



## Monthly Current Affair of May, 2021 in English

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**01-05-2021**

1. American runner Blake Leeper has been prevented from competing at the Tokyo Olympics because his two prosthetic legs have been ruled as giving him an unfair advantage.
2. Jindal Power and Steel (JSPL) said its board has approved divesting its entire equity interest in Jindal Power to Worldone, a promoter group company, for Rs 3,015 crore.
3. The US state of California, which has the highest concentration of Indian-Americans, will send life-saving oxygen supplies to India to deal with the latest surge of COVID-19 cases.
4. The PGA Tour heads to Asia for an abbreviated two-event schedule in Singapore and Thailand for the first time in 18 months and minus several tournaments because of continuing concerns over COVID-19.
5. The NROL-82 satellite lifted off from Vandenberg Air Force Base aboard a United Launch Alliance Delta IV Heavy rocket.
6. The limits imposed on airfares and on number of domestic flights that can be operated in the Indian market will extend till May 31, said the Civil Aviation Ministry.
7. The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has developed single crystal blades that are used in helicopter engines and it has supplied 60 of them to the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited for the company's indigenous helicopter development program.
8. The Reserve Bank said the government has appointed economic affairs secretary Ajay Seth on the central bank's board.
9. The government banned imports of mosquito killer racket if the price is below Rs 121 per racket.
10. Fintech major Paytm said Paytm Foundation will import over 3,000 Oxygen Concentrators (OCs) to tackle the current oxygen shortage in the country amid the deadly second wave of the pandemic.



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1. The former head of South Africa's ministerial advisory committee on COVID-19, Indian-origin professor Salim Abdool Karim, has been appointed to the World Health Organisation (WHO) Science Council.
2. Samsung's founding family will donate tens of thousands of rare artworks, including Picassos and Dalis, and give hundreds of millions of dollars to medical research to help them pay a massive inheritance tax following last year's death of chairman Lee Kun-Hee.
3. The US India Chamber of Commerce (USICOC) Foundation and its partner organisations are shipping 50 ventilators to India, besides other medical supplies, to help the country fight the deadly second wave of COVID-19.
4. Anupam Rasayan said it has bagged an order worth Rs 1,100 crore for supplying life sciences related speciality chemicals.
5. The Indian economy is projected to grow at 11 per cent in the current financial year amid the "strong" vaccine drive, Asian Development Bank (ADB) said, while cautioning that the recent surge in Covid cases may put the country's economic recovery at "risk".
6. Noted Odia and English writer Manoj Das passed away at 87 in Puducherry.
7. An Indian-American non-profit body 'Sewa International USA' has raised nearly \$4.7 million through social media towards COVID-19 relief efforts in India.
8. Info Edge said it will sell stake worth Rs 750 crore in the initial public offering (IPO) of its investee company Zomato.
9. The RBI has imposed a penalty of Rs 40 lakh on Himachal Pradesh State Cooperative Bank, Shimla, for non-compliance with certain regulatory directions issued by NABARD.
10. Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurated the country's first 3D printed house at IIT, Madras.



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1. The government allowed import of 17 medical devices for three months with mandatory declarations immediately after custom clearance and before sale of such products in the domestic market.
2. Vice President Kamala Harris and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi have made history as they shared the stage during President Joe Biden's first joint session to Congress, marking the first time that two women sat behind a US president during an address to Congress.
3. Senior Congress leader and Opposition UDF candidate from Nilambur V.V. Prakash died. He was 56.
4. China launched the core module for its first permanent space station that will host astronauts long-term.
5. Outgoing MLA of the Trinamool Congress, Gouri Sankar Dutta, died. He was 70.
6. In a first, the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) has appointed a woman officer Vaishali S Hiwase to command a Road Construction Company (RCC) tasked to provide connectivity in a high-altitude area along the India-China border.
7. Justice Virendra Kumar Srivastava of the Lucknow bench of the Allahabad High Court died. He was 59.
8. Congress leader and former Maharashtra minister Eknath Gaikwad, passed away in Mumbai. He was 81.
9. Glaciers are melting faster, losing 31% more snow and ice per year than they did 15 years earlier, according to three-dimensional satellite measurements of all the world's mountain glaciers.
10. The fifth edition of the Tamil Nadu Premier League (TNPL) will begin from June 4, the TNCA announced.



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1. K V Anand, noted Tamil film director and cinematographer died. He was 54.
2. Former Attorney General and Constitutional law expert Soli Sorabjee passed away. He was 91.
3. Jordan's Prince Mohammad bin Talal, the younger brother of the late King Hussein, died at the age of 80.
4. Former state BJP president Laxman Giluwa died in Jamshedpur. He was 57.
5. Rajasthan Human Rights Commission member Justice Mahesh Chandra Sharma died. He was 64.
6. Government has left GPF and other non-government PF interest rate unchanged at 7.1 percent.
7. John Chambers, a top American corporate leader and former Cisco CEO, has announced a donation of \$1 million towards a target of sending one lakh oxygen units to India.
8. Fertiliser cooperative IFFCO said its fourth oxygen plant being set up at Paradeep (Odisha) will commence operation by June 15 and will provide the free supply to hospitals in the state and adjoining areas.
9. The National Commission for Women (NCW) has launched a WhatsApp helpline number for providing medical assistance to expectant mothers from across the country.
10. The labour ministry has implemented a decision of retirement fund body EPFO's trustees to hike the maximum sum assured payable under the Employees' Deposit Linked Insurance Scheme, 1976 to Rs 7 lakh from the existing Rs 6 lakh.



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**05-05-2021**

1. Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MLC Hari Narayan Chaudhary died due to Covid-19 at Patna in Bihar.
2. Sitar maestro Pandit Devbrata Chaudhuri died of Covid-related complications at a Delhi hospital. He was 85.
3. The Centre has released ₹ 8,873.6 crore to states as the first installment of the central share of the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) for 2021-22 for various COVID-19 containment measures.
4. Â Mahindra and Mahindra has inked a pact with shareholders of Meru to increase its stake to 100 per cent in the ride-hailing service provider.
5. The Wall Street-based investment banking major JPMorgan Chase joined its peers to help India fight its worst health crisis, committing an upfront USD 2-million financial aid along with an appeal to its over 2.5 lakh employees to chip in.
6. The government exempted from customs duty imports of inflammatory diagnostic kits till October 31, a move aimed at increasing COVID-19 testing.
7. Insurance scheme for frontline health workers has been extended for another six months, the government said.
8. The Indian Navy launched a special operation to bring oxygen-filled cryogenic containers to India from abroad as the country is facing a severe shortage of medical oxygen in the wake of a massive spike in coronavirus cases.
9. Vedanta Group firm Hindustan Zinc has set up an oxygen bottling plant at the Rajsamand district of Rajasthan which is producing 500 cylinders of life-saving gas per day.
10. The government permitted import of oxygen concentrators for personal use, through post, courier or e-commerce portals under gift category.



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**06-05-2021**

1. Veteran football administrator and Hindustan FC owner Dilip Kumar Bose died at a local hospital after battling COVID-19. He was in his early 70s.
2. Former BCCI selector and Rajasthan captain Kishan Rungta died of COVID-19 at a hospital in Jaipur. He was 88.
3. The government slashed Integrated GST rate on oxygen concentrators for personal use to 12 per cent, from 28 per cent earlier.
4. The final phase of ending America's "forever war" in Afghanistan after 20 years formally began, with the withdrawal of the last US and NATO troops by the end of summer.
5. Leading global payments company Mastercard has donated \$8.9 million to a New York-based non-profit body, American India Foundation, to install 2,000 portable beds in India, which is reeling from a deadly wave of the COVID-19.
6. India gets 1.5 lakh doses of SputnikV vaccine first consignment from Russia.
7. The UNICEF said that it sent critical lifesaving supplies, including 3,000 oxygen concentrators, to help India amid the ravaging second coronavirus wave.
8. Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot inaugurated the Chief Minister Chiranjeevi Health Insurance Scheme and free vaccination for the age group of 18 to 45 years from the video conference.
9. Lawyer Keshav Mohan, who has been representing the Bihar government in the Supreme Court, passed away due to COVID-related complications at a hospital.
10. Jailed former RJD MP Mohammad Shahabuddin, 53, died of COVID-19 at the Deen Dayal Upadhyay (DDU) Hospital.



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**07-05-2021**

1. Cricket Australia pledged 50,000 Australian dollars to support India's fight against the devastating second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic and will also raise more funds in partnership with its players' association and UNICEF.
2. Kerala Congress (B) chairman and former minister R Balakrishna Pillai passed away in Kottarakkara. He was 86.
3. Indian-American billionaire businessman Vinod Khosla pledged \$10 million for the supply of medical oxygen to hospitals in India.
4. Prime Minister Narendra Modi held a virtual summit with his British counterpart Boris Johnson during which they unveiled a 10-year roadmap to further broadbase bilateral ties.
5. The administrative control of historical Katas Raj Temples has been handed over to the Evacuee Trust Property Board (ETPB), a statutory body of the federal government which looks after holy places of minorities in Pakistan, for its 'proper upkeep'.
6. Madhya Pradesh Congress MLA and former state minister Brijendra Singh Rathore died. He was 63.
7. Chinese tech giant Baidu rolled out its paid driverless taxi service, making it the first company to commercialize autonomous driving operations in China.
8. The government has waived late fee on delayed filing of monthly return GSTR-3B and tax payment for the months of March and April.
9. The Delhi and Districts Cricket Association (DDCA) announced it will be donating 100 units each of non-invasive ventilators and oxygen concentrators to the Delhi government for distribution across healthcare facilities in the national capital.
10. Taiwan delivered to India 150 oxygen concentrators and 500 oxygen cylinders to assist the country in its fight against a devastating second wave of the coronavirus pandemic.



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**08-05-2021**

1. Former Union minister and Jammu and Kashmir governor Jagmohan, 93, has passed away. He was 93.
2. In front of a full house at the Crucible Theatre, Mark Selby won the world snooker championship for the fourth time beating Shaun Murphy 18-15 in the final.
3. The Serum Institute of India will invest GBP 240 million in the UK to expand its vaccine business and set up a new sales office creating a large number of jobs.
4. The Delhi government has developed a portal for proper distribution and supply of Remdesivir injection to stockists, distributors and hospitals for needy patients.
5. Justice (Retd) P C Pant, who is a member of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), has also been appointed its Acting Chairperson with effect from April 25 this year.
6. A penalty of Rs 3 crore has been imposed on ICICI Bank Ltd for contravention of certain directions, the Reserve Bank of India said.
7. Famous Hindi cricket commentator Iftikhar Ahmed passed away in Prayagraj. He was 66.
8. With the RBI capping top managements' tenure at lenders, Kotak Mahindra Bank's head Uday Kotak said his current term as the managing director and chief executive is till December 2023 and the board will take a call on succession in due course.
9. Agrochemical technicals firm India Pesticides and the Krishna Institute of Medical Sciences have received capital markets regulator Sebi's go-ahead to float initial share-sales.
10. The newly-appointed Deputy Governor T Rabi Sankar will look after eight departments, including currency management, information technology, and foreign exchange, the Reserve Bank of India said.





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**09-05-2021**

1. RBI said the second purchase of government securities worth Rs 35,000 crore under the G-sec Acquisition Programme (G-SAP 1.0) will be done on May 20 for an orderly evolution of the yield curve as a fresh COVID-19 wave threatens to hit the economy.
2. Pakistan batsmen Babar Azam and Fakhar Zaman were nominated for the ICC 'Player of the Month' award for April following their stupendous performance in the limited-overs series against South Africa.
3. Barbora Strycova, a former top-ranked doubles player and Wimbledon singles semifinalist, has announced her retirement.
4. Alan McLoughlin, who famously scored a goal to send Ireland to the 1994 World Cup in the United States, has died. He was 54.
5. Former head of the Malankara Mar Thoma Syrian Church and the longest-serving bishop in India Dr Philipose Mar Chrysostom died. He was 103.
6. Mahatma Gandhi's former personal secretary V Kalyanam died in Chennai. He was 99.
7. Legislative Secretary G Narayan Raju has died of COVID-19. He was 62.
8. India and Britain approved the ambitious roadmap 2030 to move the two countries' relationship towards a broader strategic partnership.
9. Chief Minister Tirath Singh Rawat inaugurated a hospital in Haridwar with a capacity of 140 oxygen-supported beds.
10. The Hungarian capital of Budapest commemorated the 125th birth anniversary of its underground railway, which was the first of its kind in mainland Europe and is the world's second-oldest after the London Underground.



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**10-05-2021**

1. An eminent and award-winning Indian-origin immunologist has been elected to the prestigious National Academy of Sciences in recognition of his "distinguished and continuing achievements in original research".
2. Former Union minister and Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD) leader Ajit Singh passed away in Gurgaon. He was 82.
3. One of India's well-known cricket statistician, Dinar Gupte died. He was 76.
4. Indian Army has clarified that the Defence Ministry has approved a total of 50 Armed Force Medical Services, AFMS hospitals including 42 Army, five Air Force and three Navy designated as Dedicated and Mixed COVID Hospitals.
5. Union minister Jitendra Singh said that the government has decided to extend the payment of provisional pension up to a period of one year from the date of retirement of an employee in view of the COVID-19 situation.
6. The Commerce Ministry said the first consignment of organic millets, produced in Uttarakhand, would be exported to Denmark.
7. With India continuing to reel under the second wave of COVID-19 infections, multinational financiers pitched in with relief efforts, led by a Rs 200 crore commitment by Citibank.
8. Intensifying its efforts, the Indian Navy has deployed nine warships to bring liquid oxygen and other medical supplies from several countries in Persian Gulf and south-east Asia.
9. Investment in health, education and social protection alongside deeper regional cooperation can help countries in Asia Pacific region in achieving equitable recovery from the pandemic, Asian Development Bank (ADB) said.
10. External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar participated in the G-7 Foreign Ministers' meeting through video conference.



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**11-05-2021**

1. Three Indian-American CEOs Sunder Pichai from Google, Punit Renjen from Deloitte and Shantanu Narayen from Adobe have joined the steering committee of the Global Task Force on Pandemic Response, which is overseeing an unprecedented corporate sector initiative to help India successfully fight COVID19.
2. Several United Nations agencies have delivered nearly 10,000 oxygen concentrators and about 10 million medical masks to India to tackle the COVID-19 pandemic.
3. Senior journalist Shesh Narain Singh passed away due to the coronavirus disease (Covid-19).
4. Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin, the DMK president who led his party to a huge victory in the Assembly polls was sworn in as Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.
5. A book "Thambi Naidoo and Family: Struggle for a Non-racial South Africa" tracing the anti-apartheid activism of Mahatma Gandhi's close aide in South Africa Thambi Naidoo and four generations of his family starting from the early 1900s has been launched.
6. A 50-bed private hospital for COVID-19 patients with its own oxygen generation plants opened in Greater Noida in Uttar Pradesh's Gautam Buddh Nagar district.
7. The Indian Army has set up a 'COVID management cell' to ensure better coordination in extending support to civil authorities across the country to deal with surging cases of coronavirus infections.
8. Credit Suisse has sharply lowered its real GDP growth forecast for this fiscal year to around 8.5-9 per cent, citing economic disruptions in the country due to the raging second wave that is likely to shave 100-150 bps growth off the economy.
9. J&K Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha approved release of additional Rs 250 crore as interest subvention under economic package for revival of business and industry in the Union Territory.
10. Russian authorities gave regulatory approval to a single-dose version of the country's Sputnik V vaccine, arguing that the move could accelerate the process of achieving herd immunity against the coronavirus.



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**12-05-2021**

1. Nepali climber Kami Rita Sherpa reached the summit of Mount Everest for the 25th time, breaking his own record for the most summits of the highest mountain in the world.
2. Former India hockey player and a member of the 1980 Moscow Olympics-winning side, Ravinder Pal Singh, died. He was 65.
3. In a first, a Hindu woman Sana Ramachand in Pakistan has passed the country's prestigious Central Superior Services (CSS) examination and selected for the elite Pakistan Administrative Services (PAS).
4. Indian wrestler Seema Bisla has secured a Tokyo Olympics berth in women's 50kg after reaching the finals of the World Olympic Qualifier at Sofia in Bulgaria.
5. Prime Minister Narendra Modi participated in the meeting of the European Council as a special invitee.
6. Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has launched a new mobile application for psycho social wellness of students and parents.
7. TVS Motor Company said it along with Sundaram Clayton and its group companies have pledged Rs 40 crore to support the nationwide efforts to curb the spread of COVID-19.
8. DRDO has developed an Artificial Intelligence algorithm that can detect the presence of COVID-19 disease in Chest X-rays.
9. The last shooting World Cup before the Tokyo Olympics will be held in Osijek, Croatia from June 22 to July 3 and the Indians are set to take part in that event as they would be training in the European country at that time.
10. India and the UK will step up cooperation in the area of science, technology and innovation including strengthening the role of women in STEMM disciplines at schools, universities, and research institutions.



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**13-05-2021**

1. The remnants of an out of control and China's biggest rocket re-entered the Earth's atmosphere with most of its parts burned up and disintegrated over the Indian Ocean near the Maldives.
2. Aryna Sabalenka beat world number one Ashleigh Barty 6-0 3-6 6-4 in the Madrid Open final.
3. India and the European Union announced the resumption of talks for a free trade agreement, eight years after its suspension, and agreed to launch negotiations for two key pacts on investment protection and geographical indications.
4. The Supreme Court has constituted a 12-member National Task Force of top medical experts to formulate a methodology for allocation of oxygen to states and union territories for saving lives of COVID-19 patients and to facilitate a public health response to the pandemic.
5. Lewis Hamilton took a 100th career pole position by edging out Red Bull's Max Verstappen in qualifying at the Spanish Grand Prix.
6. Well-known Yoga guru Swami Adhyatmananda, who headed Ahmedabad-based Sivananda Ashram, died of COVID-19. He was 77.
7. Megha Engineering and Infrastructures Ltd is currently setting up a 30 tonne per day capacity Cryogenic Oxygen Liquefaction Plant and it will be installed and commissioned at ITCs paper manufacturing unit in Bhadrachalam.
8. An anti-COVID-19 therapeutic application of the drug 2-deoxy-D-glucose (2-DG) has been developed by Institute of Nuclear Medicine and Allied Sciences (INMAS), a lab of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), in collaboration with Dr Reddy's Laboratories (DRL), Hyderabad.
9. Former India hockey player and coach MK Kaushik died of Covid-19 in New Delhi. He was 66.
10. The Indian and Indonesian Navies conducted Passage Exercise (PASSEX) in the southern Arabian sea.



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**14-05-2021**

1. The Competition Commission of India (CCI) approves proposed acquisition of 100% shareholding and sole control of Ingram Micro Inc. by Imola Acquisition Corporation.
2. In tennis, World number six Alexander Zverev beat Matteo Berrettini to clinch his second Madrid Open title.
3. Drug major Cipla said it has inked a pact with US-based Eli Lilly and Company to manufacture and produce baricitinib in the country for the treatment of COVID-19.
4. The Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, released an amount of Rs. 8,923.8 crore to 25 States for providing grants to the Rural Local Bodies (RLBs).
5. Garrick Higgo matched Tiger Woods' record to become joint quickest to three tournament with victory at the Canary Islands Championship.
6. The government has extended anti-dumping duty on certain types of seamless tubes, and pipes till October 31 this year with a view to guarding domestic manufacturers from cheap Chinese imports.
7. Ariya Jutanugarn shot a 9-under-par 63 in the final round to win the LPGA Thailand by one stroke and become the first home winner of the tournament in 14 years.
8. Lavinio Rebello, senior vice president of the Goa Football Association, passed away in Goa.
9. Eminent sculptor and Rajya Sabha member Padma Vibhushan Raghunath Mohapatra passed away.
10. Freedom fighter and veteran of the erstwhile Indian National Army (INA) Lalti Ram died. He was 100.



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**15-05-2021**

1. A 16-member Bahrain Royal Guard team led by prince Mohammed Hamad Mohammed Al Khalifa became the first international team to conquer the new altitude of Mount Everest.
2. Anchor investor Bay Tree India Holdings I LLC has sold over 2 per cent stake in Yes Bank through open market transactions.
3. Microblogging giant Twitter has donated USD 15 million to help address the COVID-19 crisis in India which is battling the unprecedented second wave of the deadly pandemic.
4. U.S. regulators expanded the use of Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine to children as young as 12, offering a way to protect the nation's adolescents before they head back to school in the fall and paving the way for them to return to more normal activities.
5. Saudi Arabia has announced 118 humanitarian projects worth over \$123 million for cash-strapped Pakistan in food security, health, education and water during Prime Minister Imran Khan's two-day visit.
6. Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat dedicated a 120-bed COVID care centre to Jodhpur in Rajasthan and said people with mild and moderate symptoms will be treated at this facility.
7. Resident president of charitable-cum-educational body Chief Khalsa Diwan (CKD) Harminder Singh, 79, died of COVID-19.
8. Veteran Communist leader and the leader of Janadipathya Samrakshana Samiti (JSS), K.R. Gouri Amma passed away in Thiruvananthapuram. She was 102.
9. Vinesh Kalra, India's Consul General in the Afghan city of Mazar-e-Sharif, passed away in Kabul.
10. Puducherry has become 'Har Ghar Jal' UT by ensuring that every rural home in the Union Territory gets a household tap connection.



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**16-05-2021**

1. Professional training and education company Ironwood Education said it has roped in the Indian cricket team's head coach Ravi Shastri, bowling coach B Arun and fielding coach R Sridhar as advisory board members to mentor and guide in program development for certified cricket coaching at various levels.
2. The postponed women's 2021 Rugby World Cup will now be held in New Zealand from Oct. 8 to Nov. 12 next year.
3. New Zealand wicket-keeper batsman B J Watling announced that he will end his over-decade-long career in all forms of cricket after the World Test Championship final against India next month.
4. India is forecast to grow at 10.1 per cent in 2022, becoming the fastest growing major economy in the world, the United Nations said, but cautioned that the growth outlook of 2021 was "highly fragile" as the country was the "new hotbed of the pandemic."
5. A sharp rise in exports in April is giving a hope that the ambitious target of \$400 billion merchandise shipments can be achieved this year, commerce and industry minister Piyush Goyal said.
6. Former CBI officer K Ragothaman, who was the Chief Investigating Officer in the Rajiv Gandhi assassination case, died. He was 76.
7. Arjuna award-winning former India table tennis player V Chandrasekhar died due to COVID-19 related complications. He was 64.
8. Drug major AstraZeneca has pledged \$250,000 (over Rs 1.8 crore) in humanitarian aid to India to support relief activities amid the second wave of COVID-19 sweeping across the country.
9. Padmakumar M Nair of State Bank of India (SBI) will be the chief executive of National Asset Reconstruction Company (NARCL), a proposed entity for taking over bad loans of lenders, predominantly public sector banks.
10. In the first such deal since regulations allowed fintech firms to own asset management companies, online investment platform Groww announced it will fully acquire Indiabulls Mutual Fund for Rs 175 crore.





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**17-05-2021**

1. President Joe Biden signed an executive order meant to strengthen U.S. cybersecurity defenses in response to a series of headline-grabbing hacking incidents that highlight how vulnerable the country's public and private sectors are to high-tech spies and criminals operating from half a world away.
2. Granules India, pharmaceutical company, has announced that it pledged to provide the Telangana government 16 crore Paracetamol-500 mg tablets free of cost to fight the COVID-19 pandemic.
3. An Indian-American non-profit body American India Foundation (AIF) has raised USD25 million for COVID-19 assistance to India as the country battles a severe outbreak of the viral disease.
4. Infosys co-founder S D Shibulal purchased shares worth Rs 100 crore of the IT major through an open market transaction.
5. India is the fastest country globally to reach the landmark of administering 17 crore doses in 114 days, Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan said.
6. Lawrencedale Agro Processing India (LEAF), said it is bringing in Rs 500 crore worth of organised cost-effective credit to marginalised small land-hold and tribal farmers to overcome the COVID-19 crisis.
7. Senior journalist Shiv Anurag Pateria died of a heart attack here caused due to post-COVID complications. He was 62.
8. Fairfax Financial Holdings Group, the promoters of Bangalore's Kempegowda International Airport, has funded in setting up of a 150-bed, oxygenated COVID-19 treatment centre at the airport to bolster the healthcare infrastructure.
9. The Reserve Bank on Wednesday said the second tranche of open market purchase of government securities worth Rs 35,000 crore under the G-sec Acquisition Programme (G-SAP 1.0) will be conducted on May 20 with a view to enabling a stable and orderly evolution of the yield curve.
10. Vikram Solar announced the commissioning of an 85 megawatt (MW) solar plant for state-run power giant NTPC at Bilhaur, in Uttar Pradesh.



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**18-05-2021**

1. Centre has said that 216 crore doses of COVID-19 vaccines will be available between August and December this year for Indian citizens.
2. Infrastructure company Larsen & Toubro (L&T) said its construction arm has bagged an up to Rs 5,000 crore contract from Chennai Metro Rail Corporation.
3. Erling Haaland and Jadon Sancho both scored twice as Borussia Dortmund withstood a second-half fightback in teeming rain to beat Leipzig 4-1 in the German Cup final.
4. White ball batsman Glenn Phillips and all-rounder Daryl Mitchell have been included for the first time on New Zealand Cricket's list of centrally contracted players.
5. The IIT Alumni Council-founded Megalab has secured a Rs 300-crore seed funding and is developing a two-dose Ayurveda-based coronavirus vaccine that can stop the spread of the deadly virus and prevent infection within a few days of the first dose.
6. In Nepal, President Bidhya Devi Bhandari has re-appointed KP Sharma Oli as Prime Minister.
7. Times Group chairperson Indu Jain died due to Covid-related complications. She was 84.
8. Former Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) MLA Jarnail Singh passed away due to COVID-19 complications.
9. One of the longest serving doctors at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital and renowned obstetrician and gynaecologist Dr S K Bhandari died due to Covid-19. Dr Bhandari was 86.
10. Manipur BJP chief Prof S Tikendra Singh passes away at Shija Hospital in Imphal. He was 69.



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**19-05-2021**

1. Senior Congress leader and six-time MP from Amritsar Raghunandan Lal Bhatia passed away. He was 100.
2. The United States has partnered with India on climate change so as to help it meet its commitment to deploy 450 gigawatts (GW) of renewable energy, US Special Envoy on Climate Change John Kerry said.
3. Commerce and Industry Minister, Piyush Goyal held a virtual meeting with US Trade Representative Ambassador Katherine Tai, and discussed measures to enhance COVID-19 vaccine production.
4. A Chinese spacecraft carrying the country's first Mars rover has touched down on the red planet, the China National Space Administration (CNSA) confirmed.
5. Footwear major Bata India Limited announced the appointment of Gunjan Shah as its new Chief Executive Officer.
6. In Himachal Pradesh, AYUSH Department launched a state-wide wellness programme 'AYUSH Ghar Dwar' for COVID-19 patients, in Sloan district.
7. The Dragao Stadium, in the Portuguese city of Porto, will host on May 29 the final of the Champions League.
8. England fast bowler Harry Gurney has announced his retirement from all forms of cricket.
9. Tata Steel BSL said its board has re-appointed Rajeev Singhal as managing director (MD) of the company for a one-year term.
10. Thirty-seven-year-old Tashi Yangjom, a resident of West Kameng district in Arunachal Pradesh, has conquered Mount Everest, joining the ranks of a handful of women mountaineers who have achieved the feat.



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**20-05-2021**

1. Former Saurashtra pacer and BCCI referee Rajendrasinh Jadeja has died due to COVID-19. Jadeja was 66.
2. Congress leader and Rajya Sabha member Rajeev Satav died in Pune. He was 46.
3. Financial Express managing editor Sunil Jain passed away after battling COVID-19. He was 58 years old.
4. Giani Joginder Singh Vedanti, former Jathedar of Akal Takht, has passed away. He was 70.
5. Two-wheeler market leader Hero MotoCorp has partnered with the district administration of Gurugram to set up a makeshift 100-bed Covid Care centre in Gurugram.
6. A total of 110 cadets of the Armed Forces Medical College (AFMC) in Pune were commissioned as officers into the Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS).
7. Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal announced the launch of an oxygen concentrator bank for COVID patients requiring oxygen support in home isolation or those recuperating after discharge from hospital.
8. IT services major Tech Mahindra said it has appointed Meghna Hareendran as its 'Wellness Officer' with immediate effect.
9. Bharti Airtel has rolled out a range of Covid support initiatives for customers by leveraging its digital platform.
10. Aerospace major Boeing has tied-up with state governments along with NGOs to set up field hospitals in India to treat Covid patients.



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**21-05-2021**

1. In tennis, Rafael Nadal beat world number one Novak Djokovic to win a 10th Italian Open title.
2. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh released the first batch of Anti Covid drug 2DG through video conferencing.
3. International Invincible Gold Medal of this year has been conferred on Union Education Minister Dr Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank.
4. Drug firm Shilpa Medicare said its arm has entered into a definitive agreement with Dr Reddy's Laboratories for manufacturing of Russian COVID-19 vaccine Sputnik V.
5. BJP chief JP Nadda flags off 17 mobile medical units & medical aid for Himachal Pradesh under 'Seva Hi Sangathan' program.
6. Indian Railways has commissioned Wi-Fi at 6,000 railway station in Jharkhand's Hazaribagh district.
7. Microsoft shared the top position with Amazon Web Services (AWS) as the worldwide public cloud services market grew 24.1 per cent (year-over-year) in 2020 with revenues reaching \$312 billion, according to the International Data Corporation (IDC).
8. Eminent journalist and popular TV anchor Anjan Bandyopadhyay died in Kolkata. He was 56.
9. Writer Subodh Chopra, known for films like "Murder" and "Rog", died. He was 49.
10. Veteran actor K D Chandran, best known for films like 'Hum Hain Rahi Pyar Ke' and 'China Gate', died. He was 84.



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**22-05-2021**

1. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman will chair the 43rd GST Council meeting via video conferencing at 11 A.M. in New Delhi on 28th of this month.
2. US President Joe Biden has announced that the United States will share 80 million vaccine doses globally over the next six weeks.
3. Former Test opener Shiv Sunder Das was named batting coach of the Indian women's cricket team.
4. Padma Shri awardee and eminent cardiologist Dr. K. K. Aggarwal has died of COVID-19. He was 62.
5. Centre has dropped plasma therapy from Covid treatment protocol.
6. Anshu Prakash, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications(DoT) , Ministry of Communications and Chairman Digital Communications Commission, inaugurated an online certificate course on Network Security on the occasion of World Telecommunication and Information Society Day.
7. With a vision to build an inclusive, skills-based economy, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MTA) inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Microsoft to support the digital transformation of schools such as Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) and Ashram Schools.
8. India's wholesale price inflation, or WPI, rose to 10.49 per cent in April compared to 7.39 per cent in March on account of sharp surge in oil price and global commodity prices.
9. Global technology leader Lenovo announced to appoint Dinesh Nair as Director, Consumer Business for the India region.
10. Indian Ambassador to Nepal Vinay Mohan Kwatra inaugurated a quarantine/mild isolation centre for frontline workers in Kathmandu run by the Hindu Swayamsewak Sangh (HSS), amidst a surge in COVID-19 cases in the country.



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**23-05-2021**

1. Cambridge University chemists Shankar Balasubramanian and David Klenerman were declared the winners of the 2020 Millennium Technology Prize, a prestigious global science and technology prize awarded for their development of revolutionary sequencing techniques which means DNA can now be read in super-fast times.
2. Adani Green Energy Ltd (AGEL) has inked share purchase agreements with SoftBank Group (SBG) and Bharti Group for acquisition of 100 per cent stake in SB Energy India for USD 3.5 billion (approximately Rs 25,500 crore).
3. The Reserve Bank of India has imposed a penalty of Rs 1 lakh on Priyadarshini Mahila Nagari Sahakari Bank, Beed (Maharashtra) for violation of certain directions under the Supervisory Action Framework.
4. The Biden administration has started the process of appointing 20 American corporate leaders to the US section of the US-India CEO Forum.
5. Egypt's President Abdel Fattah el-Sissi has announced the allocation of \$500 million for reconstruction efforts in the Gaza Strip.
6. Australia is set to host Afghanistan for a cricket Test for the first time before taking on England in the Ashes series starting in December.
7. The International Boxing Association (AIBA) announced a prize fund of USD 400,000 for the upcoming Asian Championships in Dubai.
8. BJP MLA Gotam Lal Meena died of COVID-19 in Udaipur. He was 56.
9. Uttar Pradesh Minister of State for Revenue and Flood Control Vijay Kashyap died from coronavirus in Gurgaon. He was 56.
10. The Heartbreak Kid and Midnight Run actor Charles Grodin dies aged 86.



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**24-05-2021**

1. India highlighted its efforts in preventing the spread of coronavirus and development of new drugs, vaccines, and other innovative measures for curing infected patients at a high-level roundtable at the United Nations-Commission on Science and Technology for Development (UN-CSDT).
2. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has announced a Rs. 1000 crore relief package for the cyclone hit areas of Gujarat.
3. Union Government decided to hike the DAP subsidy by 140 per cent to provide the fertilizer to farmers at old rate despite international price rise.
4. The Indian Council of Medical Research, ICMR has approved CoviSelf kit for the purpose of home testing.
5. The Telangana government has declared Black Fungus (mucormycosis) a disease that is primarily affecting COVID-19 recovered patients as notifiable disease under Epidemic Diseases Act 1897.
6. Drug major Cipla announced the commercialisation of its RT-PCR test kit 'ViraGen' for COVID-19 in India, in partnership with Ubio Biotechnology Systems.
7. The Indian women's cricket team will compete in its maiden day-night Test from September 30 to October 3 when it tours Australia this year.
8. Infosys co-founder S D Shibulal purchased shares worth Rs 100 crore of the IT major through an open market transaction.
9. Former chief minister of Rajasthan and ex-governor of Haryana and Bihar, Jagannath Pahadia (89), died of Covid-19.
10. Dr Santiago Lusardi Girelli (42), a musician from Argentina who was a visiting research professor at Goa University, succumbed to COVID-19.





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**25-05-2021**

1. The Sports Ministry has approved financial assistance of Rs 2 lakh for double Asian Games gold-medallist woman kabaddi player V Tejaswini Bai, who recently battled COVID-19 and lost her husband to the dreaded infection.
2. Governor of the US state of Alabama Kay Ivey has signed into law a bill that allows schools in the state to teach yoga in their classrooms, sans the use of namaste, ending a nearly three decades ban on the popular age-old Indian practice.
3. An Indian-origin Human Sciences student Anvee Bhutani from Magdalen College at the University of Oxford has been declared the winner at the end of a Student Union (SU) byelection.
4. South American soccer body CONMEBOL announced that Colombia will not co-host next month's Copa America.
5. India's first Dronacharya awardee coach in boxing, O P Bhardwaj, died. He was 82.
6. US President Joe Biden has signed a legislation to address the sudden increase in hate crime against Asian-Americans in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic and expressed hope that such crimes would now be more accurately counted and reported so that it can be ended.
7. Union agriculture minister Narendra Singh Tomar launched a scheme to set up honey and other beehive testing laboratory on the National Bee Day.
8. Mindtree will acquire the NxT Digital Business from Larsen and Toubro (L&T) for Rs 198 crore.
9. The government has raised about Rs 4,000 crore from sale of 1.95 per cent stake in Axis Bank held through SUUTI.
10. Insurance sector regulator IRDAI has slapped a fine of Rs 24 lakh on policy aggregator Policybazaar for violating advertisement norms.



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**26-05-2021**

1. US President Joe Biden has announced the appointment of a special envoy Sung Kim for North Korea after he had his maiden talks with his South Korean counterpart Moon Jae-In.
2. Nepal President Bidya Devi Bhandari dissolved the House of Representatives and announced mid-term polls on November 12 and 19.
3. The 2022 FIFA under-17 Women's World Cup will be held in India from October 11 to 30, 2022.
4. A dedicated community support helpline has been operationalised by the Union Ministry of Ayush to provide AYUSH-based approaches and solutions for the challenges raised by Covid-19.
5. Defence Institute of Physiology and Allied Sciences (DIPAS), a laboratory of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), has developed an antibody detection-based kit 'DIPCOVAN', the DIPAS-VDx COVID-19 IgG Antibody Microwell ELISA for sero-surveillance.
6. The Indian Navy's first destroyer INS Rajput was decommissioned at Naval Dockyard, Visakhapatnam after serving the nation for 41 glorious years on, 21 May 21.
7. Union Minister of Rural Development, Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Panchayati Raj and Food Processing Industries, Narendra Singh Tomar launched National Mobile Monitoring Software (NMMS) app and Area officer monitoring App through Video-Conferencing.
8. The most awaited Pune emission inventory report to understand the contribution of various sources of emissions in Pune Air quality has been released by Prof. Nitin Kalmalkar, Vice-Chancellor of SPPU.
9. In a bid to increase mangoes exports to South Korea, APEDA in collaboration with Indian embassy, Seoul and Indian Chamber of Commerce in Korea (ICCK), organised a Virtual Buyer Seller Meet (VBSM).
10. Amid growing cases of Black Fungus, also known as Mucormycosis, Uttar Pradesh government has declared the deadly infection as an epidemic.



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**27-05-2021**

1. Iran's parliament speaker said that international inspectors may no longer access surveillance images of the Islamic Republic's nuclear sites.
2. A Venezuelan state governor who once served as defense minister for former President Hugo Chavez has died. Gen. Jorge Luis García Carneiro was 69.
3. The Biden administration is allowing eligible Haitian nationals residing in the U.S. to apply for a new 18-month designation for temporary protected status.
4. Virgin Galactic made its first rocket-powered flight from New Mexico to the fringe of space in a manned shuttle, as the company forges toward offering tourist flights to the edge of the Earth's atmosphere.
5. A Bangalore-based start-up, PathShodh Healthcare, has developed a novel, point-of-care Electrochemical ELISA test for "fast and accurate" detection of antibodies.
6. The Central Scientific Instruments Organisation (CSIO) has transferred to 28 companies its technology of disinfection system that can be used in auditoriums, large conference rooms, classrooms, malls which will provide a relatively safer environment for indoor activities in the current pandemic.
7. State-run Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd (PGCIL) said its board has approved investments totalling Rs 2,202 crore for various power transmission projects.
8. Robert Lewandowski left it to the last minute of the last game before breaking the Bundesliga record with his 41st goal of the season.
9. Coco Gauff stormed to her second career singles title as she comfortably dispatched Wang Qiang 6-1, 6-3 at the Emilia-Romagna Open in her first clay-court final.
10. Badminton Association of India (BAI) president Himanta Biswa Sarma was elected to the BWF Council for a four-year period till 2025.



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**28-05-2021**

1. Sevilla set a club record for points in the Spanish league by beating Alavés 1-0 in a match that closed out the season in Spain.
2. Lille upset the odds to win its first French championship in 10 years, edging defending champion Paris Saint-Germain by one point as an enthralling title race ended.
3. A team of Canadian researchers has developed a new faster, cheaper Covid-19 test that could be deployed in remote locations, clinics and airports due to its ease of use and portability.
4. China's Mars rover has driven down from its landing platform to the surface of the Red planet after a week of its arrival there.
5. A new telepresence robot that enables people suffering from Covid-19 and in isolation to talk to their loved ones has been developed.
6. Chinese autonomous vehicle startup, Pony.ai has received a permit from California's Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to test its driverless cars without human safety drivers behind the wheel on specified streets in three cities.
7. With more than 21.23 Lakh tests conducted in the last 24 hours, India has again set a new record of highest tests conducted in a single day.
8. E-Committee, Supreme Court of India has released Manual for its top citizen-centric service-free "e-Courts Services Mobile app" in 14 languages (English, Hindi, Assamese, Bengali, Gujarathi, Kannada, Khasi, Malayalam, Marathi, Nepali, Odia, Punjabi, Tamil, Telugu).
9. Srikumar Banerjee, former chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, died in Navi Mumbai.
10. Chinese scientist Yuan Longping, renowned for developing a hybrid rice strain that vastly improved the grain output in the country, passed away at the age of 91.



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**29-05-2021**

1. Underlining the role of technology in the safety of UN peacekeepers, India has told the world body's top organ that plans are afoot to launch a mobile tech platform in August this year that will provide terrain-related information to the Blue Helmets in the line of duty.
2. India and Israel signed a three-year work program for cooperation in Agriculture.
3. Government to give assistance of Rs.1500 to each Transgender person in view of Covid pandemic.
4. Dedicated team from TRIFED along with the NITI Aayog team will work out the follow-up-plan for the implementation of the Van Dhan Yojana in each of the 39 Tribal Aspirational Districts.
5. Minister of State for Finance and Corporate Affairs Shri Anurag Singh Thakur launched the first phase of Ministry of Corporate Affairs' (MCA) MCA21 Version 3.0 (V3.0) comprising of revamped website, new email services for MCA Officers and two new modules, namely, e. Book and e. Consultation during a virtual event.
6. The President of India, in exercise of the power conferred by clause (I) of Article 224 of the Constitution of India, appointed Vikas Bahl, to be an Additional Judge of the Punjab and Haryana High Court.
7. The President of India, in exercise of the power conferred by clause (I) of Article 217 of the Constitution of India, appointed Justice Alok Kumar Verma, Additional Judge of the Uttarakhand High Court, to be a Judge of the Uttarakhand High Court.
8. Tennis player Ankita Raina added to TOPS core group along with four others.
9. Mahindra Rural Housing Finance Limited (MRHFL), a subsidiary of Mahindra and Mahindra Financial Ltd, and India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) announced a strategic partnership for cash management solution.
10. RevFin, a digital consumer lending platform underwriting financially excluded and underserved segments, has entered into a strategic partnership with Aeris Communications, India, an Internet of Things (IoT) technology partner for enterprises.



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**30-05-2021**

1. 1985 batch Indian Police Service (IPS) officer Subodh Kumar Jaiswal was appointed the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) director.
2. Hansi Flick will take over as Germany coach after the European Championship, replacing Joachim Löw.
3. The Gurugram police have rolled out an 'oxygen concentrator bank' facility for Covid patients under an initiative called 'Support Covid Patient'.
4. Top tech companies Microsoft, Accenture, GitHub and ThoughtWorks announced the formation of The Green Software Foundation – a nonprofit to help address the global climate crisis.
5. US President Joe Biden will meet his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin in Geneva on June 16.
6. Six Indian places have been added to the tentative list of UNESCO world heritage sites. The sites are Satpura Tiger Reserve, Iconic riverfront of the historic city of Varanasi, Megalithic site of Hire Benkal, Maratha Military Architecture, Bhedaghat-Lameta Ghat in Narmada Valley-Jabalpur and temples of Kanchipuram.
7. The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has granted ex-post facto approval to the Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) entered into by Institute of Cost Accountants of India (ICoAI) and Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) with various Foreign Countries/Organisations.
8. The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the opening of a new Consulate General of India in Addu City, Maldives in 2021.
9. The Sports Ministry has dedicated a total of 143 Khelo India Centres across 7 States with a total budget estimate of Rs 14.30 Crores.
10. The Union Government has released Rs 1605 crore to eight North Eastern states under Jal Jeevan Mission to provide tap water supply to rural homes in the current financial year.



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**31-05-2021**

1. Union Minister Kiren Rijiju launched the Ayush Clinical Case Repository portal and the third version of Ayush Sanjivani App in a virtual event.
2. US President Joe Biden announced his intent to nominate Indian American Arun Venkataraman to a key position in his administration related to foreign commercial service.
3. State-run Canara Bank said Brij Mohan Sharma has taken charge as Executive Director of Canara Bank on May 19.
4. J&K Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha launched a special scheme for financial assistance to families which have lost their only bread-earner due to the Covid-19 pandemic.
5. SJVN Ltd, a joint venture of Ministry of Power and Government of Himachal Pradesh, is installing 4 Oxygen Plants in the districts of Shimla (Rampur), Kinnaur, Lahaul Spiti & Hamirpur of Himachal Pradesh at a cost of around Rs. 4.5 Crore.
6. Continuing its effort against COVID, NTPC Bongaigaon Medical Cell made the NTPC Bongaigaon COVID Care centre operational in association with Apollo Telehealth Services.
7. In the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, the Food Testing Laboratories at Jammu and Srinagar have achieved accreditation from National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL) as mandated under Section 43 of Food Safety & Standards Act 2006.
8. The International Solar Alliance (ISA), the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy and the World Bank organised a two-day strategic inception workshop on 'One Sun One World One Grid (OSOWOG)' wherein all the implementation partners came together and presented their roadmap for OSOWOG.
9. Former Northamptonshire captain Alex Wakely announced his retirement from all forms of cricket with immediate effect.
10. Mali's interim President and Prime Minister resigned.