.
- 9. Koneru Humpy, the reigning world chess champion in the rapid format, was won the 2nd BBC Indian Sportswoman of the Year award.
- 10. Seasoned Atanu Das and Tarundeeep Rai among men and Deepika Kumari in the women's section will headline the Indian recurve archery contingent during this year's Tokyo Olympics.



14-03-2021

- 1. Union Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Nitin Gadkari inaugurated the two Technology Centres and three Extension Centres of MSME virtually.
- 2. The Parliament has passed the National Capital Territory of Delhi Laws (Special Provisions) Second (Amendment) Bill, 2021.
- 3. The Government said that the department of telecommunication has targeted to provide internet connectivity to 5 thousand 519 gram panchayats by November 2021.
- 4. Tirath Singh Rawat sworn-in as the new chief minister of Uttarakhand.
- 5. In Jharkhand, Chief Minister Hemant Soren inaugurated the eight-day long 11th Hockey India Sub-Junior Nationals Women's Championship by drifting a flick with the hockey-stick at Simdega district.
- 6. Chief Implementer of the Philippines' Carlito Galvez Jr Declared National Policy Against COVID-19.
- 7. France launched its first military exercise in space to evaluate its ability to defend its satellites and other defense equipment from an attack
- 8. The Prime Minister, Narendra Modi released a Manuscript with commentaries by 21 scholars on shlokas of Srimad Bhagavadgita.
- 9. Anshu Prakash, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications and Chairman Digital Communications Commission inaugurated an online certification course on 5G Technology for Government Officers via Video Conferencing.
- 10. As per the schedule laid down by the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, the Department of Consumer Affairs and all organisations under its administrative control viz. the Bureau of Indian Standards, National Test House, Indian Institute of Legal Metrology, Ranchi, as well as the five Regional Reference Standards Laboratories observed the Swachhata Pakhwada from 16th to 28th February, 2021.



15-03-2021

- 1. Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Kindle version of Swami Chidbhavananda's 'Bhagavad Gita' via video conferencing.
- 2. The US Senate confirmed Democratic House lawmaker Marcia Fudge as the secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
- 3. Indian Super League side FC Goa will host the Group E matches of the AFC Champions League (ACL) at the Fatorda Stadium in Margao.
- 4. Samsung India inaugurated its innovation lab at Delhi Technological University (DTU) under the company's 'Innovation Campus' initiative.
- 5. The presidents of Turkey and Russia remotely inaugurated the construction of a third nuclear reactor at the Akkuyu power plant in southern Turkey.
- 6. The government through a notification dated March 9, 2021 has appointed Monika Kalia, Swarup Dasgupta and M Karthikeyan as executive directors of Bank of India.
- 7. State-owned entities REC Ltd and Power Finance Corporation (PFC) have entered into a pact with Bhutan-based Kholongchhu Hydro Energy Ltd (KHEL) to finance a 600-megawatt hydroelectric project at Trashiyangtse in the neighbouring country.
- 8. ISRO's commercial arm NewSpace India Limited has bagged four more dedicated launch service contracts.
- 9. Wrestler Sushil Kumar, who has won two Olympic medals, has been re-elected as the president of the School Games Federation of India (SGFI).
- 10. Thomas Bak was re-elected International Olympic Committee (IOC) chairman for a four-year term and will focus on the Tokyo Games to be held this year.
- 11. The National Health Authority (NHA) has entered into an agreement with UTI Infrastructure Technology and Services Limited (UTIITSL) to issue free PVC Ayushman cards to beneficiaries of Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana in 11 states and Union Territories.



16-03-2021

- 1. The Indian Air Force is set to raise a second squadron of the Rafale combat aircraft in mid-April and it will be based in Hasimara air base in West Bengal.
- 2. Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched 'Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav' celebrations to mark 75 years of Independence.
- 3. The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has announced Athens as the host of its 138th Session in 2025.
- 4. Veteran batter Mithali Raj became the first Indian female cricketer and second internationally to complete 10,000 runs across all formats.
- 5. Brahma Kumaris' chief administrator Dadi Hriday Mohini died in Mumbai. She was 93.
- 6. Delhi's Payas Jain outclassed Haryana's Jeet Chandra 4-3 to claim the youth boys title and complete a double in the UTT 82nd Junior and Youth National Table Tennis Championships.
- 7. The International Olympic Committee and China have teamed up to offer vaccines to athletes and teams preparing for the upcoming Tokyo and Beijing Games.
- 8. Seventeen states have operationalised 'one nation-one ration card' system with Uttarakhand being the latest to complete the reform, the finance ministry said.
- 9. Pharmaceuticals firm ZCL Chemicals Ltd (ZCL) founder and promoters, Parikh family, said global private equity investor Advent International will fully acquire the company for Rs 2,000 crore.
- 10. US President Joe Biden has signed the 1.9 trillion dollar coronavirus rescue package into law.





17-03-2021

- 1. Punjab Kings have roped in former Australian first-class cricketer Damien Wright as their new bowling coach for the upcoming edition of the IPL beginning on April 9.
- 2. IIT Kharagpur has instituted eight new student grants for the autumn semester scheduled to begin in August this year as a group of alumni and their families have raised a corpus of over Rs 2 crore.
- 3. Black space engineer and home defender Kenneth C. Kelly dies at age 92.
- 4. The Tata group has proposed to acquire more than 60 per cent stake in online grocery platform BigBasket.
- 5. India has imposed anti-dumping duty on the Chinese antibacterial drug Ciprofloxacin Hydrochloride to guard the domestic industry against cheap imports from the neighbouring country.
- 6. Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off a foot-march from Sabarmati Ashram here to Dandi village in Navsari district of Gujarat, a re- enactment of the Dandi March or Salt March led by Mahatma Gandhi in 1930.
- 7. The Lebanese Parliament has passed a law on a \$246 million World Bank loan that will provide direct cash assistance for about 150,000 vulnerable families.
- 8. India has emerged as the fifth most attractive growth destination, slipping one position after being surpassed by the United Kingdom, according to a global survey of chief executive officers.
- 9. Ishraq Ali Khan has taken over as executive director (ED) of state-owned UCO Bank.
- 10. Lou Ottens, the Dutch inventor of the cassette tape, the medium of choice for millions of bedroom mix tapes, has died. He was 94.



18-03-2021

- 1. Union Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' announced that in order to ensure hassle free access to verified Online Teacher Pupil Registration Management System (OTPRMS) Certificates, the Ministry of Education has decided to link the certificates with DigiLocker.
- 2. The Minister of Science & Technology, Earth Sciences and Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Harsh Vardhan, inaugurated Centre for Advanced Radiation Shielding and Geopolymeric Materials and an Analytical High Resolution Transmission Electron Microscope Laboratory at CSIR-AMPRI, Bhopal.
- 3. The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has announced a new scheme, under which any tourist vehicle operator may apply for an "All India Tourist Authorization/Permit" through online mode.
- 4. Mumbai lifted their fourth Vijay Hazare Trophy title after defeating Uttar Pradesh by six wickets in the final encounter.
- 5. Mervyn Hegler, one of the greatest middleweight boxers in the history of boxing, died. Hegler was 66 years old.
- 6. Veteran batter Mithali Raj became the first player to complete 7,000 runs in women's ODI cricket.
- 7. The Odisha government has decided to set up three Eklavya model residential schools for tribal students in Sambalpur district.
- 8. Nikoloz Basilashvili downed Roberto Bautista Agut 7-6 (5), 6-2 in the final of the Qatar Open for his fourth ATP title.
- 9. Some of India Inc's senior General Counsels have together to launch the General Counsels' Association of India (GCAI).
- 10. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Sri Lankan President Gotabaya Rajapaksa agreed to maintain regular contact between relevant officials, including in the context of the continuing Covid-19 challenges.



19-03-2021

- 1. Indo-Canadian YouTube star and late-night talk show host Lilly Singh sported a "I stand with farmers" mask at the red carpet of 2021 Grammy Awards to reiterate her support to the ongoing farmers agitation in India.
- 2. With her four wins at 2021 Grammy Awards, pop diva Beyonce became the most awarded female artiste in the history of the ceremony.
- 3. Veteran Kathakali Exponent Guru Chemancheri Kunhiraman Nair died at nearby Cheliya in Koyilandi. He was 105.
- 4. Renowned painter and Padma Bhushan awardee Laxman Pai died in Goa. He was 95.
- 5. Transformers and Rectifiers (India) has bagged an order worth Rs 108 crore from Power Grid Corporation of India.
- 6. A joint venture of Adani Group and Welspun Enterprises Ltd has discovered natural gas reserves in an area off the Mumbai coast.
- 7. Shree Cement said its new cement grinding unit in Odisha with a manufacturing capacity of 3 million tonnes per annum (mtpa) has commenced commercial production.
- 8. The All-India Chess Federation (AICF) will organise the inagural edition of the Punjab International Grandmasters tournament in Jalandhar later this year.
- 9. Kosovo''s Foreign Ministry said it has formally opened its embassy to Israel in the disputed city of Jerusalem.
- 10. Tamil Nadu's CA Bhavani Devi has become the first-ever Indian fencer to qualify for the Tokyo Olympic Games.



20-03-2021

- 1. Prime Minister Boris Johnson will visit India at the end of April on his first major international tour following the UK's exit from the European Union, Downing Street has announced, as Britain seeks to "unlock" the opportunities in the strategic Indo-Pacific region.
- 2. Reserve Bank of India has asked banks to implement the image-based Cheque Truncation System (CTS) in all branches by September 30 this year.
- 3. West Indies cricket great Michael Holding, who came out in support of the 'Black Lives Matter' movement, has been named the 'Best Pundit' at the SJA British Sports Journalism Award 2020.
- 4. Facebook and News Corp announced new pay deals for news in Australia.
- 5. Government has decided to sell 16.12 per cent stake in Tata Communications Limited TCL.
- 6. The Senate has confirmed New Mexico Rep. Deb Haaland as interior secretary, making her the first Native American to lead a Cabinet department and the first to lead the federal agency that has wielded influence over the nation's tribes for nearly two centuries.
- 7. Richard Gasquet defeated Marco Cecchinato 6-4, 6-2 in the first round of the Dubai Championships for his 550th career victory.
- 8. Singer H.E.R. won the 2021 Grammy Award for song of the year for her single "I Can't Breathe'.
- 9. Former MLA and wrestler Sambhaji Pawar died in Sangli. Pawar was 80.
- 10. Legendary cricketer Kapil Dev was inducted as one of the board members of the Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI).



21-03-2021

- 1. India and Bangladesh have agreed to expand cooperation across the entire gamut of water resources issues including framework for sharing of river waters, mitigation of pollution, river bank protection, flood management, basin management.
- 2. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Finnish counterpart Sanna Marin announced an ambitious digital partnership that will facilitate research and development of 6G mobile technologies, quantum computing and digital transformation of teaching.
- 3. Senior IPS officers MA Ganapathy and Kuldiep Singh were appointed Director General of National Security Guard and the Central Reserve Police Force, respectively.
- 4. The Uttar Pradesh cabinet has approved a proposal for acquisition of another 1,365 hectare land in Jewar for the second phase of the upcoming Noida International Airport.
- 5. Aditya Birla Capital said its board has given in-principle approval to explore an initial public offering (IPO) of its arm Aditya Birla Sun Life AMC.
- 6. An Indian-American businesswoman, Lalitha Chittoor, has participated in a round table with Kamala Harris and asked the US Vice President to back a global plastic policy.
- 7. Sania Mirza and the country's top-ranked women's singles and doubles player Ankita Raina will lead India in the Billie Jean King Cup World Group playoff tie against Latvia.
- 8. Photo-messaging app Snapchat launched its new entertainment platform 'Spotlight' for user-generated content in India.
- 9. BJP leader and former Union Minister Dilip Gandhi died in New Delhi. He was 69.
- 10. Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MP from Mandi in Himachal Pradesh, Ram Swaroop Sharma, died in New Delhi. He was 62.



22-03-2021

- 1. Tanzania's President John Magufuli has passed away in Dar es Salaam. He was 61.
- 2. Italy has signed the International Solar Alliance under the amended ISA Framework Agreement.
- 3. UN chief Antonio Guterres has appointed veteran French diplomat Jean Arnault as his personal envoy on Afghanistan and regional issues.
- 4. The World Bank has approved USD 200 million to help Bangladesh to provide support and services to the low-income urban youths impacted by COVID 19 pandemic and the migrants who had to return involuntarily.
- 5. National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL) has shortlisted two candidates including Sanjeev Kaushik, additional secretary in the Finance Ministry, as CEO of the depository company promoted by NSE.
- 6. Dr. Sonu Gandhi, a Scientist at the National Institute of Animal Biotechnology (NIAB), Hyderabad, has been awarded the prestigious SERB Women Excellence Award.
- 7. Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari introduced the Vehicle Scrapping Policy in the Lok Sabha which is aimed at creating an eco-system for phasing out unfit and polluting vehicles.
- 8. In recognition of his outstanding contribution to the movement to eradicate Tuberculosis (TB) from India by 2025, Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare has been appointed Chairman of the Stop TB Partnership Board.
- 9. A book titled "Battle Ready for 21st Century" co-edited by Lt Gen AK Singh, Distinguished Fellow CLAWS and Brig Narender Kumar, Visiting Fellow CLAWS was released by Gen Bipin Rawat, CDS and Gen Deepak Kapoor, Former Chief of the Army Staff at Centre for Land Warfare Studies (CLAWS).
- 10. TRIFED exchanges MoU with Craft Village for design development as well as skill development programmes for tribal artisans and craftspersons.



23-03-2021

- 1. South Africa has been ranked as the world's most dangerous country to drive in while India came in at fourth place, according to a research study undertaken by international driver education company Zutobi.
- 2. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurated the Amar Ekushey book fair in Dhaka.
- 3. IT major Amazon Web Services (AWS) and Niti Aayog announced a tie-up to train students on the fundamentals of cloud computing through Atal Tinkering Labs.
- 4. Eminent economist Arvind Subramanian has resigned as professor from Ashoka University.
- 5. The national Artificial Intelligence (AI) Mission will have centres of excellence with a mandate of application-based research, Principal Scientific Adviser K VijayRaghavan said.
- 6. Nepal decided to resume cross border transportation with India as the Himalayan nation's Covid-19 cases significantly decreased.
- 7. India's economy, estimated to contract by 6.9 per cent in 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic, is forecast to record a "stronger recovery" in 2021 and grow by 5 per cent, according to a UN report.
- 8. The Indian Navy inducted a "landing craft utility ship" which will be used for a variety of activities like transporting battle tanks and other heavy weapons systems.
- 9. The Indo-US Science and Technology Forum (IUSSTF) has launched the US India Artificial Intelligence Initiative to focus on AI cooperation in critical areas that are priorities for both countries.



24-03-2021

- 1. Karnataka-born Dattatreya Hosabale was elected as the Sarkaryavah of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh.
- 2. Adani Green Energy has signed definitive agreements with the Toronto-headquartered SkyPower Global to acquire 100 per cent stake in a special purpose vehicle (SPV).
- 3. Cristiano Ronaldo was named the Italian league Serie A player of the year for the second successive time.
- 4. Amitabh Bachchan was bestowed with the FIAF Award for his dedication and contribution to the preservation of the world's film heritage by the International Federation of Film Archives.
- 5. India has been ranked 139 out of 149 countries in the list of UN World Happiness Report 2021 released which is topped by Finland.
- 6. Air Marshal Zaheer Ahmad Baber Sidhu took charge as the 23rd chief of the Pakistan Air Force.
- 7. Defence PSU Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL) signed a contract worth Rs 1,188 crore, including GST, with the Ministry of Defence to manufacture and supply MILAN 2T anti-tank guided missiles.
- 8. State-run Power Grid Corporation has signed a share purchase agreement with Jaiprakash Power Ventures to acquire 74 per cent stake in Jaypee Powergrid Ltd (JPPGL) for Rs 351.64 crore.
- 9. Army chief General M M Naravane dedicated a memorial to Captain Manoj Pandey at his native village in Sitapur district of Uttar Pradesh.
- 10. Discus thrower Kamalpreet Kaur booked her Tokyo Olympics berth with a sensational national record effort of 65.06m as she improved upon her earlier personal best by four metres on the final day of the Federation Cup Senior National Athletics Championships.
- 11. IT services company Clover Infotech announced the appointment of Kunal Nagarkatti as the Chief Executive Officer of the company and Siddharth Deshmukh as the Chief Operating Officer.



25-03-2021

- 1. President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated a super specialty hospital of Rourkela Steel Plant.
- 2. Four schools reconstructed with Indian grant assistance were inaugurated in Nepal's central district of Nuwakot.
- 3. Young Indian shooter Ganemat Sekhon won her maiden senior ISSF World Cup medal when she bagged the women's skeet bronze on the third competition day of the tournament.
- 4. India, Pakistan, China and other members of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) will hold a joint anti-terrorism exercise this year.
- 5. Dr. Shobhna Kapoor, Assistant Professor at IIT Bombay who's study of roles played by lipids in infectious diseases at molecular level, has received the SERB Women Excellence Award for 2021.
- 6. Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the "Jal Shakti Abhiyan (JSA): Catch the Rain (CTR)" campaign on 22nd March 2021 on occasion of World Water Day.
- 7. Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare today inaugurated various facilities at Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education & Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh.
- 8. Indian Naval Air Squadron (INAS) 310, The Cobras, a maritime reconnaissance squadron of the Indian Navy based at Goa is celebrated its Diamond Jubilee on 21 Mar 21.
- 9. Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare and Chairman of the Indian Red Cross Society, National Headquarters inaugurated a Nucleic Acid Testing (NAT) Testing Facility at the IRCS NHQ Blood Centre.
- 10. Indian Railways Production Unit, Railway Coach Factory, Kapurthala has recently rolled out the first prototype Linke Hofmann Busch (LHB) AC three-tier economy class coach of Indian Railways (IR).



26-03-2021

- 1. Noted writer filmmaker Sagar Sarhadi, known for films like Kabhi Kabhie, Silsila, and Bazaar, passed away. He was 88.
- 2. An agreement to implement the Ken-Betwa river link project was signed on Monday by the Jal Shakti Ministry and governments of Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh.
- 3. FICCI-IFSCA signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish a framework for collaboration and co-operation for development of Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT) IFSC as a world class FinTech Hub.
- 4. Former Mumbai police commissioner Param Bir Singh took charge as the director general (DG) of Maharashtra home guard.
- 5. Malaysia's Lee Zii Jia has won the All England Badminton Championships men's title as he defeated Denmark's Viktor Axelsen in the summit clash.
- 6. India Legends defeated Sri Lanka Legends by 14 runs in the final of Road Safety World Series to clinch the title at Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh International Stadium in Raipur, Chhattisgarh.
- 7. Indian para-athlete Singhraj wins gold medal in the 2021 Para Shooting World Cup in UAE.
- 8. Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar underlined the state government's commitment of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas as he inaugurated development projects worth Rs 1,411 crore in all 22 districts in the state.
- 9. Maharashtra''s Arjun Kadhe and Telangana''s Rashmika Bhamidipaty emerged the new national champions after winning their respective finals at the 2020 The Project Tennis Hard Court Championships.
- 10. Low-cost carrier GoAir operated the first night flight from Srinagar to New Delhi, thus becoming the first airline in the history of Indian aviation to achieve this feat.



27-03-2021

- 1. The International Boxing Association (AIBA) has appointed two-time world champion and Olympic gold-winning former boxer Istvan Kovacs as its Secretary General.
- 2. Sri Lanka has signed a 10 billion yuan (about USD 1.5 billion) currency swap deal with China for a three year period to be used for promoting bilateral trade and direct investment between the two countries.
- 3. Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone will acquire a controlling interest in Gangavaram Port Ltd (GPL) from DVS Raju and family for Rs 3,604 crore.
- 4. Caesar Sengupta, Vice President and General Manager, Payments and Next Billion Users initiative at Google, is leaving the company after a 15-year stint.
- 5. Girl students with annual family income less than Rs 1.80 lakh and pursuing post-graduation in government colleges and government-aided facilities of Haryana will not be charged tuition fee.
- 6. Kangana Ranaut has won the title of best actress at the 67th National Film Awards for her work in Manikarnika and Panga.
- 7. The board of privatisation-bound Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) approved the merger of its gas subsidiary, BGRL with itself in a bid to streamline corporate structure.
- 8. The Indian Space Research Organisation (Isro) has successfully demonstrated free-space Quantum Communication over a distance of 300 metres, for the first time in the country.
- 9. The Gandhi Peace Prize for the year 2020 is being conferred on Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the culture ministry said.
- 10. South Korea's next-generation midsized observation satellite successfully entered its target orbit and made its first contact with a base station.



28-03-2021

- 1. Indian Coast Guard ship "Vajra", the sixth offshore patrol vessel to enhance coastal security, was formally commissioned into service.
- 2. Chinki Yadav finished ahead of the experienced Rahi Sarnobat and Manu Bhaker as India swept the women's 25m pistol event of the ISSF World Cup in Delhi.
- 3. Young Indian shooter Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar claimed the gold medal in the men's 50m rifle 3 positions event, consolidating the host nation's top standing in the ISSF World Cup.
- 4. Chief Justice of India SA Bobde has recommended senior-most judge Justice N V Ramana as his successor and the 48th Chief Justice of India.
- 5. The United Nations, the United States, Russia and the European Union met virtually to discuss relaunching their long-stalled effort to get Israel and the Palestinians to negotiate a two-state solution to their decades-old conflict.
- 6. The government raised the deposit threshold limit to Rs 5 lakh per annum in provident fund for which interest would continue to be tax exempt.
- 7. The India Meteorological Department launched a Climate Data Service Portal with data of over 100 years which can be accessed by the public.
- 8. An interest of 9 per cent would be paid to farmers if payments for their crops procured during rabi season, commencing from April 1, get delayed, Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar announced.
- 9. Promising Manish Narwal shattered the world record en route clinching the gold in the P4 mixed 50m pistol SH1 event on the penultimate day of the 2021 Para Shooting World Cup.
- 10. Former Tamil Nadu Minister and AIADMK Rajya Sabha Member A Mohammedjan died. He was 72.



29-03-2021

- 1. Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha presented the President's Police Medals for gallantry and distinguished and meritorious service to serving and retired Jammu and Kashmir Police officials.
- 2. The Law Ministry notified the elevation of 10 additional judges of the Allahabad High Court as permanent judges, while seven new additional judges were appointed to the high court.
- 3. North Korea test-fired its first ballistic missiles since President Joe Biden took office.
- 4. China has imposed sanctions against 10 individuals and four entities of the European Union (EU), saying they had severely harmed Beijing's "sovereignty and interests and maliciously spread lies and disinformation".
- 5. India's insurance sector regulator has permitted general and health insurers to issue short term coronavirus specific health insurance policies, including the Corona Kavach Policy and Corona Rakshak Policy till September 30.
- 6. Three-time IPL champions Chennai Super Kings unveiled a new-look jersey that features camouflage as a tribute to the country's armed forces.
- 7. Nepal and Bangladesh have signed four agreements to enhance their ties in areas such as tourism, connectivity and cultural exchange.
- 8. The NHAI will develop more than 600 world-class wayside amenities for commuters along national highways in the next five years.
- 9. Power Minister R K Singh launched GRAM UJALA scheme in Varanasi, under which LED bulbs are distributed to households at a price of Rs 10 per piece.
- 10. Adani Green Energy has signed definitive agreements with Sterling & Wilson for the acquisition of 100 per cent stake in two special purpose vehicles (SPVs) that own 75 MW operating solar projects in Telangana.



30-03-2021

- 1. An Indo-Korean friendship park was jointly inaugurated by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Minister of National Defence of South Korea Suh Wook at Delhi cantonment.
- 2. The Uttar Pradesh government will start a scheme offering Affordable Rental Housing and Complexes (ARHC) for poor people living in cities and a proposal to this effect was approved by the state cabinet.
- 3. Noted journalist and author Anil Dharker died in Mumbai. He was 74.
- 4. Former Reserve Bank of India Deputy Governor Kamalesh Chandra Chakrabarty passed away in Mumbai. He was 68.
- 5. The seasoned Indian duo of Sanjeev Rajput and Tejaswini Sawant won the gold medal in the 50m rifle 3 positions mixed team event of the ISSF World Cup.
- 6. Finance and Corporate Affairs Minister Nirmala Sitharaman launched Central Scrutiny Centre and Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority, IEPFA mobile App.
- 7. Senior bureaucrat Saurabh Garg has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI).
- 8. The Maharashtra government said singer Asha Bhosle has been selected for the Maharashtra Bhushan award, the State government's highest honour.
- 9. Union Civil Aviation Minister Hardeep Singh Puri virtually inaugurated the Kurnool airport in Andhra Pradesh.
- 10. Irfan Ali, a 25-year-old man from Bihar''s Gopalganj district, has received the 10th crore card under the Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY).



31-03-2021

- 1. The World Bank has signed agreements with Pakistan to provide USD 1.336 billion worth of assistance to boost the cash-strapped country's foreign exchange reserves and help support social sector programmes.
- 2. Lieutenant general PN Ananthanarayanan took over as the 16th Rising Star Corps commander.
- 3. Prime Minister Narendra Modi invited 50 Bangladeshi entrepreneurs to visit India to connect with the country's start-up and innovation eco-system and meet its venture capitalists.
- 4. Japan finalised loans and a grant totalling around 233 billion yen (\$2.11 billion) for several key infrastructure projects, including for the fourth phase of the Delhi Metro.
- 5. Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd appointed Anish Shah as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer.
- 6. JSW Steel has completed the acquisition of the remaining 26.45 stake of JSW Vallabh Tinplate Pvt Ltd.
- 7. Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar inaugurated 'nature safari' at Rajgir and dedicated it to the public who can enjoy plenty of activities including 'Glass Sky Walk' in a natural environment.
- 8. Indian classical music, Bollywood hits and Bhangra beats are among the diverse musical traditions included in England's new music curriculum guidance for schools launched.
- 9. Haryana with six gold medals topped the medal tally and walked away with the overall trophy in the sub-junior cadet freestyle event of the National Wrestling Championship.
- 10. Jason Roy and Jonny Bairstow became the most frequent century partnership for England in ODIs.

