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- **Maharaja Chhatrasal Convention Centre** has been inaugurated in Madhya Pradesh under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme.
- **66th annual Filmfare awards** were announced:

1. Best Film: **Thappad**
2. Best Actor (Female): **Taapsee Pannu** (Thappad)
3. Best Actor (MALE): **Irrfan Khan** (Angrezi Medium)

- Noted **Marathi writer Dr Sharankumar Limbale** will receive the **Saraswati Samman, 2020**.
- **International Transgender Day of Visibility**: 31st March
- **Prevention of Blindness week**: 1-7 April
- "**Anandam: The Center for Happiness**" has been inaugurated at the IIM, Jammu.
- **ICC Men's Cricket World Cup Super League** standings: India has reached the **7th position**.
- **National Aerospace Laboratories (NAL)** has launched a **two-seater trainer aircraft HANSA-NG** (Next Generation), at the Belur campus.
- **Global Wind Report 2021**: India may miss its 2022 Renewable Energy Capacity targets.
- ITI has developed the '**Garuda Blockchain Platform**' for the '**One Nation, One Health Card**'.
- Facebook and Google are planning to connect Southeast Asia and America through an undersea cable.

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- Cabinet approves **Production Linked Incentive Scheme** for Food Processing Industry**.**
- **HOPE Consortium** is an initiative by Abu Dhabi to tackle COVID-19.
- A women-led startup '**Astrome**' has developed deep-tech for reliable low-cost internet services to rural areas.
- The **Residential Hockey Center of Excellence** will be set up in Lucknow.
- The '**Shaheed Ashfaq Ulla Khan Park**' has been inaugurated in Gorakhpur.
- The Indo-US joint special exercise **Vajra Prahar 2021** was held at Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh.
- Ujjivan SFB will launch **'nLincs'** mobile app.
- Former President of Madagaskar '**Red Admiral**' **Didier Ratsiraka** passed away.
- **World Economic Forum's Global Gender Gap Report 2021:** India ranked 140 among 156 countries.
- **Jai Sofia**, a cruise ship for conducting Sea tourism between Surat and Mumbai.
- **Russia** becomes the first country in the world to approve the Corona vaccine for pet cats and dogs.
- **World Autism Awareness Day**: 2 April
- RBI has celebrated its 86th foundation day on 1 April.
- Women can travel for free in all govt.-run buses within the state from 1 April in Punjab.

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- Indian Army will participate in Military Exercise '**Shantir Ogroshena -2021**' in Bangladesh with Bhutan, Sri Lankan and Bangladesh Armies.
- Actor **Shivajirao Gaekwad** (also known as **Rajinikanth**) will be awarded the **51st Dada Saheb Phalke Award** for the year 2019.
- **Lt Gen Manjinder Singh** assumed charge as Chief of Staff, Western Command.
- "**MyNEP2020**" Platform of NCTE Web Portal was recently launched under the Education Ministry.
- AIM and NITI Aayog have launched the '**AIM-PRIME**' initiative to promote technology-based startups.
- The US-based cryptocurrency exchange **Coinbase** will set up its office in Hyderabad, India.
- World Bank has released **"South Asia Economic Focus Spring 2021: South Asia Vaccinates"**.
- ARIES has developed a new algorithm **'CIISCO'** to detect solar eruptions. It will be used in India's first solar mission **'Aditya - L1'**.
- China is building a **Polar Silk Road** in Arctic Ocean.
- **Women's Football World Cup 2023** will be organised in Australia and New Zealand for the first time.
- **Kamalpreet Kaur** sets a new national record in discus throw event at the 24th Federation Cup Championship.
- Indian Army has conducted the ordnance disposal mission, "**Operation Thiruvallur**" in Tamil Nadu.

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- 17th **BIMSTEC Ministerial Meeting** was virtually held. Sri Lanka has chaired the meeting.
- **Mukhmeet S Bhatia** is appointed the **Director-General** of **ESIC**.
- **Mallika Srinivasan** is appointed the Chairperson of the **Public Enterprise Selection Board (PESB)**.
- **Virat Kohli** has become the brand ambassador to **Digit Insurance**.
- The **'ULPIN'** scheme has been launched to integrate land records. It is a **14-digit identification number**.
- Andhra Pradesh Governor **Biswa Bhusan Harichandan** has been honoured with the **"Kalinga Ratna Award"**.
- **Eduard Heger** is the new **PM of Slovakia**.
- **Dr Mohan Kanda** authored a book titled **"Agriculture in India"**.
- **National Safety Day**: 4 March
- The theme for National Safety Day 2021 is **"Sadak Suraksha (Road Safety)"**.
- The **first farm-based solar power plant** under the PM-KUSUM scheme has set up in Jaipur, Rajasthan.
- **World Bank** raises **India's 2021-22 GDP growth** forecast to **10.1%** from 5.4% earlier.
- *USA and Iran would begin negotiations through intermediaries to try to get back into an accord limiting Iran's nuclear programme.*

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05 APRIL 2021

- **International Day of Conscience**: 5 April
- **National Maritime Day**: 5 April
  The theme of 2021 is **"Seafarers: at the core of shipping's future"**.
- Mercedes star **Lewis Hamilton** has won the Bahrain Grand Prix 2021.
- 22nd **2023 Men's Boxing World Championship** will be held in Uzbekistan.
- Bharat Dynamics Ltd. has begun to deliver surface-to-air **'Akash Missile'** to the Indian Army.
- Dr SK Joshi has penned down the book **'Suparipalana'**.
- The Kerala Agricultural University has been selected for the **Chancellor's Award 2020**.
- According to a report by ACI Worldwide and GlobalData, **India has topped in real-time payments transactions** in 2020.
- The Health Ministry has approved the **National Policy for Rare Diseases**.
- **ICC** has made changes to the way **'lbws'** will be decided under the Decision Review System (DRS).
- In February 2021, China has launched its **digital RMB currency**, which can be downloaded and exchanged via an application by the People's Bank of China.
- *A forest fire in the Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve has raised the concern of the environmentalists.*

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06 APRIL 2021

- **International Day of Sport for Development and Peace**: 6 April
- Russia has registered the world's 1st Covid vaccine for animals named "**Carnivac-Cov**".
- **Rajasthan** becomes the first state to provide free health insurance to all residents.
- NASA's **Ingenuity mini-helicopter**, which was fixed to the Perseverance rover, has been dropped on the surface of Mars.
- Researchers from NIO has repoted that the **Chilika lake** in Odisha was once part of the Bay of Bengal.
- Odisha government has proposed a second biosphere reserve at **Mahendragiri** for a hill ecosystem having rich biodiversity.
- A new plant species, found in Maharashtra, has been named after Union Agriculture Minister, **Sharad Pawar**.
- R Gopalakrishnan and R Narayan has penned down the book "**Wisdom from Start-ups to Grownups: Discvering Corporate Ayurveda**".
- Renowned author Nitin Gokhale has authored a book titled '**Manohar Parrikar: Brilliant Mind, Simple Life**'.
- USA President Joe Biden has allowed the **H-1B visa rule to expire**.
- **Japanese Physicist Isamu Akasaki** passed away.
- Veteran film and TV actress **Shashikala** passed away.

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- **Tashkent** will host **2023 AIBA Men's World Boxing Championships**.
- **Shabir Hussein Shekhadam Khandwawala** is the new BCCI Anti-Corruption Unit chief.
- **Pham Minh Chinh** is Vietnam's next Prime Minister.
- **World Health Day:** 7 April
  Theme of 2021 is ***"Building a fairer, healthier world for everyone".***
- **Alfred Aho** Wins the **2020 ACM Turing Award**. It is also known as "Nobel Prize of Computing".
- TRIFED has launched **"Sankalp Se Siddhi"** – Village & Digital Connect Drive.
- RBI deputy governor **BP Kanungo** retires.
- **Mary Kom** wins the "**Sportstar of the Decade**" award at the 2021 Sportstar Aces – Giants of the Decade.
- The Election Commission of India has recently hosted the **International Virtual Election Visitors Programme (IVEP) 2021**.
- Freedom fighter and former Deputy Prime Minister **Babu Jagjivan Ram**'s 113th birth anniversary was celebrated on 5 April.
- DRDO develops **Advanced Chaff Technology** to safeguard naval ships against enemy missile attack
- **Ashleigh Barty** (Australia) and **Hubert Hurkacz** (Poland) wins the women's and men's single titles at the **2021 Miami Open**, respectively.

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- **Justice Nuthalapati Venkata Ramana** is the 48th Chief Justice of India.
- **Vjosa Osmani Sadriu** is the Pesident of Kosovo.
- **Dr Chintan Vaishnav** has been appointed the Mission Director of Atal Innovation Mission (AIM).
- **Adil Zainulbhai** is the chairman of Mission Karmayogi
- **Novak Djokovic** tops the ATP ranking.
- **Ashleigh Barty** tops the WTA ranking.
- IMF's World Economic Outlook forecasts **India's economic growth** to 12.5% from 11.5% in 2021.
- The Chief Justice of India launched an AI-based portal **'SUPACE'** in the judicial system.
- **Aniyan Midhun** has won the Gold medal at the **South Asian Wushu Championship**.
- **Australian women's cricket team** created the world record for registering the most consecutive ODI wins.
- **RXIL** is the first entity to get approval from the RBI to launch India's first **TReDS Exchange.**
- **Barakah Nuclear Power plant** is UAE's first nuclear power station.
- Dr Achyuta Samanta has authored the book titled **"Neelimarani: My Mother, My Hero"**.
- Indian astronomers have observed a rare supernova explotion and traced it to one hottest kind of star, called **Wolf-Rayet star**.

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- The Union Cabinet has approved the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for the '**National Programme on High Efficiency Solar PV Modules**'.
- **''Anamaya', the Tribal Health Collaborative'** has been launched to enhance the health and nutrition status of the tribal communities.
- **Nguyen Xuan Phuc** is the new President of Vietnam.
- **Siva S Ramann** becomes the CMD of SIDBI.
- **Shabir Hussein** appointed as Anti-Corruption Unit chief of BCCI.
- **Nethra Kumanan** becomes first Indian woman sailor to qualify for Olympics.
- Prime Minister has released the book '**Odisha Itihaas**', written by **'Utkal Keshari' Harekrushna Mahtab**.
- IIT Professor **Suman Chakraborty** will be awarded the 30th **GD Birla Award for Scientific Research**.
- FIFA has suspended the **Pakistan Football Federation** and **Chadian Football Association**.

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- India's first female cricket commentator **Chandra Naidu** passed away.
- Renowned journalist and Padma awardee **Fatima Rafiq Zakaria** passed away.
- India has the third-highest number of billionaires in the world, Forbes reported.
- **INS Sarvekshak** has been deployed for a joint hydrographic survey with the Mauritius Navy.

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- The Education Ministry has launched the **'SARTHAQ'** plan for school education.
- The Union Cabinet has approved PLI schemes for **White goods** (air-conditioners and LED lights).
- India hosted the **2021 Meeting of BRICS Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors**.
- **Virat Kohli** is the brand ambassador of **Vivo**.
- **Ouhoumoudou Mahamadou** is the new **PM of Niger**.
- '**Madhukranti Portal'** and **Honey Corners** have been launched under the **National Beekeeping and Honey Mission**.
- **World Homeopathy Day**: 10 April
- **Three-banded Rosefinch**, a new species of bird, has been found in Arunachal Pradesh.
- **“Muon g-2”** experiment, conducted by **Fermilab**, has shown the characteristics of the **'muon'** sub-particle.
- **‘The Republican Ethic’**, a book of selected speeches of President Ram Nath Kovind, has been released.

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- India's double-mutant coronavirus strain is scientifically named **'B.1.167'**.
- India has handed over a Fast Patrol Vessel **PS Zoroaster** to Seychelles Coast Guard.
- **Indian National Young Academy of Sciences (INYAS)** organized a nationwide mass awareness campaign on Covid-19 vaccination on the **COVACNEWS** app.

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11 APRIL 2021

- **National Safe Motherhood Day**: 11 April
- **National Pet Day**: 11 April
- The theme of World Homeopathy Day 2021 is **"Homeopathy- the ultimate green medicine"**.
- IIT Bombay has developed the world's first **microsensor-based Explosive Trace Detector**, named **'Nanosniffer'**.
- CSIR has adopted 295 **Atal Tinkering Labs** for STEM-based research and innovation.
- Indian Government has launched the **'Muktijoddha Scholarship' scheme** for Bangladeshi students.
- Indian sprinter **Dutee Chand** will be honoured with the **Chhattisgarh Veerni Award**.
- Lieutenant Colonel **Bharat Pannu** has earned two Guinness World Records for his two solo cycling feats.
- **Ghaziabad** becomes the 10th city to raise fund via India's first green municipal bonds.
- The Supreme Court of India has stated that **adults are free to choose their religion**.
- **Prince Philip** of Britain passed away at age of 99.
- The book **'Akhtari: The Life and Music Begum Akhtar'**, edited by Yatindra Mishra, has been released.
- **La Soufriere** volcano has erupted in the eastern Caribbean island of St. Vincent.
- *US Navy warship 'USS John Paul Jones' entered India's EEZ near Lakshadweep without permission.*

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- Two astronauts of UAE **Noura al-Matroushi** and **Mohammed al-Mulla** will go for the Moon Mission.
- Four-day long **Tika Utsav**, a special vaccination drive against coronavirus, has started across the country.
- 194th birth anniversary of **Jyotirao Phule** has been celebrated.
- **MA Yusuffali**, CMD of Lulu Group International, is one of the recipients of the **'Abu Dhabi Awards'**.
- Education Ministry presented the **AICTE Lilavati Awards 2020** on the theme **'women empowerment'**.
- The **Indian Institute of Science (IISc)** has launched software **'ProrIISeTM'** to automate the process of protecting and translating intellectual property (IP).
- **'Koo'** wins the **'Aatmanirbhar App Challenge Award'**.
- **Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana** has been announced as DBT Scheme on National Safe Motherhood Day.

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- Famous Hindi writer **Vishnu Prabhakar** passed away.
- **Sadguru** has authored the book **'Karma: A Yogi's Guide to Crafting Your Destiny'**.
- **Sanjaya Baru** has written the book **'India's Power Elite: Caste, Class and Cultural Revolution'**.
- **Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni** has penned down the book **'The Last Queen'** on Rani Jindan, Mother of the Khalsa.

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- FIA has developed the **100% sustainable fuel**, **made from biowaste**, for Formula-1 to make F1 carbon neutral by 2030.
- **Poonam Gupta** is the first woman DG of **NCAER**.
- Renowned filmmaker **Guneet Monga** has been honoured with the **'Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters'**, the second-highest civilian honour of France.
- **Marine Products Exports Development Authority** has developed '**Shaphari**', a certification scheme for aquaculture products.
- Ministry of Science & Technology has announced to launch of a new mission called '**Aahaar Kranti**'.
- Ministry of Commerce & Industry has launched the "**DGFT Trade Facilitation App**".
- **2020 Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU)**: Harvard University tops the list.
  IISc Bangalore tops in India.
- **BAFTA awards**:
  1. Best Picture: **Nomadland**
  2. Best Actress: **Frances McDormand**
  3. Best Actor: **Anthony Hopkins**
  4. Best Director: **Chloe Zhao**
- **IIIT Hyderabad** has developed a drone that can change shape.
- **Anusha Nandakumar** has authored the book **"The War That Made R&AW"**.

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- Today is the 130th birth anniversary of **BR Ambedkar**.
- Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre (IGCC) of India has launched a Sanskrit learning app **'Little Guru'** in Bangladesh.
- **Sushil Chandra** is appointed the C**hief Election Commissioner** of India.
- Indian cricketer **Prithvi Shaw** is the brand ambassador of **SportzXchange**.
- **Hideki Matsuyama** becomes the first Japanese golfer to win **Augusta Masters** and the green jacket.
- Actor **Sonu Sood** is appointed the brand ambassador for Punjab's COVID-19 vaccination drive.
- DRDO has opened up missile production to private sectors.
- Renowned Historian **Yogesh Praveen** passed away.
- Russia has successfully launched **Soyuz MS-18 Yu. A. Gagarin rocket** to ISS from Baikonur cosmodrome.
- 3,000 old lost city **"Rise of Aten"** has been discovered in Luxor, Egypt.
- SpaceX will launch the world's first all-civilian Earth Orbiter Mission **'Inspiration4'**.
- Recent research has found that Indus River dolphins and Ganges River dolphins are two separate species of dolphins.
- *Residents of 12 Meghalaya villages oppose the dam on India's cleanest river **Umngot**.*

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- **Chaitra Sukladi, Gudi Padwa, Ugadi, Cheti Chand, Vaisakhi, Vishu, Puthandu** and **Bohag Bihu** - festivals of the traditional new year is celebrated.
- NITI Aayog has launched **'Poshan Gyan'**, a national digital repository on health and nutrition.
- NITI Aayog has launched **India Energy Dashboards (IED) Version 2.0**.
- **Raisina Dialogue** was organised with the theme **"#ViralWorld: Outbreaks, Outliers and Out of Control"**.
- Union Commerce Ministry has launched **'e-SANTA'**, an e-marketplace for aqua farmers.
- **Bhuvneshwar Kumar** becomes the **ICC Player of March** 2021.
- **Suresh Raina** is the brand ambassador of **Elista**.
- New Zealand cricketer **Kane Williamson** wins **Sir Richard Hadlee Medal** for the fourth time.
  He is the first player to win the award.
- Indian Grand Master **R. Praggnandhaa** wins the **Polgar Challenge**.
- DGFT **'Trade Facilitation'** Mobile App is launched.
- Nitin Gokhale has written down the book **"Manohar Parrikar: Brilliant Mind, Simple Life"**.
- *Two adult one-horned rhinos were translocated from Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary to Manas National Park, under the Indian Rhino Vision 2020 (IRV 2020).*

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- **Siddharth Singh Longjam** will be the DG of the **National Anti-Doping Agency** (NADA).
- **Guillermo Lasso** wins the Presidential election of **Ecuador**.
- **Claude Joseph** became the PM of **Haiti**.
- Guneet Monga has been honoured with the **'Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters** award.
- Pakistani Captain **Babar Azam** tops the ICC's ODI batsman ranking. New Zealand player **Trent Boult** ranked top in bowler ranking.
- **Airtel Payments Bank** announced to launch a savings account '**Rewards123**'.
- Hockey Player **Balbir Singh Junior** passed away.
- Former Chief Election Commissioner **GVG Krishnamurty** passed away.
- **‘MANAS’**, a mental health digital platform has been launched.
- Indian cricketer Suresh Raina has penned down the book **'Believe - What Life and Cricket Taught Me'**.
- Paro Anand has written the book **'Being Gandhi'**.
- **“Monkeydactyl”**, a new pterosaur fossil was discovered in Liaoning, China,
- **Narrow-Line Seyfert 1 (NLS1) galaxy**, an active galaxy is found about 31 billion light-years away.
- *Karnataka claims Lord Hanuman was born on Anjeyanadri Hill in the Tungabhadra valley near Hampi.*

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17 APRIL 2021

- **World Haemophilia Day**: 17 April
  The theme for 2021 is **'Adapting to Change, sustaining care in a new world'**.
- **National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI)** has launched three initiatives: **IP Guru**, **NIXI Academy** and **NIXI-IP-INDEX**.
- UNFPA's **State of World Population Report 2021** titled ***'My Body is My Own'*** was launched.
- India will hold National Dialogue on first-ever **'UN Food Systems Summit 2021'**.
- ***Wisden announces 'Five Cricketers of the Year 2021'***

1. Engish Cricketer **Ben Stokes** becomes **'Leading Cricketer in the World'**.
2. Australia's **Beth Mooney** is the **'Leading Women's Cricketer in the World'**.
3. Virat Kohli wins the **'ODI player of the 2010s'** title.
4. Sachin Tendulkar is the **'ODI Cricketer of the 1990s'**.
5. Kapil Dev is the **'ODI Cricketer for the 1980s'**.

- **PNB** has launched a digital initiative **"PNB@Ease"**.
- Economist Intelligence Unit has released the **'Inclusive Internet Index 2021'**. India has been ranked 49th.
- Marathi film **"Puglya"** wins the Best Foreign Language Feature award at **Moscow International Film Festival**.
- 4 books on the life of B. R. Ambedkar has been authored by **Kishore Makwana**.

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18 APRIL 2021

- **World Heritage Day**: 18 April
  Theme of 2021 is **'Complex Pasts: Diverse Future**'.
- Amazon launches **'Amazon Smbhav Venture Fund'** to support Indian startups, entrepreneurs.
- **Ayushmann Khurana** is the Indian brand ambassador of **Tecno**, a global smartphone brand.
- **Sarita Mor** clinched the gold medal (women's 59 kg category) at the **Asian Wrestling Championship 2020**.
- Italian film-maker **Roberto Benigni** wins the **Lifetime Achievement award** at the Venice Film Festival.
- South African cricketer **Lizelle Lee** wins the **ICC Player of March** 2021.
- **Birla Cellulose Ltd** wins the first **UN's National Innovative and Sustainable Supply Chain Award**.
- ETMONEY has inaugurated India's first **Aadhar-based Systematic Investment Plan**.
- **Turkey** bans the use of cryptocurrencies.
- Noted radiologist **Kakarla Subbarao** passes away.
- Former CBI chief **Ranjit Sinha** has passed away.
- ICC has banned Zimbabwe cricket team captain **Heath Streak** for 8 years.
- The 8th Indo-Kyrgyz Joint Special Forces Exercise **"Khanjar"** has been inaugurated in Bishkek.
- *US researchers have developed the '**Whitest ever**' paint, made up of **barium sulphate**, that can reflect 99% of sunlight.*

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19 APRIL 2021

- **World Liver Day**: 19 April
- '**The Hydrogen Economy - New India DIalogue 2021**', the first conference on hydrogen economy has been inaugurated.
- **Italy** launched '**The Mega Food Park**' at Fanidhar, Gujarat.
- India ranks 84th in **"Henley Passport Index"**. Japan tops the list.
- **Soliha Shabir** (22 years old) has made **India's World Record** as the youngest and the first author in J&K.
- NASA will send the first woman for the moon mission in **2024** under the **Artemis Mission**.
- Famous Tamil actor **Vivekh** passed away.
- Veteran Radiologist **Dr Subba Rao** passed away.
- JK Rowling has authored her new book for children, **"The Christmas Pig"**.
- **SpaceX** wins NASA's contract to use the Starship Rocket for the moon mission.

- **'Climate Vulnerability Assessment for Adaptation Planning in India Using a Common Framework'** identifies eight states as highly vulnerable: *Jharkhand, Mizoram, Orissa, Chhattisgarh, Assam, Bihar, Arunachal Pradesh* and *West Bengal*.
- ITBP launched **Water Sports and Adventure Institute** on the bank of the Tehri lake, Uttarakhand.
- China has launched its cryptocurrency '**Digital Yuan**'.

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21 APRIL 2021

- **National Civil Service Day**: 21 April
- **World Creativity and Innovation Day**: 21 April
- The United Nations marks the year 2021 as the **International Year of the Creative Economy for Sustainable Development**.
- Ministry of Commerce and Industry has launched the **Startup India Seed Fund Scheme** to provide financial assistance to startups.
- **New Zealand** becomes the world's 1st country to make climate change law for financial firms.
- India and Germany sign an agreement on **'Cities combating plastic entering the marine environment'**.
- **LIC ties up with Paytm** for digital payments.
- **Stefanos Tsitsipas** wins his first ATP Masters 1000 series defeating Andrey Rublev.
- Kenya's **Eliud Kipchoge** wins the **Enschede marathon** in the Netherlands.
- Veteran Kannada writer **Ganjam Venkatasubbiah** has passed away.
- Renowned filmmaker **Sumitra Bhave** passes away.
- Former Union Minister **Bachi Singh Rawat** passed away.
- NASA's tiny helicopter **Ingenuity** becomes the first powered flight on another planet (Mars).
- **India ranked 142** in the World Press Freedom Index.

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22 APRIL 2021

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- **International Mother Earth Day** or **World Earth Day**: April 22
  The theme of 2021 is '**Restore Our Earth**'.
- **Miguel Mario Diaz-Canel** becomes the first secretary of the Communist Party of Cuba, following the resignation of Raul Castro.
- **Priyanka Mohite** is the first Indian woman to scale Mt Annapurna.
- **Russia** is planning to launch its own orbital space station in 2025.
- **Indian Naval Air Squadron (INAS) 323** has been commissioned into the Indian Navy.
- ICMR announced that **COVAXIN neutralises the Double Mutant Strain of COVID-19**.
- Chad President **Mahamad Idriss Deby Itno** becomes the president of Chad.
  He has been killed in the battle against the rebels from Libya after winning the presidential election.
- Former RBI Governor **Maidavolu Narasimham** has passed away.
- Former Indian footballer **Ahmed Hussain Lala** has passed away.
- **Bitex** has become the first cryptocurrency exchange in India to provide an investment declaration report.
- **Argentina, Brazil, Uganda** and **Vanuatu** win the ICC Development Awards for 2020.

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23 APRIL 2021

- **World Book and Copyright Day**: 23 April
  Tbilisi (Georgia) is the "World Book Capital for the year 2021".
- **English Language Day**: 23 April
- **Spanish Language Day**: 23 April
- **Washington Sundar** and **Devdutt Padikkal** are roped in as the brand ambassadors of Puma.
- Tamil Nadu's **Arjun Kalyan** becomes the 68th Indian Grandmaster defeating Dragan Kosic.
- India has ranked 87th in the **'Global Energy Transition Index'** among 115 countries. Sweden has topped the report.
- India has launched the first-ever online exhibition "**Rama Katha: The Story of Rama Through Indian Miniatures**", a collection of 49 miniature paintings.
- UNICEF has released the **"Gender Bias and Inclusion In Advertising In India"**.
- Renowned Bengali poet and Sahitya Akademi winner **Shankha Ghosh** (Penname: **Kuntak**) passed away.
- **India is the second-largest arms importer** after Saudi Arabia, as per the SIPRI report.
- ***Dr Steven L Zeichner*** *of the University of Virginia Health System developed a new Covid-19 vaccine.*
- ***NASA*** *recently shared an image of "**Cosmic Rose**" in the Andromeda constellation, captured by the Hubble Space Telescope.*

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24 APRIL 2021

- **World Immunization Week 2021**: 24 - 30 April
  Theme: **'Vaccines bring us closer'**
- **International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace**: 24 April
- **National Panchayati Raj Diwas**: 24 April
- **Rekha Menon** is the first woman chairperson of **Nasscom**.
- India has taken part in the **"Leaders' Summit on Climate"** hosted by the USA.
- India and the USA launched the **"India-US Climate and Clean Energy Agenda 2030 Partnership"**.
- **Fitch Ratings** keeps the sovereign rating of India unchanged at **'BBB-'** (it is a negative outlook).
- **S&P Global Ratings** has estimated the **Indian economy to grow at 11% for the FY 2021-22**.
- **Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2021** was held with the theme **"A World in Change: Join Hands to Strengthen Global Governance and Advance Belt and Road Cooperation"**.
- **IIT Kharagpur** has successfully launched its health care product **'COVIRAP'**.
- Mastercard and BOB Financial Solutions Limited have launched **'ConQR'** to simplify digital payment.
- Renowned Qawwali singer **Farid Sabri** passed away.
- Indian Islamic Scholar **Maulana Wahiduddin** has passed away.

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- **World Malaria Day 2021**
  Theme: '**Reaching the zero malaria target**'
- **International Delegate's Day**
- **International Sculpture Day**: last Saturday of April.
- **Rumana Sinha Sehgal** won the **Nelson Mandela World Humanitarian Award** in 2021. She was crowned as the ‘Mrs Universe Successful 2018’.
- **Vibha Harris**, the founder of **Cosmix**, has been featured in the "**Forbes 30 under 30 Asia 2021**" list.
- MeitY has announced the **#FOSS4GOV** innovative challenge to accelerate the adoption of Free and Open Source Software (FOSS).
- RBI has cancelled the licence of Bhagyodaya Friends Urban Co-operative Bank.
- Music composer **Shravan Rathod** passed away.
- Renowned Film Actor **Amit Mistry** passed away.
- **Aakash Ranison** launches his e-book **“Climate Change Explained – For One And All”**.
- India’s women boxers win **seven out of seven finals** at **Youth World Championship** in Poland: *Gitika, Babyrojisana Chanu, Poonam, Vinka, Arundhati Choudhary, Thokchom Sanamachu Chanu and Alfiya Pathan.*
- The 19th edition of the Indian and French Navy bilateral exercise ‘**VARUNA-2021**’ is scheduled to be conducted in the Arabian Sea from 25-27 April 2021.

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- **World Intellectual Property Day**
  Theme: **'IP and SMEs: Taking your ideas to market'**
- **International Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance Day**
- **IIT Madras** has filed 184 patents including 9 COVID-19 inventions in 2020.
- The education ministry has launched **'e-Yantra'**, an online crash course on embedded systems and robotics.
- IIT Delhi will build an **atmospheric observatory**, the first of its kind in India, in Sonepat.
- **DCGI** restricted the emergency use of Zydus Cadila's '**Virafin**' for Covid cases.
- Indian classical vocalist and Padma awardee **Pandit Rajan Misra** has passed away.
- Scientists have discovered **'UNICORN'**, the smallest known black hole in the Milky Way galaxy and the closest to our solar system.
- Renowned author **Jhumpa Lahiri** has authored a novel titled **"Whereabouts"**.
- Veteran journalist **Tim Harper** has penned down his new book **'Underground Asia: Global Revolutionaries and the Assault on Empire'**.
- *NASA has extracted oxygen from the carbon dioxide in the thin Martian atmosphere using a device,* ***MOXIE*** *(Mars Oxygen In-Situ Resource Utilization Experiment).*

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- **World Veterinary Day**
  Theme: ***'The Veterinarian Response to the Covid-19 Crisis'***.
- **Justice Nuthalapati Venkata Ramana** is the 48th CJI.
- **'E-Panchayat Puraskar 2021'**: **UP** wins in category-I, **Telangana** in category II and **Karnataka** in category III.
- ***'Leaders' Summit on Climate 2021'***
  Theme: **"Our Collective Sprint to 2030"**
  Members will also establish the **Glasglow Financial Alliance for Net Zero (GFANZ)**.
- **Arun Raste** became the MD&CEO of **National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange Limited**.
- **Nomadland** has won **the Oscar** for Best Picture.
- **Chloé Zhao** is the first Asian woman to win **the Oscar for Best Director**.
- **Rafael Nadal** wins his 12th title at the **68th Barcelona Open** in 2021. *This tournament is for male professional players and is played on clay court.*
- India has topped the **2021 AIBA Youth World Boxing Championship** with 11 medals (8 Gold and 3 Bronze).
- Veteran Indian nuclear scientist **Krishnamurthy Snataram** has passed away.
- Renowned film editor **Waman Bhosle** passed away.
- **The Gambia** has become the second African country to eliminate Trachoma after Ghana.
- China has named its first Mars rover **'Zhurong'**, which is onboard the Tianwen-1 Space probe.

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- **World Day for Safety and Health at Work**
- According to **Stockholm International Peace Research**, India was the third-largest military spender in the world in 2020, after the US and China.
- The **Asian Development Bank** has provided financial support of 1.5 billion USD to India to fight against the COVID-19 crisis.
- **IIT Guwahati** has developed a microfiltration process to remove microplastics from seawater, to prevent the inclusion of plastic residues in edible salt.
- **Manchester City** has won the League Cup football tournament (England)
- **DRDO** has developed **Single Crystal Blades technology** to be used in the helicopter.
- **India's First 3D Printed House** has been launched by the IIT Madras in Chennai.
- **IIT Kanpur** has suggested a study on satellite-based real-time monitoring of the Himalayan glacial catchments to minimise disaster risk.
- Renowned Gujarati poet **Dadudan Gadhvi** has passed away.
- Former MD of Maruti Suzuki India, **Jagdish Khattar** passed away.
- Renowned author **Amitav Ghosh** has penned down his new book "**The Living Mountain**".

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- **International Dance Day**
  Theme: **"Purpose of dance"**
- **Amit Banerjee** has been appointed the **CMD of Bharat Earth Movers Limited (BEML)**.
- Justice **Rajesh Bindal** is the new **Chief Justice of Kolkata High Court**.
- India has **ranked 49th out of 104 countries in the Chandler Good Governance Index**. Finland tops.
- **India is to grow at 11%** as per the Asian Development Outlook, 2021.
- **China recently launched NEO-01**, a robotic platform, to conduct experiments on space debris removal technique.
- **DRDO** has successfully test-fired a series of missiles including the Derby missiles and the Python-5 missiles.
- The **Python-5** is the most capable air-to-air missile that has been added to the LCA Tejas.
- Veteran sci-fi author **Anish Deb** has passed away.
- Apollo 11 astronaut **Michael Collins** passed away. *He piloted the ship from which Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin to the moon in 1969.*
- Famous Hindi writer **Manzoor Antheham** has passed away. He was honoured with Padma Shri in 2003.
- Australian swimmer **John Kornads** passes away.
- **Ravindra Jadeja** has become the brand ambassador of **ASICS**.

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- Renowned activist **Loujain al-Hathloul** has been awarded the **Vaclav Havel Human Rights Prize**.
- Recently, the **"Blue Nature Alliance"**, led by 5 organizations, has been launched to protect 18 million sq. km. of the ocean in the world by 2030.
- **Jhilli Dalabehera** and **Saikhom Mirabai Chanu** won the Gold and the Bronze in the **2020 Asia Weightlifting Championship**.
- **Mirabai Chanu** sets a new world record by lifting 119 kg in Clean and Jerk.
- Noted educationist, popular columnist and prolific writer **Manoj Das** has passed away.

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- **Ayushman Bharat Diwas** Theme: Seva Bhi – Rozgar Bhi
- Reliance's '**Jio**' and e-learning startup '**Byju's**' have been featured in **Time Magazine's 2021 list of 100 most influential companies**.
- **National Commission for Women (NCW)** launches WhatsApp helpline number for pregnant women.
- **Dr Krithi K Karanth** becomes 1st Indian woman to get the **'Wild Innovator Award'.**
- **Vaishali S Hiwase** will become **the first woman** as **Commanding Officer** in the **Border Roads Organisation.**
- **Jacqueline Fernandez** becomes the brand ambassador of **Van Heusen**.
- **IIT Kanpur** has created a **'Molecular Iodine-based Bioshield'** to provide protection against COVID and other bacterial, fungal and viral threats.
- **IIT Bombay** has developed '**BEAGLEZ**', a handheld device that can detect explosives.
- A powerful **earthquake of 6.4 on the Richter Scale** has been detected at **Dhekiajuli, Assam**.
- The **"Tianhe"**, China's permanent space station has been launched with the '**Long March 5B**' rocket.