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DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

1 MARCH, 2021

- 27th February was observed as National Protein Day.
- National Science Day has been observed on 28th February theed "*Future of STI: Impact on Education Skills and Work*".
- **Sharad Goklani** has been appointed as the President & Chief Technology Officer (CTO) of AU Small Finance Bank.
- A new species of alpine plant has been found in Arunachal Pradesh.
- ISRO launched a PSLV C-51 rocket with 19 satellites including Brazil's **Amazonia 1**.
- Writer Anindya Dutta penned a new book Advantage India: The Story of Indian Tennis.
- Kushinagar Airport is now the third airport of Uttar Pradesh.
- Fullerton India Credit Company appointed **Shantanu Mitra** as its CEO.

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2 MARCH, 2021

- World Civil Defence Day - 1st March
- 16th G20 summit to be held in Rome.
- Uttarakhand state government included women commando squad in police.
- Maritime India Summit 2021 will be inaugarated today. Denmark is the partner country.
- Vinesh Poghat won gold at XXIV Outstanding Ukrainian Wrestlers and Coaches Memorial.
- Vice Admiral R Hari Kumar is now the Chief of Western Naval Command.
- Government announced One District, One Product scheme in agriculture sector.
- Assam celebrated Bir Chilarai Divas on 27th February.
- Hero Indian Women's League 2020-21 football competition will be held in Odisha.
- Rare Disease Day - last day of February.

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3 MARCH, 2021

- 5th **Asia Economic Dialogue** theme: Post COVID-19 Global Trade and Finance Dynamics
- India and Pakistan to maintain **2003 Ceasefire Agreement** strictly.
- **Ligia Noronha** head of UNDP New York office.
- Russia launched **Arktika-M** to observe climate change in Arctic Region.
- 1 March - **Zero Discrimination Day**.
- 3 March - 45th **Civil Accounts Day**.
- **Manpreet Vohra** is next High Commissioner to Australia.
- **Varun Kapur** and **Malvika Bansod** won single's title at Uganda International Badminton Tournament.
- **Mumbai City FC** wins ISL League by defeating ATK Mohun Bagan.
- **International Yoga Festival** started at Rishikesh.
- Vice Admiral **Ajendra Bahadur Singh** is now the commanding officer of Eastern Naval Command.
- **Jaideep Bhatnagar** is the new Principal Director General of Press Information Bureau.

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4 MARCH, 2021

- **W.H.O.** reported one-fourth population of the world will suffer from hearing problems by 2050.
- SBI Mutual Funds released its 1st overseas fund **SBI International Access - US Equity**.
- **Hurun Global Rich List 2021** - Elon Musk (tops the list), Mukesh Ambani (8th).
- **Shrabani Basu** wrote down The Mystery of the Parsee Lawyer (Bloomsbury Publishing).
- **Evan Osnos** authored the biography of the USA President - Joe Biden: American Dreamer.
- Civil right activist and lawyer of USA **Vernon Jordan** passed away.
- Delhi launched **Chartr** app for contactless ticket service in buses.
- Andhra Pradesh launched **EBC Nestham** app for economically backward women.
- Tamil Nadu got Asia's biggest cattle park.
- 6th **FICCI Higher Education Summit 2021** - theme: Higher Education @ 2030: R.I.S.E
- 22nd **Commonwealth Table Tennis Championship 2021** at Panchkula, Haryana.
- India's 1st Toy Cluster will be built by **Aequs Private Limited** at Koppal, Karnataka.

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5 MARCH, 2021

- 6th **International Conference on Pharmaceuticals & Medical Device Sector 2021** - theme: India MedTech Future: Innovate and Make in India through Global
- SBI joins blockchain based payment network Liink.
- Indian students discover 18 new asteroids. Those were named **NEO** (Near Earth Objects).
- J&K topped the Khelo India Winter Games at Gulmarg.
- 3 March - **World Wildlife Day**
- 3 March - **World Hearing Day**
- 4 March - **National Safety Day**
- 4 March - **National Security Day**
- India commemorates Chabahar Day on 4 March.
- **The Hindu Group** won two golds and two silvers at South Asian Digital Media Awards and earned the title Champion Publisher of the Year 2020.
- **Siddhabali Jan Shatabdi Special Train** has been flagged off on 3 March between Kanva Nagri Kotdwar and Delhi.
- Truecaller has launched **Guardians** safety app for women.
- **Mary Kom** - Chairperson of AIBA Champions and Veterans Committee
- **Mohamed Al Khaja** - first ambassador of UAE to Israel
- A spectrograph named **Aries-Devasthal Faint Object Spectrograph & Camera (ADFOSC)** launched in Nainital developed by ARIES.

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6 MARCH, 2021

- 2nd **Global BioIndia 2021** - Theme: Transforming Lives
- **Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Institute of Medical Sciences & Research** was inaugurated at IIT Kharagpur.
- Year **2021** has been marked as - International Year of Peace and Trust, International Year of Creative Economy for Sustainable Development, International Year for the Elimination of Child Labour.
- IAF participated the annual multinational large force employment warfare exercise **Desert Flag VI** with UAE.
- 5 new species of shrub frogs had been found in Western Ghats. Scientifically, they were named **Anura**.
- Tripura launched e-Governance platform **Jagrut Tripura**.
- **Ease of Living Index 2020** - Bengaluru tops.
- Indian Army begins **Combat Free Fall** training with Turkmenistan Special Forces.
- Ministry of Science & Technology launched the **CSIR Floriculture Mission**.

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- West Indies player **Kieren Pollard** is the third cricketer to hit 6 sixes in an over.
- **Virat Kohli** - first cricketer having 100 million followers on Instagram
- First-ever consignment of **Red Rice** has been exported to USA from Assam.
- **Food Waste Index Report 2021** shows more than 930 million tonnes of food get wasted every year.

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7 MARCH, 2021

- **Freedo in the World: Democracy under Siege** - India's rank declined to 88 from 83 out of 211 nations.
- **2021** - '*Make or Break Year*' to confront the Global Climate Emergeny
- IIT Madras has built electric two-wheeler **PiMo**.
- Physicist and Computer Scientist Rajib Malhotra authored **Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Power**.
- DRDO successfully tested **SFDR** (Solid Fuel Ducted Ramjet) technology at Chandipur.
- **Mohankrishna Bohara** won 30th Bihari Puraskar 2020 for the book **Taslima: Sangharsh Aur Sahitya**.
- **New Delhi World Book Fair 2021** - theme: National Education Policy-2020
- Singapore was the top source of FDI into India in the first nine months of FY 2020-21.
- Bangladesh launched its national app portal **bdpps.com**.
- Indian Army launched its own radio station **Radio Chinar 90.4: Har Dil Ki Dharkan** at Sopore, J&K.
- Scientists dscovered a space hurricane in the North Pole.
- **Australia** to set up world's first platypus sanctuary.
- **SpaceX** successfully tested starship prototype rocket SN10.

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8 MARCH, 2021

- **International Womens Day**: 8 th March
- **1st International Womens Day** took place in 1911
- The UN officially recognised Women's Day in 1977
- Theme of IWD: **Choose To Challange**
- **Ligia Noronha** appointed the UN Assistant Secretary-General
- **Boeing** has developed the world’s first pilotless, fighter-like jet prototype.
- 'Midnight's Borders: A People's History of Modern India' is written by **Suchitra Vijayan**
- ‘The True History of the Conquest of New Spain’ is written by **Bernal Díaz del Castillo**
- The Nag River Pollution Abatement Project has been approved under the National River Conservation Plan. **The Nag river flows in Maharashtra**
- USA Published **“Democracy under Siege”** India’s status is set as “partly free” instead of a free country.
- **Sumit Nagal** the Indian Tennis player beats Cristian Garin to register biggest win of his career.
- **Joan Laporta** elected the president of **Barcelona FC**
- Conservative billionaire politician **Olivier Dassault** was killed on Sunday in a helicopter crash.
- **El Salvador** becomes first central American country to be declared malaria-free.
- FSSAI has set limit for **genetically modified organisms (GMO)** in imported food crops at 1%.

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9 MARCH, 2021

- **Fastrack**, **Titan's** brand has partnered with **Yono-SBI** to launch a smart wearable fitness band incorporated with digital payment features.
- Nita Mukesh Ambani launched a digital platform named '**Her Circle'** on the eve of **International Women's Day,**
- **Ligia Noronha** is appointed the Assistant Secretary-General and Head of the New York office of the **United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).**
- **Rohit Sharma** is appointed Brand Ambassador of **Glenmark Pharmaceuticals Limited.**
- The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare has signed an MoU with the Central Silk Board in the silk sector under the **Sub-Mission on Agroforestry (SMAF) Scheme.**
- **Switzerland** to ban on face coverings of Muslim Women in public.
- '**Maitri Setu'** has been built over the Feni river which flows between the Indian boundary in Tripura State and Bangladesh.
- **"Economic Freedom Index"** is released. Singapore topped and India ranked at 26th out of 40 Asia-Pacific countries.
- HDFC Bank launches the **SmartUp Unnati program.**
- **Sattra is in news:** These are monastic institutions created and started by Vaishnavite saint-reformer Srimanta Sankaradeva in Assam

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9 MARCH, 2021

- **MT Swarna Krishna** became the first ship sailed by all women officers in world maritime history.
- **Janaushadhi Diwas**: 7 March
- **Janaushadhi Week**: 1-7 March
- Theme of Janaushadhi Diwas: **Jan Aushadhi: Seva bhi, Rozgar bhi**
- International Women's Day: 8 March
- The theme of International Women's Day: **Women in leadership: Achieving an equal future in a COVID-19 world**
- The **UN Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice** held in Kyoto, Japan on March 7, 2021. The conference adopted the Kyoto Declaration.
- The Indian Women's Trap Team won silver at **ISSF Shotgun World Cup**.
- **IIT Bombay** has emerged as the best institution in the 11th edition of the **QS World University Rankings**.
- Indian-origin **Naureen Hasaan** appointed as 1st Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of New York-based **Federal Reserve Bank**.
- Renowned Kannada poet **Lakshminarayana Bhatta** passes away
- Economists of **Bank of America** released a report that gender inequality costs **USD 70 trillion since 1990** and it needs a minimum of **257 years** to bridge the gap.

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10 MARCH, 2021

- The army of India and Uzbekistan jointly exercises '**Dustlik-2**' to be held in Uttarakhand.
- **Economic Freedom Index 2021** by The Heritage Foundation: Singapore (1st), India (121st)
- Google launched the "**Women Will Web**" platform to support 1 million women entrepreneurs of rural India. It is a part of the **Google Internet Saathi Program**.
- **Lalit Kala Akademy** organized an all-women art exhibition "**Akshay Patra**" in New Delhi.
- India's first-ever forest healing centre will be inaugurated in Ranikhet, Uttarakhand.
- NABARD chairman **G R Chintala** - new chairman of **APRACA** (Asia Pacific Rural and Agricultural Credit Association).
- **Bajrang Punia** wins gold in **Matteo Pellicon World ranking series** in Rome, Italy.
- Uttarakhand CM **Trivendra Singh Rawat** resigned.
- UNCTAD released **Technology & Innovation Report 2021**: India ranked 43rd among 158 nations.
- **P V Sindhu** clinched the silver medal at **Yonex Swiss Open 2021**.
- **The Frontier Gandhi: My Life and Struggle** is the autobiography of Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan, to be published in English. It was translated by **Imtiaz Ahmed Shahibzada**.

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11 MARCH, 2021

- **Ravichandran Aswin** - ICC Player of the Month February (Men)
- **Tammy Beaumont** - ICC Player of the Month February (Women)
- **Team India** tops ICC Test Team Ranking.
- **DRDO** successfully builds a unique Air Independent Propulsion (AIP) system.
- **Tirath Singh Rawat** - CM of Uttarakhand
- Navy's "*silent killer*" **INS Karanj** has commissioned.
- World rapid chess champion **Koneru Humpy** has won the **BBC Indian Sportswoman-of-the-Year award**.
- **France** conducted its first military exercise in space - **AsterX**.
- ISRO has built a **Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR)** for observing the earth with HD quality images.
- **AS Panneerselvan** wrote the book "**Karunanidhi: A Life**" (Penguin Viking).
- **Pallav Mohapatra** - Chief of ARCIL
- **Harmanpreet Kaur** - 5th Indian woman to play100 ODIs.
- 69th **Senior National Volleyball Championships** inaugurated at Bhubaneswar.
- **Rohit Sharma** - the brand ambassador of Glenmark Pharma.
- **M G George** - the chairman of Muthoot Group passes away.

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12 MARCH, 2021

- Scorpene-class submarine **INS Karanj** has been commissioned.
- **G P Samanta** - new Chief Statistician of India
- Chinese smartphone company **Vivo** returns for IPL title sponsorship.
- Axis Bank launches contactless payment wearable devices - **Wear N Pay**
- Marathi actor **Srikant Moghe** has passed away.
- **Deepika Padukone** joins the **Young Global Leaders** list, compiled by the World Economic Forum.
- Paytm launches the **Smart PoS** app and **SoundBox 2.0** device.
- **Koneru Hampi** has won **BCC Indian Sportswoman of the Year 2020**.
- Indian women's team brought silver in shooting at the **ISSF World Cup 2021**.
- **Hamed Bakayoko**, PM of Ivory Coast passed away.
- Susmita Mukherjee has authored a new book **"Baanjh: Incomplete Lives of Complete Women"**
- Karnataka has detected the first case of infection from the **South Africa variant of coronavirus**.
- "**Dynasty to Democracy: The Untold Story of Smriti Irani's Triumph**" and "**Amethi Sangram: Aitihasik Jeet Ankahi Dastan**" has written by **Anant Vijay**.
- HDFC Bank launched **'SmartUp Unnati'** to women entrepreneurship.

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13 MARCH, 2021

- **RIKEN and Fujitsu** built the world's most powerful supercomputer **Fugaku**.
- **India** led the first **BRICS CGETI** meeting. Theme: **BRICS@15: Intra BRICS Cooperation for Continuity, Consolidation and Consensus**.
- **J&K** celebrated **Herath** - a festival of Shivaratri.
- Google has honoured **Udupi Ramachandra Rao** - "*India's Satellite Man"*.
- **ICAR** received **King Bhumibol World Soil Day 2020** award by **FAO**.
- **Mahamadou Issoufouy**, the President of Niger received the **2020 Ibrahim Prize** for good leadership.
- **Satish Balakrishnan** - new MD & CEO of Aegon Life Insurance Ltd.
- **JP Morgan** and **GomSpace** successfully tested the world's first bank-led blockchain transaction through the **GOMX-4** satellites.
- Indian poet **Ranjit Hoskote** published his collection of poems **"Hunchprose"**.
- **Mithali Raj** - 1st woman cricketer to score 10,000 runs
- **Iran**, **Bahamas** and **Benin** received Made-in-India Covid-19 vaccines under the **'Vaccine Maitri' initiative'**.
- **Brahma Kumaris'** Chief Dadi **Hriday Mohini** passed away.

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14 MARCH, 2021

- PM inaugurates '**Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav'** and a freedom march at Sabarmati Ashram, Gujarat.
- **Mera Ration** - app for ration card holders under **'One Nation - One Ration card'**.
- India, Australia, Japan & the US have participated in the 1st **Quad Leaders' Summit**.
- The government has initiated **Aatmanirbhar Niveshak Mitra Portal**.
- Kindle version of **Bhagavat Geeta** launched.
- **Swarnim International Shivratri Fair** - Paddal ground, Himachal Pradesh
- **International Pi Day** - 14 March
- India sets up the '**India Energy Office**' in Moscow.
- Japan-Australia venture has started to produce hydrogen from brown coal, on a trial basis.
- European Union is an **LGBTIQ Freedom Zone** now.
- The PM of India has addressed the **4th Global Ayurveda Festival**.
- **Kartik Aaryan** - the brand ambassador of **Doritos**.
- **Sania Mirza** - the brand ambassador of **Possible**.
- **Shilpa Shetty** - the brand ambassador of **Nourish**.
- South Africa's **Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini** passes away.
- **Niti Aayog** has submitted the first list of 12 PSUs for privatization.

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15 MARCH 2021

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- Haryana men and Kerala women won the **69th National volleyball championships**
- The 4th **Global Ayurveda Festival** was organised virtually
- PwC's **Annual Global CEO Survey:** India holds 5th position
- **2020 Asia Environment Enforcement Award**: Sasmita Lenka
- ISRO has launched a sounding rocket of Rohini series: **RH-560**
- A new giant species of cricket named after the President of New Zealand: **Hemiandrus jascinda**.
- Maharashtra launched **Mahasamruddhi Mahila Sashaktikaran Scheme**.
- Jharkhand reserved 75% private-sector jobs for locals.
- **Justice Indu Malhotra**, famous for Sabarimala judgement, has completed her tenure in the Supreme Court of India.
- **Mani Shankar Mukhopadhyay** won the **Sahitya Akademi Award 2020**.
- SEBI restricted Mutual Fund investments by **AT1 bonds**.
- India's largest floating solar power plant will be set up in **Ramagundam**, Telangana.

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16 MARCH 2021

- India wins **2nd T20 International** at Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad.
- **Mithali Raj** becomes the first woman cricketer to complete 7,000 ODI runs.
- **Virat Kohli** becomes the first cricketer to score 3,000 runs in T-20 International.
- Tribal congregation **'Vanvasi Samagam'** in Sonbhadra, UP
- **Bhavani Devi** becomes first Indian fencer to qualify for Olympics
- Former US middleweight world boxing champion **Marvin Hagler** passed away.
- **South Asia Group of Energy (SAGE)** has been founded.
- India's first **'TransgenderCommunity Desk'** has been launched in Telangana.
- New **passenger train service** has been started between New Jalpaiguri and Dhaka.
- 7 Indians joined the **WEF's List of 112 Young Global Leaders 2021**.
- ISRO and JAXA are cooperating on **LUPEX** (Lunar Polar Exploration) **Mission.**
- **National Vaccination Day** - 16 March
- The Sangay volcano of Ecuador has erupted.
- **Bloomberg Billionaire's Index**: Gautam Adani's wealth has seen the biggest increment.

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17 MARCH 2021

- **INS Jalashwa** reached Comoros to deliver 1,000 Tonnes of rice under Mission Sagar-IV.
- **ADB**'s Sustainable Development Goals to be rebuilt after the COVID-19 pandemic.
- SEBI approved **Paytm UPI** to handle IPO applications.
- **LIC** launched an individual life assurance saving plan **'Bachat Plus'**.
- **63rd Annual Grammy Award**: ***Billie Eilish O'Connell*** and ***Taylor Swift*** top. ***Beyonce*** wins most ever Grammy awards.
- India will host the **2021 Asian Boxing Championship** in May.
- ***Indra Nooyi*** published her memoir **'My Life In Full: Work, Family and Our Future'**.
- ***Janhavi Barua*** released her 3rd novel **'Undertow'**.
- Renowned painter **Laxman Pai** passed away.
- **Ajay Mathur**: the Director-General of **International Solar Alliance**
- **The Netherlands** suspended the use of **the AstraZeneca coronavirus vaccine**.
- **Kathakali maestro Guru Chemancheri Kunhiraman Nair** passed away.
- US President **Joe Biden** has proposed a new peace plan to the Afghanistan government and the Taliban.
- The Bamiyan Buddhas were regenerated to live in 3D formation in an event called **“A Night With Buddha”**.

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18 MARCH 2021

- **World Air Quality Report 2020**: Delhi is the most polluted capital city in the world.
- **India Chem-2021**: theme - "**India: Global Manufacturing Hub for Chemicals and Petrochemicals**"
- India's Forex Reserve is the world's 4th biggest reserve.
- **P.K. Sinha**, Principal Advisor in the Prime Minister's Office (PMO), resigned
- UAE's **Mohammad Naveed** and **Shaiman Anwar** have been banned for 8 years from all cricket for trying to fix matches.
- Dutch inventor of audio cassette tapes **Lou Ottens** passed away
- Renowned artist **Laxman Pai** passed away.
- **M. A. Ganapathy** has been appointed Director-General of the National Security Guard.
- **Kuldiep Singh** is the new Director-General of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF).
- RBI insisted all banks implementation of **image-based CTS** by September 30.
- **Usha Thakkar** and **Sandhya Mehta** have penned down a book '**Gandhi in Bombay**'.
- **Ordnance Factories Day**: 18 March
- WEF honours **ReNew Power** named as **Global Lighthouse Network**

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19 MARCH 2021

- Sprinter **S Dhanalakshmi** wins the **Federation Cup Senior National Athletics Championships** by defeating national record holder Dutee Chand.
- **Global Recycling Day** 2021: 18 March
- World's largest floating solar farm will be built in **Singapore**.
- **Ajinkya Rahane** - the brand ambassador of **NeoGrowth**
- **Deutsche Bank AG** has executed the world's first **green hedging transaction**.
- **Nokia** partners with **Microsoft, Google and Amazon Web** to develop a **5G radio solution**.
- Dr Harsh Vardhan has been appointed the chairman of '**Stop TB Partnership Board**'.
- CAIT has launched the '**Bharat e Market**' e-commerce portal with an online shopping store '**e-dukaan**'.
- **KRL Stadium of Rawalpindi** will be renamed after the Pakistani cricketer **Shoaib Akhter**.
- **Dr Deepak Ravindran** has authored '**The Pain-Free Mindser**'.
- Former Bangladesh PM **Moudud Ahmed** passed away.
- Tanzanian President **John Magufuli** passed away.
- **Violence Against Women Prevalence Estimates, 2018** by WHO: 1 in 3 women face physical and sexual violence around the world.

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20 MARCH 2021

- **ICC Women's World Cup 2022** is set to be hosted in New Zealand from March 4 to April 3, 2022.
- **Katherine Tai**: first **Asian-American** to serve as the top ambassador on trade policy for the USA.
- **International Day of Happiness**: 20 March
- **Jean Arnault** has been appointed Personal Envoy of the Secretary-General of the UN on Afghanistan.
- UNCTAD raises **global economic growth** forecast for 2021 to 4.7% from 4.3%.
- The European Union's drug regulatory agency has confirmed. **AstraZeneca coronavirus vaccine safe**.
- **Ajay Mathur**: new Director-General of the International Solar Alliance
- Kalyani Rafael Advanced Systems has released first batch of **Medium-Range Surface-to-Air Missile kits**.
- Afghan cricketer **Hashmatullah Shahidi** becomes 1st player to score a double century in a Test match.
- Pune's **Blades of Glory Cricket Museum** has become the world's largest cricket museum.
- Inventor of audio cassettes, **Lou Ottens** passed away.
- Russia launched one of the **world's largest underwater space telescopes in Lake Baikal**.
- **NTPC Ltd.** received the 'Role Model' award at the **11th CII National HR Excellence Award**.
- Russia hosted the **Afghan peace conference**. India, China, Iran and Pakistan have participated.

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21 MARCH 2021

- Indian Railways has built the world's highest railway bridge, **Chenab Bridge**.
- **UN's World Happiness Report:** India ranks 139 out of 149 countries, Finland tops.
- **Samia Suluhu Hassan** was sworn in as Tanzania's first female president after the death of John Magfufuli.
- Netherlands Prime Minister, **Mark Rutte** has sworn in as the Prime Minister for the fourth straight term.
- **Trade and Development Report 2020 by UNCTAD**: India's economy will grow by 5% in 2021.
- Indian athlete **Avinash Sable** and Indian sprinter **S Dhanalakshmi** set new records in the **Federation Cup Senior National Athletics Championships**.
- **Sharath Kamal** is the first Indian paddler who has qualified for the **2020 Tokyo Olympic Games**.
- Pune's **Blades of Glory Cricket Museum** has become the world's largest cricket museum.
- India has indigenously developed an app store: **Mobile Seva Appstore**
- **Katherine Hayhoe** has written a book names **"Saving Us"**.
- **International Day of Forests**: 21 March
- **International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination**: 21 March
- **World Down Syndrome Day**: 21 March
- **Sahi Disha**: UNDP's campaign for rural women.

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22 MARCH 2021

- **Yashaswini Deswal** wins the first gold medal for India at **International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup**.
- **Amitabh Bachchan** is the first Indian to receive the **FIAF Award**.
- **Anurag Thakur** is the first serving MP to be appointed as the Captain of the Territorial Army.
- **Former Irish cricketer and captain Gary Wilson** retires from all forms of cricket.
- Mumbai cricket team wins **Vijay Hazare Trophy** of 2021. **Prithvi Shaw** has become the first player to score 800 runs in a single edition.
- **World Water Day**: 22 March
- The theme of World Water Day 2021: **Valuing Water**
- **Global Hunger Index:** India was ranked at the 94th position out of 107 countries
- Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. has entered into a joint venture with Israel-based Phinergy to develop **aluminium-air technology-based battery systems**.
- The Jharkhand government announced the launch of the **SAAMAR campaign to tackle malnutrition**.
- **Reykjanes Peninsula volcano** in Iceland as been erupted near Mount Fagradalsfjall.
- **Vijender Singh** has suffered his 1st defeat in his professional boxing career before Russia's Artysh Lopsan in the **"Battle on Ship"** in Goa.

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- **Kamalpreet Kaur** broke the 9-year old national record in women's discus throw at Federation Cup athletics.
- Arunachal Pradesh CM inaugurates 1st indigenous language and knowledge system school **"Nyubu Nyvgam Yerko"**.
- Bihar becomes the first state to have its own **Ethanol Production Promotion Policy, 2021**.
- India, Pakistan, China and other members of the SCO will hold the **Pabbi-Antiterror-2021 exercise**.
- The first **SEBI Chairman G. V. Ramakrishna** passed away.
- **Nawal Saadawi**, a renowned Egyptian feminist, passed away.
- Renowned **Odissi dancer Laxmipriya Mohapatra** passed away.
- Urban forests will be developed in 200 cities under the **Nagar Van Scheme**.
- **Indian para-athlete Singhraj** has won a gold medal in the **2021 Para Shooting World Cup**.
- **Ultimate Military Strength Index:** China (1st), the USA (2nd), Russia (3rd), India (4th).
- India wins the **2020-21 Paytm T20I series** by defeating England. **Virat Kohli** is the Player of the Series.
- Retired IAS Officer M Ramachandran has authored **"Bringing Governments and Peoples Closer"**.

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- Lok Sabha passes Bill that seeks to clarify that **"Governor"** in Delhi will be a **"Lt. Governor"**.
- '**Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain'** campaign has been launched for conserving water.
- Famous writer-filmmaker **Sagar Sarhadi** passed away.
- **Saurabh Chaudhary and Manu Bhaker** won Gold at ISSF World Cup.
- **World Meteorological Day**: 23 March
- The theme of World Meteorological Day: **The ocean, our climate and weather**
- India conferred **Gandhi Peace Prize** for 2019 and 2020 to **(Late) Sultan Qaboos bin Said Al Said of Oman** and **Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rehman**, respectively.
- **World's Most Dangerous Roads report**: South Africa tops. India ranked fourth.
- **UNOPS** partners with Denmark to support India's **Jal Jeevan Mission** in Uttar Pradesh.
- **World Tuberculosis (TB) Day**: 24 March
- The theme of World TB Day: **The Clock is Ticking**
- **67th National Film Awards**:

  Best Feature Film: **Marakkar Arabikadalinte Simham**

  Best Direction: **Sanjay Puran Singh Chauhan**

  Best Actor: **Manoj Bajpayee**

  Best Actress: **Kangana Ranaut**

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25 MARCH 2021

- **International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade**: 25 March.
  2021 Theme: "**Ending Slavery's Legacy of Racism: A Global Imperative for Justice**"
- **PSU POWERGRID** launches certified e-tendering portal **"PRANIT".**
- **Uttar Pradesh** government has launched the **UP FPO Shakti Portal** as part of the **Kisan Kalyan Mission.**
- **India**'s rank in the **global house price index declined by 13 spots from the 56th position.**
- Renowned Carnatic Musician **Muthuswami Dikshitar**'s 246th birth-anniversary celebrated on 24 March.
- **Roscosmos** successfully launched 38 foreign satellites onboard the **Soyuz-2.1a carrier rocket**.
- ISRO has successfully demonstrated **free-space Quantum Communication.**
- English county **Lancashire** has signed up Indian batsman **Shreyas Iyer** for **2021 Royal London Cup.**
- **International Day for the Right to the Truth Concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims**: 24 March
  2021 Theme: **Monsignor Óscar Arnulfo Romero**
- **Danish Red Cross** has launched the world's first Catastrophe Bond for volcano-related disasters.

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- Indian Coast Guard ship **'Vajra'** commissioned at Chennai to enhance coastal security.
- **International Intellectual Property Index**: India ranks 40 among 53 global economies.
- **Indian-American physician Vivek Murthy** appointed as President Joe Biden's surgeon general.
- **ICC Men's T20I Player Rankings**: Virat Kohli (4th), Rohit Sharma (14th), Bhubaneswar Kumar (24th), Shreyas Iyer (26th)
- Renowned **Hindi writer Sharad Pagare** will be honoured with the prestigious **Vyas Samman-2020.**
- **Global Economic Outlook (GEO)** by Fitch: India's GDP growth is projected for 2021-2022 from 11% to 12.8%.
- World's first ship tunnel **"Stad Ship Tunnel"** to be built in Norway.
- **Indian Overseas Bank (IOB)** has launched **'IOB Trendy'**, a savings account.
- **ISSF World Cup**: India's **Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar** Wins Gold in the men's 50m Rifle event.
- Polish Poet **Adam Zagajewski** passed away.
- Indian and Pakistani delegations began the **116th Meeting of the Permanent Indus Commission (PIC).**
- **Jeet Thayil** authored a book **"Names of the Women"**.
- Danish Khan and Ruhi Khan have written **"Escaped: True Stories of Indian Fugitives in London".**

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- **World Theatre Day 2021:** "Theatre and a Culture of Peace"
- **Asha Bhosle** wins the **2020 Maharashtra Bhushan**.
- **Saurabh Garg:** newly appointed **CEO of UIDAI**.
- **Sanjeev Kumar:** newly appointed **Chairman of AAI**.
- **Atish Chandra:** newly appointed **CMD of Food Corporation of India**.
- Marico Industries' Chairman **Harsh Mariwala** gets the **EY Entrepreneur of the Year 2020**.
- **Times Network India Economic Conclave 2021**: 'India's Decade: Reform. Perform. Transform'
- **Maggie O'Farrell's 'Hamnet'** wins **National Book Critics Circle prize** for fiction.
- **ISSF Shooting World Cup**: India (Chinky Yadav, Manu Bhaker and Rahi Sarnobat) wins gold in women's 25m pistol team event.
- World's first **mobile water-from-air kiosk** and '**Water Knowledge Centre**' in Visakhapatnam.
- **Khelo India Youth Games 2021**: Yogasana is now included.
- IIT Kharagpur wins **CoreNet Global Academic Challenge 6.0**.
- **Devdutt Padikkal**: brand ambassador of **Eatfit**
- **Vaani Kapoor:** brand ambassador of **Mango in India**
- *Ever Given, a huge container ship has blocked the Suez Canal and is affecting global shipping.*

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- Indian PM and PM of Bangladesh inaugurate the **“Bangabandhu-Bapu Museum”** in Dhaka.
- **Sassou Nguesso**: re-elected President of the **Republic of Congo**
- Health Ministry launches **‘Tribal TB Initiative’** in pursuit of **TB Mukt Bharat**.
- **Soma Mondal**: newly appointed Chairperson of **SCOPE** (Standing Conference of Public Enterprises)
- **Anish Shah**: new MD & CEO of **Mahindra and Mahindra**
- Children’s author **Beverly Cleary** passed away.
- Noted journalist **Anil Dharker** passed away.
- **Yes Bank** launches **'Yes Essence Plus'** to support women entrepreneurship.
- **HDFC Bank** won **Asiamoney Best Bank Award 2021** for being the best bank to small & medium enterprises.
- **2 species of African Elephants** are enlisted in the red list of the IUCN.
- **Namit Arora** authored the book **"Indians: A brief history of civilizations"**.
- **India and Madagascar** conduct a first-ever joint military exercise.
- **Carmen Maria Machado** wins **The Rathbones Folio Prize 2021**.
- **The Earth Hour**: the last Saturday of March (27 March 2021). Theme: **“Climate Change to Save Earth”**

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- **‘Mitali Express’**, a new passenger train connecting Dhaka and New Jalpaiguri inaugurated.
- Pakistan test-fires nuclear-capable ballistic missile **Shaheen 1-A** of the 900-km range.
- Indonesia’s **Mount Merapi** volcano erupts.
- India’s **Vijayveer Sidhu** and **Tejaswani** won the Gold medal in the 25m rapid fire pistol mixed team event at the ISSF World Cup.
- Renowned Odissi dancer **Laxmipriya Mohapatra** passed away.
- **Global Wind Report 2021**: 2020 was the Best Year for the wind industry.
- **MV Sindhu**, a 500 pax passengers cum 150 MT Cargo Vessel built indigenously for **Andaman and Nicobar.**
- 28th **‘Hunar Haat’** inaugurated in Goa.
- **Rohtash Khileri** and **Anu Yadav** have set a record for 24 hours stop while climbing Mt Kilimanjaro.
- Tourism Ministry inaugurated the **‘MICE Roadshow - Meet in India’** and the **Chhatrasal Convention Centre** at Khajuraho.
- The **Kurnool Airport** inaugurated in Andhra Pradesh.

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- **GROHE Hurun India Real Estate Rich List 2020**: Mangal Prabhat Lodha is India's richest real estate developer.
- **Lewis Hamilton** won **Bahrain Grand Prix**.
- **Dubai International Airport** has become the **world's first 'smart reading' airport**.
- **Atish Chandra**: new Chairman of **Food Corporation of India**
- **Former chief election commissioner S Y Qureshi** authored the book **"The population myth: Islam family planning and politics"**.
- **Agricultural Ministry of India** declared millets as **“Nutri-Cereals”**.
- ***Hypnea indica*** and ***Hypnea bullata***: two new species of **seaweed** have been discovered by marine biologists from the Central University of Punjab.
- ***Methylobacterium ajmalii***: a new species of bacteria found at **International Space Station**. It is named after **Indian biodiversity scientist Dr Ajmal Khan**.
- India won seven medals in the **2021 Al Ain World Shooting Para Sports tournament**, held in UAE.
- **Karnataka Bank** launched the **"KBLSmart Trade"** solution with IIFL Securities to access Demat and trading accounts.
- **2022 AFC Women's Asian Cup** football tournament will be held in **India**.

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- **Nagaland** launches the **'i-Learn'** app for Community Health Officers.
- Union Bank and HPCL launched **"UNI-CARBON CARD"**.
- **7th annual summit of NATHEALTH**: Focus of the summit is **"Indian Health system expansion in post-COVID era"**.
- **Mahinder Giri**, Range Officer of **Rajaji Tiger Reserve**, Uttarakhand, becomes the only ranger from Asia to receive the **"International Ranger Award"**.
- Former RBI Deputy Governor **KC Chakrabarty** passed away.
- **Lieutenant General Walter Anthony Gustavo 'WAG' Pinto**, 1971 Battle of Basantar hero, passed away. He was known as the **"Victor of Basantar"**.
- Madhya Pradesh has launched the **"Mera Mask Meri Suraksha"** campaign.
- India, Afghanistan and Tajikistan will attend the 9th Ministerial Conference of **Heart of Asia - Istanbul Process (HoA-IP)** on Afghanistan.
- **Indian Navy** will take part in the **"La Perouse"**, the French Naval Exercise, for the first time.
- National Thermal Power Corporation Ltd. (NTPC) got the **Role Model Award** at the **11th CII National HR Excellence Award 2020-21**.